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LIST OF THE HOLDINGS OF THE TRINITY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

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CHURCH AND PARISH RECORDS

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COURTS AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Northern District Court, Trinity fonds, 1753-1962. – 82.0 cm textual records

Trinity Police Station fonds, 1935-1950. - 8 cm textual records

Northern District Court, Bonavista fonds, 1897-1949. - 20.5 cm textual records

SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Blackledge Club , 1921 – 1963 – 17.55 cm textual records

The Trinity Benefit Club fonds, 1838- 2011. – 34.5 cm textual records

Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Company Limited fonds, 1888-1924. – 34.3 cm textual records

Women=s Patriotic Association, Trinity Branch fonds, 1918-1995 (inclusive), 1939-1945
(predominant). - 8 cm textual records

Trinity Youth Club fonds, 1966-1972. - 3 cm textual records

1st Trinity Girl Guides Company fonds, 1943-2000. – 7.5 cm textual records

Great War Veterans= Association, Trinity Branch, Minute & Memorial Service Book, 1934-1942. - 3 cm textual records

Great War Monument Committee fonds, 1919-1921. - 1 cm textual records

Post Office, Ireland=s Eye, fonds. - 1936-1960. - 5 cm textual records

Trinity Historical Society Vertical Files. - 1964-2018 249cm textual records

Royal Albert Lodge, LOA fonds, 1903 - 1965. – 20.7 cm textual records

St. Paul=s Lodge, SUF fonds, 1875 - 1884, 1902 - 1976. – 26.8 cm textual records

Harmony Division 2, Sons of Temperance, Trinity, Newfoundland, 1876 - circa. 1885. - 2.5 cm textual records

Church Lads' Brigade fonds. - 1912 - 2010. – 116.8 cm textual records.

Trouty Recreation Committee, Trouty. - 1979 - 2006 - 3.5 cm of textual records

Old Comrades Association. – 1995-2001.-1.1cm textual records

Trinity East Co-operative Credit Society Ltd. fonds – 1945 – 1955 – 2.5 cm textual records

Trinity East Local Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union fonds – 1917 – 1930 – 3.7 cm textual records.

PERSONAL PAPERS

Walter George Cornwall White fonds - 1675 - 1976. 124 cm textual records

Gerald Crane Taverner fonds. – Pre 1300 -1900, 1951 – 2005. – 379.5 cm textual records

Stephen Rupert Morris fonds. 1898 - 1999. - 167 cm textual records

Florence Murrin scrapbook -197?- 3 cm textual records and photographs

L. M. Sinclair fonds. - 1912 - 1944. -14 cm textual records

Gerald Ryan Ottenheimer fonds -1934 - 1998. - 15 cm textual record

Beatrice M. Toope fonds - 1908 - 1964 - 1 cm textual records

Ada Green Nemec fonds - 1862 -2004 – 31.2 cm of textual records, 225 colour glass plate

Negatives, 1,301 black and white photographs and 187 colour photographs.

Rev. James Miller fonds 1936– 2004 – 1m of textual records

Private Arthur E. W. Maidment fonds. - 1906, 1911, 1915 - 1921. - 3.3 cm textual records, 11 black and white photographs

Dr. Robert White fonds. – 1893 – 1905. – 2 cm textual records

Arthur Gardner, British Harbour fonds. – 1861 – 1925, 1964 – 26.5 cm textual records

Lester – Garland Family fonds. – 1761 – 1764, 1803 – 1930. – 5.5 cm textual records

William White fonds - 1805-1847. – 18.75 cm of textual records

Mary M. White fonds. -1762 - 1784, 1858 - 1922, 1962 - 1983. - 16.5cm textual records

Capt. Frank Jones – 1606-1784, 1795, 1809, 1999-2007 . 8 binders of family history on Jones, Newell, Pittman, Locke and Matthews, a collection of 9 The Northern Mariner books and a collection of work compiled on Capt. Jack Randell. – 49 cm of textual records.

MANUSCRIPT FILES

BUSINESS RECORDS

Slade fonds. - 1807-1861. - 84 cm textual material

Administrative history

The Slade family were merchants of Poole and Newfoundland. John Slade of Poole established in Newfoundland in the second half of the 18th century. The business was originally headquartered at Twillingate, moving later to Fogo and expanding north to Battle Harbour. Slade's chief agent at Fogo and only son, John Slade Jr., died of smallpox in 1773, and John Slade's four nephews were brought into the business. When John Sr. died in 1792 his estate was divided among a cousin and four nephews. Robert Slade (1768 - 1833), son of Amaltster and brewer James Slade, acquired a portion of John Slade's estate. Robert had apprenticed as a clerk for his uncle in the counting house at Poole and subsequently worked at Twillingate, becoming manager of John Slade & Company's trade at Battle Harbour.

Robert Slade left John Slade & Company of Poole in 1804 to establish his own business at Trinity. He bought a house there and leased a mercantile premises belonging to John Jeffrey on the west side of the harbour near Hog's Nose. By 1833 the Slade Plantation occupied large premises and wharfs on both shores of Hog's Nose, and at Maggoty Cove, which included a cooperage and a forge. The company owned and operated a number of schooners and was involved in the seal and salt fish fisheries. The firm expanded to Catalina in 1813, Heart's Content in 1817 and Hant's Harbour in 1835. Robert Slade ran the firm from its head office in Poole and employed agents to manage the branch at Trinity. James Gover was manager from 1804 - 1809, William Kelson from 1809 - 1851, Alexander Warren Bremner from 1851 - 1861. The firm went through a number of changes in ownership from 1804 - 1861, which are reflected in the name changes: Robert Slade, 1804 - 1822; Slade and Kelson, 1822 - 1837; Executors of the late Robert Slade Sr. 1837 - 1850; Robert Slade & Company, 1850 - 1861. Robert Slade died in 1833, and five years later, the firm was taken over by his sons, Robert, Thomas and James under the name of the 'Executors of the late Robert Slade'. Kelson retired in 1851, and from then on the firm was known as Robert Slade and Company. Robert Slade's three sons all died at a young age and Robert Slade & Company went out of business in 1861. Alexander Bremner acquired the premises at Catalina and his son, Alexander W. Bremner, who had managed the firm at Trinity since 1851, bought the Trinity trade.

Source: Administrative History taken from the Guide to the Mercantile Records held at the Maritime History Archive, MUN

Custodial history

The original material in the fonds was collected by Walter G. C. White, founding member and corresponding secretary of the Trinity Historical Society, and William White.

Collection Books, 1840 and 1847 were returned to Trinity Historical Society Archives by Mark Allston formerly of Trinity now of Orleans, Ontario in September 2003.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of original and photocopied records of this important firm's business at Trinity from 1807 - 1861. The most complete series are a set of daily diaries, 1809 - 1852 written

by William Kelson, agent for Robert Slade at Trinity. The diaries provide an account of the business as well as providing detail on the social life of the town. The fonds also includes account books, ledgers and fish collection books, which give insight into the various aspects of Slade=s mercantile operation, and the independent fishermen with whom he did business. Letter books and correspondence, 1809 - 1858 provide details of the management of the business. The fonds are arranged in three series. Series 1: Financial records, 1807 - 1861; Series 2: Diaries, 1809 - 1852; Series 3: Correspondence, 1809 - 1858.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

The photocopied material was acquired by Walter White, copied from the original material in the possession of the McGrath=s of Trinity and at the Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador (PANL).

Original diaries for the years 1822 - 1828, 1843 - 1848, and 1848 - 1852 were donated to the Trinity Historical Society by Catherine and Margaret McGrath in August of 2005.

Other records of the same provenance are held at the Maritime History Archive (Slade Papers, 1791 - 1852) and the Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador (PANL).

Location: Mercantile Records Box 1 – 5a and shelf

Series 1: Financial Records. - 1807 - 1861. - 33 cm

Includes photocopies of an account book, and ledgers, 1807 - 1808 and 1820; 7 volumes of collection books for 1840 - 1852; Robert Slade in account with Brooking and Son Co., 1855; day books, 1856 - 1858; account books, 1857-1859, balance due, 1858; cash book, 1861, and a collecting book, 1852. Some of the volumes were later used by Grieve and Bremner and are bound in with the records of that firm.

Series 2: Diaries. - 1809 - 1852. - 52 cm

The Slade diaries contain a day to day account of Slade=s business at Trinity, as well as general information on the state of the fishery, shipping, weather and comings and goings in the community. Sometimes entitled ARemarks@ and at other times AOccurrences@ , the diaries were kept by William Kelson, the manager for the company at Trinity from 1809 - 1851. The series includes a complete set of photocopied diaries from 1809 - 1852, and six original volumes, 1822 - 1828, 1827 - 1829, 1835 - 1839, 1839 - 1843, 1843 - 1848, and 1848 - 1852.

Series 3: Correspondence. - 1809 - 1858. - 7 cm

This series includes photocopies of a letter book, 1809 - 1810, chiefly containing letters from William Kelson Sr. the Slade agent or manager at Trinity to the

proprietor, Robert Slade at Poole, England; correspondence to Slade and Kelson 1827 - 1828, 1855, 1858; a photocopied letter book containing letters signed Slade and Kelson, which is mainly business correspondence, 1830 - 1831; an obligation to pay Benjamin Bugden to Robert Slade, 1835, (met in 1855); a piece of correspondence from Slade and Kelson to Richard Ash, 1840 and a few pieces of original correspondence addressed to Mr. Robert Slade at Trinity, 1847, 1853 - 1855.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

E. Batson fonds. – 1914 – 1974. – 156.40 cm textual records

Administrative history

Built in the late 1800's and given as a dowry from the Pittman family to Mr. Albert Eriksen, a Norwegian whaling Engineer, upon marriage to their daughter, Frances, the Eriksen Premises

operated for almost a century as a general store. The Eriksens also called the Premises home and operated a tearoom. In the 1950's, the Batson family purchased the property and continued operation of the general store until the late 1970's. After that time, the building lay in disrepair until purchased by Christine Whelan in the early 1990's and was restored to house a country inn.

Scope and content

The E. Batson fonds consists of Various Correspondence, 1914, 1936 – 1974; ledgers, 1948 – 1973; Cash Disbursement books, 1964 – 1970; Payroll, 1967 – 1972; Invoices, 1962; Daily Receipts, 1972 – 1973; Daily Sales Sheets, 1961 – 1971; and Account Books, 1949 – 1973.

Series 1: Correspondence. – 1914, 1936 – 1973. – 11cm

This Series includes various correspondence belonging to the company E. Batson, during day to day operations. Includes mostly business correspondence as well as some personal correspondence.

- 1.01 Correspondence. – 1914, 1936 – 1956 – 3 cm
- 1.02 Correspondence. – 1957 – 1964. – 3 cm
- 1.03 Correspondence. – 1970 – 1973. – 5 cm

Location: E. Batson Fonds Box 3.

Series 2: Financial Records. – 1984 – 1973. – 145.40 cm

The series includes some of the financial records that were used by the company to get keep track of their financial situation during operation. These include ledgers; cash disbursement books; payroll; invoices; daily receipts; daily sales sheets; and account books.

- 2.01 Ledgers
- 2.02 Cash Disbursement Books
- 2.03 Shop Day Books
- 2.04 Payroll
- 2.05 Invoices
- 2.06 Daily Receipts
- 2.07 Daily Sales Sheets
- 2.08 Account Books
- 2.09 Stock Books

- 2.01 Ledgers. – 1948 – 1973. -25.2 cm

The ledgers contain individual accounts of persons doing business with the E. Batson company. The accounts records debit and credit on each account. The ledgers provide insight into the value of goods.

- 2.01.001 Ledger, 1948
- 2.01.002 Ledger, 1954
- 2.01.003 Ledger, 1956
- 2.01.004 Ledger, 1957 – 1958
- 2.01.005 Ledger, 1958
- 2.01.006 Ledger, 1960

2.02 Cash Disbursement Books. – 1964 – 1970. – 6.3 cm

The Cash Disbursement Books contain accounts of how much money was being spent by the company on any given day. States how much money is going out and to who.

- 2.02.001 Cash Disbursement Book, 1964 – 1965
- 2.02.002 Cash Disbursement Book, 1966 – 1967, 1968 – 1970
- 2.02.003 Cash Disbursement Book, 1967 – 1968, 1969 – 1970

Location: Shelf

2.03 Shop Day Books. – 1971 – 1973. – 4.5 cm

The Shop Day Books contain the sales to each customer, listing name, what was purchased and how much it cost. They may be used as a cross-reference with ledgers.

- 2.03.001 Shop Day Book, 1971 – 1973
- 2.03.002 Shop Day Book, 1972 – 1973

2.04 Payroll Books. – 1967 – 1972. -3 cm

The Payroll Books contain all the information on the employee's payment. States their name; hours & days worked; rate of pay and how much the deductions were.

- 2.04.001 Payroll Book, 1960
- 2.04.002 Payroll Book, 1961 – 1967
- 2.04.003 Payroll Book, 1967 – 1970
- 2.04.004 Payroll Book, 1970 – 1972

2.05 Invoices. – 1962. – 1.8 cm

The Invoices contain the records of the items that were purchase by E. Batson during 1962. States the stores from which the items were purchased, and a list of what the items actually are.

- 2.05.001 Payable Invoices, 1962

Location: E. Batson Fonds Box 3.

2.06 Daily Receipts. -1965 – 1973. – 68.3 cm

These are copy of receipts from various months in 1965 – 1973 that would be written for customer and contains a list of what was purchased and the amount of each item. This information is then transferred to the Daily Sales Sheets and then the Ledger.

2.06.001	Daily Receipts, 1962 – 1965
2.06.002	Daily Receipts, November 1972
2.06.003	Daily Receipts, December 1972
2.06.004	Daily Receipts, January 1973
2.06.005	Daily Receipts, February 1973
2.06.006	Daily Receipts, March 1973
2.06.007	Daily Receipts, April 1973
2.06.008	Daily Receipts, May 1973
2.06.009	Daily Receipts, June 1973
2.06.010	Daily Receipts, July 1973
2.06.011	Daily Receipts, August 1973
2.06.012	Daily Receipts, September 1973

Location: E. Batson Fonds Box 1 and 2.

2.07 Daily Sales Sheets. – 1961 – 1971. – 28 cm

Records the daily purchases made at the store during this time. This information would be transferred to the Ledger.

2.07.001	Daily Sales Sheets, 1961 – 1962
2.07.002	Daily Sales Sheets, 1962 – 1963
2.07.003	Daily Sales Sheets, 1962 – 1964
2.07.004	Daily Sales Sheets, 1964 – 1965
2.07.005	Daily Sales Sheets, 1964, 1971 – 1972
2.07.006	Daily Sales Sheets, 1965 – 1966, 1968 – 1869
2.07.007	Daily Sales Sheets, 1965 – 1967
2.07.008	Daily Sales Sheets, 1966 – 1967
2.07.010	Daily Sales Sheets, 1967 – 1968
2.07.011	Daily Sales Sheets, 1969 – 1970
2.07.012	Daily Sales Sheets, 1969 – 1971

2.08 Account Books. – 1949 – 1973. -6.8 cm

The Account Books consist of records kept from all the different companies that E.

Batson conducted business with. Each page lists the company name along with all the transactions between E. Batson and the company for that year.

- 2.08.001 Account Book, 1949 – 1950
- 2.08.002 Account Book, 1952
- 2.08.003 Account Book, 1971 – 1973

2.09 Stock Books. – 1977. 1.5 cm

The Stock Books consist of all the products that E. Batson had in stock for a certain period of time. It states how many of an item they had and either a price or a code tag.

- 2.09.001 Stock Book, 1977
- 2.09.002 Stock Book, 1977
- 2.09.003 Stock, Book, 1977

Location: E. Batson Fonds Box 3 and 4.

Grieve and Bremner fonds. - 1832 - 1902 (inclusive); 1863 - 1902 (predominant). - 7.5 m textual records

Administrative history

The firm of Grieve and Bremner was formed by Walter Grieve (1809 - 1887) and Alexander Warren Bremner (-1886), establishing at Trinity circa 1863. Grieve had been a partner in Baine, Johnston & Company, but withdrew in 1855 to form Walter Grieve and Company. He subsequently entered into the partnership with Bremner. The firm purchased the Slade property at Trinity, and in 1869 leased the Garland premises from John Bingley Garland, making them the major merchant in Trinity at that time. During the 1860s Walter Grieve lived primarily in

Scotland while Alexander W. Bremner managed the firm at Trinity. The firm engaged in all aspects of the trade and maintained a huge inventory of goods at Trinity. Sealing was an important aspect of the firm's business and each year vessels were sent to the ice, under such well known Captains as Richard Ash. The firm maintained close ties with Walter Grieve and Company in St. John's and Walter Grieve of Greenock, who shipped many of the supplies sold at Grieve and Bremner's shop and store. Alexander Bremner died in 1886, followed by W. R. Grieve in 1887, bringing an end to the business. Bremner bequeathed his Catalina premises and property to his sons, Robert S. and Alexander Hugh. With his father's share of the Trinity estate, Robert Sweetland Bremner purchased the Grieve and Bremner premises at Trinity from Grieve's trustees and continued to operate the business until becoming insolvent in 1900.

Source: Administrative History taken from the Guide to the Mercantile Records held at the Maritime History Archive, MUN

Custodial history

These fonds remained in the old Garland premises which were taken over by Ryan Brothers in 1906. The material was rescued by Walter G. C. White and S. Rupert Morris of the Trinity Historical Society in the 1960s; it was stored in the Museum before being transferred to the archives.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of the business records of the firm of Grieve and Bremner, for the period of its operation at Trinity, 1863 - 1902. It includes financial records, correspondence, diaries, shipping records and accounts. The financial records consist of complete sets of ledgers, journals, day books and store books, produce books, account books, stock books etc. from 1863 -1902, which provide an account of the firm's business transaction, as well as information on the individual fishermen and planters throughout Trinity and Bonavista Bay, with whom the firm carried on their business. The correspondence includes letters mainly between the firm of Walter Grieve and Co. in St. John's and Grieve and Bremner at Trinity, and invoices of goods shipped by Walter Grieve from Scotland to Trinity. Shipping records include charter parties, sealing agreements, vessel accounts, and other papers relating to sealing and to individual vessels. A small series of accounts includes advances of pay to vessel crews and sealing crews. The fonds provides extensive information on the operation of the business, the sealing operation and the makeup of the crews of the sealing vessels, as well as the individuals who produced fish and produce for the firm.

The records are arranged in six series: Series 1: Diaries, 1875 - 1886; Series 2: Correspondence, 1863 - 1890; Series 3: Shipping Records, 1855 - 1881; Series 4: Accounts, 1865 - 1899; Series 5: Miscellaneous, 1832 - 1875; Series 6: Financial records, 1863 - 1902.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Related material is at the Maritime History Archive, Grieve and Bremner fonds, and at the Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador (PANL), A. W. Bremner fonds.

Location: Mercantile Records Boxes 6 and 7 and shelf

Series 1: Diaries. - 1875 - 1886. – 6.5 cm

The series consists of photocopies of the daily diaries from 1875 - 1886 and an original daily diary for 1875 - 1879. Like the Slade diaries, they provide information on vessels entering and clearing, the fishery, observations on the weather, sealing and some information on the day to day operation of the business.

Series 2: Correspondence. - 1863 - 1890 (inclusive); 1863 - 1882 (predominant). - 9 cm

The series includes correspondence, telegrams and invoices. The correspondence is mostly letters from Walter Grieve at St. John=s to Grieve and Bremner at Trinity, 1863 - 1882. The invoices include invoices and orders for goods sent from Walter Grieve of Greenock, 1865-1880 and invoices of Grieve and Bremner in account with Walter Grieve of St. John=s, 1865 - 1878. The telegrams are for the years 1879 - 1880 and some specific telegrams are the loss of the SS Lion in 1882. The correspondence and invoices illustrates the relationship between the three firms, and the nature of their business.

Series 3: Shipping records. - 1855 - 1881. - 6 cm

The shipping records include charter parties, 1855 - 1879; vessels accounts for the vessels Isabella, Dart and Gem, 1863 - 1878; crew agreements for the Dart, 1869 –

1872, the Lion, 1875, 1879, 1880 and the Bear, 1879; statements of seals taken by individual vessels, 1873; papers relating to insurance claims for the brig. Gem, 1877 - 1889; an account of the sealing fleet, 1879 - 1881; crew subscriptions to church properties, 1879 and papers relating to the Dart, missing at sea, 1879.

Series 4: Accounts. - 1865 - 1899. - 6 cm

This series contains all the unbound material having to do with accounts. It includes loose journal accounts, 1865; James Gent in account with Grieve and Bremner, Trinity, 1872 - 1899; accounts of advances of cash to sealing crews, 1874 - 1882; a photocopy of a barter book for 1874 - 1875; miscellaneous accounts 1875 - 1894 and advances to crews per Walter Grieve of St. John=s, 1876 - 1882.

Series 5: Miscellaneous files. - 1832 - 1875. – 1.5 cm

This series contains a sermon by Rev. William Bullock, information on repairs to

the Garland House and a Census and Return book for 1869.

Series 6: Financial records (bound volumes). - 1863 - 1902. – 9.75 m

The financial records which make up this series provide an almost complete account of the firm=s financial transactions for the period that they were in operation at Trinity. They include 27 volumes of ledgers, 1863 - 1902; 26 volumes of journals, 1863 - 1900; 14 volumes of petty ledgers, 1870 - 1901; store books, 1863 - 1901 (53 volumes); store cash books, 1869 - 1902 (19 volumes); day books, 1863 - 1895 (7 volumes); cash collecting books, 1896 - 1902 (2 volumes); produce books, 1871 - 1900 (14 volumes); account books, 1870 -1896 (3 volumes); inventory books, 1878 - 1902 (2 volumes); barter books, 1880- 1895 (3 volumes); order book, 1864 - 1871; salt book, 1896 - 1897; price book, 1893; shipment book, 1896; cooperage accounts, 1875 - 1901; profit and loss book, 1887 - 1902; in account with Walter Grieve and Bremner, 1866 - 1883; coal and salt book, 1877 - 1884; debt book, 1879 - 1881.

Finding aid A detailed finding aid is available.

Hiscock Family fonds. – 1947 – 1963. – 12 cm textual records

Scope and content

The Hiscock Family fonds consist of a mercantile law book as well as financial records belonging to both the family’s shop and forge. Records were held in the family home of Cyril and Carrie Hiscock and were donated to the Trinity Historical Society Archives in May 2012 by the family.

Series 1: Mercantile Law Book. – 2 cm

This series consist of a mercantile law book “Digest of Canadian and Newfoundland Mercantile Laws”. This would have been used while operating the family shop to understand the business laws with which every person in the community comes in daily contact with, this would enable the business owner to act intelligently and promptly in the conducting of their business.

Series 2: Financial Records. – 1947 – 1963. – 10 cm

This series consist of financial records belonging to the family during the time the family operated a shop and a forge.

- 2.01 Shop Day Book
- 2.02 Forge Record Book

2.01 Shop Day Book. – 1957 – 1959. – 3 cm

The Shop Day Book contains the sales to each customer, listing name, what was purchased and how much it cost.

- 2.01.001 Shop Day Book, 1957 – 1959

Location: Hiscock Family fonds Box 1.

2.02 Forge Record Book. – 1947 – 1963. – 7 cm

The Forge Record Book contains the sales of products made at the forge for each customer, listing name, product produced, how much was purchased and how much it cost.

- 2.02.001 Forge Record Book, 1947 – 1948
- 2.02.002 Forge Record Book, 1950 – 1954
- 2.02.003 Forge Record Book, 1953 – 1960
- 2.02.004 Forge Record Book, 1956 – 1957
- 2.02.005 Forge Record Book, 1954 – 1963

Location: Hiscock Family fonds Boxes 1 and 2.

Ryan Brothers, Trinity fonds. - 1892 - 1948. – 6.19 m textual records

Administrative history

The Ryan=s of Bonavista created a mercantile empire on the northeast coast of Newfoundland in the second half of the nineteenth century which was comparable in scale with many of the Water Street merchant houses of St. John=s.

Michael Ryan came to Bonavista from Ireland about 1830. He married Mary Ellen Fleming and had nine children, including James (b.1842), Daniel (b.1851) and Edmund (b.1863). James Ryan founded the fishery supply and general trade business at Bonavista in 1857. During the next three decades James, along with brothers Daniel, Edmund, Nicholas, and to lesser degrees Patrick, Michael J. and John, expanded the business into three separate firms with branch operations and barter shops in many communities throughout Bonavista and Trinity Bays and along the coast of

Labrador.

James, Daniel and Edmund Ryan started a firm, known as Ryan Brothers, at Trinity in 1906, taking over the old Garland premises formerly occupied by Grieve and Bremner and Robert S. Bremner. The firm was managed by Edmund Ryan. The firm supplied Trinity Bay and Conception Bay schooners involved in the Labrador trade. The firm also operated its own Labrador schooners out of Trinity and supplied fishermen engaged in the local shore fishery. James was the owner of Ryan Brothers, though public perception was that Edmund was the proprietor. When the firm was incorporated in 1936, Mrs. Katherine Ryan (James= widow) held fifty percent of the shares, compared to roughly 16 percent each for Edmund, Walter N. White and Fred Ottenheimer (Daniel=s son-in-law). James= sons, Herbert and James, acquired their mother=s fifty percent share of the business after she died in 1945. By the time of Edmund=s death in 1949, the firm had all but exited the salt fish trade. Ryan Brothers at Trinity continued primarily as a retail business under the management of Walter N. White, a long time employee and nephew of the Ryan brothers until its closure in 1952.

Source: Administrative History taken from the Guide to the Mercantile Records held at the Maritime History Archive, MUN

Custodial history

The majority of the records were salvaged from the Ryan premises by Walter G. C. White in the 1960s and held at the Trinity Museum and at the house of S. Rupert Morris. Diaries came from McGrath family home in August, 2018.

Scope and content

The fonds consist mainly of the financial records for the firm of Ryan Brothers of Trinity from the time the firm was established in 1906 to the end of the 1940s. Records include ledgers, which give individual accounts; day books, which record daily purchases and prices; store books, which provide details of the Ryan wholesale trade; inventory books; fish collections relating to the Labrador trade at Hawke Harbour; a statement of the firm=s liabilities and assets, 1948; a code book and logbooks of schooners. For much of the period of the firm=s operation at Trinity, business was carried out through the barter or truck system. The exchange of goods for services, fish or produce is recorded in the ledgers. Also included are three volumes from an earlier period: debt ledger for 1892 - 1893, shareman=s wages, 1904 - 1905 and a diary, 1905. It is possible that these volumes originated with James Ryan & Company King=s Cove or Bonavista. The fonds are arranged in five series: Series 1: Financial records, 1906 - 1947; Series 2: Correspondence, 1921 - 1948; Series 3: Labrador trade, 1908 - 1909; Series 4: Predecessor records, 1892 - 1905; Series 5: Logbooks of Schooners, 1906 - 1922.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Material transferred to the archives by Walter G. C. White, founding member and corresponding secretary of the Trinity Historical Society.

Garland Bailey, of Old Bonaventure donated 6 volumes, including 3 ledgers, a petty ledger, a cash book and day book in 1999.

Alma Ottenheimer in October 2000 donated the following: receipt book bearing the name AGuide@; Official log book of schooner AVirginia@ - 1906; Schooner ARichard Greaves@ account book - 1907; Log book of schooner AVirginia@ - 1907; Log book of schooner AVirginia@ - 1908; Log book of schooner AVirginia@ - 1910; Log book of schooner AR.J. Owens@ - 1916; Log book of schooner AR.J. Owens@ - 1917; Log book of the British schooner AElizabeth Pritchard@ - 1917; Schooner AMargurete Ryan@ guide book - 1917; Agreement and account of crew AMargurete Ryan@ - 1921; Official log book of Schooner AMargurete Ryan@ - 1922;

Curtis Coles of Gander in April 2001 donated a diary, 1905 and an account book, 1908.

Location: Mercantile Records Box 8 and 9 and shelf.

Series 1: Financial records. - 1906 - 1947. - 2.95 m

The series consists of all the bound volumes containing the financial records of Ryan Brothers Trinity. The series are quite complete and include, ledgers, 1906 - 1947, (14 volumes) petty ledgers, 1908 - 1943 (6 volumes); day books, 1907 - 1943 (19 volumes); journals, 1910 - 1936 (3 volumes); duty books, 1908 - 1911; store cash books, 1909 - 1940 (4 volumes); stock books, 1914 B 1917 (2 volumes); accounting books, 1909 - 1917 (2 volumes); landing book, 1911 -1916; inventory book, 1912 - 1919; labour book, 1918 - 1928; charter book, 1907 - 1920; ordering book, 1940 and cash book, 1908 - 1945 (5 volumes).

Series 2: Correspondence. - 1921 - 1948. - 0.8 cm

Some pieces of unrelated correspondence, a statement of funds to the Colonial Cordage Co. and a copy of the Statement of Liabilities and Assets for Ryan Brothers, Trinity, Dec 31, 1948.

Series 3: Labrador trade. - 1908 - 1909. - 2 cm

Two fish collections books for Labrador. One entitled, Codfish collected by schooner from Hawke Harbour dealers, 1908; the second: Labrador receipt book, 1909. The books contain the name of the independent supplier - Askipper@ and the amount of fish collected.

Series 4: Predecessor records. - 1892 - 1905. - 5 cm

Four volumes that probably originate with either James Ryan & Company, King=s Cove or James Ryan, Bonavista. A Debt Ledger, 1892 - 1893 lists debts owing to the end of the year. Shareman=s Wages, 1904 -1905 lists shares paid per individual vessel involved in the Labrador fishery, bookkeeper John White. Both include individuals from Bonavista Bay. A diary that gives an account of business

and weather for the months of June - August, 1905.

Series 5: Logbooks of Schooners. - 1906 - 1922. -15.3 cm

This series consists of logbooks of various schooners belonging to Ryan Brothers which give an account of the master, nature of voyage, list of crew, dates of arrival and departure at each port of call and a detailed account of each day at sea. The official logbooks also contain information and guidance for ship masters. The series also contains an account book belonging to the schooner ARichard Greaves@, 1907. The series also contains various customs papers acquired by several of the Ryan Brothers Vessels.

Series 6: Miscellaneous – 1922 – 1952 – 3.4 cm

This series consists of a number of different items that belonged to the Ryan Brothers. Such items included are flyers, catalog, telegrams, price lists, and invoices.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

Robinson Brooking & Co. Price Book. - 1850 - 1858. - 0.5 cm textual records

Administrative history

George R. Brooking, a native of Wareham, Dorset, came to Newfoundland in 1811, to work as a clerk for his uncle, George Garland, at Trinity. He became a junior resident partner at St. John=s, of the firm of Hart, Eppes, Gaden and Robinson, and later with John Bingley Garland in Robinson, Brooking and Garland. The firm=s St. John=s premises were destroyed in the fire of 1846, but rebuilding commenced soon thereafter. In 1849 Robinson, Brooking and Company expanded to Trinity, leasing the old Garland premises from their partner in London, John Bingley Garland. Robinson died in 1850 and Brooking continued under the name of Brooking and Co. The firm relinquished their lease on the Garland premises in 1869, the year in which Brooking died, and Grieve and Bremner took over the property.

Source: Administrative History taken from the Guide to the Mercantile Records held at the Maritime History Archive, MUN

Scope and content

This book lists the prices of a huge inventory of goods, supplies, fish and timber products and produce. The page heading on page 2 reads ATrinity current prices for cash and barter agreed on between Messrs. Robinson Brooking & Co. and R. Slade & Co.@ Entries are made for summer and winter prices from 1850 - 1858.

Notes

Supplied title based on description.

A price book for the period 1859 - 1872 is held at the Maritime History Archive, Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Location: Mercantile Records Box 8.

CHURCH AND PARISH RECORDS

The Anglican Parish of Trinity fonds. - 1753 - 2017. – 87.75 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Anglican Mission at Trinity dates back to the early 18th century. In 1729, at the request of the people of Trinity and surrounding areas, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts sent The Reverend Robert Kilpatrick to establish a mission at Trinity. A church was built soon after his arrival. The records of births, marriages and burials of the parish began in 1753 and included communities throughout Trinity Bay. In 1825 Newfoundland became part of the See of Nova Scotia and in 1839 Bishop Spencer became the first Bishop of the See of Newfoundland. In the early 1870s the parish of Trinity included communities from English Harbour to British Harbour including Ireland=s Eye, but by the middle of the decade, a separate parish was established at Trinity East. Many of the communities that made up the parish were resettled under the provincial government resettlement program of the 1960s. In 1971 the parish of Trinity combined with the parish of Trinity East-Port Rexton. This arrangement lasted for a

decade and in 1981 the parishes separated along traditional lines. From 1981 to the present time the parish of Trinity has included all the communities from Trinity to New Bonaventure
Source: Parish of Trinity fonds; Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador; Trinity Historical Society files.

Custodial history

Records were held at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity.

Parish Service Register, 1887 - 1913 was deaccessioned from the Eastern Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives on July 25, 2001 and added to the fonds.

Parish Church Registers; 1753 - 1867 (3 volumes) was deaccessioned from the Eastern Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives on June 28, 2002 and added to the fonds.

Register of Services, 1918 - 1934 for services held in Little Harbour, Delby=s Cove, Spaniard=s Cove, Dunfield, Lockston and Goose Cove was deaccessioned from the Eastern Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives in November 2002 and added to the fonds.

Rev. Henry Johnson=s Diary, 1881 and Financial Documentation concerning the Building of the New Parsonage in 1916 was donated by Mr. Mark Allston of Orleans, Ontario in September 2003.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of early and more recent records of the parish. The early records include a parish list for 1878, a list of persons confirmed in the parish, from 1882 - 1888; parish service register, 1887 - 1913; Rev. Henry Johnson=s Diary, 1881; annual reports of the St. Agatha=s Branch of the Girls= Friendly Society, 1907; offerings from the Trinity Mission, 1904 - 1912 and 1923 - 1928. For the mid - 20th century records include: register of services, 1918 - 1934, minute books of the parish council, 1946 - 1971, parish list, 1943; diocesan funds account, 1927 - 1929, 1944 - 1957; accounts and rector=s stipend, 1935 - 1962; members of the parish council 1947; correspondence from the Central Diocese for the period 1971 - 1981, when the parish was combined with that of Trinity East - Port Rexton and invoices, 1972 - 1985. The fonds also includes the original and photocopies of the registers of births, marriages and burials for the parish, 1753 - 2002.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by Rev. G. Colbourne, Rector of the Parish of Trinity, 2000.

Copies of the Parish Registers, 1753 - 1867 are available at the Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Eastern Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives.

A nominal index to the parish registers, compiled by the Genealogical Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, is available.

Further accruals are expected.

Location: Church Records Boxes 5, 14, 14a and 15.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

St. Paul=s Anglican Church (Trinity) fonds. - 1756 - 2010. – 136.5 cm textual records, graphic material, architectural and cartographic drawings

Administrative history

The Anglican Congregation at Trinity dates back over 270 years. The Reverend Robert Kilpatrick established the first mission at Trinity in 1729, and it is generally thought that the first church was built at that time. On May 23rd, 1820 the pillars of a new church were laid. This church, similar in design to many English churches of the time, had an upstairs gallery and could seat over 600 people. The present church was built in 1892. It was designed by American architect Stephen C. Earle and built by master builder Caleb Marshall. Two other churches of the same design are at Digby and Windsor, Nova Scotia. The church serves as the mother church of the Parish of Trinity.

Source: St. Paul=s Anglican Church fonds; David R. L. White; Florence M. White.

Custodial history

The records were kept and maintained in the rectory of the Parish of Trinity, and in St. Paul=s Church. The minutes of vestry, 1823 - 1845; vestry register, 1897 - 1913; Sunday School roll books, 1896 - 1900 and 1914 - 1920; visitor=s book, 1825 - 1952 were held at the Eastern

Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives until July 25, 2001 when they were deaccessioned and returned to Trinity and added to the fonds.

Scope and content

The fonds contains records of the administration of the church of St. Paul=s from 1823 - 1969, and includes the minutes of meetings of vestry, records of committees and boards, financial records, correspondence and invoices, vestry registers, clergy=s records, some legal documents re the acquisition of land, and seating plans for both the old and the new church. Other records include photographs of the present and the former church, as well as portraits of many of the rectors of the parish; a full set of plans for the building of the church by architect Stephen J. Earle; a painting by J. S. Hayward of the Anglican Cathedral of St. John=s; and visitors= books.

The records have been organized in 11 series according to form and function; Series 1: Minutes of Vestry, 1823 - 1958; Series 2: Committees and Boards, 1892 - 1945; Series 3: Financial Records, 1879 - 1964; Series 4: Correspondence, 1913 - 1957; Series 5: Vestry Registers, 1897 - 1987; Series 6: Clergy=s Records, 1756 - 1969; Series 7: Legal documents, 1895; Series 8: Sunday School, 1896 - 1913, 1944 - 1948; Series 9: Visitors= Books, 1825 - 2010; Series 10: Plans and blueprints, [1827 - 1980]; Series 11: Photographs

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

The fonds consist of 70 cm textual records, 12 architectural and cartographic drawings; 20 photographs, 20" x 24" or smaller and 2 paintings.

The majority of the records were donated by the Rector of the Parish of Trinity, the Rev. G. Colbourne, July 2000. The remainder were located in the Church tower. They were subsequently transferred to the archives. The church plans, photographs and paintings will not be available until they have received conservation treatment. The latter two are presently on display in the church.

Location: Church Records Boxes 1 - 8, shelf and map cabinet

Series 1: Minutes of Vestry. - 1823 - 1958. - 14 cm

The vestry committee is the body that makes decisions regarding the church building and the congregation. Members of the committee include the church wardens, members of vestry and the rector. The minutes of vestry record discussions and decisions relating to the maintenance of the church, new buildings and additions, and matters concerning the congregation. The minutes also include the annual congregational meetings that are held usually in January or February and the election of officers for the new church year.

The series consists of eight original volumes.

Notes

The original volume for 1823 - 1845 was held in the Eastern Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives in St. John=s until July 25, 2001 when it was deaccessioned and returned to Trinity.

Series 2: Committees and Boards. - 1892 - 1945. - 4 cm

The series consists of minutes of meetings of the various committees established by the members of the congregation to carry out specific projects. The committees are as follows: Building Committee, 1885 - 1893; Parish Hall Building Committee, 1896 - 1908; Cemetery Board, 1874 -1879, 1908 - 1938; Lighting and Memorial Committee, 1945.

Series 3: Financial Records. - 1879 - 1964. - 22 cm

The series includes all the records having to do with financial matters and consists of: Synod fund, 1879; cemetery tax, 1891 - 1957; parish hall, 1903 - 1957; labour and cash given for building St. Paul=s parsonage stable, 1906; receipts, 1908 - 1958; diocesan offering, 1909 - 1957; insurance, 1911 - 1957; accounts, 1912 - 1964; weekly offerings, 1918 - 1952; rectory, 1941 - 1957; an account of the Jubilee fund, 1944 - 1945; rector=s stipend, 1945 - 1958; collections, 1945 - 1969; film expenses, 1950's and garden party, 1956 - 1958.

Series 4: Correspondence. - 1913 - 1957. - 1 cm

With the exception of one file, this material was found in the Church tower of St. Paul=s in 2000. It was brought to the Trinity Historical Society for the Archives. The correspondence consists mainly of invoices and letters relating to supplies and the maintenance of the church.

Series 5: Vestry Registers. - 1897 - 1987. - 3 cm (3 volumes)

The vestry registers record the services held at the church, numbers attending, topic of the sermon, visiting clergy and other remarks...

Series 6: Ministers= Records. - 1756 - 1969. - 3 cm

The series consists of a minister=s work book and diary for 1881; a book containing sermons and notes from the scriptures, 1903; some service schedules, printed hymns and a photocopy of a document concerning St. Paul=s Church dated 1756 - 1757 and a list of congregational members..

Series 7: Legal documents. - 1895. - 1 folio.

An unsigned Bill of Sale drawn up re the sale of Garland land to the Diocesan Synod, 1895.

Series 8: Sunday School. - 1896 - 1913. - 2 cm

A roll book of those attending Sunday School, 1896 - 1920, font roll, 1940's, an English Hymnal; Services for Young and Old and published material from the American Humane Education Society.

Series 9: Visitor=s Books. - 1825 - 2010. – 19.6 cm (5 volumes)

The visitor=s books are kept to record non-parishioners visiting the church both for interest and to attend church service.

Series 10: Plans and blueprints. - 1827 - 1980. - 12 architectural drawings and cartographic drawings

The series includes a set of architectural drawings (12 pieces) for the building of the 1892 church by architect Stephen J. Earle; a diagram of the Church of England cemetery at Trinity, nd; two blueprints, entitled Trinity Parish Hall Alterations: Floor Plans, Sept. 1980; and Building Sections, Oct. 1980; Plot plan and plan of the new Church of England cemetery at Trinity, nd; seating plan of the old church, 1827,1878, and the new church, 1894, and 1921 (2 copies); a copy of the ARough Plan@ showing the position of Garland=s Paddock near the Church, Trinity, 1895, and a plan of the Garlands estate at Trinity.

Series 11: Photographs. - 20 photographs, 2 paintings

The series consists of photographs and paintings that were on display in the church. Seventeen of the photographs are of rectors past and present, three images are of the old and the new church. There is an ink and wash drawing of the old church and a painting of the Anglican Cathedral in St. John=s by J. S. Hayward.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

St. Paul's Anglican Church Women's Guild – A.C.W. 1900-1984
20.5cm textual records

Series 1: Financial Reports

A record of items purchased and expenses throughout the year. The ledgers also include lists of work the women did for “sales of work”, rectors stipend, grocery ware fund, collection that was taken at meetings and bank account information.

- 1.01 Book 1902 - 1906
- 1.02 Book 1906-1913
- 1.03 Ledger 1914-1947 (1921 missing)
- 1.04 Ledger 1947-1970
- 1.05 Financial Reports 1963, 1964, 1976-1984

Records of goods and bake sales summers 1977 & 1978

These books contain lists of items sold each day and the ladies who sold the items. There is also a book containing a list of ladies names and what they made. During these two summers the ladies of the organization held afternoon teas as a fundraiser for the church. The ladies would

take turns everyday and offer tea, coffee, sandwiches and biscuits.

- 1.01.01 June 25 – September 3, 1977
- 1.01.02 July 1 – September 2, 1978
- 1.01.03 List of work completed by members

Series 2: Minutes

Record of meetings for St. Paul's Guild records the business of their meetings, record of who was to clean the meeting room for the next meeting, collection taken during the meeting and how many members were present at the meeting.

Minutes

- 2.01 1909-1911
- 2.02 1916-1923
- 2.03 1924-1926
- 2.04 1927-1942
- 2.05 1942-1943
- 2.06 1944-1949
- 2.07 1957-1965

Series 3: Record of Members Attendance & Rules

The first few pages of this book lays out the rules of the organization, “good works” that members are expected to do and the prayers that are to be said during meetings. This book also gives a listing of members for each year, records their attendance to meetings, and records any events that happened during the year. The first entry in the book is on Feb 4, 1914. Years of entry include 1914, 1915, 1957, 1917, 1919, 1924, 1926-1931.

- 3.01 1914-1931
- 3.02 1964

Series 4: Women's Sewing Circle

The women of The Guild would meet once a week (usually on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 9:30, unless it was the season of Lent) and sew and prepare items to sell as a way of making money for The Guild.

- 4.01 1900-1901, 1914 (Rules for the Women's Sewing Circle)
- 4.02 1903-1908 (attendance in the back of book for 1904-1907)
- 4.03 1911-1916

Series 5: Correspondence

Letters for request of donation, thank you letters from Golder Heights Manor, thank you letters from The Church of England Orphanage and letters seeking various items needed for The Guild.

Series 6: Miscellaneous

Various letters and receipts found in the back of Ledger (1.03). Most of these items are for the years 1943, 1945-1947.

St. Luke's Church (Old Bonaventure) fonds. - 1889 - 2004 – 30.8 cm textual material

Administrative history

“The first [St. Luke's] was in the vicinity of the old cemetery nearer to the harbour. It was blown down in a June gale. An interesting note is that a cow that was seeking protection from the elements was killed in the collapse.

A Mr. Short was in charge of the building of the present edifice and some lumber, namely the wide hemlock boards from England, was salvaged from the old ruins. The present church was consecrated by Bishop Jones on November 13, 1892 when The Rev'd. William Weaver was rector of the parish. [The service was at 10:30 a. m. and 54 people attended.] The original roof was covered with Trinity Bay slate and the belfry stood separate from the main building.

In the mid nineteen hundreds the wood posts were replaced by concrete pillars and the bell was moved to a newly constructed tower. In more recent times the roof received repairs both inside and out and an attractive spire was added atop the tower.”

Source: TIDINGS, May 2000 (a newsletter of The Bonaventure- English Harbour Development Association)

Custodial History

The records were kept and maintained at St. Luke's Church, Old Bonaventure until 2009 when they were donated to the archives by a congregational/community committee.

Scope and Content

The fonds consist of four Vestry Books for the years 1889 - 2004. Financial records for 1963-1990 that covers the income and expenditures related to the church's operation and records of Congregational Meetings from 1927 – 1962 and 1964 – 1991.

The records have been organized into a series according to form and function.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by the committee to deal with the closeout of St. Luke's; financial records for 1963 – 1990 and records of congregational meetings for 1927 – 1962 and 1964-1991.

Series 1: Vestry Books. - 1889 - 2004. - 9 cm

Vestry books are maintained in the vestry of a church and are written up after each church service by the person who conducted the same.

The series consists of four original volumes:

- 1.01 Vestry book 1889 - 1926
- 1.02 Vestry book 1926 - 1942
- 1.03 Vestry book 1942 - 1968
- 1.04 Vestry book 1968 - 2004

Series 2: Financial Records. - 1963 - 1990. – 15.9 cm

This series includes all the records having to do with financial matters and consists of the records of the financial transactions that are relevant to St. Luke's Church, Old Bonaventure. This includes the loose paper records from 1982 - 1985, 1988 1990, 1994-1995, 1999-2004. The financial record books from 1963 - 1978, 1986, 1987, 1988-1989, 1990. It also includes quarterly reports from 1994-1995 and 1999-2003 which provide a breakdown of individual giving to the Church.

2.01 Financial Records 1963 - 2004

2.02 Quarterly Reports 1994 – 2003

- 2.02.01 Quarterly Reports 1994 -1995
- 2.02.02 Quarterly Reports 1999 - 2001
- 2.02.03 Quarterly Reports 2002 - 2003

Series 3: Minutes of Meetings & Financial Records. 1927 - 1962; 1964 - 1991. - 4 cm

This series includes records having to do with financial matters and records of Congregational

Meetings for St. Luke's Church.

3.01 1927 – 1962

3.02 1964 – 1991

Series 4: Christmas Memorial Request Sheet.- 0.8 cm

This series includes request sheets which would be submitted in order to light a bulb in memory of someone or sing a hymn in their memory.

Location: Church Records Box 20 and 21.

The Anglican Church of the Holy Nativity (Little Harbour) fonds. - 1931 - 1964. - 4 cm textual records

Administrative history

The re-settled community of Little Harbour is located at the entrance of Smith Sound, about 25 km from Trinity. Around 50 - 60 people lived in the community at the beginning of the 20th century, and by 1945 the population had risen to 158. The community was in the parish of Trinity. The first entry in the vestry register for The Church of England Church of the Holy Nativity at Little Harbour is for Evensong, held on Feb. 20, 1931 with lay reader B. Burrige. The community was resettled under the provincial government resettlement program in the 1960s, by which time many residents had already left the community. The church officially closed on August 25, 1969.

Source: Church of the Holy Nativity (Little Harbour) fonds; Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Custodial history

Since the closing of the church at Little Harbour, the records have been kept at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of vestry registers, 1931 - 1964; income and expenditures for 1947 - 1964 and minutes of vestry meetings, 1959 - 1964.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by the Rector of the Parish of Trinity, Rev. G. Colbourne, July 2000.
Location: Church Records Box 9.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

**St. Augustine=s Church, (British Harbour) fonds. - 1854 - 1968. - 9
cm (5 volumes) textual records**

Administrative history

British Harbour is a community on the north side of Trinity Bay, about 19 km south of Trinity, in the Parish of Trinity. In 1836 there was a resident population of fifty-two people. The population reached its peak in 1901, with 224 people in the community. The cemetery book, named for Saint Augustine=s Church dates from 1883, indicating that the Church was built by that time. British Harbour came under the provincial government=s resettlement program of the 1960s. The final entry in the church records is for 1968. The church probably closed the same year.

Source: St. Augustine=s Church (British Harbour) fonds; Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Custodial history

After resettlement the records were kept at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity. The vestry register, 1890 - 1921, was held at the Eastern Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives until July 25, 2001 when it was deaccessioned and entrusted to the Trinity Historical Society Archives.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of a lay reader=s license, 1854; cemetery accounts for 1883 - 1967; vestry register. 1890 - 1921; an account book for 1945 - 1968 and an account of the Rector=s stipend and church expenses for 1939 - 1968. The books provide information on persons in the community who purchased plots in the cemetery, contributed to the rector=s stipend, as well as providing accounts relating to expenditures of the church.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by the Rector of the Parish of Trinity, Rev. G. Colbourne, July 2000.

Location: Church Records Box 9 and shelf.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

St. Nicholas Church (Ivanhoe) fonds. - 1926 - 1964. - 4 cm textual records

Administrative history

Ivanhoe and Traytown are two resettled community on the island of Ireland=s Eye in Trinity Bay, in the Parish of Trinity. A meeting of the residents was held May 1, 1926, respecting the erection of a church for their communities. Those present voted to have a church Acentral between Ivanhoe and Traytown@. Permission was granted by the Diocesan Synod and the site across the road from the school was selected. Plans were drawn up by the Rector of the Parish, Rev. E. P. Hiscock, and approved by Synod. The church was completed by June 1929, and consecrated later that year. The communities were resettled under the provincial government program in the 1960s. The final recorded congregational meeting was held in 1964. There was no reference to the impending closing of the church, but the lay reader, Mr. Cecil King referred to people Agoing away from the place they once loved so dearly@. By 1966 the resettlement of the community was complete.

Source: St. Nicholas Church, Minute Book; Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Custodial history

Since the resettlement of the community the records have been kept at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity.

Scope and content

The funds consists of the minutes of vestry and of the congregation, 1926 - 1964; church plans, 1926; church accounts, 1940 - 1964; records of collections for the cemetery fund, 1945 - 1963, the church repair fund and outside donations, 1945 - 1963 and funds towards the repair of the

rectory, 1962 - 1964.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by the Rector of the Parish of Trinity, Rev. G. Colbourne, and July 2000.

Location: Church Records Box 10.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

St. George=s Church (Ireland=s Eye) fonds. - 1888 - 1965. - 12 cm textual records

Administrative history

Ireland=s Eye was used by seasonal fishermen throughout the nineteenth century and by 1836 had a resident population of 32 people. The first school opened in 1854. St. George=s Church was built by 1888, and a congregation of over 80 people attended regular church services, which were conducted by a lay reader. A new church was built in 1927. Ireland=s Eye was resettled under the provincial government program of the 1960s. The Rector of the Parish of Trinity offered the farewell service and official closing of the church on the last Sunday in August, 1965. Source: St. George=s Church (Ireland=s Eye) fonds; Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Custodial history

Since the resettlement of the community the records have been kept at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of Vestry Registers for 1888 - 1965; minutes of meetings of the congregation for 1934 - 1965; rector=s stipend, 1937 - 1941, church wardens accounts, 1942 - 1956; cemetery accounts, 1946 - 1965; accounts of collections and offerings, 1952 - 1964 and an account book, 1956 - 1965.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by the Rector of the Parish of Trinity, Rev. G. Colbourne, July 2000.

Location: Church Records Box 11 and shelf. (1.01.001)

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

Church of England Women=s Association (C.E.W.A.), St. Faith=s (Ireland=s Eye) fonds. - 1905 - 1965. - 16 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Church of England Women=s Association (C.E.W.A.) was founded in 1876 at Heart=s Content. The C.E.W.A. promoted Christian unity and fellowship at home and overseas. A branch of the C.E.W.A was established at Ireland=s Eye in 1905. On October 4th, 41 ladies from the congregation attended the first meeting, which was addressed by Mrs. Hollands, wife of the Rector of the Parish. All present voted in favour of establishing St. Faith=s branch. The Association met once a week to work at sewing, knitting, embroidery etc. They held regular sales of work, and the proceeds were donated to various charities at home and abroad, and contributions were made to the rector=s stipend and church funds. The Association made a substantial contribution to the new Church of St. George=s built in 1927. The final meeting of St. Faith=s was held on August 28 1965.

The organization became known as the Anglican Church Women=s Association, (A.C.W.A.), after restructuring in 1969. In 1976 the word "Association" was omitted and a new organization was formed, the Anglican Church Women (A.C.W.).

Source: C.E.W.A. St Faith=s fonds; Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Custodial history

Since the resettlement of the community the records have been kept at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity.

Scope and content

The fonds contains minutes and attendance of the C.E.W.A. meetings, 1905 - 1965; accounts, 1927 - 1965; a record of altar work; an account of collections for a new church from 1920

onwards; roll book, 1963 - 1965; annual report for 1961-63 and presidents reports for 1959, 1962 and 1963.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance

Donated by the Rector of the Parish of Trinity, Rev. G. Colbourne, July 2000.

Location: Church Records Boxes 12 and 13.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

Churchmen=s Club, Trinity fonds. - 1932 - 1962. – 10.5 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Churchmen=s Club at Trinity was established in the 1920s. The club was open to confirmed male members of the church over 16 years of age, who were approved by other members. After the first few years the club was open to all denominations. The clubroom was in the Parish Hall. It was open most evenings and members gathered for cards, darts, billiards and other activities. They also organized tournaments with other clubs in the area. One night per week the club was rented to Ladies Club. The club remained active until the 1970s.

Source: Churchmen=s Club minute book and rules and regulations.

Custodial history

After the club closed the records were kept at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity. Minutes of the club for 1950 - 1962 and Treasurer=s records, 1939 - 1959 were donated by Mr. Jim Laite after being found in the Laite family home in Trinity. Mr. Laite=s father, Louis, was the secretary for the club during these dates.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of minute books of the Churchmen=s Club, 1932-1962; treasurer=s records, 1939 -1959; correspondence, 1956 - 1960; Invoices, 1939, 1959 and general rules and card rules, 1946.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance

Donated by the Rector of the Parish of Trinity, Rev. G. Colbourne, July 2000.

Minute Book, 1950-1962 and Treasurer=s records, 1939-1959 donated by Jim Laite, July 2003.

Location: Church Records Box 2.

Series 1: Minutes. - 1932 - 1962. - 4.5 cm

Contains the minutes from the regular meetings of the club and the annual general meetings. The minutes include discussions that were carried out at each meeting, decisions that were made and election of officers at annual meetings.

Series 2: Treasurer=s Records. - 1939 - 1959. - 1.5 cm

The treasurer=s records contains a listing of each member of the club and the payment of their yearly dues as well as a general summary of the accounts.

Series 3: Correspondence. - 1956 - 1960. - 0.5 cm

Various pieces of correspondence with the Rector of the Parish with regards to the rental terms of the Parish Hall and sub-letting to the Ladies Church Club and other organizations.

Series 4: Invoices. - 1939, 1959.

Series 5: General Rules, 1946.

These are general rules of the club and rules that were followed for playing cards in the club room.

Finding Aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

The Anglican Parish of Trinity East-Port Rexton fonds. – 1841, 1876 - 2000. – 4.01m textual records

Administrative history

Until the end of the 19th century the present Parish of Port Rexton was part of the Mission of Trinity. The first churches in the area were St. Barnabas, built at Salmon Cove East (now Champney's East) in 1829, St. Silas at English Harbour, built in 1843, and Christ's Church, which was built between the communities of Ship Cove, Robin Hood and Trinity East in 1859. The Parish of Trinity East was established as a separate parish during the 1870s and a school board for the parish, under the name of Trinity North, was formed by 1880. In 1911 the communities of Robin Hood and Ship Cove joined to form the community of Port Rexton and Christ's Church became the home of the congregation of that community. The people of Trinity East formed a committee in 1910 to arrange the building of a new church in their community. The Church of St. Andrew's was built at Trinity East by David Marshall of Bonavista Bay, and consecrated in 1912. The Trinity East Parish council was formed in 1934 by the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Frank Hollands. Two congregations of the parish made up the first Council; St. Andrew's Congregation, Trinity East and Christ Church Congregation, Port Rexton. The following year the congregations of Champney's East, Champney's West and English Harbour joined the council. Christ Church, Port Rexton was rebuilt at a new location and consecrated in 1950. After that time the parish became known as Trinity East-Port Rexton. In 1971, by order of the Bishop, the parish amalgamated with that of Trinity for a trial period of not less than two years. The arrangement lasted for ten years, after which time the parishes reverted to their former status. The church of St. Andrew's burned to the ground in 1979, and a new church was built the following year. The present parish extends from Trinity East to English Harbour, and includes All Saint's Church, English Harbour; St. Nicholas Church, Champney's East; St. Clement's, Champney's West; Christ Church, Port Rexton; and St. Andrew's Church, Trinity East.

Source: Records of the parish.

Custodial history

The Parish of Port Rexton Parish Registers, 1876 - 2000 are held at the Anglican Parish of Port Rexton Rectory, the records were loaned to the archives to be photocopied in January 2003 and 2006. The remainder of the records in this fonds were kept at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of Parish Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1876 - 2000; Christ Church new parsonage, 1876; pew rent for Salmon Cove East, 1881 and a transcript of a vestry meeting held at All Saints, 1841 relating to cemetery, school and pews; a Parish Priest's Register, 1892-1931, in which are listed alphabetically the members of the congregation, place of residence and, if married, the names of their wife and children; subscriber's lists, 1895, 1907; minutes of the Trinity East Parish Council and the Trinity - Trinity East Parish Council, 1969 - 1972.; a proposed floor plan for St. Andrew's Church, c.1980.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Material that was held at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity, was donated by Rev. G. Colbourne, July 2000.

The original Port Rexton Parish Registers is held at the Rectory of the Parish.

St. Andrew's Expenditures Book 1944- 1957 donated by Darren Cooper in 2015.

1.01 Parish Registers, 1876 - 2000

The parish registers are the official documents of baptisms, marriages and burials that are kept by the church. Included is other information such as: names of parents, birth and baptismal dates, place of abode, witnesses to marriages, parents of bride/groom, maiden name of mother, occupation of husband to be, age at time of death and sometimes cause of death. The registers also contain a list of communicants for 1887 and people confirmed between 1936 - 1944.

Photocopies of the registers are available to researchers.

Photocopies are listed according to years that are held in each binder:

Baptisms, 1876 - 1979

Communicants, 1887

Confirmation, 1904 - 1944 (select years)

Marriages, 1876 - 2000

Burials, 1876 - 1967

1.02 Christ Church new Parsonage, 1876.

A list of the income and expenditures for building the new parsonage.

1.03 Pew rent, 1881/Transcript of vestry meeting, 1841.

A list of the people who owned pews in the church in Salmon Cove East in 1881 and their

original holders in 1841. This list is followed by each person having their own page which details the amount of cash and /or labour provided each year for the rental of the pew.

A transcript of a vestry meeting that was held in 1841 with regards to the cemetery, pews and school was copied by Rev. Benjamin Smith from an old account book which had originally been handwritten by Rev. David Martin.

1.04 Parish Priest Register, 1892 - 1931.

An alphabetical list of members of the Trinity East - Port Rexton congregations giving information on the place of residence, marital status and the names of the wives and children as well as their ages.

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1.05 Subscriber's Lists, 1895, 1907.

A list that was published each year for a parish listing the names of each person in the congregation who had given money to their church.

1.06 Trinity East Parish Council and the Trinity - Trinity East Parish Council, 1969 - 1972.

Minutes of the Trinity East Parish Council which details the business of the parish and a record of the first meeting of the two parishes when they joined together as one parish in 1971.

1.07 Proposed floor plan for St. Andrew's Church, [ca.1980]

Budgets, Subscriber's Lists 1974-1981, 1944-1957

1.09 Pledge Sheets, April 28, 1979

The Parish of Trinity-Trinity East held a walk-a-thon and rock-a-thon on April 28, 1979 as a fundraiser to put a brick chimney on St. Paul's Church. This file contains pledge sheets from participants.

Location: Church Records Box 10.

1.07 is located in the map cabinet: Drawer 5, Folder 1.

All Saints Anglican Church (English Harbour) fonds. - 1885 – 1897, 1996 - 14.8 cm textual records

Administrative history

All Saints Anglican Church of English Harbour was constructed in 1898 and consecrated on All Saints Day in 1900. It was built to replace St. Silas Anglican Church which was constructed between 1826 and 1829 and replaced a school chapel which was in use from the late 1700's to 1826. All Saints being the third Anglican Church to be built in the community. The bell in the tower of the church was cast in 1885 by Meneely & Co. of West Troy, U.S.A. and was used until the church was closed in 2004 due to small congregational size and much needed repairs.

Custodial history

The original records are stored at All Saints Church. Permission was received from Rev. John Gilliam, Rector, and Anglican Parish of Port Rexton, to have these records copied for the archives in 2004.

Slope and Content

The fonds consists of the administrative and financial records of the church and includes the following material: Minutes of Meetings, 1917- 1931; Minute Book, 1931 - 1952-53; Minutes of the Congregation Meetings, 1954- 1984; Vestry Minutes, February 1960 - January 1977; Cash Book, 1931-1958; Record of Envelope Givings, 1963-1996; Accounts Book, 1966- 1996; Register of Services, January 1897- December 1921; Vestry Book, 1922-1952; and Visitor's Book, 1980-1996.

The records have been organized into four series according to the form and function of the records: Series 1: Minutes of Vestry, 1917-1931; Series 2: Financial Records, 1931-1996; Series 3: Vestry Register, 1897-1952; Series 4: Visitor's Book, 1980 - 1996.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by the Rector of the Anglican Parish of Port Rexton, Rev. J. Gilliam, August 2004.

Location: Church Records Box 18

Series 1: Minutes of Vestry. - 1917 - 1984. - 3.8 cm

The vestry committee is the body that makes decisions regarding the church building and the congregation. Members of the committee include the church wardens, elected members of the congregation and the rector. The minutes of vestry record discussions and decisions relating to the maintenance of the church, new buildings and additions, and matters concerning the congregation.

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Series 2: Cash Book/Subscriber's List. - 1931 - 1958, 1965 - 1996. - 3 cm.

This series includes cash books and subscriber's list which records the income and expenditures for the congregation and the amount that each person in the congregation donated to the church during the year.

Series 3: Vestry Registers. - 1897 - 1952. - 7.5 cm

The vestry register records the services held at the church, the number of people in attendance, topic of the sermon, visiting clergy and other remarks.

Series 4: Visitor's Book. - 1980 - 1996- 0.5 cm.

The visitor's book is kept to record non- parishioners visiting the church.

Finding Aid

A detailed finding aid is available

**Church of England Women's Association (CEWA), All Saints
(English Harbour) fonds. - 1896 - 1903, 1925 - 1996. - 5.7 cm textual
records**

Administrative history

The Church of England Women's Association (C.E.W.A) was founded in 1876 at Heart's Content. The C.E.W.A promoted Christian unity and fellowship at home and overseas. The C.E.W.A was formed in English Harbour December 19th, 1925 and an Altar Guild was formed in May 1929, eight women from the congregation attended the first meeting. The group was formed with the purpose of changing and preparing the altar and work included cleaning the brass and making new altar cloths. The Guild also carried out other work such as sewing, knitting, embroidery, e.t.c. that they sold at their regular sales of work at Easter and during the Fall of the year. Proceeds from these sales were donated to various charities at home and abroad as well as contributions were made to the Rector's stipend and church repairs.

The organization became known as the Anglican Church Women's Association, (A.C.W.A), after restructuring in 1969. In 1976 the word "Association" was omitted and a new organization was formed, the Anglican Church Women (A.C.W.). The A.C.W. closed in English Harbour in the late 1990's due to the small number of members in the organization.

Custodial history

The original records are stored at All Saints Anglican Church, English Harbour. Permission was received from Rev. John Gilliam, Rector, and Anglican Parish of Port Rexton to have these records copied for the archives.

Slope and Content

The records have been organized into four series according to form and function: Series 1: Record of Sales, 1896 - 1903, 1925 - 1996; Series 2: All Saints Guild, 1929 - 1985; Series 3: C.E.W.A, 1985 - 1996; and Series 4: Miscellaneous, 1955 - 1956, 1984 - 1986, 1991 - 1993.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by the Rector of the Anglican Parish of Port Rexton, Rev. J. Gilliam, August 2004.

Location: Church Records Box 19

Series 1: Record of Sales and Accounts - 1896 - 1903, 1925 - 1996. - 2 cm

A record of the amount of material that would be given out to the women of the group and the work that they would return for the annual Easter or Fall Sales.

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Series 2: All Saint's Guild. - 1929 - 1985. - 2.5 cm

This series contains minutes for the Altar Guild and for the Women's Guild. Minutes give a detailed account of the annual general meetings, election of officers, Treasurer's Reports and the events that the women would hold as fundraisers for themselves and for the church.

Series 3: C.E.W.A. - 1985 - 1996. - 0.7 cm

The minutes of the C.E.W.A. records the business of their meetings, entries for each time they met to do sewing (work), reports of the success of the annual sale, attendance records and records of departed sisters.

Series 4: Miscellaneous. - 1955 - 1956, 1984 - 1986, 1991 - 1993. - 0.5 cm

Records include correspondence and annual reports.

Finding Aid

A detailed finding aid is available

St. Matthew's Church (Trouty) fonds. - 1888 - 2001. – 41.8 cm textual records.

Administrative history

In 1848 a school was in use at Trouty as the church, a year later it was decided that a proper church building was needed. Plans were made to build a church on the top of Church Hill - a position in the community that was visible from most of the community as well as the fishing grounds off the harbour. The church was consecrated on St. Matthew's Day, 1853 as well as the churchyard. After 30 years of service the church was replaced with a second St. Matthew's, on May 13, 1888, the day of the first service held in the unfinished church. On November 26, 1888 the church was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Llewellyn Jones, Bishop of Newfoundland.

Source: History of a Harbour by Clarence B. Dewling.

Custodial history

The records were kept and maintained at St. Matthew's Church, Trouty until 2002 when they were donated to the archives by the vestry of the church at the annual general meeting.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of minutes of select vestry meetings 1911 - 1986; vestry registers, 1888 - 1998; financial records. 1906 - 1952; correspondence, 1929 - 1949; minister's records, 1945 -1990, visitor's books, 1966 – 1992 and a church organist's book.

The records have been organized into six series according to form and function.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance

Donated by St. Matthew's Church Vestry

Headstone inscriptions were donated by Mr. Gerald Spurrell in April 2005.

Location: Church Records Box 16 and 17

Series 1: Minutes of Vestry. - 1911 - 1986. - 2 cm

The vestry committee is the body that makes decisions regarding the church building and the congregation. Members of the committee include the church wardens, elected members of vestry and the rector. The minutes of vestry record discussions and decisions relating to the maintenance of the church and matters concerning the congregation and election of officers.

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Series 2: Vestry Registers. - 1888 - 1998. - 10 cm

The vestry registers record the services held at the church, the number of people in attendance, topic of the sermon, visiting clergy and other remarks.

Series 3: Financial Records. - 1906 - 2001. – 18.3 cm

The series includes all the records having to do with financial matters and consists of receipts, 1906 - 1952; quarterly collections, 1922 - 1951; church expenses 1922 - 1949; offertory account, 1922 - 1927; rector's stipend, 1936 - 1942; communion offertory, 1937 - 1942; Bishopric Fund, 1940 - 1941 and insurance, 1933 - 1952.

Series 4: Correspondence. - 1929 - 1949. - 0.5 cm

Correspondence concerning issues of the Diocese to the Parish such as: Lenten Self Denial collection, Bishopric Fund, Queen's College and notice to Parish Council.

Series 5: Minister's Records. - 1945 - 1990. - 1 cm

The series consists of a copy of the Lectionary for 1954 and 1959, order of divine service, 1972 - 1973, Christmas Carol Service, 1983, Thanksgiving service, Parish Council rules and a copy of the 1950 and 1959 calendar.

Series 6: Visitor's Books. - 1966 - 1992. - 7.5 cm

The visitor's books are kept to record non-parishioners visiting the church both for interest and to attend the church service.

Series 7: Church Organist's Book. – 1.5 cm

The church organist's book contains 117 compositions to be played during church services.

Location: Church Records Box 16a.

Finding Aid

A detailed finding aid is available

Anglican Church Women (A.C.W.), St. Matthew's (Trouty) fonds. - 1965 -2004. - 16 cm textual records.

Administrative history

The Church of England Women's Association (C.E.W.A.) was founded in 1876 at Heart's Content by the Rev. George Gardiner. The C.E.W.A. endeavoured to promote and extend Christian unity and fellowship at home and overseas by attending to the spiritual, educational and physical needs of its followers.

The C.E.W.A. also assisted in missionary enterprises, orphanages, senior citizen's homes, medical clinics and the erection of churches and schools in the Province.

St. Matthew's branch of the C. E. W. A. was founded on December 7, 1932 [before that there existed a 'sewing circle'] when a delegation of sisters from St. John the Evangelist C. E. W. A. from New Bonaventure came along to assist the Spiritual Director, the late Rev. (later Canon) Harvey Torrance in setting up the new Association.

In 1967 the C.E.W.A. became the Anglican Women's Association (A.W.A.) with approximately 200 branches and 7000 members in the Province. In 1969 the A.W.A., the Women's Association (W.A.) Parish Guilds and Alter Guilds merged to become the Anglican Church Women's Association (A.C.W.A.). After the restructuring of the Anglican Church in Newfoundland in 1976 the word "association" was dropped by the three new Dioceses. The A.C.W., corresponding to the Diocesan boundaries of the Anglican Church in Newfoundland, is divided into three sectors. St. Matthew's Branch of the A. C. W. closed in January of 2003 because of a lack of members

Source: ACW, St. Matthew's fonds; The Encyclopaedia of Newfoundland and Labrador

Custodial history

Upon the closure of the ACW at Trouty the records were given to the Archives of the Trinity Historical Society for safe keeping.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of minutes and attendance records of the ACWA - ACW meetings 1969 - 2004; accounts 1968 - 2004; listings of goods given out for sales 1968 - 2003; receipt books 1965 - 2003; roll call 1973 - 2003.; correspondence; certificates; annual reports; miscellaneous. The ACW flag.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance

Donated by a minute of the last meeting of St. Matthew's, Trouty, ACW 2004.

Location: Church Records Box 17 and 17a

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Finding Aid

A Detailed finding aid is available

The Anglican Parish of Bonavista fonds. - 1786 - 1835. - 5 cm

Administrative history

In 1723, Rev. Henry Jones was appointed the first residing clergyman in Bonavista, three years later he established the first school in Newfoundland. In 1736, the first Anglican Church was built and during his first eight years he baptized 119 people.

In 1740, Rev. W. Peasley was appointed Rector of the Parish. After his departure in 1744 there was no resident clergyman at Bonavista for the next seventy years and services were carried out by three devoted laymen: Abraham Ackerman, Thomas Gaylor and Dr. Clinch.

The second church was built by a Mr. Joseph Brown at his own expense in the year 1822 and the third church was built during the ministry of Rev. A. E. C. Bayley in 1862, the fourth church in 1931 and the present church during the ministry of Rev. Charles Green.

Source: Administrative history provided by Rev. Darrogh Fagan, Rector of the Parish of Bonavista.

Custodial history

The custodianship of the records is not known. It is speculated that the records of marriage for this time period were recorded at Trinity, as according to the Marriage Act that is included with this record the clergyman in Bonavista would have to report any marriages in his parish to the clergyman in Trinity in order that they be recorded in accordance with the Act.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of photocopies of baptisms, marriages and burials for the Parish of Bonavista, 1786 - 1834 and an original register of marriages for a variety of churches on the Bonavista Peninsula, mostly from the Bonavista Bay area, 1825 - 1835. The first part of the record contains a handwritten note on the Marriage Act as passed by Parliament in the Fifth year of George IV, Chapter LXVIII, Section VI. According to the law anyone performing a marriage after March 25, 1825 is supposed to deliver to either the Secretary of the Governor or to the incumbent or officiating minister of some church or chapel of the established church of England in the towns of St. John=s, Harbour Grace or Trinity a certificate of marriage. This is then to be entered into a marriage register and is to be kept at that site.

Notes

Supplied title based on documentation in the fonds.

Location: The photocopies have been placed in protective sleeves and are located in a black binder. Original records held in Church Records Box 15.

Finding aid A detailed finding aid is available

EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS

The Colonial and Continental Church Society fonds - 1825 - 1900 - 2 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Society was known by various names at one time or another. Beginning as the Society for Educating the Poor of Newfoundland, it in turn adopted the names of the Newfoundland School Society, the School Society of Newfoundland and British North America, the Church of England School Society for Newfoundland and the Colonies, the Colonial Church and School Society and Colonial and Continental Church Society (CCCS).

The Society was formed in 1823 as a result of the energy and interest of a young English merchant, Samuel Codner. The chief aim of the Society was to communicate free instruction to the poor inhabitants of all denominations of the Colony. There was, however an obvious bias in favour of the Anglican Church.

The Society's first school was established in St. John's. By 1826 a school was established in Trinity.

The *Mercantile Journal*, in a lengthy article, had this to say in 1826:

“At Trinity, where the Master arrived in June last, the Magistrates kindly offered him the temporary use of the Court House, for a School Room, in which he had, up to the latest accounts received thence, admitted about 100 children, who have made considerable progress in Education. Mr. Fleet, under whose care this school is placed has been indefatigable in the performance of his duties, and thereby secured the marked approval of all the inhabitants of Trinity. The people, feeling the want of a School House at Trinity, have lately held a Public Meeting, at which £100 was subscribed - an eligible spot of ground has been liberally bestowed by Messrs. Garlands, for the purposes of the Society, and the poor inhabitants have agreed to bring from the Forests during the Winter months the necessary timber for the frame of a suitable building; to these laudable efforts, the Society has added a grant of £100, which, it is expected, will enable the people to erect a House sufficiently large for the admission of all the poor Children of Trinity, and the adjacent Creeks, in the course of the present year.

Source: The History of Education in Newfoundland by Fred W. Rowe. The Ryerson Press, Toronto p. 38 ff

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Custodial History

This record was inherited by the THS Archives from the goodwill of various culturally minded people of the community.

Scope and Content

The fonds consist of a 'school account' book, 1825 - 1900, annotated with brief accounts of various local names and their involvement with and their generosity towards the CCCS.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance

Trinity Church of England Board of Education fonds. - 1898 - 1958. - 9 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Trinity Church of England School Board was formed c.1883, for the purpose of administering the schools of the Parish of Trinity. Schools which came under the jurisdiction of the Board were at Trinity, Lockston, Goose Cove, Dunfield, Trouty, Spaniard=s Cove, Old Bonaventure, New Bonaventure, Kerley=s Harbour, British Harbour, Delby=s Cove and Little Harbour, Ireland=s Eye and Traytown and Ivanhoe.

School Boards were established as a result of the Education Act of 1876 which stated that schools would be administered by local denominational boards under the supervision of superintendents. The 1876 Act consolidated previous legislation, under which the government=s education grant was divided equally between the Protestant and Roman Catholic Church for the administration of schools. Denominational education was entrenched under Term 17 of the Terms of Union in 1949, which confirmed the right of Churches to own and operate their own schools.

The school boards came directly under the Parish, the rector serving as chair of the Board for the parish. The Boards were responsible for organizing elementary education within their district. They built and maintained the school buildings, hired the teachers, maintained the accounts, conducted regular meetings, and made regular reports to the superintendent.

From 1962 to 1969 Trinity and Trinity East - Port Rexton Boards were combined and came under one administration. In 1969 all the Protestant denominations in Newfoundland amalgamated, reducing the number of boards from 229 to 22. The school board for the whole region has since been headquartered in Clarenville.

Source: Minutes of the board; Newfoundland Education Act 1876; Trinity-Port Rexton Board of Education Minutes.

Custodial history

These records were kept and maintained at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of an account book, 1898 - 1949, and minutes of the meetings of the board from 1903 - 1958.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance

Donated by Rev. G. Colbourne, Rector of the Parish of Trinity, July 2000.

St. Paul=s School, Trinity fonds. - 1902 - 1970. - 54 cm textual records

Administrative history

St. Paul=s School, Trinity was an all-grade school administered by the Trinity Church of England Board of Education. It combined the former Commercial School and the grade schools. Until 1912, and the opening of the new school building, the school operated out of the Parish Hall. The school registers indicate that St. Paul=s was mainly considered a high school - named on many of the registers, Trinity High - with the primary grades being referred to as the APrimary Department@. Up until the early 1960s the three-room school took students from the primary grades to grade 11. In 1962 a regional high school opened at Port Rexton, and the School Boards of Trinity and Trinity East - Port Rexton were brought under the same administration. St. Paul=s continued as an elementary school. It closed in the early 1970s.

Source: St. Paul=s School Trinity fonds; School Building Committee fonds.

Custodial history

Records were held by the Trinity Historical Society at the school until the building was purchased by an individual. They were transferred to the old Methodist School for storage, and subsequently deposited with the Trinity Historical Society Archives.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of primary and high school registers for attendance, studies pursued and payments, 1902 - 1970, student report cards for 1946 – 1961 and log books for 1944 - 1948.

Notes

Location: Education Boxes 2 and 3 (registers) and 5 (report cards).

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

**New School Building Committee (Trinity), minute book. - 1908 - 1912.
- 1 cm textual records**

Administrative history

The New School Building Committee was formed in 1908 for the purpose of erecting a Church of England school building for the general high school, which at that time was held in the Parish Hall, on the first floor. The committee was made up of members of the Board of Education, Trinity and members from St. Paul=s congregation, with the Rector of the Parish, Rev. C.W. Hollands as chair. The new school building was completed in 1912.

Source: New School Building Committee minute book.

Custodial history

The minute book was kept and maintained at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity.

Scope and content

The minute book records the meetings relating to the planning, raising funds for and building of the new high school building for Trinity.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by Rev. G. Colbourne, Rector of the Parish of Trinity, July 2000.

Location: Education Box 1.

Trinity North Board of Education fonds. - 1880 - 1919. - 4 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Trinity North Board of Education was established in 1880, as the board for the parish of Trinity East. By 1912, following the establishment of the community of Port Rexton, the board assumed that name. The board administered a high school in Port Rexton and grade schools on the North Side, Port Rexton, Salmon Cove (now Champney=s) East and West and English Harbour. From 1962-1969 Trinity and Trinity East-Port Rexton (formerly Trinity North) were temporarily combined under one administration. In 1969 the Protestant school boards amalgamated, decreasing the number of boards from 229 to 22. The school board for the whole region has since been headquartered in Clarenville.

Source: Minutes of the Board; Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador; Trinity-Port Rexton School Board Minute Book.

Custodial history

The records were kept and maintained at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of a minute book for 1881 - 1913 containing minutes of meetings of the board and copies of correspondence, 1880 - 1896, and accounts of the board for 1884 - 1919.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by Rev. G. Colbourne, Rector of the Parish of Trinity, July 2000.

Location: Education Box 1.

**Trinity - Port Rexton School Board Minute Book. - 1962 - 1969. - 2
cm. textual records**

Administrative history

The Trinity - Port Rexton School Board was formed in 1961 or 62 as a combined board serving the two parishes. Meetings were held at the newly-opened Bishop White High School, the senior school for the region. The board administered schools at Dunfield, Trinity, Goose Cove, Trinity East, Port Rexton, Champney=s East and Champney=s West and English Harbour. In 1969 the Protestant denominations amalgamated reducing the number of boards from 229 - 22. Trinity-Port Rexton subsequently came under the regional school board at Clarendville.

Source: Trinity-Port Rexton School Board Minute Book.

Custodial history

The records were kept and maintained at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity.

Scope and content

Minutes of the monthly meetings of the board.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by Rev. G. Colbourne, Rector of the Parish of Trinity, July 2000.

Location: Education Box 1.

St. Matthew=s School, Trouty fonds. - 1913 - 1967. - 30 cm textual records

Administrative history

The first school was established at Trouty by the mid-19th century. Under the Trinity Church of England Board of Education a new school was built in 1912 - 13. In 1957 this school, in turn, was replaced with a new school, built close to the same site. Up to the mid-1950s the school had students in all grades up to grade 11. After 1965 there was a sharp decline in the school age population, and the highest grade taught was grade 7. High school students were bussed to a larger school in the area. The school closed in the late 1960s.

Source: St. Matthews School, Trouty fonds; Board of Education, Trinity fonds; Clarence Dewling.

Custodial history

The logbook was kept and maintained at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity. The registers were stored by the Trinity Historical Society in the old Methodist School in Trinity prior to being deposited in the archives.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of a school logbook for 1913 - 1915, which provides details of the school=s day-to-day operation; school registers for 1929 - 1967; and student report cards from 1947 -1961.

Notes

The logbook was donated by Rev. G. Colbourne, Rector of the Parish of Trinity, July 2000.

Location: Education Box 1 (logbook), 4 (registers) and 5 (report cards).

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

Church of England School, Goose Cove fonds. - 1948 - 1967. - 3 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Church of England school at Goose Cove was established in 1909. Miss A. Bartlett was appointed as teacher for the half year from January - June the following year, teaching for the remainder of the year at Spaniard=s Cove, Trinity Bay. Goose Cove continued as a year-round all-grade school, until the regional high school opened at Port Rexton in the early 1960s. The school continued as an elementary school until it closed in the late 1960s.

Source: Board of Education, Trinity, Minutes; Goose Cove School fonds.

Custodial history

The records were stored by the Trinity Historical Society in the old Methodist School in Trinity prior to being transferred to the archives.

Scope and content

These small fonds consist of a school register for 1966 - 1967 and 3 pupil report cards for 1947 - 1964.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance

Location: Education Box 4 (registers) and 5 (report cards).

Church of England School, Lockston fonds. - 1902. 0.2 cm textual records

Custodial history

The material in these fonds was donated by Mrs. Alma Ottenheimer in the year 2000 from the estate of the late G. R. Ottenheimer.

Scope and content

School register for 1902.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance

Location: Education Box 4 (registers)

Dunfield School Records Fonds. - 1900 - 1902, 1973, 1974. – 1.5 cm textual records

Administrative history

Dunfield use to have two schools, and Anglican and a United. He Anglican Church is currently the ACW Hall and the United Church is currently the home of Ms. Maureen Spurrell (formerly the Lions Club Hall). Both schools were later integrated into the Integrated School at Dunfield.

Custodial history

These records were donated by Ms. Vernie Clarke in 2004.

Scope and content

Consist of four registers for the years 1900 - 1902, 1973, and 1974.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance

Location: Education Box 4 (registers)

Ragged Island Lighthouse Fonds 1910-1954. 14cm textual records.

Ragged Island is located in Smith Sound, Trinity Bay. The lighthouse on the Island was operated by a lighthouse keeper until the mid 1950's. The first seven entries in the log books are by Leonder Gardner, then on May 8th, 1911 James Toop Sr. is the light keeper. James Toupe III passed on the duties of lighthouse keeper on June 30, 1927 to his son James Andrew Toope, IV. On October 21, 1931 a new lighting system was installed, there was no longer a need to light and extinguish the kerosene oil lamp everyday. A new system using acetylene gas provided a signal automatically and for longer periods of time. Every year after the new gas light was installed the light was extinguished from mid-January to mid-April as there was little travel by boat during those months.

James A. Toope held the position which mainly consisted of record keeping until 1955 when his grandson Charles (Charlie) Dewling Toope took over. From 1984 until 1998 Cyril Toope was in charge of maintenance of the light unit, he would go climb the island periodically to change the batteries and check to ensure that things were in working order. In 1998 when a new solar panel light was installed Cyril Toope received a letter stating that his service of checking the lighthouse was no longer necessary.

Custodial history

These records were donated to the Society by Cyril and Norma Toope in 2014. Cyril Toope is the grandson of Charles Toope Sr., the last light house keeper on Ragged Island. They were found in the house of Charles and Mary Toope when their children cleaned out their house after Mary's death in 2011.

Scope and content

These files contain books with a daily account of when the light was lit, when it was extinguished how much oil was consumed, and a note of the weather for that day. The style of book and information changed in 1931 when a new light system was installed.

The material has been divided in to two series', the first one being a chronological list of log books and the second series is a list of materials at the lighthouse on May 9, 1911.

Series 1: Lighthouse Log Books 1910 - 1954

Series 2: List of Supplies

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May 9, 1911 - Leonder Gardner is likely to have taken a list of the supplies at the light
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station before he left and James Toop Sr. took over.

Notes:

Supplied title based on provenance. Information also received from Cyril Toope.

These records were donated to the Society by Cyril and Norma Toope in 2014. Cyril Toope is the grandson of Charles Toope Sr., the last light house keeper on Ragged Island. They were found in the house of Charles and Mary Toope when their children cleaned out their house after Mary's death in 2011.

References:

Toope Family Tree

Flower that Bloomed on Ragged Island – Josephine Johnson

COURTS AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Northern District Court, Trinity fonds. - 1753 - 1962. - 82.0 cm textual records

Administrative history

During the early migratory fishery Trinity was governed by Fishing Admirals, who were empowered to settle disputes among fishermen according to local customs and traditions. In 1729, by royal proclamation, the commander of the naval convoy in Newfoundland became the governor of the colony. As the crown's representative in Newfoundland, Governors appointed winter magistrates, Justices of the Peace, to maintain law and order outside the fishing season. The first magistrates at Trinity were Jacob Tavernor and Francis Squibb, appointed in 1729. Initially the magistrates' authority was challenged by the migratory fishermen, but as prominent merchants received appointments as Justices, the system gradually became respected, even though it had very little basis in law. By 1753 the magistrates presided over General Quarter Sessions to deal with civil disputes and from 1766 onwards, more serious complaints were heard annually in Surrogate Court, presided over by Naval Officers who were sent by the Naval Governors. By 1775 a local gaol was built at Trinity.

In 1791, a Court of Civil Jurisdiction was established in Newfoundland by an act of British Parliament, and John Clinch was appointed as a stipendiary magistrate at Trinity. By 1809 this Court had become permanent and was legally described as the Supreme Court of Newfoundland. The Court at Trinity was part of the Northern District Circuit. The stipendiary magistrates had both ministerial and judicial authority. They were able to receive information and complaints for indictable offences which could only be tried in Supreme Court; and as well they presided at the Court of Quarter Sessions, which tried offenders in summary criminal and civil cases. The Supreme Court held regular sessions to handle cases which came under its jurisdiction. There was a resident magistrate at Trinity until the late 1930s, after which time the magistrate at Bonavista held Court at Trinity as necessary. Nehemiah Short was the last magistrate with an office in Trinity.

In the 1970s, Provincial Court Judges replaced the former magistrates, and the Court was centralized at Clarendville. Judge Coulton continued to preside over the Provincial Court at Trinity until the late 1980s. The last regular sitting of the Supreme Court at Trinity was held on September 5, 1947.

Source: Keith Matthews, *Lectures on the History of Newfoundland*; Prowse, *Justice's Manual*; Gordon Handcock, *History of Trinity*.

Custodial history

The files that make up these fonds were located in the Court House at Trinity, built 1903. They were transferred to the home of Mr. Rupert Morris, former president of the Trinity Historical Society, and in 1996 to the Trinity Historical Society Archives. Some were also donated by

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Shirley Randell in May 2005.

Scope and content

The records in this fonds originated in the offices of the court of the Northern District Court at Trinity. The material represents almost 200 years of the administration of justice in the district. Included with the original material is a series of early court proceedings, 1753 - 1774, copied from the original records held at the Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador (PANL). The fonds includes records of the Trinity Magistrates= Office from 1830 - 1901; commissions and appointments of Justices of the Peace, 1837 - 1930; wills and land transfers, 1755 - 1924; appointment calendars for the magistrates office at Trinity, 1907 - 1931; Acts of Parliament and Orders in Council, 1833 - 1904; voters= lists for 1835, 1836, 1865 and 1962; commissioner of roads, 1833 - 1944; poor relief, 1833 - 1930; census records, 1911 - 1921 and land grants, 1834 - 1932.

Notes

Supplied title based on content.

The original records were transferred to the Trinity Historical Society Archives from the home of Mr. Rupert Morris in 1996. The photocopied material was collected and donated to the archives by Walter G. C. White, before 1976.

Location: Court Records Box 1-4, 6-8

Series 1: Trinity District Court Records. - 1753 - 1774. - 6 cm

From 1753 onwards, General Quarter Sessions were held at the court to settle civil disputes. The sessions were presided over by the Justices, who during this period, included Thomas Warden, John Garrett Blake, Samuel Harris, and Benjamin Lester. From 1766 a surrogate court was held annually to handle more serious complaints. It was presided over by Naval Officers acting as deputies of the Naval Governor and included Richard Edwards, Richard Locke and John Cartwright.

The series consists of photocopies of records of the Court of the District of Trinity, 1753 - 1774, consisting of the judicial proceedings of the Justices of the Peace of the district of Trinity and of the deputy governors; also included are instructions for constables; warrants; complaints and adjudications. There is also a list of residents 1753; vessel entrances and other information.

Series 2: Trinity District Magistrates= Office Records. - 1836 - 1901. - 21 cm

This series contains the ministerial and judicial records of the office of the Stipendiary Magistrate at Trinity, from 1836 - 1901. The records include correspondence, examinations, information and complaints, recognisances, oaths of office, orders of execution to collect, sentences. summons, warrants, complaints,

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bonds, petitions and licence bonds respecting the sale of liquor.

Series 3: Justice of the Peace documents. - 1837 - 1930. - 2 cm

The series consists of commissions and appointments of Justices of the Peace at Trinity, 1849 - 1930; John B. Garland Bill of Sale of a public landing to Benjamin Sweetland, JP, 1851; Correspondence with Justices Benjamin Sweetland, 1837 - 1862 and Frederick Somerton, 1926 -1930; and regulations relating to Customs, 1882.

Series 4: Wills and land transfers. - 1755 - 1924. - 3.5 cm

Wills and land transfers of residents of the district of Trinity.

Series 5: Magistrates= Office Calendars. - 1907 - 1931. - 6 cm (3 volumes)

The series contains three volumes for the magistrate office at Trinity, 1907 - 1931, The calendars list the cases to be tried or heard by the magistrate giving the name, age, occupation and address of the defendant, the name of the plaintiff, cause of action, judgement and fines levied.

Series 6: Acts of Parliament and Orders in Council. - 1833 - 1904. - 6.5 cm

The series contains original copies of the Acts of the British Parliament, 1810, 1833 -1892, Colonial Acts and Newfoundland Acts, for the use of the Court of Quarter Sessions at Trinity. A number of the acts are annotated by the magistrate. The series includes Orders in Council, 1899 and 1904, which contain the rules and regulations for carrying out specific Acts.

Series 7: Voters= Lists. - 1835 - 1962. - 3 cm

Under the Elections Act, 1893 (based on earlier legislation) justices were required, every four years, to make out lists of all the inhabited places within their district and to list all eligible voters residing in each location. The series consists of four voter's lists for the years 1835, 1836, 1865 and 1962. The early lists are for the District of Trinity.

Series 8: Commissioner of Roads. - 1833 - 1944. - 2 cm

The commissioner of roads was appointed by the government to see that the roads in the community were kept in a good state of repair. The commissioner would see that each man helped with the upkeep of the road by providing labour. The series contains a copy of a commissioner of roads record book, 1835 - 1943,

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a list of provisions that were provided to the King=s Cove Road Board, 1871 and a letter from the Department of Public Works to Andrew Green appointing him to the local roads committee, 1944

Series 9: Poor Relief. - 1833 - 1930 (inclusive), 1913 - 1930 (predominant) – 4.5 cm

This series contains an account and receipt of potatoes that were dispersed to the poor and other necessary persons for planting, 1833, list of those who are considered permanent poor by Dr. Shea, 1870 - 1871, list of people on poor relief during winter of 1898, and people receiving poor relief between 1913 - 1930.

Series 10: Census Records. - 1753 - 1921. - 6.5 cm

This series consists of census records for 1753, 1756, 1757, 1800, 1911, 1917 and 1921 and records various information such as names, ages, number of fishing rooms, names of proprietors, number of members in the family, servants, wages, number of boats, nationality, religion, occupation and types of animals that are kept as livestock.

Series 11: Land grants. - 1834 - 1932, 2002, 2004. - 2.5 cm

This series consists of documents that show pieces of land that were purchased by individuals from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador as well as land surveys.

Series 12: Custom House records. - 1809 - 1814. - 0.5 cm

This series details the inspection of ships before they leave Trinity and includes a listing of the ships cargo.

Finding Aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

Trinity Police Station fonds. - 1935 - 1950. - 8 cm (4 volumes) textual records

Administrative history

Constables were first appointed at Trinity in 1729 to assist the magistrate in keeping the peace. The Newfoundland Constabulary was established in 1871 and thereafter a member of the force was stationed at Trinity. The constable was responsible for the area from English Harbour to Popes Harbour including Ireland=s Eye. The last resident constable at Trinity was Constable John Baggs. After confederation with Canada the duties of the constabulary were assumed by the RCMP. The offices of the constabulary and the gaol were in the Court House. The constable occupied an apartment on the second and third floors.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of three volumes entitled A Police Diaries@, 1935-1950 and a book containing notes from a Training School of the Newfoundland Constabulary, kept by Constable John P. Baggs, October 1944. The fonds are arranged in three series.

Notes

Supplied title based on content of the fonds.
Location: Court Records Box 9.

Series 1: Police Diaries. - 1935 - 1950. - 8 cm (3 volumes)

The Police Diaries record in detail the reports of the police officers stationed at Trinity. Details on investigations and police statements make up the majority of the entries. There are also comments of a more general nature relating to the town and area. From October 1940 the entries were made by the last Constable at Trinity, John P. Baggs.

Series 2: Firearms and Ammunition Returns. 1940. - 1 cm

A record of firearms and ammunition that the police would lend out to hunters within their jurisdiction in order that these hunters could hunt for ducks and murrens during the winter and spring. The firearms and any unused ammunition would have to be returned to the police at the end of the hunting season.

Series 3: Newfoundland Constabulary AIn Service Training School@ / John P. Baggs. - 1944. - 2 cm (1 volume)

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John P. Baggs was a member of the Newfoundland Constabulary. He was stationed at Trinity from 1940 to 1950.

The book was left at the police station when it was vacated. It was removed with the rest of the records when the office was cleared out.

The volume contains notes supplied by John P. Baggs on a series of lectures at the Newfoundland Constabulary Training School, held in September 1944. The lectures provide information on all aspects of law enforcement as it related to the duties of members of the Constabulary.

Series 4: Certificate of Recognition for John P. Baggs

This certificate was given to John P. Baggs from the Royal Canadian Air Force in acknowledgment of valuable service for his voluntarily service rendered as a member of the Aircraft Detection Corps during World War II.

This was given to him in St. John's on April 15th, 1945

Finding Aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

Northern District Court, Bonavista fonds. - 1897 - 1949. - 20.5 cm textual records

Custodial history

The records were given to Walter G. C. White by Magistrate Coulton, when he became a Provincial Court Judge and was transferred out of Bonavista to the Court at Clarenville.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of 5 volumes of proceedings of the summary court at Bonavista, 1945 - 1949; Jurors Lists for 1915 - 1930; a Magistrates Office Calendar for 1908 - 1913 and Electoral Office records for 1897 - 1924 and Poor Relief records, 1908 - 1912.

Notes

Supplied title based on description.

Donated to the Trinity Historical Society Archives by Walter G. C. White.

Location: Court Records Box 5, 10 and 11.

Series 1: Bonavista District Court Proceedings. - 1945 - 1949. - 8 cm (5 volumes) textual records

Transcripts of the proceedings of the Court of Summary Jurisdiction at Bonavista from 1945 - 1949. The proceedings contain details on trials that have taken place within the district of the court. Each book also contains an alphabetical listing of names which acts as an index to the book.

Series 2: Bonavista Jury Lists, Grand and Petty. - 1915 - 1930. - 6 cm (5 volumes) textual records

The lists contain the names of person qualified to serve as Grand Jurors or Petty Jurors at the Supreme Court of Newfoundland at Bonavista. To qualify, jurors were required to reside within 7 miles of the Court House. The juror's lists provide the name, residence and occupation of each person.

Series 3: Magistrates= Office Calendar. - 1903 - 1913. - 1.5 cm (1 volume)

The calendar lists the cases to be tried or heard by the magistrate giving the name, age, occupation and address of the defendant, the name of the plaintiff, cause of action, judgement and fines levied.

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Series 4: Electoral Stations. - 1897 - 1924. - 4 cm (3 volumes)

The series consists of three books dated 1897, 1908 and 1923 - 24, which list the electoral stations and returning officers in the electoral district of Bonavista, the poll clerks and a poll by poll account of votes. The books also include election ballots counted and returns.

Series 5: Poor Relief. - 1908 - 1912. - 1 cm

List of people that are receiving poor relief from the returning officer at Bonavista.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Blackledge Club, Port Rexton fonds. – 1921 – 1963. – 17.55 cm

Administrative history

The Blackledge Club was formed in 1919 and lasted until 1966. The Club met and formed in the school at Port Rexton and was a debating and social club for Anglican Church members (men only) between the ages of 17 and 55. The records are very detailed, including the building of the Club Hall as well as they provide a wonderful glimpse of history by way of listing the various topics of debate over the years. The nights alternated between debates and card games, with an occasional social.

Custodial history

The records of the Blackledge Club were kept in the custody of Max Rex who was the last secretary for the Blackledge Club in Port Rexton. His son, David Rex gave the records to Fred Rex who kept them until 2010 when they were donated to the Trinity Historical Society Archives.

Scope and Content

The fonds consist of administrative and organizational records of the Blackledge Club from 1921 to 1963. These include the objectives of the Club; minutes of meetings, annual list of members, and income and expenditures for the Club each year.

Series 1: Minutes, Annual list of Members, and Statement of Income and Expenditures. – 1921 – 1963.

Series consist of eight record books containing the minutes of the club. In the back of each book contains the annual list of members along with the statement of income and expenditures for each year.

Location: The Blackledge Club, Port Rexton Records Boxes 1 and 2

The Trinity Benefit Club fonds. - 1838 -2011 . – 34.5 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Trinity Benefit Club was formed in February 1838, at a meeting held in the old Court House at Trinity, by Reverend William Bullock, incumbent of the Trinity Mission, and other members of the town. At the first meeting 76 people were enrolled in the club, officers were elected. and Rev. Bullock became the first president. The purpose of the club was to provide relief and assistance to members and their families in case of sickness and death. The club received its present name in 1846, being previously known as The Trinity Club and the Independence Club. The club was non-denominational and was *Athe very essence of brotherhood@*. The Club flag, which was probably designed by Rev. William Bullock, depicts the shamrock, thistle and rose joined in unity. Membership in the club was open to male residents within a certain age range, who resided within the area from English Harbour to British Harbour. The club continues to meet twice a year on Candlemas Day and All Saint=s Day. The Trinity Benefit Club is unique to Trinity. With no outside affiliation it has maintained a healthy financial record and strong membership for over 160 years. In 2003 the club celebrated its 165th anniversary.

Source: The Trinity Benefit Club fonds.

Custodial history

The records of the Trinity Benefit were kept in the custody of the officials of the Club until 1999 when they were donated to the Trinity Historical Society Archives.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of the administrative and organizational records of the Trinity Benefit Club from its inception in 1838, until the present. The bound volumes include the original rules and regulations of the club, minutes of meetings, treasurer's accounts, enrollment, dues, and benefits. The files contain correspondence, applications and proposals for membership, notes and loose accounts, as well as clippings and photographs from the 150th Anniversary celebration of the club in 1988 and its 165th Anniversary in 2003. One file contains material on the Trinity Benefit Club collected and created by Walter G. C. White. It includes news clippings, some extracts from Slade Diaries, Centennial posters, Rules and Regulations and a scrapbook on the History of the Trinity Club by Rev. Canon Lockyer, which includes photographs of many of its presidents.

The records have been organized in four series: Series 1, Rules, regulations and minutes, 1838 - 1984; Series 2, Treasurer=s records, 1838 - 1956; Series 3, Membership, 1911 - 1966; Series 4, General files, 1869 - .

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Donated by the Trinity Benefit Club.

Two flags of the Trinity Benefit Club are also in the possession of the archives.

Further accruals are expected.

Location: Trinity Benefit Club Records Box.

Series 1: Rules, Regulations and Minutes. - 1838 – 1877, 1906 - 1984. - 10 cm

Series consists of six bound volumes containing the minutes of the club. These volumes record the establishment of the club in 1838, the rules and regulations, listing of the founding members, correspondence and letters of sympathy to member's families, payment of sick benefits to members, list of elected officers each year and the payment of their annual dues.

Series 2: Treasurers records. - 1838 - 1956. - 6 cm

The series consists of the accounts of the club maintained by the treasurer. Included in the two volumes, 1838 - 1877 and 1877 - 1956, are bank accounts, members names alphabetically, treasurer=s accounts, income and payments on account of sick and deceased members.

Series 3: Membership. - 1911 - 1966. - 7cm

Series consists of 2 volumes which record enrollments, dues and fines.

Series 4: General files. - 1869 - . - 8cm

Printed rules and regulations, 1838, 1869, 1902, 1903 and 1926; applications and correspondence, and promotional material, clippings and photographs of the 150th, 170th and 180th Anniversary Celebrations. Walter G. C. White file containing historical notes and information on the Trinity Club, and Rev. Canon Lockyer History of the Trinity Club, which includes photographs of club presidents.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Company Limited fonds. - 1888 - 1924. – 34.3 cm textual records

Administrative history

The rules of the Trinity Mutual Insurance Club were adopted at a meeting of vessel owners and masters at Trinity on March 17, 1888. R. S. Bremner, merchant of Trinity was elected the first chair of the club. The club was formed to insure vessel owners against marine risk. Membership in the club was open to owners or legal representatives of British registered decked vessels who resided in the south side of Trinity Bay, from Catalina to Seal Cove. Insurance was restricted to vessels employed in the coasting trade, not including sealing or [foreign] trading vessels. In 1901 the name changed to the Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Club. In 1907 the rules were amended and the club was incorporated as the Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Company Limited. The purpose of the club was to insure on the mutual principal against every description of marine risk; to establish different classes of insuring members; to acquire real property for the purpose of the company; to satisfy claims; to carry on the business of the company; to secure funds; to trade shares and securities for the company. For the purpose of registration the company was said to have 300 members. In 1899 the club insured 224 schooners with a combined tonnage of 8459 tons, valued at 185,122 pounds. The Company reached its peak in 1909 with a high of 368 vessels insured. From that time on, membership began to decline and by 1920 there were only 88 vessels insured... In 1923 the company, having too few members to bear further losses, went into voluntary liquidation. Source: Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Company Limited fonds; Rupert Morris family history.

Custodial history

The records of the Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Company Limited were interfiled with the Trinity Historical Society subject files. The files were removed in 2000 and described as a separate fonds. The records were in the possession of S. Rupert Morris, the former president of the THS. His father, Frederick J. Morris, was the last secretary of the company.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of the Articles of Association, Rules and Regulations of the Company from 1888 - 1918; statements of protest, 1890 - 1919, which provide the evidence for individual claims, giving details of the event surrounding the loss of each vessel, as well as naming all those involved in the event; invoices and correspondence, 1897 - 1914; and published lists of vessels insured with the company from 1899 - 1923; certificate of incorporation, 1907; statements of claims and vessel losses, 1907 – 1909, 1918 - 1923; telegraphs, 1907; certificates of vessels insured, 1907 and papers relating to the loss of the *Lucille B. Creaser* of Trinity, 1924.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by S. Rupert Morris.

Dr. Ian Morris, son of S. R. Morris, placed on permanent loan with the archives telegraphs, 1907 and certificates of vessels insured, 1907 on August 8, 2001.

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Location: Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Company Limited Boxes 1 and 2.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

Women=s Patriotic Association, Trinity Branch, fonds. - 1918 - 1995 (inclusive), 1939 - 1945 (predominant). - 8 cm textual records.

Administrative history

The Women=s Patriotic Association (W. P.A.) was formed in 1914 by Lady Davidson, wife of the governor of Newfoundland. Its purpose was to provide assistance to men serving overseas and to dependents at home, by knitting garments, preparing bandages and raising funds for materials. The W.P.A. was dissolved in 1921, but was re-formed in 1939 under the direction of Lady Walwyn. The Trinity branch was formed at that time. From 1939 to 1945 members of the branch made quantities of knitted goods for men serving overseas. The branch remained active throughout the period of the second World War. In 1948 the Association disbanded. Any remaining funds were donated to the Red Cross Society.

Source: Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador; W. P.A. fonds

Scope and content

The fonds represents the Trinity branch of the WPA in Newfoundland., and consists of two printed annual reports of the WPA, Newfoundland, 1918 and 1945, a small amount of correspondence, knitting patterns and records of material issued and work returned. There is also a file of news clippings relating to members of the armed forces from the Trinity area, including some obituaries. The fonds were assembled by Rupert Morris and contained some items which have been removed.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated to the Trinity Historical Society by Rupert Morris.

Other forms of the name are The Patriotic Association of the Women of Newfoundland.

Items removed from the fonds are: a photocopy of a chart entitled "Vessels lost by enemy action, 1939 - 1945"; Fred Mifflin, MP for Bonavista Trinity Conception, Report 24 re July 1st 1996 memorial in France; *Newfoundland and Labrador, 400 Years Later: a statistical portrait*, St. John=s, 1983.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

Trinity Youth Club fonds. - 1966 - 1972. - 3 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Trinity Youth Club was established by and for the youth of Trinity in 1966. Membership was open to anyone between the ages of 12 and 19 years, who would uphold the rules and regulations of the club. The aims of the club were to provide a place of amusement and recreation for young people. The club held dances, games and tournaments. It had a formal constitution and bye laws and elected officers. The club appears to have phased out in 1972.

Source: Trinity Youth Club fonds

Scope and content

The fonds mostly consist of minutes of meetings and treasurers reports. There is a copy of the regulations and bye-laws and a small amount of correspondence, most of which is resignations of officers.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Found at the Trinity Community Centre by David R. L. White and deposited in the archives, 1999.

1st Trinity Girl Guide Company fonds. - 1943 - 2000. – 7.5 cm textual records and photographs

Administrative history

On March 26, 1943 Mrs. Sheppard, wife of the Rector of the Parish of Trinity re-established the 1st Trinity Girl Guide Company, which, at that time, had been inactive for two years. The company flourished for almost thirty years, but with the closing of the school in the early 1970s, the Guides phased out in Trinity and a company was formed in Port Rexton.

Source: Logbook; Joan Kane, interview.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of a logbook of the company with an introduction by the Chaplain, Rev. R.S. Sheppard and a record book, 1953-1968. The logbook begins March 26, 1943 and contains a detailed account of the activities of the company. On p.2 there are 8 photographs of a camp held in 1944. The final meeting recorded in the logbook was held in February, 1966. The record book contains the names of the Guides enrolled and an account of their badges etc. Instructions and advice for guides, written by Commissioner Mrs. Sullivan, is included at the back of the book. Also includes cash books, January 1962 - June 1970; attendance records, 1944 - 1950; minutes, 1957 - 1960; and correspondence.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Record book donated by Jean Morris, 2000.

Great War Veterans Association, Trinity Branch, Minute Book. - 1934-1942. - 3 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Great War Veterans Association (G.W.V.A.) was established at St. John's in March, 1914. The original name of the association was *The Returned Soldiers and Rejected Volunteers Association*. A branch of the association was formed at Trinity in November, 1934. The first chair was Dr. Barron N. Sinclair. The association sought to provide support and to assist in finding employment for ex-servicemen. During World War II (1939-1945), the G.W.V.A. assisted other organizations in providing entertainment etc. for enlisted men. In 1950 the G.W.V.A. became part of the Canadian Legion, a national organization created in 1923.

Source: G.W.V.A. Minute book; Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador

Scope and content

Minute book, 1934 - 1942.

Memorial Service outline to remember those who died in WWI and WWII, donated by Charlie Fry in June 2008.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by Cyril Hiscock, 1998.

Great War Monument Committee fonds. - 1919 - 1921. - 1 cm textual records

Administrative history

Committee formed for the purpose of raising funds and erecting a monument to Aour fallen heroes@. The first meeting held on Feb 10, 1919 in the Court House at Trinity. After raising over \$2,000 the committee felt that it would not reach its financial goal and the funds were divided between local schools at Trinity, Lockston, Dunfield and Goose Cove. The committee was dissolved Jan. 10, 1921.

Source: Minute book for the committee.

Scope and content

Minute book 1919 - 1921 and correspondence with various marble works obtaining designs and estimates for the monument.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

A monument to those who lost their lives in World War (1914-1918) was erected in 1921 in front of St. Paul=s Church. The source of funding for the monument is not known at this time. The monument was designed by Canon Lockyer.

Post Office, Ireland=s Eye fonds. - 1936 - 1960. - 5 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Post Office at Ireland=s Eye was opened in 1936. Previous to that time residents of the Island had to collect their mail from Trinity or Shoal Harbour. In 1959 residents began to move from Ireland=s Eye under the government=s resettlement program. The Post Office closed at this time.

Scope and content

The fonds contain three account books for the Post Office at Ireland=s Eye: a stamps account book, 1936-1960; a miscellaneous account book, 1936 - 1950s; duty account book, 1936-1950s. The account books were used in the operation of the Post Office at Ireland=s Eye.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

The Trinity Historical Society Vertical Files. - 1964 - 2018. - 249 cm

Administrative history

The Trinity Historical Society evolved from a committee elected as a result of a resolution made at a public meeting attended by Mr. J. R. Tucker, M.P. and chaired by Mr. Ambrose Clarke in Trinity on February 7, 1964. This committee was called the Trinity Historic Sites Committee. Its aim was to develop Fort (Admiral=s) Point and Ryder=s and Gun Hills as National Historic Sites, with the immediate areas being established as National Historic Parks. The members elected at this community meeting were Messrs Raymond M. Parsons, Harry Chaulk, Peter Coleridge, Cal Goldsworthy, Ambrose Clarke and Rupert Morris. Mr. Walter G. C. White, residing for the winter in St. John=s, declined membership on this committee because of ill health but collected relevant material and became the contact for the committee with government agencies in the city. Mr. White and Rev. Edward Hunt were named honorary members and Mr. Louis Laite joined the group at a subsequent meeting.

In addition, the group wished to reconstruct and pave the road from Dunfield to the fort and to construct and pave a road around or over Gun Hill and Ryder=s Hill. While these ideas held intrinsic value, an additional benefit was seen as bringing much needed employment to an area which was in a state of economic decline in the post- confederation era. A target date of 1967 for completion was set; this being the Centenary of Confederation. The committee also started to collect information from local, provincial, national and international sources to establish and verify various claims being made regarding Trinity=s historic resources, heritage and history.

Despite platitudes from all government departments both federal and provincial, numerous submissions to all agencies and site visits from officials, little of a substantial nature was accomplished regarding the main objective of the Committee. Nevertheless, a large and relatively unknown (to experts) collection of material was assembled by the members and many generous donors.

By 1966, the province-wide ACome Home Year@, the committee had collected more than enough material to establish an exhibit of archival material, charts, diagrams of local roads, diaries, account books, photographs and drawings of the town and ships, flags, histories etc. This exhibit was held at the Court House in the Public Building. The exhibition was prepared by the Historic Sites Committee and the Come Home Year Committee, membership being common to both. Not only was the exhibit very well received and praised, but the spectrum and volume of material collected surprised many.

Subsequently and because of the success of the exhibition and the enthusiastic support received
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from all communities in the area and of former residents it was decided by members of these

committees that a permanent museum and archives be formed. Thus, on November 21, 1966, Trinity Historical Society was established with the following members present: - Rupert Morris, President; Louis Laite, Secretary-Treasurer; Walter White, Corresponding Secretary; and members

Raymond M. Parsons, Peter Coleridge and Calvert Goldsworthy. At the next meeting, Messrs. N. Stuart Fraser, Cyril Hiscock, Norman Macfie and Clarence B. Dewling (Mount Pearl), were added to the membership. By 1968 the membership had expanded to include: Rev. G. W. Ethridge, Ada L. Green, Margaret Parsons, Stella E. White and from St. John=s, Marie Eriksen, Mary M. White and Ross Batson. All those named are considered to be founding members.

By November 26, 1971, the date on which Trinity Historical Society was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization; it had acquired additional property next to the museum and had greatly expanded both its collection of artifacts for the museum and archival material. The Society and its activities had by now received provincial and national recognition and correspondence was being exchanged world-wide.

Finally in 1978 a one and one-half million dollar project was announced stating that Trinity was to be a Heritage Village@. However, the extent of federal and provincial funding was insufficient to cover the full cost of the undertaking and the project was renamed @The Trinity Restoration Project@ for the length of its existence which ended in 1983. As a result of the project many older buildings including the Parish Hall, the Court House (Public Building), and the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches and the Mortuary Chapel were refurbished on their exterior, private dwellings were supplied with wood roof shingles, the Wesleyan/Methodist School (SUF Hall) was acquired and refurbished, a start was made on reconstructing the Garland Shop (Ryan=s), the Hiscock House was acquired and restored to the 1910 period, and a private dwelling was purchased and later moved to the Historic Site, remodelled and opened as the Interpretation Centre, and contracts were let for research on various aspects of the history of Trinity.

Once the Trinity Restoration Project was underway, the prime task of the Trinity Historical Society was to maintain and operate the museum and archives and to provide advice to researchers and the project as required. The Society was also actively engaged in planning future projects, especially those dealing with expansion of its facilities because both the museum and archives were overflowing with material and because the restoration or reconstruction of historic sites and buildings, particularly the Fort, the Lester-Garland House and portions of the Lester-Garland Provincial Historical Site were taking place.

The Society was particularly pleased and surprised in 1990 to receive the donation of the Green Family Forge from Ada L. Nemec. Although the Greens operated a blacksmith business in

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Trinity prior to 1770, the present building was built in the 1890s and functioned until 1955. Along with the building came the tools of the trade and about fifteen hundred (1500) artifacts. The building has been refurbished and the artifacts treated and preserved. It was opened to the public in

1991. Mrs. Nemeč also proposed in 1995 that she donate her Grandparents home and her collection of toys, dolls, needlework, and china to the Society. This offer has been accepted and plans are being prepared to establish the house as a blacksmith=s home incorporating exhibits of toys, needlework and china and to establish a display garden of vegetables, flowers, berries and shrubs on the property.

In 1996, the Society purchased the Court House, Gaol and General Building from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and during 1997 opened an office and archives. Most of the archival textual materials, including books, journals, newspapers, ledgers, maps and charts and office files etc., as well as photographic materials not on display elsewhere have been relocated from the Museum, the homes of S. R. Morris and David White, the Methodist School and other locations to the Archives. This material was arranged, catalogued and organized during the summers of 1997 and 1998 and a finding aid created for the material. In 2000, Sheila Vokey arranged the black and white photographs according to Rules for Archival Description (RAD) and Roberta Thomas, contract archivist, arranged the textual material. In 2001 the office and archives moved to the Lester-Garland House.

Source: Administrative History taken from notes written by David R. L. White, President of Trinity Historical Society.

Custodial history

The vertical files consist mainly of magazine and newspaper clippings on various topics of interest. These clippings were saved by members of the Trinity Historical Society since its formation in 1964 with each topic receiving a file folder. The material was originally housed in the home of Stephen Rupert Morris, it was then relocated to the Courthouse, Gaol and General Building in 1996 when the Society opened an office and archives, in 2001 the archives was moved to the Lester - Garland House. In 2000, a contract archivist removed all original documents from the vertical files and added them to their respective fonds. In 2001, the contract archivist removed any materials that were related to the Stephen Rupert Morris fonds or the Walter G. C. White fonds. The remainder of the material that was left formed the vertical files. According to archival policy all magazine and newspaper clippings have been photocopied and the originals destroyed.

Location: Trinity Historical Society Vertical Files, Drawers 1 and 2.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

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Royal Albert Lodge, Loyal Orange Association Fonds, 1903 - 1965. 20.7 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Loyal Orange Association (L.O.A.) was established in 1873. The first meeting of the L.O.A. was held in a store owned by James Morris & Sons. on December 18th, 1873. The first officers appointed were as follows: Frank Knight, Worshipful Master; George Christian, Deputy Master; Robert Morris, Secretary; William Crocker, Treasurer; Benjamin Miller, Chaplain; and William DeGrish, Joseph Morris, William Frampton, John Fowlow and Henry Watts as committee members.

The L.O.A. hall was built and opened February 10th, 1875 conjointly by the Sons of Temperance (S.O.T.) and the L.O.A. for the use of both societies. Later, when the S.O.T. gave up its charter, as a goodwill gesture, they also gave up their part title to the Orange Hall. The Royal Albert Lodge #12 was built next to old the Courthouse on Gun Hill and later St. Paul's School. The hall was changed in 1915 when the spires on both ends were removed and gothic windows were replaced.

On July 4th, 1876 the by-laws were revised and adapted and three hundred copies were ordered to be printed. A band was formed and eventually got disbanded until the 1930's when Arthur Hiscock got the boys from the community together and formed a band again. The band would play for the Orange Society, the Society of United Fishermen #49, the Trinity Benefit Club for their annual parade on Candlemas's Day as well as the Sunday School summer picnics.

Source: Walter White Files

Scope and content

The fonds contains four books of by-laws for the Royal Albert Lodge No. 12 for 1903, 1904 and 1906; Constitution and Laws of the Loyal Orange Association of British America for 1904; an Official Directory of Recognized and Constituted Lodges for 1931; Rules and Regulations of the Grand Black Chapter of British America for 1917; Minute Books 1903-1939, 1921/22-1958, 1940, 1950-1956, 1957-1958, 1958-1965; Blue Degree Minutes Book 1940-1958; Royal Scarlet Chapter Minute Book 1910-1946, 1922-1927; Proposition Book 1910-1912; Roll Book 1915; Account Book 1934-1975; Due Book 1956-1960; Annual Returns 1951-1963; Annual Return Grand Lodge of British America, 1964; and Journal of Proceedings 1965. There is a note indicating the boys getting together in the 1930's to recopy the notes and music and listed its members. There is no date attached to this note.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

By-laws and constitutional materials were donated by Clarence Dewling in March 2004.

Location: Royal Albert Lodge Loyal Orange Association Boxes 1 and 2.

St. Paul=s Lodge, Society of United Fishermen Fonds, 1875 - 1884, 1902-1976. – 26.8 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Society of United Fishermen (S.U.F) was established in 1873 by the Rev. George Gardener, then Rector of Heart=s Content. In 1862, this gentlemen founded a Fisherman=s Society to provide for sickness and for a payment to widows of members a sum of money on the death of their husbands. This Society built the first Fishermen=s Hall in Heart=s Content. The men met only once a year for reports, accounts, and procession to church. The business throughout the year was managed by the officers. In 1873, in response to an expressed desire to enlarge its operations, the society voluntarily dissolved and reorganized Aupon an entirely new and more effective basis@ under its present name.

A committee of twelve Brethren of the above Lodge was appointed to draft a Constitution and prepare rituals for the New Order. Scilly Cove, Hant=s Harbour, Bay Roberts and St. John=s were soon called into existence and in less than three years from the dissolution of the old society, the new one had lodges in thirty-five places in the island.

The Grand Lodge was moved to St. John=s in 1881. The certificates which have been very much admired for the emblems, appropriate to a fisherman=s calling, were designed by Mr. Woodcock, a member of the Grand Lodge and were executed by Oppenheim, of London.

AThe Order has for its objects the welfare of fishermen, the inculcation of temperance and morality, the preservation of peace and harmony, obedience to the laws and the lawfully constituted authorities and the development of the fisheries. It is also a mutual benefit Society, in which all paying members receive aid in time of sickness and other calamity.@

The Society of United Fishermen came into being at Trinity in 1875. Its first President and Secretary were, respectively, the Rev. H. Dunfield and J. B. O=Donell, schoolmaster. The S.U.F. had its first meeting at Brooking=s Old Bell House which stood on the site of the present Parish Hall. The lodge name was St. Paul=s No. 49 and was closed in 1976.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Originals has ben donated by Clarence Dewling in March of 2004.

Material has been photocopied from the SUF original material held at the centre for Newfoundland Studies Archives in 2005-2006. All original documentation from the SUF is held at this institution.

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Location: St. Paul=s Lodge, Society of United Fishermen Fonds and Magazine and Newspaper Collection Box 2

Series 1: By-laws and Annual Reports. - 1915 - 1931, 1965. - 1 cm.

Grand Series consists of three books of the bye-laws of St. Paul=s Lodge No. 49, two for 1915 and one for 1931 as well as a book of Annual Reports of the Supreme Lodge and Ladies Superior Council for the year ending August 13, 1965 for St. John=s, Newfoundland.

Series 2: Minutes. - 1876 - 1976. - 18.6 cm.

Series contains Minutes of the S.U.F. Lodge No. 49, from regular, emergency, red, white, and blue degree, as well as District Grand Lodge meetings.

Series 3: Membership. - 1875 - 1885. - 3.4 cm.

Series consists of the proposition of members from 1875 - 1885 which included the person=s name, residence, occupation, date of ballot, result of ballot, and when initiated, as well as members from 1875 - 1885 which included the person=s name, residence, degree held and pledges made. It also contains a list of members not in good standing, deceased, and honorary members.

Series 4: Financial Records. - 1902-1910, 1923-1938, 1942, 1966, 1972 .-3.3cm.

Series consists of general and personal accounts, income and expenditure books, financial statements, and receipts.

Series 5: Newfoundland Regiment Certificates. - 1916, 1919. - 0.1 cm.

Series contains a copy of the certificates presented to Bro. Private William Geo. Tibbs in 1916 and Bro. Pte. H. J. Rowe in 1919, from the Society of United Fishermen on their return from the First World War.

Series 6: Society of United Fishermen Certificates. - 1877, 1906, 1910.-01 cm.

Series contains the certificates from the Society of United Fishermen for getting invited to the third degree, of Alonzo William Earle, 1877; Frederick John Morris, 1906; and Walter John Toop, 1910

Series 7: Miscellaneous. - 0.3 cm.

Series contains pieces of correspondence and a report of the Literary Committee

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meeting.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

Church Lads' Brigade fonds. - 1912 - 2010. – 116.8 cm textual records.

Administrative history

The Church Lads' Brigade was established in Fulham Parish, London by W. M. Gee, who was to become the first Colonel of the Brigade. The objective of the Brigade was "the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among lads of all classes, the promotion of charity, reverence, patriotism, discipline, self respect and all that tends towards Christian manliness." Mr. Harold Blackler made the suggestion to the Right Rev. Llewellyn Jones about forming a company in Newfoundland and on November 18, 1892 the St. John's Brigade became the first overseas member in the British Empire. The organizations motto, "Fight the Good Fight" was taken from the text of Ephesians and the Brigade was formed along para-military lines, using Imperial Army drill.

The Trinity East - Port Rexton Church Lads' Brigade (C.L.B.) Company #3805 began in 1912 under the command of Dr. Conrad T. Fitzgerald. Its goal is to bring together the youth of the community into an environment that promotes goodwill, discipline, self-respect and genuine Christian character.

The C.L.B. while once only a boys organization is now open to both boys and girls ages 5-19 and is divided into the following units: Little Training Corps (L.T.C), ages 5&6; Youth Training Corps (Y.T.C.), ages 7-9; Junior Training Corps (J.T.C.), ages 10-12; Senior Corps (S.C.), ages 13-19; and Officers, ages 19 and over.

Custodial history

Material was held by the company or various officers in the company until it was donated to the Trinity Historical Society by the members of the Church Lads' Brigade Co. in October of 2006 and November 2007.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of enrollment materials 1912 - 1927, 1943-1944, 1946-1947, 1950, 1952, 1955, 1956-1958, 1961-1966, 1967-1990; minutes 1912- 1916, 1940 - 1957; parade books, 1912 - 1919, 1923, 1931-1945; correspondence 1924 - 1926, 1930, 1936-1939, 1942, 1946-1949, 1950-1963, 1968-1971, 1974-1977, 1980-1991, 1996-1998; income and expenditures 1915, 1924-1926, 1935-1936, 1939, 1943-1946, 1947-1958, 1961-1966, 1971, 1981-1982, 1986, 1989, 1996; attendance records 1936-1937, 1939-1991, 1953-1957, 1962-1967, 1968-1970, 1974-1975, 1979-1984, 1986-1992, 1998, 1999; membership cards 1913-1916, 1923-1924, 1925, 1928-1929, 1955-1982, 1961-1962, 1966-1968, 1972, 1983, 1984 - 1991, 1994 - 1999; order books, 1913-1916, 1923-1924, 1925, 1928-1929, 1955-1982, 1961-1962, 1966- 1968, 1972, 1983, 1984 - 1991, 1994 - 1999; The Bugle 1980-1984, 1992, 1998 and Miscellaneous 1912, 1923, 1926-1928, 1935, 1939-1940, 1952-1954, 1964, 1966-1968, 1970-1971, 1980-1988, 1990-1992, 1995, 1997.

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Series 1: Enrollment Forms. - 1912 - 1927, 1943-1944, 1946-1947, 1950, 1952, 1955, 1956-1958, 1961-1966, 1967-1990. - 8.0 cm

The series contains the first roll book that belonged to the C.L.B. Company and contains information on the name of each boy that enrolled in the company, the number assigned to him, date of enrollment and admission and the date and cause of discharge for each member.

The series also contains consent forms from parents and applications for membership to the company.

Series is further divided into the following sub-series:

- 1.01 Roll Book, 1912-1927
- 1.02 Consent forms, 1943-1944, 1946-1947, 1950, 1952, 1955, 1961-1966
- 1.03 Application for Membership, 1956-1958, 1967-1990

Series 2: Minutes. - 1912-1916, 1940-1957. - 3.0 cm

Contains the minutes of the C.L.B. from 1912-1916 and 1940-1957. The minutes record the happenings and decisions that were made by the company as well as when each parade was held and the location. The records also contain information on when the parade was and who and how many people attended.

Series is further divided into the following sub-series:

- 2.01 Minutes, 1912 - 1916
- 2.02 Minutes, 1940 - 1957
- 2.03 Parade Book, 1912- 1919
- 2.04 Parade Book, 1923
- 2.05 Parade Book, 1931- 1945

Series 3: Correspondence. - 1924 - 1926, 1930, 1936-1939, 1942, 1946-1949, 1950-1963, 1968-1971, 1974-1977, 1980-1991, 1996-1998. - 3.0 cm

Correspondence that was received and sent from the C.L.B to various organizations and people.

Series 4: Income and Expenditures. -1915, 1924-1926, 1935-1936, 1939, 1943-1946, 1947-1958, 1961-1966, 1971, 1981-1982, 1986, 1989, 1996. - 6.5 cm

The material consists of the income, expenditures and membership dues of the C.L.B. members.

This series is further divided into the following sub-series:

- 4.01 Invoices, 1915, 1924-1926, 1939, 1947-1958, 1966, 1971, 1981-1982, 1986, 1989, 1996
- 4.02 The Church Lads Brigade Stock Book, 1935-1936
- 4.03 Income Expenditures, 1943-1945
- 4.04 Income Expenditures, 1946- 1957
- 4.05 Money Records, 1961-1966
- 4.06 Money Records, 1962-1963
- 4.07 Cash Account, 1967- 1977
- 4.08 Cash Account, 1977-1978

Series 5: Attendance. - 1936-1937, 1939-1991, 1953-1957, 1962-1967, 1968-1970, 1974-1975,1979-1984, 1986-1992,1998, 1999. - 15.5 cm.

This file contains the attendance of the members of the C.L.B. from 1936 to 1999.

The series is further divided into the following sub-series:

- 5.01 Attendance Records
- 5.02 Attendance Lists
- 5.03 Nominal Roll
- 5.04 Index Cards

5.01 Attendance Records. - 1953-1957, 1962-1965, 1968-1970, 1974-1975. - 2.5 cm.

Sub-series consist of books of attendance records.

- 5.01.001 1953 - 1957, Squad I to IV
- 5.01.002 1962 - 1963, Squad I
- 5.01.003 1962 - 1963, Squad II
- 5.01.004 1962 - 1964, J.T.C.
- 5.01.005 1964, Squad I and J.T.C.
- 5.01.006 1964 - 1965, Squad I and J.T.C.

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5.01.007 1968 - 1970, C.L.B and J.T.C.

5.01.008 1974 - 1975, C.L.B. and J.T.C.

5.02 Attendance Lists. - 1936-1937, 1939-1991. - 0.5 cm.

Sub-series contain a list of members in the C.L.B. from 1936-1937 and 1939-1991.

5.03 Nominal Roll. - 1936-1939, 1963-1967, 1979-1984, 1986-1992. - 1.0 cm.

Sub-series contains a list of names and numbers enrolled in the Trinity East - Port Rexton C.L.B. for that corresponding year, as well as a list of numbers enrolled in each group in the entire Avalon Battalion.

5.04 Attendance Cards. - 1933-1934, 1936, 1937-1938, 1966-1998. - 11.5 cm.

Sub-series contain attendance cards for each C.L.B. meeting.

Series 6: Membership Cards. 1961- 1989.-2.0 cm

This series contains membership cards for each member of the C.L.B. from 1961 - 1989 stating their name, Lads' number, age when enrolled and date of recruitment and when discharged.

Series 7: Order Books.-1913-1916,1923-1924,1925,1928-1929,1955-1982,1961-1962,1966-1968, 1972,1983,1984 - 1991,1994 - 1999.-11 cm.

This series contains the order books for the C.L.B which records various orders from the company officers and the battalion headquarters respecting various aspects of the business of the C.L.B. that have to be followed.

The series is further divided into the following sub-series:

- 7.01 1913-1916
- 7.02 1923-1924
- 7.03 1925
- 7.04 1928-1929
- 7.05 1955-1982
- 7.06 1961-1962
- 7.07 1966-1968
- 7.08 1972
- 7.09 1983
- 7.10 1984 - 1991
- 7.11 1994 - 1999

Series 8: The Bugle 1980-1984, 1992, 1998. - 1.0cm.

The Bugle is the newsletter for the C.L.B. and contains information on various activities, events, fundraisers, orders and parades of various companies of the Brigade in the province.

Series 9: Miscellaneous 1912, 1923,1926-1928,1935,1939-1940, 1952-1954, 1964, 1966-1968,1970-1971,1980-1988,1990-1992, 1995, 1997.-6.8 cm.

This series contains various admission and discharge certificates, commissioning certificates, a Church Lads' Brigade promise, and a list of rectors who served the parish from 1879 - 1993.

This series is further divided into the following sub-series:

- 9.01 Certificates, 1912,1923,1926,1928,1935,1939,1967
- 9.02 Various forms 1927, 1966-1968, 1970-1971, 1982,1985,1987,1990
- 9.03 Various forms 1940, 1952-1954, 1964, 1980-1988, 1990-1992, 1995, 1997

Series 10: Church Lad's Brigade Scrapbooks 1991 - 1999. 28.5 cm.

This series contains photographs of various trips, events, activities and Parades of the Church Lad's Brigade.

Series 11: 100th Anniversary Exhibit

In 2012 the Trinity Museum housed an exhibit to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Trinity East- Port Rexton Church Lad's Brigade Company #3805 (1912-2012). Items in this file were used as part of the exhibit.

Location: Church Lads' Brigade Fonds Boxes 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Harmony Division 2, Sons of Temperance, Trinity, Newfoundland, 1876 - circa. 1885. - 2.5 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Sons of Temperance was one of a number of like-minded fraternal and social organizations given to curbing the consumption of alcoholic liquors especially by the breadwinners of families.

There existed a Grand Division, perhaps headquartered in St. John's.

The Sons of Temperance was active in St. John's in the latter part of the eighteenth century. During a celebration of the Total Abstinence and Benefit Society at St John's (1880 -1), the officers of the Sons of Temperance were on the stage and the Sons of Temperance was listed as being "the oldest temperance organization in the city".

The Sons of Temperance flag was white with a red, white, and blue triangle in the middle of which was a red star.

Custodial history

This material came to us as a part of the Loyal Orange Association (Royal Albert Lodge) Collection.

Scope and content

The fond consists of Finance Book (with incomplete index) for the years 1876 - circa 1885. The listing tells of hire, donations, dues & fines, balances of members, initiations, resignations, suspensions, and expulsions as well as a roll of membership.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

It appears that the Sons of Temperance (Harmony Division 2), Trinity used to hire the Orange Lodge for their meetings and this item got left behind and became a part of the Lodge's books. Over-all information was provided by the Centre for Newfoundland Studies, Memorial University of Newfoundland and its collection of the Temperance Journal.

Location: Box on Shelf

Trouty Recreation Committee, Trouty, 1979 - 2006 - 3.5 cm of textual records

Administrative history

In 1979 a dart league was started in Trouty at the Anglican Church Women's Hall, by a group of residents who thought that some added social activity in the community might be useful and welcomed.

Before long it was considered that the Hall would not continue to be appropriate for such an activity to continue. The interested parties decided to build their own hall (The Recreation Hall). This decision was hastened by a supply of government (both federal and provincial) funding. It was about this time that the thought was advanced that a site/ hall would be a place where the youth of Trouty could possibly meet and entertain themselves. As a result plans were made and partly carried out to equip the building with appropriate furnishings. The full aspirations were met by 1983.

The Dart League flourished in a diminishing manner until 2005. In the mean time the Committee operated with varying amounts of success until 2006 when there existed but two officers and one member. When no other members of the community came forward to join the Committee it was decided to disband the Committee and to sell the Hall 'as is'. The hall was sold for \$2600 and the remaining funds were dispersed as follows; \$1650 paid to the Town of Trinity for fire protection for Trouty for 2007; and any remaining funds were divided between St. Matthew's Anglican Church; Fort Point Lions Club and Trouty Fire Service.

Custodial history

The Committee agreed to donate the remaining written material with the Trinity Historical Society Archives in 2006.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of minutes of the Reaction Committee, 2003 - 2006; treasurer's records 2003 - 2005; Notices and correspondence and miscellaneous materials concerning the history of the community.

Notes

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Location: Trouty Recreation Committee Fonds.

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A detailed finding aid is available

Old Comrades Association. -1995- 2001.-1.1cm textual records.

Administrative history

The very first record of a senior group affiliate of the Church Lads' Brigade is dated for March 17, 1905. The group at St. John's is known as the Church Lads' Brigade "Old Boy's Club" and consisted of men over eighteen who had been Brigade members. During the visit of Colonel W.M. Gee on July 29, 1912 the "Old Comrades" club was officially inaugurated. From 1912 until 1966 the "Old Comrades" met at the Armoury as a separate group which acted as a fund-raising body and a sports and activities aid for the Church Lads' Brigade. The current "Old Comrades Association" Lodge Number One is the oldest operating in the Commonwealth and had an active strength of five hundred members in 1979.

The Old Comrades Association of Port Rexton was formed in???? and consisted of?? members. The Association has since closed due to lack of members and the former hall has been sold.

Custodial history

Material was donated to the Trinity Historical Society by the members of the Church Lads' Brigade Co. in November of 2007.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of various pieces of correspondence, 1995-2001; receipts, 1998-2000; and membership cards, 2000.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance

Finding Aid

A detailed finding aid is available

The Trinity East Co-operative Credit Society Ltd fonds, 1945 - 1955. - 2.5 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Trinity East Co-operative Credit Society Ltd, is based on the Co-operative unions first established in England by textile workers in the 1840's, and introduced to Newfoundland by Sir Wilfred Grenfell in 1896. The Trinity East Co-operative Credit Society held its first meeting on January 10th, 1945 in the home of the Chairman, Mr. Charles Brown. The Society had a constitution and was open for membership to any member of the community of Trinity East who applied and was approved. It was started as a type of co-operative bank for use by the members of the society. Its objects and purposes were to promote in its members thriftiness, create a source of credit for its members, for productive purposes, and promote membership to the regional or central co-operative organization and to perform any other acts which would help attain the above goals.

Source: *Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador*, Co-operatives.

The organization had four different parts: the board of directors; the officers; the credit committee and the supervisory committee, each being made up of five, four, three and three members respectively. The board oversaw the general operation of the group and influences decisions made at monthly and annual meetings, the board of directors being elected by members. The officers hold particular tasks within the organization and they are required to perform them, the officers are elected by the board of directors. The credit committee oversaw the applications for loans and withdrawals and met at irregular time intervals, and was elected by the membership. The Supervisory committee oversaw the financial running of the organization, supervising and reporting any issues within the organization quarterly.

The Trinity East Co-operative Credit Society Ltd. is a form of credit co-operative, or credit union, that was set up by the individuals of Trinity East to provide for themselves financial services at the best possible rates.

In Newfoundland by 1950 there were 82 registered credit societies with assets over \$300,000 and with nearly 5,000 members. Therefore this movement was fairly strong during the period of the Trinity East Co-operative Credit Society Ltd. The smaller societies were often connected to a credit central, which was an organization which pooled the surplus funds of its member societies and made loans to individual societies.

The Trinity East Co-operative Credit Society Ltd. became a registered co-operative in 1947. The date of termination for the Trinity East Co-operative Credit Society Ltd. is unknown at this time, regular meetings and associations with the Avalon Co-operative Counsel was in existence in 1950.

Source: *Constitution of the Trinity East Co-operative Credit Society Ltd.*

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Originals donated by Bruce Edwards, 2010

Series 1: Constitution and Co-operative information. - 1947. - 0.4 cm

Series consists of information booklets detailing the constitution and other information regarding Co-operative organizations. The Constitution of the Trinity East Co-operative Credit Society Inc. points out the goals, rules and other information about the Society and it is accompanied by a question and answer book about co-operative organizations and an information booklet on co-operative credit societies.

Series 2: Correspondence and Newsletters. - 1950 - 1955. - 0.2 cm

Series contains various correspondence and official records to the Trinity East Co-operative Credit Society Inc. and there is two newsletters, "Co-op Commentary" published by The Co-operative Union of Canada.

Series 3: Meeting Records - 1945 - 1952. - 1.9 cm

Series contains multiple notebooks detailing the meetings of various sub-groups of the Trinity East Co-operative Credit Society Inc. including the Board of Directors, Credit Committee, Supervisory Committee, and General Society Meeting notes.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

Trinity East Local Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union fonds, 1917 - 1930 - 3.7 cm textual records.

The Fishermen's Protective Union (F.P.U.) was started in 1908 by William F. Coaker when he held public meetings and launched verbal attacks on those he deemed as enemies of the fishermen. Which is namely: the trader, the fish exporter and the Government. Coaker spoke for a long time about the plight of the fishermen, in various communities around Newfoundland and gathered supporters and started new localized union groups.

The basic unit of the F.P.U. was the small community unions, such as the one started in Trinity East. All members of the following occupations were eligible for membership to the F.P.U. fishermen, coasters, and planters. These people were likely to join the Union due to the issues held by fishermen in 1908 when a very good catch lowered the price of fish, which meant that regardless of their exceptional catches many fishing families suffered from want, not being able to afford the things they needed, from the low sale price of cod. This was an underlying tension between the fishermen and the tradesmen which made many realize that the Truck or credit system in place was not to their benefit.

The F.P.U. tried to promote several things in order to improve the situations of fishermen in Newfoundland. The first was to try to abolish the credit system in place in most mercantile premises, and then to combat the rising prices, due to other strategies set in place, by starting the Fishermen's Union Trading Company, to which they would eventually deal only in cash. They also established the "Fishermen's Advocate", to encourage solidarity amongst the fishermen. Eventually, after the 1911 convention in Bonavista, a policy statement for the party was proposed called the "Bonavista Platform" which proposed 31 specific reforms to improve the social, economic and political lives of fishermen.

This did not last long and eventually the F.P.U. favour started to decline, with the F.U.T.C. reverting to a credit system and the president's beliefs in conscription and prohibition after entering entry to politics, in Newfoundland, many of the Fishermen felt alienated and turned away from the F.P.U., and in the 1950s the Labour Relations Board denied recognition as an employee union for the purposes of collective bargaining, and the remaining members joined other organizations such as the Canadian Labour Congress. The Fishermen's Advocate survived until 1980 while the F.U.T.C. continued until 1977 both without any connection to the now extinct F.P.U.

Source: *Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador*, Fishermen's Protective Union (F.P.U.)

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Originals Donated by Bruce Edwards, 2010.

Series 1: Meeting Books. 1917 - 1930. - 3.5 cm

Series contains three books which include two books of meeting notes and another which is a record of dues paid to the union.

Series 2: Union Papers - 1920 - 1924 - 0.2 cm

This series contains various papers including union application forms, written applications, correspondence and other records.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

PERSONAL PAPERS AND MANUSCRIPTS

Walter George Cornwall White fonds. - 1675 - 1976. - 124 cm textual records

Biographical history

Walter George Cornwall White was born on October 27, 1901 at St. John=s, he was the second son of William White of Trinity and Lavina Hopkins Taylor of Bay Roberts who were wed at Whitbourne on December 28, 1897. His elder brother was Raymond Mayers Taylor White (1899 - 1937) and his sister was Mary Manston White (1903 - 1995). When he was very young the family returned to Trinity from St. John=s, and there he spent his early boyhood years except for several months each year which were spent at Bonne Bay.

His education was taken at St. Paul=s High School, Trinity, (1909 - 1916), and completed at Bishop Field College, St. John=s (1916 - 1919); where he took an active part in athletics. After graduation from Bishop Field College he was employed by the Royal Bank of Canada at Trinity and maintained an interest in athletics by participating in soccer and ice hockey, as well as being a member of the Trinity Tennis Club. He then moved to Grand Falls where he worked at the General Office of the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company Limited. At Grand Falls, he continued to take part in soccer and ice hockey and was a member of Southcott=s Novelty Orchestra where he played the violin. In 1935, Mr. White joined the Newfoundland Customs Office and worked in St. John=s, Corner Brook, Port Union (1936 - 1945) and again in Corner Brook (1945 - 1947) before being appointed to the Appraisal Division in St. John=s in 1947. He retired from the Appraisal Division, Customs and Excise, Department of National Revenue of Canada in 1962 and moved, in that year, back to Trinity with his family.

Mr. White was married on September 25, 1935 to Stella E. Lockyer of Trinity. They had three children - Eleanor Ruth (1936 - 1937), David Raymond Lockyer (1937 -) and Monica Myra Taylor (1941 - 1969).

Shortly after his return to Trinity he became a member of the Trinity Historical Sites Committee (1964), was a charter member of the Trinity Historical Society and was appointed its Corresponding Secretary upon its founding in 1966. Mr. White had a passion for tracing and recording the history of the town and its neighbouring communities and spent great amounts of time and effort studying and collecting historical documents, records and artifacts relating to Trinity and the Trinity area. Mrs. White was noted as having aided her husband untiringly in his work when she transcribed by hand, many historical documents including the baptism, marriage *Trinity Historical Society Inc.*

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and burial records of the Parish of Trinity (1753 - 1867); the Slade letter books and journals (1809 - 1852) and a copy of Benjamin Lester=s Diary (1762 - 1763).

Gradually Mr. White had gathered what was to become the nucleus of the Trinity Museum and Archives, which was opened in 1967 and was immediately acknowledged by mainland and provincial curators, as well as thousands of visitors as one of the finest of its kind.

In June 1971, Mr White was presented an award, by Minister Jean Chretien, on behalf of the Canadian people to record their thanks for a Agenerous contribution to the preservation and enrichment of Canada=s historical heritage.@ This certificate recognized his depth of knowledge, thorough research and contribution to the Newfoundland and National Museums, concerning the early history of Trinity and its settlers.

On October 20, 1973, he was awarded a Doctor of Laws degree, honoris causa, from Memorial University of Newfoundland for his work Ain preserving the history of Trinity and the establishment of the Trinity Museum.@

In 1975 Mr. White was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in the Newfoundland Historic Trust to commend a Alifetime commitment to Heritage Conservation and to record the Trust=s gratitude for the inspiration his untiring devotion has given to all those whose voluntary efforts to protect our heritage will hopefully ensure that the best of the past will survive for future generations.

Mr. White passed away on June 21, 1976 and his loving wife died shortly thereafter on November 17, 1976.

Source: Material supplied by David R. L. White.

Custodial history

The records in these fonds were collected by Mr. White throughout his life and were kept at the family home in Trinity. After his passing his son David R. L. White was given custodianship of the records and they remained at the family home until the spring of 2001 when he donated them to the archives. In the summer of 2001 the material was arranged according to the Rules for Archival Description (RAD) and all original magazine and newspaper clippings were photocopied and the originals destroyed according to archival policy.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of a collection of material that was collected by Mr. White on various topics and areas of interest. It consists mainly of magazine and newspaper clippings, as well as original documents and photographs that were either collected or donated.

The material has been arranged into two series, the first series being the files that Mr. White collected, these files have remained in alphabetical order, the same as he had arranged them. The second series consists of lectures that were given by various speakers to the members of the

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Notes

Photographs have been removed and placed with the Trinity Historical Society Photograph Collection.

Donated by David R. L. White, son of Walter G. C. White, 2001.

Further accruals are expected.

Location: Walter G. C. White fonds, Drawers 1 - 3.

Series 1: Walter G. C. White subject files. - 1675 - 1976. - 110 cm

The files contain research notes, essays, copies of documents, extracts from published material, magazine and newspaper clippings created and collected by Walter. These files include information on a wide range of topics relating to the history of Trinity and the surrounding communities. The files are arranged in alphabetical order according to subject.

Series 2: Newfoundland Historical Society Lectures. - 1967 - 1976. - 14 cm

The Society holds a monthly lecture where they invite different speakers to come and give a presentation on a topic they have an interest in and that they have carried out research on. Walter as corresponding secretary for the Trinity Historical Society held a great relationship with the Newfoundland Historical Society and collected copies of their lecture series.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

Gerald Crane Taverner fonds. - Pre 1300-1900, 1951-2005. - 379.5 cm textual records

Biographical Note

Gerald Crane Taverner was born in Montreal on July 19, 1928, to Colin Taverner, originally from Trinity, and Katherine Irene (nee Crane) of Whitbourne, Newfoundland. Educated at Lower Canada College and Le College de St. Cezaire de Rouville, he spent his entire career, over forty years, in the marine shipping world. Employed at sea for six years, mainly in the West Indies and South America, he came ashore to work in various facets of the industry namely, stevedoring, agency and vessel management activities on the Eastern Seaboard. He later became involved with various shipping operations in many parts of the world, and ultimately took over the day-to-day management of vessels, both owned and time chartered by his employer of that time, Matthew Shipping Co. Ltd. In 1969, he was invited to join Westshore Terminals, ultimately the largest marine bulk terminal on the west coast of the Americas, as Administrative Manager, arriving in Vancouver in January 1970 to take up the position prior to the commencement of Westshore's operations in May of that year. Assigned to various management responsibilities, he ultimately held the position of Vice President from 1987 until retirement in May of 1991. Subsequent to retirement his services were retained in the capacity of Advisor to the President for a period of two years. He later became an enthusiastic genealogist the main thrust of his research being the Taverner family tree. Mr. Taverner passed away in 2005 while residing in Delta, British Columbia.

Custodial History

Collection consists of scrapbooks, research material, and correspondence assembled by Mr. Gerald Taverner over the years as a family history collection. In 2003, the Trinity Historical Society acquired the majority of his research material. Upon his passing in 2005, the remainder of the material was sent by his wife Brenda.

Scope and Content

The Gerald Crane Taverner fonds consists of eighty-four binders, which consists of photocopies of clippings, correspondence, research notes, etc., relating to the Taverner and Vardy families of Trinity and Random Island, respectively.

Location: Magazine and Newspaper Collection Box 10 and shelf

Series 1: Gerald Crane Taverner Scrapbooks. - Pre 1300-1900. - 176 cm.

This series contains forty-three scrapbooks that have photocopies of various clippings pertaining to the Taverner and Vardy families as well as research material that was either *Trinity Historical Society Inc.*

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compiled by or given to Mr. Gerald Taverner.

Series 2: Correspondence. - 1951 - 2005. - 202 cm.

This series contains forty-one binders of correspondence between Gerald Taverner and various people over the years, pertaining to the Taverner family tree.

Series 3: Shipping Records. - 1912, 1914-1921, 1923, 1951. - 0.5 cm.

This series contains various shipping records from Colin Taverner including discharge certificates, exemption certificates, an indenture, as well as other documents relating to the shipping industry.

Series 4: Land Grants. - 1907, 1911. - 0.5 cm.

This file contains land grants that were presented to Charles, William, and Joshua Taverner. File contains a copy of the land grants as well as maps of the piece of land.

Series 5: Mason Certificates. - 1780, 1820, 1874, 1918, 1921, 1949, 1954, 1977. - 0.5 cm.

This file contains various masonic certificates belonging to the Taverner family.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available

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Stephen Rupert Morris fonds. - 1898 - 1999. - 167 cm textual records

Biographical note

Stephen Rupert Morris was born in Carbonear on August 3, 1917, to Fred J. Morris and Winifred (Hollands) Morris. He was the eldest of three children, Barbara Jean born in 1920 and Eric Roy in 1922. His Newfoundland roots go back to a great grandfather who arrived at Trinity in 1765 from Carnarvon in Wales. He completed his high school education and went on to St. John's where he attended Memorial University College for two years before returning home in 1936 to enter the family business. On April 17, 1941 Rupert joined the Canadian Army and served in the Royal Canadian Engineers in Canada and Overseas until the end of 1945 when he was discharged. He then completed a year of business school at the Maritime Business College at Halifax and returned home in 1946 to rejoin the family business, and oversaw the change over to Morris & Co. In 1947 he married Jean Barbour and they had one child, Ian Roy. In 1948 Rupert and his father opened Trinity Cabins, the first tourist cabins in Newfoundland, which were operated by Rupert until 1995 when due to poor health he was forced to retire. The Cabins were subsequently sold and purchased by Glenn and Corrine Johnson of Trouty and are still in operation. Rupert's father died in 1961 and Rupert carried on the company (Morris & Co.) until 1970, when changing times, coupled with a decline in the trading area population, made the continued operation of the company on a much smaller scale unwarranted. In 1964 the Trinity Historic Sites Committee was formed at Trinity and Rupert became its first president. Following a successful archival display which was put on by the committee for A Come Home Year in 1966, the Trinity Historical Society was formed in November of that year. Rupert was elected to the position of president and held this office until 1995. On January 8, 2000, at the age of 82, he passed away at the Health Sciences Centre, St. John's.

Source: Rupert Morris family and business history.

Custodial history

The scrapbooks were assembled by Mr. Morris between the years 1967 and 1999 and were created for display at the Trinity Museum, to provide information on the history of Trinity to visitors. The scrapbooks were transferred to the archives in 1999. In 2001 the contents of each scrapbook was photocopied and all original clippings, programs and photographs were removed and placed with already existing fonds.

Two scrapbooks have been removed from the collection: one containing original correspondence and documents from the Trinity Court, and the other a compilation by Mrs. Florence Murrin on her father the Rev. Edmund Hunt, the contents of both of these scrapbooks have been placed within their own separate fonds.

Dr. Ian Morris, son of Rupert, placed on permanent loan with the archives the material relating to the Morris family business and the Trinity Cabins on August 8, 2001.

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January 10, 2004, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Johnson donated the following records that belonged to the Morris family business when it was named Joseph Morris and Sons. These records were stored in the basement of Trinity Cabins: Daily Credit Pink Sales Sheets, 1904 - 1911; Transfer Ledger Sheets, 1904 - 1922, 1909 - 1948 and 1908 - 1937 and Daily Receipts 1911 - 1915, 1914 - 1922 and 1923 - 1929.

Scope and content

The Stephen Rupert Morris fonds consists of ledgers, 1898 - 1904; daily credit pink sales sheets, 1904 - 1911; transfer ledger sheets, 1904 - 1948; journals, 1904 - 1923; cash books, 1906 - 1923 and daily receipts, 1911 - 1929 for the Morris family companies of Joseph Morris; Joseph Morris and Sons; Fred J. Morris; and Morris and Company; cash books 1948 - 1970, expenditure book, 1948 -1970 and a journal, 1948 - 1970 for the Trinity Cabins; a photocopy of the Morris Family and Morris Business History; a collection of Christmas cards and 15 scrapbooks which contain photocopies of clippings, extracts, photographs, programs and other information relating to Trinity and the Trinity area.

Location: Stephen Rupert Morris fonds Boxes 1 and 2 and shelf.

Series 1: Joseph Morris. - 1898 - 1903. - 8 cm

The Morris family business began with James Morris in 1840 at the age of 20, which was also the year that his eldest son, Joseph was born. The business in 1860 became James Morris and Sons. In 1873 the business moved from Cockles Cove (a back cove of Trinity) to Trinity. In 1889 the business was owned solely by James Morris and his eldest son Joseph as the other two brothers, Henry Charles and Jacob had sold out their shares, the business became known as J & J Morris. When James Morris died he left the business to Joseph who changed the name of the business to Joseph Morris.

The series contains the ledgers of the business Joseph Morris, 1898 - 1903 and a journal, 1906 - 1923.

Series 2: Joseph Morris and Sons. - 1903 - 1948. - 90 cm

In 1903 the trade name was changed to Joseph Morris and Sons, when Joseph's eldest son, Orlando began to work as a book keeper. Stephen and Fred, his other sons, joined the family business later.

This series contains a ledger belonging to the business, three volumes of cash books, an account book, daily receipts, credit pink sales sheets and transfer ledger sheets.

Series 3: Fred J. Morris/Morris and Company Limited. - 1944 - 1951. - 2 cm

Stephen left the business in 1912 and immigrated to Western Canada and worked as a salesman out of Calgary, Alberta. In 1914 he joined the Canadian Army and was killed in action in Epres, Belgium in July 1916. In September of that same year Orlando left Trinity on a Schooner loaded with fish for St. John=s, and it was lost enroute with all hands. In 1923, Joseph Morris died at the age of 83 and left the business to his only living son Fred, who then changed the business name to his own until 1947 when the company changed to Morris and Company Limited.

The series contains a photocopy of a Journal that was kept by the business. The original is with Mrs. Jean Morris.

Series 4: Trinity Cabins. - 1948 - 1970. - 10 cm

Stephen Rupert Morris the eldest child of Fred and Winifred, after being discharged from the Canadian Army, completed a year of business school in Halifax and returned home in 1946 to re-enter the family business with his father. In 1947 when visitors started to make their way to the Bonavista Peninsula they soon discovered that there were no accommodations and food services were scarce. During the fall several residents of Trinity gathered together to discuss the problem and the idea of a hotel came up, but at that time the residents did not have the finances or the initiative to get involved in such a project. However, Fred J. Morris and his son Rupert decided to go ahead on their own, but on a smaller scale. This would be the beginning of Trinity Cabins. Construction began in April of 1948 and was officially opened on July 1 with six cabins. The business expanded throughout the years and was operated by Rupert until 1995 when he retired.

The series contains a journal, 1948 - 1970, cash books, 1948 - 1970 and an income and expenditure book, 1948 - 1970.

Series 5: Morris Family and Morris Business History. - 1948 - 1999. - 3 cm

This series consists of a compilation of information that Rupert gathered on his family and family business history. It includes an account of the business property that was owned by the Morris family between 1840 - 1894, a history of the Morris family business, a year by year account of the Trinity Cabins from its opening in 1948 to 1987 and various photographs and articles.

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Series 6: Greeting Cards. - 1895 - 1900. - 4 cm

A collection of various greeting cards, it is unknown who collected them.

Series 7: Rupert Morris Scrapbooks. - 1967 - 1999. - 50 cm

These fifteen scrapbooks contain photocopies of various magazine and newspaper

clippings, photographs and other information relating to Trinity and the Trinity area. They were assembled by Morris between the years 1967 and 1999 and were created for display at the Trinity Museum, to provide information on the history of Trinity.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

Florence Murrin Scrapbook. - [197-]. - 3 cm textual records and photographs

Biographical sketch

Florence Murrin was the daughter of the Reverend Edmund Hunt (1888 - 1973) and Amy Hunt. She was married to Fred Murrin and lived in St. John=s. After her father=s death in 1973, Murrin compiled an album containing some of her father=s photographs and writings. Rev. Hunt was born in Trinity Bay in 1888. He was ordained in 1916 and served in parishes at Coley=s Point, Twillingate, New Harbour, Heart=s Delight and Spaniard=s Bay. His collection of 300 photographs was taken during the period from 1906 - 1956.

Scope and content

Entitled "Historical Photographs and Manuscripts of Trinity, Trinity Bay, Newfoundland by Rev. Edmund Hunt, 1888 - 1973" the album contains photographs and historical information about Trinity and the Rev. Edmund Hunt, compiled by Reverend Hunt=s daughter, Florence Murrin. The book contains a number of early photographs of Trinity as well as photographs taken by Rev. Hunt that were made into a postcard series for Trinity. The majority of the photographs were taken by Rev. Hunt. The text was compiled by Murrin, borrowing extensively from a book on Trinity authored by her father.

Notes

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Donated to the Trinity Historical Society by Florence Murrin.

L. M. Sinclair fonds. - 1912 - 1944. - 14 cm textual records

Biographical note

L. M. (Margaret) Sinclair was the organist at St. Paul=s Anglican Church, Trinity. She was married to Dr. Barron N. Sinclair, who was the doctor at Trinity from 1923 - 1944.

Custodial history

The material in these fonds was located in the church tower, with material relating to St. Paul=s Church. It has been organized by provenance as separate fonds.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of a notebook, a book of news clippings; published booklets on the RSPCA; books of music, anthems, and choral arrangements, both published music and arrangements by Mrs. Sinclair. The fonds may also include music belonging to the former organist at the church.

Notes

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Location: L. M. Sinclair Box 1 and 2.

Finding aid

A detailed finding aid is available.

Gerald Ryan Ottenheimer fonds - 1934 - 1998. - 15 cm textual records

Biographical note

Gerald Ryan Ottenheimer was an educator and politician. Born in St. John=s, he was the son of Maguerite (Ryan) and Frederick Ottenheimer. He received his schooling in St. John=s, later he attended Fordham University and Memorial University of Newfoundland. He married Alma Cullimore of Trinity. Ottenheimer was first elected to the House of Assembly for St. John=s East in 1966 as a Progressive Conservative. The next year he became leader of the Opposition, serving until 1969 when he left the province to study law in England. But in 1971 he was back in Newfoundland and ran successfully in St. Mary=s District. He was appointed Minister without Portfolio in 1972 and later that year became Minister of Education. Ottenheimer served as Speaker of the House from 1975 until he returned to Cabinet under Premier Peckford in 1979. He held several key portfolios in the Peckford administration including that of Government House Leader, Minister of Justice, and the Minister of Energy. In 1988 Ottenheimer was appointed to the Senate.

Custodial history

The material in these fonds was donated by Mrs. Alma Ottenheimer in the year 2000 from the estate of the late G. R. Ottenheimer.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of a code book; 2 Beecham=s Music Portfolios (vol. 6 & 9) bearing the name Mrs. D.A. Ryan; Edmund Ryan=s music book; 2 manuscript music books of Edmund Ryan; Receipt book bearing the name AGuide@; Official log book of schooner AVirginia@ - 1906; Schooner ARichard Greaves@ account book - 1907; Log book of schooner AVirginia@ - 1907; Log book of schooner AVirginia@ - 1908; Log book of schooner AVirginia@ - 1910; Log book of schooner AR.J. Owens@ - 1916; Log book of schooner AR.J. Owens@ - 1917; Log book of the British schooner AElizabeth Pritchard@ - 1917; Schooner AMargurete Ryan@ guide book - 1917; Agreement and account of crew AMargurete Ryan@ - 1921; Official log book of Schooner AMargurete Ryan@ - 1922; School register for Cuckold=s Cove 1900 - 1901; School register for Cuckold=s Cove for 1902; School register for South Side of Trinity 1902; School register for North West Arm 1902.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Location: Beecham=s Music Portfolio Vol. 6 & 9, Edmund Ryan=s Music Book and 2 Manuscript Music Books are located in the Ottenheimer fonds.

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The following has been incorporated into the Ryan Bros., Trinity fonds -1906 - 1947: Code book; Receipt book bearing the name AGuide@; Official log book of

schooner AVirginia@ - 1906; Schooner ARichard Greaves@ account book - 1907; Log book of schooner AVirginia@ - 1907; Log book of schooner AVirginia@ - 1908; Log book of schooner AVirginia@ - 1910; Log book of schooner AR.J. Owens@ - 1916; Log book of schooner AR.J. Owens@ - 1917; Log book of the British schooner AElizabeth Pritchard@ - 1917; Schooner AMargurete Ryan@ guide book - 1917; Agreement and account of crew AMargurete Ryan@ - 1921; Official log book of Schooner AMargurete Ryan@ - 1922;

Beatrice M. Toope (nee Torraville) fonds - 1908 - 1964. - 1cm textual records

Biographical note

Beatrice was born at Fogo Island in 1896, the eldest daughter of Martin and Ella Torraville. At the age of fifteen she completed the intermediate high school grade and went on to Norris Arm to begin teaching. The next summer she attended teacher training school at St. John=s and was appointed to Ireland=s Eye as a teacher in September 1913. She began with forty-five pupils which increased to fifty-four in the winter, all grades, one classroom. The next year she went to the model school at St. John=s where she remained for three years. She married Eli Toope and moved to Ireland=s Eye where she became very active in the day to day work of a housewife, as well as developing other interests and soon became known as AAuntie Bee@. She held an interest in playing a game of cards and attending parties, dances and socials, an active member of the Church of England Women=s Association (CEWA) she enjoyed making sales of work for church sales, catering to the clergy on their visits and playing in St. George=s Church for forty years as the organist. After forty-two years at Ireland=s Eye, she and her husband moved to Trinity in 1959. Eli died at Trinity on August 10, 1966 and she at the North Haven Manor, Lewisporte on December 25, 1989, both are buried at Trinity.

Source: Eye your Roots by Eugene Toope

Custodial history

The material in these fonds was donated by Gerald Spurrell in 2001.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of six Council of Higher Education Certificates that show her eligibility to teach as well as a notebook that she kept concerning her lesson plan for a Bible Class that she taught at Trinity in 1963/64.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by Gerald Spurrell, 2001

Location: Beatrice M. Toope (nee Torraville) fonds.

Ada Nemec fonds. - 1862 - 2004. – 58.3 cm of textual records, 225 colour glass plate negatives, 1,445 black and white photographs and 1001 colour photographs.

Biographical Note

Ada Lucille Green was born on August 5, 1925 to Andrew and Jessie (Bartlett) Green, Trinity. She attended grade school in her home community at St. Paul=s School where she received her early education from infant reader to Grade Ten. From there she went to St. John=s in 1942 to attend Bishop Spencer, an all girl=s school to take Grade 11 and two science courses. While attending Bishop Spencer, Ada was also a member of the Girl Guides. In 1942 she began to attend Memorial University College until 1944, while there she was an active member in the Arts and Science Club. Ada then moved to Sackville, New Brunswick to attend Mount Allison University where she studied and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History and French, while attending she also worked at the Mount Allison Library. From here she went to McGill University - Library School in Montreal where she received her Bachelor of Library Science in 1948. Ada then began her working career at various libraries in Canada and around the world including the following: Memorial University College, 1948 -1950; University of Massachusetts, 1950 - 1951; Bard College, New York, 1951 - 1954; Bureau of Statistics Library, Oslo, Norway, 1954 - 1955; Memorial University of Newfoundland, 1955 - 1964; a Fisheries Library in Australia, 1964; before returning to St. John=s to begin a library at the Marine Institute before her retirement.

Ada=s paternal family, the Green=s, practised as blacksmiths in Trinity since before 1750 with John Green, the founder of the business, being the first of the blacksmiths. He was followed by John (1745 - 1809), Thomas (1793 - 1851), Thomas (1834 - 1907), John James (1862 - 1943) and Andrew (1893 - 1955). The present forge which is owned and operated by the Trinity Historical Society Inc. as a living history museum, was built c. 1895 - 1900 and was in continuous operation until the death of Andrew Green in 1955. The forge fabricated the fittings for schooners, household items such as gates, railings, and stove parts, and fittings for horse drawn carriages.

Source: Ada Green Nemec; Green Family Forge brochure.

Custodial history

The textual records were held by Mrs. Nemec until they were donated to the archives; the glass plate negatives were given to her by the family of the late Mrs. Barbara Pittman; the scrapbooks were inherited by Mrs. Nemec after the death of her Aunt Elizabeth (Bess) Green and her mother Jessie (Bartlett) Green.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of mercantile copy books belonging to John James Green; a ledger, day book, bill book, account book, notebook, order book and invoices for the Green Family Forge; education records from Harvey and Cecil Greed and Mrs. Nemec=s education in schools in Trinity, St. John=s, and Sackville, New Brunswick; correspondence with members of the Green family; church *Trinity Historical Society Inc.*

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bulletins; miscellaneous; colour glass plate negatives; black and white and colour photographs.

The fonds has been arranged in seven series: Series 1: Mercantile Copy Books, 1875; Series 2: Green Family Forge, 1862 - 1955; Series 3: Education Records, 1908, 1911, 1915, 1933 - 1950, 1994; Series 4: Correspondence and Poetry, 1933 - 1947, 1954, 1972, 1995 - 1996; Series 5: Church Materials, 1942, 1952, 1976, 1985, 1991 - ; Series 6: Anglican Diocese Materials 1973 - 1981; Series 7: Miscellaneous; Series 8: Harvey Green ; Series 9: Foster Children 1968 - 1996; Series 10: Colour Glass Plate Negatives; Series 11: Recipes.

Notes

Supplied title based on description and contents of the fonds.

Newspaper clippings were photocopied and added to the respective vertical files.

Glass plate negatives are stored in the cabinet, see Series 8 for description.

The black and white and colour photographs have been incorporated into the Trinity Historical Society Photograph Collection titled Ada Nemeč Collection.

Chart of a schooner showing the iron fittings is on display at the forge.

Location: Ada Nemeč Fonds Boxes 1 and 2.

Series 1: Mercantile Copy Books. - 1875 - 1.5 cm.

These books belonged to Mr. John James Green in 1875. He used these books to practise his hand writing so he could write in the ledger books.

Series 2: Green Family Forge. - 1862 - 1955. - 9.8 cm

The Green family has practised blacksmithing in Trinity since before 1750; this series contains some of the records of the business from when Thomas, John James and Andrew Green were the blacksmiths.

The series consists of a ledger, 1899 - 1908; day book, 1924 - 1938; bill book, 1930, 1943-1944, 1949, 1951, 1954; credit/debit book, 1949- July 1955; note book, 1950 -1954; a day/order book, November 1952 - July 1955; and invoices, 1862, 1906, 1910 - 1933.

Series 3: Education Records. - 1908, 1911, 1915, 1933 - 1950, 1994. - 7cm

The series consists of certificates given to Cecil and Harvey Green for passing their exams, a collection of Sunday School cards that were given to individual pupils for good attendance, behaviour etc. to hang in their bedrooms, also consists of reports cards from St. Paul=s High School Grades 6 and 9; report cards from Bishop Spencer for Grade 11; copies of various exams for Literature, Arithmetic, Language, History, Geometry, Algebra, Trigonometry, French, Physiology and Hygiene; bills and receipts to her father for her boarding costs at Bishop Jones Memorial Hostel, and a list of students and their

hometowns; Report cards from Memorial University College in 1942-1943, invoices and receipts, dance cards and graduation programs for 1943-1944, and copies of various exams; from Mount Allison there is a convocation program from 1945-1946, information booklet for new students, 1944, and various concert and playbills from shows that she attended.

Series 4: Correspondence and poetry. - 1933 - 1947, 1954, 1972, 1995 - 1996. - 2.5 cm

Various pieces of correspondence from Ada=s mother, her Uncle Harvey Green and Aunt Bess Green, as well as a report from Ada to the Anglican Church Women in Trinity on her attendance at a conference at Mint Brook Camp in 1972. This series also contains a collection of poetry that Ada had collected over the years. Some of the poems are handwritten and others are clipped from magazines and newspapers. There is also a book or poetry that may have been created by Thomas Green.

Series 5: Church Materials. - 1942, 1952, 1976, 1985, 1991. - 3 cm

A collection of church bulletins and special services, prayer book belonging to Harvey Green, and a list of subscribers to the rector=s stipend fund for 1944.

Series 6: Anglican Dioceses Materials. – 1976 - 1981. – 17.0 cm

This series contains a collection of material from meetings, as well as books and journals from the Diocese of Newfoundland.

Series 7: Miscellaneous. – 6.5 cm

This series contains various cards; a dance card; a Working Associates= Card for 1936, brochures, playbills, special exhibits, a map of Newfoundland and Labrador, pictures of the Royal family, and newspaper clippings. It also contains a SUF certificate from Thomas Green in 1877 and on from John James Green in 1886, a story called a Pair of Grey Socks, and a few calendars from local convince stores.

Series 8: Harvey Green – 1.5 cm.

This series contains documents belonging to Harvey Green mainly when he was in the war. The series contains a payroll book, membership book, passport, discharge certificate from the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on April 29, 1919, victory song book, correspondence, and his will.

Series 9: Foster Children – 1968 – 1996. – 4 cm

This series contains documents belonging to Ada Nemeč from when she was a member of the Foster Parents Plan organization. The Foster Parents Plan was founded in 1937 and now works in 65 countries to work collaboratively with children, their families, grassroots organizations, local and national governments, and all members of a community to create and implement a long-term plan that improves living conditions. It contains correspondence letters between Ada and as many as 8 foster children between the years of 1968 – 1996, as well as annual reports from the Foster Parents Plan Program.

Series 10 Colour Glass Plate Negatives. – 225 negatives.

The negatives were owned by Barbara Pittman, daughter of Owen Fowlow and Elizabeth (Fowlow) Pittman, and friend of Ada's. The Negatives were given to Ada upon her death. They consist of various pictures from countries around the world that Ms. Pittman visited such as: Denmark, England, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Russia and parts of the United States.

Each of the storage containers that the negatives are held in has an index to the collection.

Series 11 Recipes – 5.5 cm

This series contains a collection of recipes that had been gathered by Ada Nemeč and her family. Some of the recipes are hand written while others were cut from newspapers and taken from other sources. The collection includes breads, cookies, main courses, cakes and more. There are recipes from around the world.

Black and White Photographs. [1880's] - [1975]. - 1,445 photographs.

The photographs have been placed into the following series:

- Series 1: Elizabeth (Bess) Green Scrapbooks - 3 books
- Series 2: Jessie (Bartlett) Green Scrapbooks - 2 books
- Series 3: Ada (Green) Nemeč Scrapbooks - 2 books
- Series 4: Family
- Series 5: Friends

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- Series 6: Trinity and Area
- Series 7: Postcards
- Series 8: Unidentified

The photographs have been incorporated into the Trinity Historical Society Black and White Photograph Collection - Ada Nemeč Collection

Colour Photographs. -1001 photographs.

The photographs have been placed into the following series:

- Series 1: Family
- Series 2: Friends
- Series 3: Trinity
- Series 4: Forges & Blacksmithing
- Series 5: Miscellaneous
- Series 6: Postcard Collection
- Series 7: Travels
- Series 8: Newfoundland and Labrador

The photographs have been incorporated into the Trinity Historical Society Colour Photograph Collection - Ada Nemeč Collection. Please refer to the Trinity Historical Society Colour Collection Finding Aid - Ada Nemeč Collection for further information.

Rev. James Miller Fonds. – 1936 – 2004 - 3 cm of textual content

Scope and content

James Miller was born on January 7th, 1930 in Port Union, NL. He was the only child of Thomas and Susannah (nee King) . On August 13, 1952 he married Myra Gertrude Harnum in her home town of Green's Harbour, Trinity Bay.

Reverend Miller was a fisherman, a taxi driver and a teacher among a few of his jobs. Being a teacher meant that he was often in charge of Sunday services and became a lay reader in the church. The Anglican Church was in great need of ministers so on August 26, 1971 he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Seaborn and Priested by Diocesan Bishop on November 29, 1974 at the Cathedral .

He served the Parish of Trinity from 1983 to 1984 when he retired and moved to Green's Harbour, though he kept his house in New Bonaventure and returned for a few years during the summer months.

Rev. James Miller died on May 20, 2012 after a lengthy battle with cancer. His wife Myra remained in Green's Harbour until her death on July 5, 2015.

Custodial history

These records were kept at Reverend Miller's home in New Bonaventure. He likely acquired them during his years serving the Parish of Trinity. The items in this fond were taken from the house in Bonaventure and donated to the Society by Donna and Lillian Brown (his wife Myra's nieces) shortly after Myra's death.

Scope and content

The records consist of a ledger from St. John's Church, New Bonaventure which record the church's income and expenditures from 1936 – 1971. There are also two books that have records of confirmations, one book is for the Parish of Trinity and the other for the Parish of Port Rexton-Trinity East. There is also another book which records for the year 1980 and what appear to be contributions of the congregation of St. John's Church, New Bonaventure. A ledger for St. George's Lodge and a folder of personal land conveyance documents.

Series 1: Income and Expenditures of St. John's Church, New Bonaventure

This series contains a ledger which has a record of income and expenditures for the church from the years 1936 – 1971 and 1980.

- 1.01.01 Ledger 1936 – 1971
- 1.01.02 Ledger 1980

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Location: Shelf

Series 2: Confirmation Records

This series contains two books of confirmation records one for the Parish of Trinity and one for the Parish of Port Rexton – Trinity East. The books cover particular years when the Bishop was here to complete confirmations.

2.01.01 Parish of Trinity Confirmations [1947, 1951, 1955, 1959, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1974, 1977]

2.01.02 Parish of Port Rexton – Trinity East Confirmations [1948, 1950, 1954, 1958, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1977]

Location: Shelf

Series 3: Income and Expenses for St. George's Lodge

This is a green ledger that documents the income and expenses of St. George's Lodge, the Supreme Grand Lodge SUF from 1962 – 2004

3.01.01 Income and Expense Ledger 1962 – 2004

Location: Shelf

Series 4: Personal Land Conveyance Documents

This folder contains documents, receipts and letters regarding the personal property in New Bonaventure.

4.01.01 Folder with personal land conveyance documents.

Private Arthur E. W. Maidment fonds. - 1906, 1911, 1915 - 1921. - 3.3 cm textual records, 11 black and white photographs.

Biographical note

Arthur Ernest White Maidment was born on September 8, 1896, the seventh of eight children born to Enoch Heber Maidment and Mary Margaret Symonds. He enlisted in the Newfoundland Regiment in June 1916 where he joined many other young Newfoundland men to train in St. John's before being sent overseas. In September 1916 he is located in Ayr, Scotland for further training and is awaiting orders to fight, by December he is in France and his last letter home to his brother is dated for March 14, 1917, he is killed a month later at the age of 20.

Private Maidment was No. 2910 of the 1st Battalion, Newfoundland Regiment, he died in the Second Battle of the Scarpe, which was fought at Infantry Hill (East of Monchy) and Guemappe (due South of Monchy). This area was later captured by the British troops. He is buried in the Windmill British Cemetery, Monchy-Le-Preux, Pas de Calais, France.

Sources: Newfoundland Monchy Memorial, Veteran Affairs Canada and Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Custodial history

Material was collected by various members of the Maidment family and was donated to the Trinity Historical Society Archives in September 2002 by Arthur Maidment, nephew of Private Arthur E. W. Maidment.

Scope and content

Consists of correspondence between 1916 - 1917; a copy of the New Testament; letters of sympathy from King George, Governor and Lady Davidson and telegrams expressing condolences, as well as estate papers; a copy of a set of by-laws for the Loyal Orange Association and eleven black and white photographs.

The material has been divided into the following series: Series 1: Correspondence, 1916 - 1917; Series 2: Letters of Sympathy, 1917; Series 3: Estate Papers, 1916 - 1920; Series 4: New Testament; Series 5: Miscellaneous, 1906, 1911, 1915, 1921.

Notes

Supplied title based on documentation in the fonds.

Donated by Arthur Maidment in 2002, nephew of Private Arthur E. W. Maidment.

The black and white photographs have been placed in the Trinity Historical Society Archives Black and White Photograph Collection - Pte. Arthur E. W. Maidment fonds. Please see finding aid for further information.

Series 1: Correspondence. - 1916 - 1917. - 1.5 cm

The series consists of several letters from Arthur, who is in St. John=s undergoing testing and training to see if he is fit for active service in the war, to his sister Mary and his mother who are residing in Trinity. In the letters he tells of his training and wonders what is happening in Trinity. Some letters are written from Trinity while he is home on leave to his brother Harry who is working in Labrador. His first letter from overseas is to his sister Mary and is dated September 28, 1916 from Ayr, Scotland where they are doing more training and awaiting for further orders until late November, between December - March he writes three letters to his brother Harry from France, his last letter is dated March 14, 1917, one month before he is killed outside of Monchy.

Series 2: Letters of Sympathy. - 1917. - 0.3 cm

The series contains letters of sympathy from King George; Governor and Lady Davidson; a Memorial Card which was sent to immediate family members who lost a soldier in the war; telegram from Mr. Bennett, the Colonial Secretary, to the Rev. C. M. Stickings, Rector for the Parish of Trinity; other telegrams of condolence from family members; and a photograph of a cross that marks Arthur=s grave at the Windmill British Cemetery.

Series 3: Estate Papers. - 1916 - 1920. - 0.2 cm

Upon the death of Arthur some correspondence took place between his family and the various government departments concerning the return of his effects, payment of allotment to his mother for his service=s to his Country and some correspondence from the Pension Commissioners Office.

Series 4: New Testament. - 1 cm.

A copy of the New Testament which was presented to the members of the First Newfoundland Regiment by the British and Foreign and Newfoundland Bible Societies. Arthur had written inside of the book: his name, Regimental number and return to his mother in Trinity, Trinity Bay, NFLD. A prayer is also written inside and dated for December 20, 1916.

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Series 5: Miscellaneous. - 1906, 1911, 1915, 1921. - 0.3 cm.

The series contains two letters to Arthur=s mother, one dated March 5, 1911 from the Society of United Fishermen, St. Paul=s Lodge, No. 49 expressing deepest sympathy on the passing of her husband who was a member of the Lodge; a letter from her daughter Gertie saying how her husband Joe had passed away; a set of by-laws from the Loyal Orange Association, Royal Albert Lodge No. 12, Trinity which belonged to Arthur as he was a member of the Association and a Memorial Day card for a service that was held in 1921.

Location: Private Arthur E. W. Maidment Fonds.

Black and White Photographs. - [1900] - [1940's]. - 11 photographs.

Photographs are of Pte. Arthur E. W. Maidment in his uniform, a picture of the cross marker on his grave and studio portraits of Maidment family members.

Location: Trinity Historical Society Archives Black and White Photograph
Collection: Private Arthur E. W. Maidment fonds.
Please see the finding aid for further details.

Dr. Robert White fonds - 1893 - 1905. - 2 cm textual records

Biographical note

Dr. Robert White was the son of Charles White and Eleanor (Ellen) Clarke. He was born October 23, 1831, the fourth of seven children. He married Caroline Clunn of Trinity on October 25, 1855. They had eleven children, one of whom, Arthur Ernest White, was to follow in his father's footsteps and become the doctor for the local area. Dr. White had a medical practice in Trinity from 1858 - 1911. He was also a member of the Trinity Benefit Club serving as its president for forty years, 1872-1912; and was made its first honorary president.

Custodial history

Pay book belonging to Dr. Robert White. Doner is unknown. Was on display at the Trinity Museum until 2004 when it was moved to the Trinity Historical Society Archives.

Scope and content

Pay book for 1893 - 1905.

Notes

Supplied title based on contents and fonds.

Location: Dr. Robert White Fonds (shelf)

Arthur Gardner, British Harbour fonds. - 1861 - 1924. – 26.5 cm textual records

Biographical Note

Arthur Gardner Sr. was born on September 9, 1854 in British Harbour, Trinity Bay. He was one of six children born to Edward and Grace (Abbott) Gardner. He married Mary Colbourne and together they had eleven children. From the 1870s to the time of his death, Mr. Gardner ran a comprehensive general business that encompassed a wide circle of both the buying and selling trade around his hometown. Mr. Gardner passed away in British Harbour on May 17, 1916.

Custodial history

This collection was gathered and conserved by Nina (Tilley) Silk, lately of Grand Falls Windsor. Mrs. Silk is the daughter of Annabelle (Gardner) and Angus Tilley and the grand-daughter of Arthur Gardner Sr. The items of this collection were sent to this Archives in installments beginning in the autumn of 2005.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of day books, shop books, a log book for St. Augustine's School, and a book titled "History of British Harbour, Newfoundland".

The fonds have been arranged in four series: Series 1: Day Book, 1861-1888, 1897-1899, 1904-1905; Series 2: Shop Book, 1878-1885, 1893, 1895-1896; Series 3: Log Book, 1910-1915; Series 4: History of British Harbour, Newfoundland.

Notes

Supplied title based on description and contents of the fonds.

Series 1: Day Books. - 1861-1864, 1885-1888, 1897-1899, 1904-1905.

These books keep a record of the sales of each customer, listing name, what was purchased and how much it cost.

Series 2: Shop Books. - 1878-1885, 1893, 1895-1896. –

These books were kept by the store clerk and recorded the purchases made each day at the store by customers.

Series 3: Log Book. - 1910-1915. -

Contains a daily log book for St. Augustine's School from Jan. 13, 1910 - Sept. 10, 1915.

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Series 4: History of British Harbour, Newfoundland. - 1964. - 0.5 cm

Contains a book titled "History of British Harbour, Newfoundland" written by Walter Gardner in 1964. Series also contains various handouts on British Harbour, such as war heroes of British

Series 5: Landing Book 1925

Finding Aid

A detailed finding aid is available

Lester-Garland Family fonds. - 1761- 1764, 1803 - 1930. – 5.5cm

Administrative history

Benjamin Lester became the most powerful and wealthiest merchant in the Newfoundland fishing trade both in England and Newfoundland towards the end of the 18th Century. He dominated Poole politics serving as Mayor 1781 - 1783 and Member of Parliament 1790 - 1796. Until 1776, Lester spent summers in Trinity and occasionally overwintered. He married Susannah Taverner and had a son and four daughters. He left Trinity for good in 1776 after the Americans offered a bounty for his capture. Agents kept his business going until he died in 1802. Shortly after Lester's death, the whole of his estate was acquired by his son-in-law George Garland. Two of George's sons, John Bingley and George Jr. came to Trinity to work for their father and in 1824 the business became theirs. Between 1772 - 1774 Benjamin Lester raised a massive three storey Georgian style dwelling which was renovated by the Garlands in 1819. Although Trinity experienced some population decline in the late 19th century, the town still supported a few merchants and a sizeable middle-class. When the Ryan Brothers acquired the Garland Plantation in 1905, they re-established Trinity as a major mercantile centre. The decline of the salt codfish trade and the collapse of the Labrador fishery caused Ryan's to close in 1947.

Custodial history

The files that make up these fonds come from various sources: the diary of Benjamin Lester was donated by George Lester-Garland in February, 1970; correspondence came from the estate of John Lester Garland, 2006; and the ships log was donated by Corbett Pittman in May 2007.

Scope and content

The fonds consist of a diary written by Benjamin Lester between December 24th 1761 to June 15th 1764 as well as a typed transcription of the diary that was completed by David White, President of the Trinity Historical Society in 2004. It also contains a ship's log of the ship *Industry* from Trinity towards Poole and the ship *Minerva's* return trip from Poole towards Trinity in 1803 that was captained by Corbett Pittman as well as correspondence to various members of the Lester-Garland family from 1922 - 1930.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Location: Box 1.

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William White fonds. – 1805 – 1847. – 18.75 cm of textual content

Biographical history

William White was born on August 16, 1860 in Trinity. He married Lavina Hopkins Taylor of Bay Roberts on December 28th, 1897 in Whitbourne. They had three children; Raymond Mayers Taylor White (1899-1937), Walter George Cornwall White (1901-1976) and Mary Manston White (1903-1995). William White died on September 28, 1949.

Scope and content

Included in the collection are; day books, invoice books and ledgers, expense and collection books, shipping papers, original letters to Slade & Kelson from Alexander Bremner. Court records, bill of sales regarding fishing room in Heart's Content. There are also records of the proceedings of the Commissioners of Roads at Trinity. The information is held in 5 boxes.

Series 1 File containing original inventory of William White Collection 5.5 cm of textual content

- 1.01 Day Book, 1805 (Trinity Bay)
- 1.02 Invoice Book Inwards, 1812 (Trinity Bay)
- 1.03 Ledger, 1815-16, Heart's Content
- 1.04 Expense Book, 1834-35
- 1.05 Ledger, 1835-36 (Trinity Trade Account noted)

Location: Grey Box #1 Office Desk Shelf

Series 2 Original Inventory of William White Collection. – 2.5 cm textual content

- 2.01 Ledger, 1838-40
- 2.02 Fish and Oil Collections book, 1852 (possibly Trinity and Conception bays)
- 2.03 Remains and Indent book, 1860-61 (Statement of Merchandise, Robert Slade & Co., Trinity, fall 1859 to fall 1860; Indent 1861)

Series 3 Original Inventory of William White Collection – 3.5 cm of textual content

- 3.01 Ledger, Ridley and Sons, 1862-64

Location: Box #3 William White fonds, On top of Map Cabinet. Grey Box

Series 4 Original inventory of William White Collection. -5.25cm textual content

- 4.01 Ledger, 1875 (foreign accounts)
- 4.02 Shipping papers and servants' agreements, 1810-11, 1819-20, 1840-41 (Trinity)

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4.03 Folder (1) Correspondence, memoranda and other material, 1816-1853

**Mary M. White fonds. -1762 - 1784, 1858 -1866, 1916, 1920-1989. -
16.5cm**

Biographical Note

Born at St. John's on October 6, 1903, she was the only daughter of William White of Trinity and Lavinia Hopkins Taylor of Bay Roberts who were married at Whitbourne on December 28, 1897. Her elder brothers were Raymond Mayers Taylor White (1899-1937) and Walter George Cornwall White (October 27, 1901 - June 21, 1976). She was descended from two of the oldest Trinity families, the Clothiers and Hurdles, and was an eighth generation Newfoundlander. When she was very young the family returned to Trinity from St. John's and there she spent her early girlhood years except for several months each year which she spent at Bonne Bay. She died at St. Luke's Home, St. John's, on August 31, 1995 and is buried next to her father and mother at the Anglican Cemetery, Forest Road, St. John's.

Her elementary education was taken at Trinity, followed by High School at Bishop Spencer College, St. John's (1919-1924), where she completed her Senior Associate or Senior Matriculation. This was followed during September through December, 1924 by Teacher Training at the Normal School, St. John's.

Miss. White taught at White Rock, Trinity Bay from January through June, 1925; at Kelligrews from September, 1925 to June 1926, Petty Harbour from September 1926 through December 1927; and was appointed to the staff of Bishop Spencer College commencing in January, 1927. She remained at Spencer as a staff member, Vice-Principal and Principal until 1963. Miss White was the Lady Superintendent of Bishop Jones Memorial Hostel, a residence for girls attending Bishop Spencer College and Memorial University College, from 1939 to 1950. She was the incumbent Principal at Spencer from 1957 to 1963. In September, 1964 Miss White was appointed Lecturer in French at Memorial University of Newfoundland and Assistant Professor in September 1968, but was obliged to retire from this position because of ill health in October, 1972.

In 1927, she attended summer school at Lycee Victor Duruy, Paris, and spent the full year of 1930-31 in Paris earning the Certificate of Civilization Francaise and the Certificate of Phonetics at the Sorbonne. In 1950, she spent the summer in Brittany, Paris and England and in 1951 at summer school at the Language School, Middlebury College, Vermont. This was followed by summer school at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York from 1951 to 1955 and full-time attendance at Columbia in 1955/56, thus completing a B.S.C. and M.A. in Education from that institution. The summers of 1959 and 1960 were spent in Paris attending lectures at the Sorbonne attending lectures in Civilization Francaise.

The summers of 1965 through 1970 were also spent in Paris researching the French in Newfoundland in the 18th and 19th centuries; this was an area of high interest for Miss White. A

year of sabbatical leave from MUN in 1970/71 was again spent in Paris continuing this research.

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Custodial History

This collection was gathered by Miss. White over the years and mostly consists of material in relation to the invasion of Trinity by the French and the establishment of the Fort at Admiral's Point. Upon Miss. White's death in 1995 the material was past over to her nephew David White, who donated it to the archives in 2004.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of material related to the invasion of Trinity by the French; Correspondence and information concerning Bishop Spencer College; and information concerning the archaeology work at Fort Point in 1969. The fonds as been arranged into five Series; Series 1- French Related Material; Series 2 - Bishop Spencer College; Series 3 -Archaeology; Series 4 - Mary M White and; Series 5 - Miscellaneous

Notes

Supplied title based on description and contents of the fonds.

Location

A detailed finding aid is available

Capt. Frank Jones – 1606-1784, 1795, 1809, 1999-2007 - 49cm of textual content

Biographical history

Francis Irving Weston Jones (Frank) was born in Montreal, June 21, 1942 to Francis Irving Jones and Gladys Louise (Locke). Frank joined RCN as a Rating but Attained the rank of Captain Can. Forces, ending his career as a Staff Officer Maritime Command. One of his retirement pursuits is researching and writing naval and maritime history.

He has extensive family history some which can be found below along with a document entitled 'Looking for Captain Robert', The Jones Family of Trinity East which can be found in the Genealogy Files under Jones. He has donated his collection to the Trinity Historical Society.

Scope and content

Series 1: Contains a collection of books

9 of The Northern Mariner Book

Location: Trinity Historical Society Magazine Collection Section 3 Shelf G Box #13

Series 2: Collection of information as gathered by Capt. Frank Jones on Capt. Jack Randell

- 2.1 This series includes a Militia and Defence; Canadian Scouts in South Africa,
- 2.2 Documents from the Department of National Defence
- 2.3 A copied photograph of Capt. Jack Randell
- 2.4 Research logs and a document written by Robert Webb titled 'The Most Famous Rum-Runner of Them All'.

Location: Box #1 Section2 Shelf G

Series 3: Collection of information as gathered by Capt. Frank Jones regarding the Pittmans.

This series includes; a family tree of the Pittmans, Genealogy requests, papers of James and Corbett Pittman regarding the Newfoundland Regiment, Baptisms and Marriage Registers from Abbotsbury, Dorset 1606-1784, Family Research and Correspondence in relation to the Pittman Family.

Location: Box 1, Section 3 ShelfG, Binders located on Shelf

Series 4 Jonah Jones as collected by Capt. Frank Jones

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This series contains the will and court documents relating to Jonah Jones. The Jones Family History and documents pertaining to the Jones and Locke families.

Location: Box 1, Shelf 3 Section G, Binders located on Shelf

Series 5 Copies of published articles written by Francis I.W. Jones

- 5.1 The Debt-collector or Kingmaker? The Royal Navy in Mexico 1861-1862. Volume 55, Number 3 taken from the American Neptune
- 5.2 This Fraudulent Trade: Confederate Blockade-Running from Halifax During the American Civil War. Taken from the Northern Mariner IX, No.4 (October 1999), 35-46

Location: Section 3 Shelf G

Series 6 Information collected by Capt. Frank Jones

- 6.1 Family History: Newell, Fowlow, Locke and Matthews Names – Binder 8

Location : Binder on Shelf

Notes

A detailed finding aid is available

MANUSCRIPT FILES

MF-001 Rachel Isabel White notebooks. - 1892-1899 - 2 cm textual records

Biographical note

Rachel Isobel White (1867-1911) of Trinity was the daughter of Dr. Robert White and Sister to Bishop William Charles White.

Scope and content

A personal notebook kept by Rachel White containing notes and instructions in musical arrangement and interpretation and transcriptions of writings, and a diary giving accounts of the Boar War, kept by White in Halifax, 1899.

MF-002 Harry V. Mews Church Stamp Album. - 19--. - 0.5 cm textual records

Biographical note

Resident of Trinity baptised 1913.

Scope and content

Album issued to children attending Sunday School in which they collected stamps for each Sunday that they attended school.

MF-003 Joseph E. Butler, land grants. - 1902-1938. - 4 folios

Biographical note

Resident of St. John=s and Chamberlains.

Scope and content

Grants of land at Cochrane Pond and Chamberlains, issued to Joseph E. Butler in 1902, 1933 and 1938, and a plan of land situated at Chamberlains, 1923.

MF-004 Newfoundland Railway publications. - 1910-1943. - 1 cm textual records

Scope and content

Timetables relating to the Newfoundland Railway.

MF-005 Lease of house and land at Trinity, John Bingley Garland and George Garland to John Farnham. - 1852. - 1 folio

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MF-006 Proposed bill of sale for the schooner Trinitas, Frederick John Morris of Trinity to Norman Humby, Willis Humby, Richard Humby, fishermen of Summerville, Bonavista Bay. - 1943. - 1 folio textual records

MF-007 Florence E. Mews exercise book. - 1932. - 1 cm

MF-008 The Queen=s Coronation (a play for children) written in 1837 by Rev. William Bullock. - [c.1937]. - 1 cm textual records

Scope and content

Typed transcript of the original play written by Rev. William Bullock, Dean of Nova Scotia, at Trinity in 1837. The play was transcribed by L. Bullock-Webster, Victoria BC c.1937.

Notes Copyright held by L. Bullock-Webster

MF-009 Correspondence, Martha G. Brownlie to Miss Carter. - 1878. - 1 page textual records

MF-010 Fort Point Lighthouse papers. - 1893-1906. - 6 pages textual records

Scope and content

Manifests of goods delivered to the lighthouse at Fort Point, 1893-1906.

MF - 011 Dr. Robert Gill. - 1845. - 1 page textual records.

Scope and content

An invoice from Dr. Gill for medicine for Mr. Robert Norman=s wife.

MF - 012 Ethel Grace Hodder. - 1884. - 1 cm.

Scope and content

A book that was given to Ethel Grace from her teacher in 1884, titled AThe Sunday Picture Book.@

MF - 013 Games for Children. - 1 cm textual records

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MF - 014 St. John=s Mutual Insurance Club, 1881. - 1 cm

Scope and content

Rules of the St. John=s Mutual Insurance Club as adopted at a meeting of ship owners and agents on March 16, 1881.

MF - 015 A seal frame - 1 page textual records

Scope and content

A drawing of a seal frame that was used to catch seal with.

MF - 016 Church Lads Brigade (CLB) Sport=s Day Agenda, 1949. 1 page textual records

MF - 017 Canadian Railroad Employees Certificate - 1920 - 1 page textual records

Scope and content

Certificate that belonged to George Rowe

MF - 018 Gilbert Bugden, Culler=s Oath and License - 1933 - 0.5cm 1 page textual records

MF - 019 *The Old Time Songs and Poetry of Newfoundland* - 1927 - 1 book
Published by Gerald S. Doyle

MF - 020 In account with slips and reference letters - 1838, 1839, 1853, 1859, 1862, 1866, 1867 - 12 pages textual records

Scope and content

Slips of paper of men who held accounts with various merchants

MF - 021 Concert program - no date - 1 page textual records

Scope and content

Copy of a concert program that took place her in Trinity

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MF - 022 Royal Black Preceptory and Loyal Orange Association - 1910, 1947. -
2 pages textual records

Scope and content

Loyal Orange Association, Royal Albert Lodge, No. 12
Letter of condolence to the family of the late Thomas Spurrell, 1910.

A statement from Batson=s store for purchases made at the store.

MF - 023 An award of Merit, Harold Fifield, - 1895 - 1 page textual records

Scope and content

Award of Merit from Sunday School.

MF - 024 Masonic Odes - 0.2 cm.

Scope and content

A booklet containing odes/songs of the Masonic Order.

MF - 025 Total Abstinence Mutual Improvement Society, 1877. – 1.7 cm.

Scope and content

Includes a certificate and bible for the Total Abstinence Mutual Improvement Society that was created in November 1877, as well as a photocopy of a payment of dues book of members – English Harbour from 1927-1928. The photocopy was donated by Gilbert Penny. The first president was William Penny and the last was Joseph Allan Penny.

MF - 026 By-laws, 1865. - 0.2 cm.

Scope and content

By-laws of the harmony Division, No. 2 of the Son of Temperance of Newfoundland in Trinity in 1865.

MF - 027 Certificate of British Registry, 1956. - 1 cm.

Scope and content

Contains a certificate of British Registry of the ship AG. E. Kenneth Second@ on February 4, 1956 as well as the Bill of Sale (1971).

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MF - 028 Our Bounden Duty and Service. - 0.3 cm.

Scope and content

A book used in worship for the schools that was compiled by Rev. E. P. Hiscock which was a minister here from 1923 - 1929.

MF - 029 Rules and Instructions for Lightkeepers. - 0.5 cm.

Scope and content

Book of Rules and Instructions for Lightkeepers and Fog Alarm Engineers and Rules Governing Buoys and Beacons which was issued by Marine Services and the Department of Transport.

MF - 030 Mae Randell Material. - 0.2 cm.

Scope and content

Material belonging to Mae Randell including her immigration identification card and a record of the money she collected for the Red Cross.

MF - 031 Daily Comfort Book. - 0.2 cm.

Scope and content

Daily readings for those serving in Her Majesty=s Forces or engaged in National Service. It contains quotes from the bible and was printed by the Naval and Military Bible Society in Great Britain. Inscription says ATo mother from Harold wishing you the best of luck and health till we meet again.@

MF - 032 Newfoundland Game Laws. 1943. - 0.2 cm.

Scope and content

Contains Newfoundland game laws that were put out by the Department of Natural Resources in 1943 to tell the rules of hunting. This booklet belonged to James Dewling which was the father of Mr. Clarence Dewling of Trouty.

MF - 033 By-laws of Trinity Lodge. 1906 - 0.2 cm.

Scope and content

Contains the bye-laws of Trinity Lodge, No. 113. L.O.A. Ship Cove for 1906.

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MF - 034 By-laws of Trinity, 1914 - 0.2 cm.

Scope and content

Contains the bye-laws of Trinity, Preceptory No. 650, Port Rexton for 1914. This book was donated by Clarence Dewling.

MF - 035 By-laws of Gibraltar Lodge, 1933. - 0.2 cm.

Scope and content

Contains the bye-laws of Gibraltar Lodge No. 131, in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Newfoundland; and No. 1965 in the Grand Lodge of British North America of Bonaventure in 1933.

MF - 036 Notes from Trinity, 1921 - 1922. - 0.2 cm.

Scope and content

Excerpts from a diary kept by Francis C. (Frank) Howse in the early 1920's in Trinity. Donated by Wilfred Howse from Grand Falls during the summer of 2004. Original still held by the donor.

Located: Manuscript Files Box 1

MF - 037 In Loving Memory of Brave Soldiers and Sailors - 0.2 cm.

Scope and content

A poster containing a poem in memory of the brave soldiers and sailors who lost their lives while fighting in the Dardenelles, for the flag of Old England.

MF - 038 Lenten Services. 1898. - 0.1 cm.

Scope and content

Copy of the Lenten Service for St. Paul=s Church in 1898 that was lead by Rev. Frank Smart. It was donated by Gordon in Miller in July of 2005.

MF - 039 Almanac. 1886, 1904 - 0.3 cm.

Scope and content

Contains the *Ayer=s American Almanac* for 1886 which was published in

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Massachusetts and the *Wingate Almanac* for 1904 which was published in
Montreal, Quebec.

MF - 040 Views of Trinity. 1913. - 0.5 cm.

Scope and content

Contains 2 identical books of various photos taken of Trinity. These photos belonged to Dr. Robert White.

MF - 041 Miscellaneous. 1843. - 0.2 cm.

Scope and content

Contains various invoices and payments for various people in Trinity.

MF - 042 4-H Clippings. 1980's. - 0.2 cm.

Scope and content

Contains certificates, letters, and invitations belonging to the 4-H Club. File also contains artwork done by several of the 4-H members.

MF - 043 CD – The Le Vesconte Family Archives

Scope and content

Contains a CD of a revised VW-1 folder that includes 303 files pertaining to the Le Vesconte family.

MF - 044 British Harbour Memories. - 1.3 cm.

Scope and content

Contains a book of poems titled “British Harbour Memories” donated by Nina (Tilley) Silk in 2006.

MF - 045 Cassettes - Interviews.

Scope and content

Contains 2 cassettes of various interviews donated by Nina (Tilley) Silk in 2006. On one cassette there are interviews with Dr. Henry Payne, which taught school in British Harbour for 11 years.

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MF - 046 **Emily Bugden's Diary. 1929. – 0.5 cm.**

Scope and content

Contains a diary belonging to Emily Bugden, a teacher in Shoal harbour in 1929, possibly from English Harbour. Donated by Doug Coal in September 2006.
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MF – 047 **Red Cross. – 1968 – 1969. – 7.5cm**

Scope and Content

Contains receipt books from the Red Cross, stating the names of people and how much they donated to the Red Cross. The receipt books were donated by Doug Cole on August 8th 2003.

MF – 048 **Royal Naval Reserve Men. - 1915. – 0.5cm**

Scope and Content

Contains a statement of the number of Royal Naval Reserve Men who were on the S. S. Mongolian for a passage to England and the names and addresses of next of kin of the R. N. R. Men.

MF - 049 **Florence Gertrude Hiscock. - 1949, 1989. - 0.1 cm**

Scope and Content

Contains Florence Gertrude Hiscocks birth certificate and her last will and testament.

MF - 050 **Confederation Celebration. - 1974. - 0.1 cm**

Scope and Content

Contains the 1974 calendar of the Confederation Celebration.

MF - 051 **Hayter's General Store. 1931, 1933. - 0.1 cm**

Scope and Content

Contains correspondence and invoices for R.W. Hayter's Store.

MF – 052 **R.G. Maidment. 1922. – 0.1cm**

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Journal entry written by R.G. Maidment

MF - 053 Eliol Cooper. 1916. - 1cm

Scope and Content

Contains a Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve Booklet, short biography of Eliol Cooper and other correspondence.

MF – 054 W. C. Gent. – 1925 – 1937. – 0.2 cm.

Scope and Content

Contains correspondence of W. (Willie) C. Gent to his mother, and business correspondence of G.W. Gent

MF – 055 Annie Ivany Material. 1947 – 1982. -1 cm.

Scope and Content

Contains various certificates for Annie's membership in the 4-H Club, Ladies Council of the Society of the United Fishermen, her grade four certificate and copies Constitution and Red Degree Ritual. Material donated by Andrea Cooper, daughter of Annie Ivany, July 2008.

MF – 056 Fowlow History Material. 2008. 1 cm

Scope and Content

This book contains Fowlow history in Trinity, Newfoundland and Gilbert George Fowlow recollections of WWII. Donated by Gilbert George Fowlow, July 2008.

MF – 057 Eunice Jestican Material. 2005. 1.3 cm

Scope and Content

Notes concern various incidents that happened in the Trinity area.

MF – 058 J. Bartlett Material. 2009. 1 cm.

Scope and Content

Soldiers' Pay Book belonging to J. Bartlett in 1918

MF – 059 George Hubert Miller Material. 2009. 1.7 cm

Scope and Content

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Royal Naval Reserve Certificate pay books belonging to George Hubert Miller.

MF – 60 Clarence Bartlett Material. 2009. 1 cm.

Scope and Content

License to operate a receiving set belonging to Clarence Bartlett of Trinity.

MF - 061 Ralph Hayter Material. 2009. 1.4 cm

Scope and Content

Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve Certificate sea book, and pay log belonging to Ralph Hayter, from WW I. Donated by Foster Hayter, 2009.

MF - 062 Hodder/Cooper Material. 2009. 0.4 cm

Scope and Content

Ration Books issued by the Food Controller in Newfoundland for Joseph Hodder and Elizabeth Hodder/Cooper.

MF - 063 Elizabeth R. Green Material. 2009. 0.3 cm

Scope and Content

Various identification and membership cards belonging to Miss Elizabeth R. Green. Donated by Ada Nemeč, in 2009.

MF – 064 Champney's Arm Community Committee, 1961 – 1967. 0.6 cm

Scope and Content

Consist of minutes from meetings of the Champney's Arm Community Committee.

MF – 065 Arthur Skinner Material, 1912 – 1934. 1.1 cm

Scope and Content

Contains various Christmas cards, postcards, receipts and telegrams belonging to Arthur Skinner and his family, of Trouty.

Location: Manuscript Files Box 2