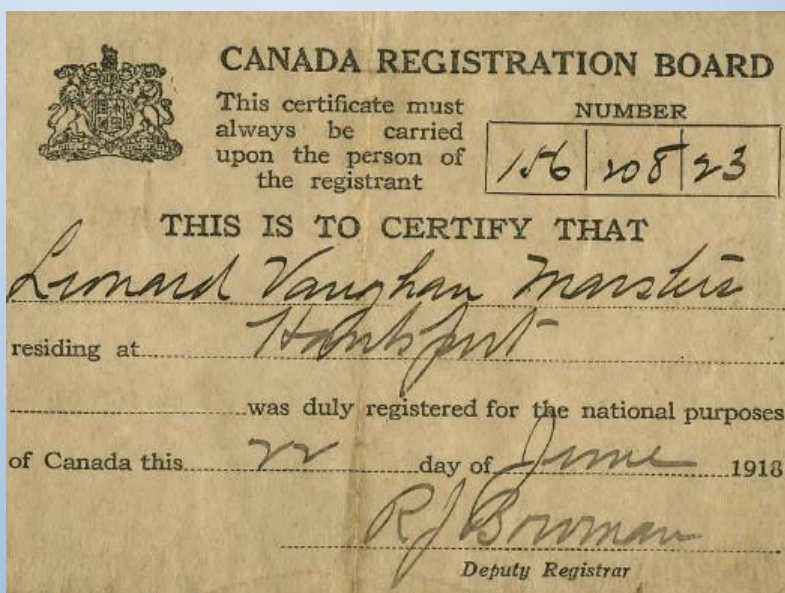


**JAMES W. MARSTERS FAMILY
(HANTS CO., NS) FONDS**

Accession 2005.010-MAR



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James W. Marsters family fonds. – [textual records, graphic materials]. – 1814-1990. – 1 box (19cm) of textual records. – 5 photographs

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1. Marsters family papers. – 1818-[1947?]. – 1 folder

Series contains five pages, likely from a family bible.

Note:

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Item pertains to the entire fonds and it cannot be determined who recorded this information

File list included

File List

2005.010-MAR/1 family record of births, deaths, and marriages covering the period of 1818-[1947?]

2. James W. Marsters papers. – 1857-1878. – 3 folders

Series contains legal documents of James W. Marsters

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2005.010-MAR/4 conveyance James Marsters to Martha Marsters (1857)

2005.010-MAR/5 deed from James W. Marsters and his wife, Rebecca, to Joseph Marsters (1872)

2005.010-MAR/6 deed between Arnold Sanford to James W. Marsters, Charles E. Marsters, and Leonard Marsters (1878)

3. Joseph D. Marsters papers. – 1814-1892. – 9 folders

Series contains legal documents of Joseph D. Marsters

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2005.010-MAR/2 [deed](#) between Daniel Smith to Joseph Marsters (1814)

2005.010-MAR/3 deed Joseph Bradshaw (Jr.) and Jonathan Bradshaw (1819)

2005.010-MAR/8 deed James E. Marsters and wife, Annie, to Joseph Marsters (1879)

2005.010-MAR/9 mortgage from James Marsters and wife, Marietta, to Joseph Marsters (1879)

2005.010-MAR/11 mortgage from Charles Marsters to Joseph Marsters (1879)

2005.010-MAR/12 deed George Crowell and wife and Joseph D. Marsters (1882)

2005.010-MAR/13 [Court of Probate document](#) naming Joseph D. Marsters as Administrator of James W. Marsters' will (1887)

2005.010-MAR/ 41 Sarah M. Gabriel [memorial card](#) (1892). Sarah may have been Joseph's sister-in-law

4. Leonard V. Marsters papers. – 1897-1934. – 14 folders

Series contains legal documents of Leonard V. Marsters

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2005.010-MAR/10 agreement between John H. Marsters and Charles Marsters and Leonard Marsters (1879)

2005.010-MAR/14 Court of Probate document naming Leonard V. Marsters as guardian for the minor Ethel Marsters (1887)

2005.010-MAR/15 Court of Probate document naming Leonard V. Marsters as guardian for the minor Eva Marsters (1887)

2005.010-MAR/16 [deed](#) of lands from Joseph Marsters Administrator to Leonard Marsters (1889)

2005.010-MAR/17 deed of lands from Joseph Marsters Administrator of James W. Marsters Estate to Charles and Leonard Marsters (1889)

2005.010-MAR/18 license to sell the real estate of James W. Marsters (1887)

2005.010-MAR/20 [deed](#) John H. Marsters and his wife Arabel to Leonard V. Marsters (1901)

2005.010-MAR/22 deed between Leonard Marsters and his wife, Dora, and Neuman Weathers (1915). Note on the envelope indicate that this transaction failed to materialize

2005.010-MAR/23 [deed](#) Leonard Marsters to Frank Crowell (1915)

2005.010-MAR/24 Will of Joseph D. Marsters, written in 1905 (1917)

2005.010-MAR/25 estate document of Joseph D. Marsters (1917)

2005.010-MAR/26 [letter](#) to Leonard Marsters from H.R. Grant, General Secretary of the Social Service Council and Temperance Alliance of Nova Scotia (1934)

2005.010-MAR/43 Leonard Marsters' [registration card](#) (1918)

5. Charles Marsters papers. – 1878-1915. – 3 folders

Series contains legal documents of Charles Marsters

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File list included

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2005.010-MAR/7 [deed of conveyance](#) from Joseph Nunn and Thomas Nunn to Charles Marsters (1878)

2005.010-MAR/19 deed from Joseph Marsters and his wife, Mary, to Charles Marsters (1895)

2005.010-MAR/21 deed between Charles Marsters and Neuman Weathers (1915). Note on the envelope indicate that this transaction failed to materialize

6. Gladys M. Marsters papers. – 1905-1990. – 19 folders

Series contains legal documents, diaries, clippings, correspondence, a ledger, and photographs for Gladys Marsters

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2005.010-MAR/27 [personal and family ledger](#) (1905-1937) for Leonard, Gordon, and Gladys

2005.010-MAR/28 diary of Gladys Marsters (1901) with notes and drawings and diary (1904)

2005.010-MAR/29 diary of Gladys Marsters (1905) with cash book attached to inside rear cover and journal (1906-1907)

2005.010-MAR/30 journal of Gladys Marsters (1908) and diary of Gladys Marsters (1909-1910) with clippings and notes

2005.010-MAR/31 journal of Gladys Marsters (1911-1915) with notes and clippings and diary (1915; January to February)

2005.010-MAR/32 diary of Gladys Marsters (1916) with notes from 1915-1927 and diary (1931) with notes on expenses

2005.010-MAR/33 diary of Gladys Marsters (1933) with notes on expenses and diary (1934)

2005.010-MAR/34 diary of Gladys Marsters (1935-1939; dates intertwined in diary) with clippings and notes and diary (1940-1944; dates intertwined in diary) with notes

2005.010-MAR/35 diary of Gladys Marsters (1945-1949; dates intertwined in diary) with notes on expenses, diary (1950-1954; dates intertwined in diary) with notes and clippings, and diary (1965-1967; dates intertwined in diary) with clippings

2005.010-MAR/36 1 photograph ; sepia toned ; 15cmx10cm. [193-?] Portrait of Gladys Marsters

2005.010-MAR/37 1 photograph : b&w (nitrate) ; 14cm x 8cm. (1910) Portrait of Gladys Marsters in her academic robes. Written on reverse in ink: "Gladys Mary / Marsters / Dalhousie Arts / 1910"

2005.010-MAR/38 1 photograph : b&w ; 14cm x 9cm. [1939?] Photo shows Leonard, Gladys, and Dora Marsters posing next to a house. Written on reverse in ink: "Gladys Marsters / with her parents / Leonard & Dora / Marsters"

2005.010-MAR/39 1 photograph : col. ; 9cm x 9cm. (1963) Photo shows Vivian Waldron and Mattie Curry at the Convention in 1963. Emmerson Hall is in the background. Written on reverse in ink: "Convention – Wolfville 1963 / The one with the light summer / dress on is Vivian Waldron: / the other is Mattie Curry. / 1963 was the year I [crossed out] we returned / from India for retirement. / Vivian Waldron."

2005.010-MAR/40 newsclippings (n.d.)

2005.010-MAR/44 1 photograph : b&w ; 12cm x 19cm framed 15cm x 22cm. Group photo of the students attending Summerville School in June of 1900 (1900). A handwritten list of the students accompanies the photograph

2005.010-MAR/45 [letter and certificate](#) (1990) from Pat Nowlan, M.P. of Annapolis Valley-Hants, congratulating Gladys Marsters on her 100th birthday

2005.010-MAR/46 letter (1990) from Ronald S. Russell, M.L.A. of Hants West, congratulating Gladys Marsters on her 100th birthday

2005.010-MAR/47 [certificate](#) (1990) from Hon. John M. Buchanan, Premier of Nova Scotia, congratulating Gladys Marsters on her 100th birthday

2005.010-MAR/48 open letter (1956) from E. Bessie Lockhart who was on Mission in Parlakimedi, Orissa

Biographical Sketches

The James W. Marsters family lived in Summerville and Hantsport in Hants County, NS.

James W. Marsters (d. 1887) married married Tryphosa (Dimock) Marsters (1790-1848) after 1814 and had eight children: James E., Stephen S., Abraham L. Hannah, Joseph D., Daniel D., Sarah Ann, and Eunice D. James was married a second time to Rebecca. He is listed as a farmer by occupation. James' father was Ezekiel Marsters.

James E. Marsters married Annie.

Joseph Dimock Marsters (1818-1908) was the fifth child of James W and Triphosa. Joseph was the author of *The Dimock History*, which was published in 1861 (Duncanson, John Victor. 1985. *Newport, Nova Scotia: A Rhode Island Township*. p.206) and "A genealogy of the Dimock family from the year 1637", which was published in 1899. Joseph married Mary Gabriel (1819-1904) of Halifax in 1845 and had seven children: James William, John Gabriel, Sara Elizabeth (Jenks), Adeline Tiffon, Mary Triphosa (Ryan), Leonard Vaughan, and Charles Edwin, and the eighth, Marietta is listed in Joseph's Will as a "sister" of his children, but Marietta Terfrey was married to James William and had two children, Eva May (b.1880) and Ethel (b.1882). Joseph is listed as a carpenter by occupation.

Charles Edwin Marsters (1839-1923) was a son of Joseph. He is listed as a carpenter by occupation.

Leonard Vaughan Marsters (1856-1942), son of Joseph, is listed as a farmer by occupation but carried the title "Captain". Leonard married Dora Corkum (d.1946) in 1884 and had two children: Frederick Gordon (1885-1915) and Gladys Mary. In 1887, Leonard became the guardian of Ethel and Eva Marsters, whose parents were his brother James W. (1848-1887) and Marietta (d.1907). Leonard is listed as a farmer by occupation. He was a member of the Hantsport United Baptist Church and was their organist in 1927.

Gladys Mary Marsters (1890-1990) lived in Avon House, Summerville, Hants County until approximately 1915, and in Homedale, Hantsport, Hants County in 1918-1919. Gladys taught at the Tower Road School in Halifax, retiring in 1944. She then returned to Hantsport, Hants County where she lived in the family home. Gladys attended the Baptist World Alliance Jubilee Congress in London, England, in 1955 and the Baptist World Alliance meetings in Florida, USA, in 1965. She was involved with the Women's Christian Temperance Union in the 1950s and 1960s

It had been stipulated in an agreement that Gladys could live in the family home until her death; then, the house was to be used as a place for missionaries on furlough to live. However, by the time that Gladys died such 'retreats' were no longer in use. So, when the house was sold, the money was given to the local UBWMU.

Custodial History

Donor's Grandmother was a cousin of Gladys Marsters and the Executor of Gladys Marsters' estate. Records were found in the parent's home of the donor; likely, the donor's mother had taken the records during settlement of the estate as they pertained to her family. It seems as though the donor's mother did not add records to this fonds.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of land transactions, legal documents, and correspondence for James, Joseph, Leonard, and Charles. The documents for Gladys include diaries, correspondence, and photographs. The family's record of births, deaths, and marriages is also included.

Fonds consists of six series:

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Records subject to the *Copyright Act*. Written permission from the Copyright holder is required in order to publish many of these records

Accompanying material:

2005.010/42 Gladys Marsters funeral bulletin (1990)

See also Gladys M. Marsters accession 1900.388

See also Women's Christian Temperance Union accession 2005.022; these records were collected by Gladys Marsters

See also "A genealogy of the Dimock family from the year 1637" by Joseph Dimock Marsters [SPCOLL CS90 .D55 M3 1899]

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Marsters, James W. (d.1887)
Marsters, Joseph Dimock (1818-1908)
Marsters, Leonard Vaughan (1856-1942)