

GILBART MERCIER COLLECTION

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The source of this collection is unknown. The contents, which appear to be both personal and museum related, may have been in Mr. Mercier's desk in the ABM library during his tenure as librarian. Collection was placed in 2 vinyl three ring binders and two 3"x5" notecard boxes.

Book 1 - Navy blue 3 ring binder with plastic sleeve pages 1-101

page 1. Envelope for THE WHITE HOUSE (used for storage) containing newspaper clippings from the Watertown Daily Times of "Old St. Lawrence River Boats"

pages 2- 6. Personal correspondence and photographs of Mr. Mercier

pages 7- 88 Gil Mercier's notes on boats in collection, P.R. files and boats in boat show

pages 89-90 mounted newspaper articles concerning Rushton Canoe photos and shipbuilding, circa 1970

pages 91-92 personal correspondence to Mr. Mercier (2) postcard of Schooner "Appledore" (?) and articles relative to Cris-Craft Plants

pages 93-94 copies of newspaper articles on Canoe Weekend (August, 1974), St. Lawrence Skiff exhibit and Letter to the Editor by Mr. Mercier

pages 95-96 notes, newspaper editorial comic,

pages 97- 101 copy of history of Clayton by Hamilton Child, Gazetteer of Jefferson County, New York, 1890 (concerning McRae family and history of Grindstone Island), copy of picture of Village of Thursday on Grindstone Island, article from Pictorial History of the 1000 Islands, John Webster's information and a handwritten list of items left with Everett Smith by John Webster of books and photographs on 9/4/92

Book 2 - Black 3 ring binder with plastic sleeve pages 102- 180

page 102 Leyare Boat Works, Ogdensburg, NY "Racing and Cruising Motor Boats Yacht Tenders and Sail Boats" booklet

page 104-105 Booklet and postcard from dedication of the Clayton Post Office, June 15, 1963

page 106-107 Booklet " St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project", gift of Harry Mercier in 1984 from Gilbert Mercier's collection

pages 108-109 booklet, " Black Bottom Runabouts"

page 110 copy of newspaper article on the Atwood Manley's of Ogdensburg, NY

page 111 Joseph Leyare and His Boats - article or speech?

pages 112-134 notes on envelopes, letters, pieces of scrap paper concerning requests

page 135-140 hand written article "The St. Lawrence Double Ended Fishing Boat"

pages 141-142 hand written notes, found clipped together

pages 143-144 typed letter referencing attached photos, no photos found

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pages 145-158 magazine article about Gar Wood

page 159-162 notes

pages 163-4 notes, all clipped together

pages 165-166 Pennsylvania Iron Works Co. Booklet

pages 167-177 clippings, postcards, negatives, photos of old boats

page 178 Legal contract. Transfer of Canal Boat "Knickbocker", built at Copley Shipyard 1848 or 1849, from Richard Near and Daniel E Davis (Orleans) to Alex Copley, 1852.

page 179 Legal contract. mortgage papers on S.Y. "J.F.DAYAN"

page 180 Legal contract. Chattel Mortgage, 40' Naphtha Launch "FLEETA", T.I. Gardner to Axie Warren

black and white picture of a photo taken in 1914 of St. Lawrence steamers docked in Alexandria Bay, originally may have been top of an annual calendar distributed by Thousand Island Sun, year unknown

Metal note card box - Green, marked 1. Contains 3x5 handwritten notecards

Plastics note card box - Beige, marked 2. Contains 3x5 handwritten notecards

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