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Summary information

Repository: Dalhousie University Archives

Title: Business correspondence of John M. Blaikie

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Date: 1860-1902 (date of creation)

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Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

John M. Blaikie was a merchant and shipbuilder in Great Village, Nova Scotia. He was born in Upper Stewiacke in 1837 to Harris and Maria Blaikie and moved to Great Village from Maitland ca. 1850. In 1863 he went into partnership with his brother-in-law, A.W. McLellan, with whom he would be associated for many years in merchandising and shipbuilding.

Blaikie, first in partnership and later on his own, commissioned the building of many ships during the period 1863 to 1891, including the John M. Blaikie, a 2000-tonne, four-masted barque, which was launched in October 1885 from Great Village. A model of this ship was among the exhibits at the Great London Exhibition in 1886 as well as the World's Fair in Paris.

He had at least one son by his first wife, and by 1898 he was widowed and married to Malinda Gould. Blaikie passed away in 1929.

Custodial history

The materials were accessioned by Dalhousie University Archives in 1971. The custodial history is unknown.

Scope and content

File consists of correspondence regarding Blaikie's mercantile and shipbuilding businesses.

Notes

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• **Publication status**: Published

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- Business correspondence (subject)
- Correspondence (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.)--Commerce (subject)
- Merchants (subject)
- Nova Scotia--Commerce (subject)
- Nova Scotia--History--19th century (subject)
- Nova Scotia--History--20th century (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)
- Shipbuilding--Nova Scotia (subject)
- Great Village (N.S.) (place)

Collection holdings