

MARINE MUSEUM OF THE GREAT LAKES AT KINGSTON

RG 25 997.33 RATHBUN COLLECTION FINDING AID

997.33.01 DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOS

Share Certificate in Quinte Navigation Co. 55 shares to JE Rathbun 1910. Certificate for 1 share Quinte Steamships Ltd 1917 to JE Rathbun. Picnick Poster no date. Schedule Harbour Dues no date, Belleville, S Vandervoort, Harbour Master. Photo of 3 steamers, Varuna, Aletha, Brockville. Photo of Aletha. Photo of Brockville. 7 Photos of Varuna. 2 Photos of Capt Rathbun with Mate Fred Jarrell. Photo Capt JE Rathbun, Photo Capt A Hicks. 2 Schedule Cards undated for Steamer Varuna.

997.33.02 LEGAL AND OTHER RECEIPTS STATEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE 1909-22.

Agreement dated March 1911 between Quinte Navigation Co. and Ontario and Quebec Navigation Co. Judgement against J E Rathbun and others dated 1922 by Canada Steamship Lines and Ontario and Quebec Navigation Co. as plaintiffs.

997.33.03 LETTERS AND RECORDS

Letters and records, mostly on Canada Steamship Lines letterhead from April to August 1914, mainly being letters to Capt Rathbun including some instructions to lay up Varuna.

997.33.04 BILLS, STATEMENTS, RECEIPTS

Bills statements and receipts including Undated telegram to J E Rathbun, Repair Statement undated; bills 1905 and 1908 ; Cash sheet 1907; routine letter 1904, 23 bills and receipts Apr- Dec 1909; 8 statements or receipts for 1910; 17 blank Bill of Lading forms; Wages cheque Sept 1914; 1932 confirmation of stock sale.

997.33.05 NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS MOSTLY UNDATED 1930-1955 approximately.

Topics recall events in early 1900s, some obituries - Capt W. Harvey Solmes, Capt J. E. Rathbun, Feb 1944. Undated Clipping about J E Rathbun buying 2 ferries, Yennek and Missiquois, from Gananoque, from Capt DJ Kenney. A letter and signed description of Aletha dated 1901 by Capt JA Roys.

997.33.06 PUBLIC RELATIONS DOCUMENTS

Mostly receipted bills from a file on promotion and ticketing payables. Bills from Trenton Courier, The Intelligencer and the Gazette, Picton, The Times, Picton, also Weekly Ontario and T S Carman, Book and Job Printing.

997.33.07 G. RATHBUN NOTES

"Historical Sketch of Rathbun Bus Service" some typed pages on Rathbun Bus Service letterhead, some handwritten notes, some typed notes on the history of Rathbun transportation businesses in a folder originally marked G. Rathbun Notes. 3 letters from the City of Belleville 1960 and 61 cutting Rathbun stops and extending the city's exclusive stops.

997.33.08 STEAMER PHOTOS

Some undated unidentified photos probably Varuna and some recognizable as Varuna, Alexandria and St. Lawrence (CSL), 2 newprint photos of the sidewheeler, Bay of Quinte, and the Geronia.

997.33.09 BILLS LETTERS NOTES STEAMER VARUNA

Bills, some receipted, receipts, letters notes from accounts payable, itemized accounts, all for 1909-1910 covering most months. Includes a letter proposing a booking, a passenger list and ticket reports. See also folder 14.

997.33.10 PROMISSORY NOTES

Some promissory notes written by JE Rathbun, receipts and waivers by creditors and receipt stubs for casual payments 1908-14.

997.33.11 BILLS STEAMER VARUNA

Contains paid invoices and statements and some handwritten notes with random dates between 1910 and 1928.

997.33.12 INVENTORY VARUNA 1914

Inventory of furnishings and equipment on board Varuna Aug 18, 1914.

997.33.13 BILLS 1904- 1911

Invoices both undated and from 1904-11 for Steamer Varuna and Rathbun Stage and an inventory of logs at a sawmill.

997.33.14 BILLS 1909-18

Some invoices from 1909 and 1910 for Steamer Varuna, groceries hardware, fire insurance receipt, repair bills and some correspondence about repairs to a wheel (propeller?) In the United States, a customs receipt. More invoices for period 1914 to 1918 from stage business.

997.33.15 JOURNAL OF CARGO 1904-6 STEAMER VARUNA

Slim, legal size, red bound journal untitled, but with cargo manifests for dates 1904-5-6 and one separate folschap sheet folded with heading, "Manifests landed from Str Varuna at Picton 1906".

997.33.16 JOURNAL OF EXPENSES 1902-06

Bound Journal with entries showing expenses by days and weeks at front and in back entries of weekly cash balances versus expenses. Interleaf are 3 loose sheets, 2 of rough calculations and one of an itemized account receivable with Belleville Canning Co.

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997.33.17 FLOOR PLAN 1914

Folded Blueprint of a Floor plan for Rathbun Stage premise approved by Trenton City Clerk on Sept 9, 1914

997.33.18 TWO BLACK NOTEBOOKS AND CHEQUE WALLET.

997.33.18.01 Black notebook 4" by 6" hand notes of expenses "Varuna" 1901

997.33.18.02 Black notebook 4" by 6" hand notes of expenses in back 1918-19; in front undated list of names and addresses.

997.33.18.03 Well worn leather wallet of cancelled cheques 1910-14

997.33.19 BOUND LEDGER

Ledger, bound, containing in the middle cash account entries "Str Varuna" 1907 to Dec 1909; followed by entries for "Lumber Woods" and "T. Simpson" 1908 ending December; "Sedan" expenses and revenue. There were some pages carefully cut out at front, followed by entries of Bus expenses and Vehicle fees 1928-1932. Note: interleaf found 1928 bond promotion sheet produced by H. R. Bains, used on reverse for arithmetical calculations and one loose sheet with entries Sept 7-Nov 27 no year; 2 sheets of bus revenue and expenses dated 1930 and '31 and two insurance policy endorsements dated 1931. Also a letter, an invoice for repairs to the Studebaker sedan and a booklet of regulations governing the licensing of public vehicles.

997.33.20 NOTEBOOK 8" BY 10" TITLED BILLS

Notebook 8" by 10" titled "Bills" with lists of expenses 1904 to 1909 and 1911 likely for Steamer "Varuna" with interleaf 2 sheets with a list of lumber and of wages paid to named individuals undated and near back, between Bywater and Head, a 1904 bill from Henry Head.

997.33.21 THREE DRIVER'S TRIP RECORD NOTEBOOKS

Three drivers Trip Record booklets, 2 black covers and one tan.

997.33.21.01 Black booklet 4" by 6" with lists of places and fees by day of month no year.

997.33.21.02 Black booklet 8" by 10" showing trip records 1925-26 with some interleaved sheets- some had been pinned (removed pins).

997.33.21.03 Tan booklet 3" by 5" Titled "United Empire Bank of Canada" with pencilled entries looking like a driver's service and expense record.

997.33.22 FOUR 4" BY 6" BLACK NOTEBOOKS

Four daily notebooks, all approximately 4" by 6", likely made by J. Rathbun.

997.33.22.01 Black notebook July to Sept, no year, recording items carried as freight.

997.33.22.02 Notebook no cover dated Nov 1919 to 1921 also listing freight on "Stage".

997.33.22.03 Notebook black with some dates in 1920 and interleaf Money Order Receipt "No.17.20".

997.33.22.04 Black notebook with most dates Jan 1924 and 2 receipts signed J Rathbun interleaf near back.

97.33.23 TWO DIARIES AND AN ADDRESS BOOK.

997.33.23.01 Diary brown leather, pocket size, 1902 by J. E. Rathbun, age 18.

997.33.23.02 Diary red leather, 3" by 6", 1912, no name and few entries but entries frequently relate to steamer times and distances between places.

997.33.23.03 Address book 2" by 3" no dates, probably J. Rathbun.

997.33.24 THREE TOP FOLD STENO TYPE NOTEBOOKS

Three top fold steno- type notebooks showing trip records, likely of steamer "Varuna".

997.33.24.01 Varuna trip records, Trip 2, Apr 25, 1911 to 53, 24.06.11.

997.33.24.02 Varuna trip records, Trip 54, 26 June 1911 to Trip 112, 4 Sept 1911.

997.33.24.03 Varuna Trip records, Trip 113, 5 Sep 1911 to Trip 178, 21 Nov 1911.

997.33.25 HARD COVER JOURNAL, TITLED "SALESBOOK"

Hard cover Journal, titled "Salesbook" approximately 6" by 14" containing Rathbun Stage, Trenton, account ledgers by customer starting December 1897 and at rear Revenue and Expenses Journal, 1900 to 1902.

997.33.26 LARGE BOUND JOURNAL

Large Journal with entries grouped 1901 to 1906 and 1940 to 1950. Begins with entries 1901 by A. Hicks, Captain, Steamer "Varuna" under headings "Woods York Road", "Woods North" and "Boat". Summarizes revenues and shows dividend. In 1902 "Ways" added with all entries ending 1906. On page 30 entries of Bus Expenses begin with 1930 ending Dec 1941 on Page 133. From Page 148 entries of daily bus revenues and some expenses to page 200. From Page 201 to 219 expenses and Revenue shown for "Varuna" from 1902 to 1906. From Page 220 to 301 entries cover 1940 to 1950. Page 302 to 311 are Gasoline account entries. More entries on Page 350 and 381 to 400. Pasted inside back cover is a statement by "Partners in the Steamer Varuna", dated Dec 31, 1940. Several interleaved invoices, receipts and rough notes found.

997.33.27 LEGAL SIZE BOUND BOOK ## IN VERY BAD SHAPE\*\*\*

Legal size bound book in very bad shape headed, "Day Book" "Steamer Varuna"

Main entries are a record of cargo traffic by dock site from 1907 to 1909. Some entries for a "Steamer Reindeer" dated 1909. Some entries on Page 158 plus may be for the later stage company.

**33.28 LEGAL SIZE BOUND BOOK MARKED "JOURNAL"**

Bound Journal marked "Journal" legal size with daily entries from 1902 January 1st. Entries begin as "Expenses" changing to "Wages", by "Customer". Entries beginning 1908 change to Livery and Stage continuing until 1924 on Page 89. Gap to Page 95 from 1927 to 1951 A rear section has entries under many accounts for period 1933-1951.

**33.29 BLACK BOUND BOOK TITLED "DAYBOOK"**

Black bound book marked on Binding, "Daybook" and headed Trenton and Belleville Stage. Holds consecutive entries on unnumbered pages of daily expenses from 1912 to 1925.

**33.30 BOUND JOURNAL 6" BY 14"**

Bound Journal 6" by 14" approximately with expense entries at front under heading "Stage" from 1918-1930; under heading "Household" from 1932-1943. At rear entries are from back to front and at back are identified as "Bus and Stage Operating Expenses" with entries from 1918 - 1925.

**33.31 NOTEBOOK , STAPLED BLACK COVER 8" BY 10"\*\*\*MOULD\*\*\***

Black covered notebook, lined sheets, approx. 8" by 10". Entries appear to be delivery records and fees from May 29, 1922 to May 17, 1924. Cover seriously deteriorated.

**33.32 NOTEBOOK, BLACK COVER STAPLE BOUND 8" BY 10"**

Black covered notebook, lined sheets, approximately 8" by 10", being Bus entries by run of expenses and revenues etc. from 1923-1926.

**33.33 BLACK COVERED LEGAL LENGTH NOTEBOOK, LINED.**

At front, revenue entries 1927 and 1928; middle entries, expenses from 1927 to Jan 1928; at rear, notes of Sedan and Bus expenses for 1928.

**33.34 BLACK BOUND HARDCOVER JOURNAL**

Black bound hardcover journal. Pages cut out to page 9 with last entries pages 9 and 10 being entries by dock for 1910. From Page 11 are Bus company revenues and expenses from 1933-37. Pages 147 to 154 for Steamer "Varuna" daily expenses and revenue 1910. Near back cover interleaf a batch of Imperial Oil invoices and statements of 1937.

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