

Arthur Gardner, British Harbour fonds. - 1861 – 1925, 1964. - 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 consists of day books, shop books, a log book for St. Augustine=s School, and a book titled AHistory of British Harbour, Newfoundland@.

The fonds have been arranged in four series: Series 1: Day Book, 1861- 1864, 1885-1888, 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 1964, Series 5: Newfoundland Series S:Landing Book, 1925.

Notes

Supplied title based on description and contents of the fonds.

Series 1: Day Books. - 1861-1864, 1885-1888, 1897-1899, 1904-1905. – 12cm

These books keep a record of the sales of each customer, listing name, what was purchased and how much it cost.

- 1.01 Sept. 23, 1861 - Dec. 1, 1864
- 1.02 Nov. 7, 1885 - Dec. 28, 1888
- 1.03 Jan. 1, 1897 - Dec. 23, 1899
- 1.04 Nov. 12, 1904 - Dec. 15, 1905

Series 2: Shop Books. - 1878-1885, 1893, 1895-1896. – 9.5cm

These books were kept by the store clerk and recorded the purchases made each day at the store by customers.

- 2.01 1878 - 1885
- 2.02 1893

2.03 1895 - 1896

Series 3: Log Book. - 1910-1915. – 2cm

Contains a daily log book for St. Augustine=s School from Jan. 13, 1910 - Sept. 10, 1915.

Series 4 History of British Harbour, Newfoundland. - 1964. - 0.5 cm

Contains a book titled AHistory of British Harbour, Newfoundland@ written by Walter Gardner in 1964. Series also contains various handouts on British Harbour, such as war heroes of British Harbour and the history of St. Augustine=s Church.

Series 5 Landing Book 1925 – 2cm

Contains listings of cargo that was landed from various schooners, along with customer and cost information.

Location: Section G Shelf 1