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Summary information

Repository:	Victoria University Library - Special Collections
Title:	Augusta Stowe-Gullen fonds
ID:	26
Date:	1830 – 1989 (date of creation)
Physical description:	82 cm of textual records 147 photographs: b&w 1 photograph: col. 7 photographs: 35 mm b&w negatives 1 photograph: 4x5 inch b&w negative 2 reels of 35 mm microfilm
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [generalNote]:	The fonds is stored in 6 boxes.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Ann Augusta Stowe-Gullen was a medical doctor, a lecturer and a suffragette. She was born in Mt. Pleasant, Ontario, the daughter of John Stowe and Emily Howard Jennings. She married Dr. John Benjamin Gullen in 1883. She died in Toronto in 1943.

Stowe-Gullen was educated at the Toronto School of Medicine, then at the Faculty of Medicine at Victoria University, Toronto, where she became an M.D. in 1883—the first woman to graduate from a Canadian medical school. Immediately after graduating she was appointed Demonstrator in Anatomy at the Woman's Medical College in Toronto (from 1894 onwards known as the Ontario Medical College for Women). In 1890 she was appointed Lecturer on Diseases of Children, subsequently Professor of Diseases of Children. She also served among the original staff members of Toronto Western Hospital (founded in 1896). Her husband, Dr. John B. Gullen, was one of the twelve physicians who founded the Toronto Western Hospital in December 1895, and Stowe-Gullen was the first woman appointed to the TWH medical staff. She helped to organize, and later served as President of the TWH Women's Board (later the (Women's) Auxiliary).

Stowe-Gullen was a member of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Ontario Social Service Council, the University Women's Club, the Women's Art Association, and the Women's Canadian Club. She was also active in the suffrage, temperance and other social movements. From 1893 to 1907 she was a member of the Toronto Women's Suffrage Club founded by her mother Emily Stowe, and when the Club evolved into the Canadian Suffrage Association in 1907 Stowe-Gullen was elected honorary President. She served as the first woman member of the Toronto Public School Board (1892-1896) and in 1910 was appointed to the Senate of the University of Toronto where she represented women in

the medical profession until 1924. She was among the founders of the National Council of Women in 1893, (Vice-President) of the National Council of Women, and succeeded her mother as President of the Dominion Women's Enfranchisement Association in 1903. In 1935 she was awarded the Order of the British Empire.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of Augusta Stowe-Gullen's records pertaining to her activities as a medical doctor and a suffragette, and to her personal life; of Frederick Cecil Gullen's records pertaining to his family's history. Fonds is comprised of the following series: Series 1: Material relating to Augusta Stowe-Gullen Series 2: Material relating to Frederick Cecil Gullen.

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Physical condition

Part of the fonds is available on microfilm which researchers are requested to use unless an enquiry can be satisfied only by consulting original documents. For further information contact the Chief Librarian.

Immediate source of acquisition

Material that has not been given an accession number was acquired from Frederick Cecil Gullen between 1945 and 1960, and from Hudson J. Stowe in 1983 and 1985. Both were nephews of Augusta Stowe Gullen. Frederick Cecil Gullen was the Executor of her Estate. Material with accession number 2011.11 was acquired from Patricia (Gullen) Fedak in 2011.

Location of originals

Biographical material (printed address; clippings) are held at Victoria University Archives.

Restrictions on access

No restrictions on access.

Finding aids

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Related material

See:

Canadiana Collection at Victoria University Library.

Wilfrid Laurier University Archives: Emily Stowe and Augusta Stowe Gullen collection.

Search The Gerritsen Collection: Women's History Online, 1543–1945 for additional material by or about Stowe-Gullen appearing in journals and other publications.

Internet Archive (e-book) Women and economics: a study of the economic relation between men and women as a factor in social evolution - Gilman, Charlotte Perkins, 1860-1935 A. Stowe-Gullen's copy with notes in her hand on endpapers.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status**: Published