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#### **Biographical Note**

Frederick William Baker was born on January 31, 1932 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and as a youth, attended schools in Prince Albert as well as Victoria, British Columbia. Following graduation from high school he attended the University of Saskatchewan where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a certificate in Medicine by 1954. He received his M.D. from the University of Alberta in 1956.

Following his graduation from the University of Alberta he specialized in paediatrics at Winnipeg Children's Hospital (1958-1960), the Medical Arts Clinic in Regina (1960-1961) and the Montreal Children's Hospital (1961-1962). He received a Certificate in Paediatrics from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1962.

Dr. Baker's career has involved both professional practice and academic and administrative experience. He obtained his first academic appointment in the mid 1960s when he accepted a clinical teaching appointment in the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Saskatchewan (1963-1968). In the late 1960s and early 1970s he was both a faculty member in the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Paediatrics, Université de Sherbrooke, as well as a senior administrator at Cecil Butters Memorial Hospital (Austen, Quebec). At the Sherbrooke General Hospital he helped establish the paediatric department in the new medical school, becoming Chief of Paediatrics. From 1974 to 1987 he was on the faculty of the University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon), serving in a number of administrative capacities. At the Regina campus he served as member of a number of committees relating to Education, Research and Finance, and helped to up-grade the paediatric training programs and develop specialty clinics.

This combination of practical, administrative and academic experience prepared him well for the ten years he would spend in Toronto, as Medical Director, Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto, as Professor in the Faculty of Medicine (Department of Paediatrics) and as Director of the Sioux Lookout Program. This latter program was established to provide medical and ancillary staff for the provision of care to Aboriginal people in the Sioux Lookout Zone of northwestern Ontario.

Throughout his career, Dr. Baker was also active in the Canadian Paediatric Society, serving as a member, President (1984-1985) and then as Chair of the Indian and Inuit Health Committee(1992-1997). He also served on committees of various organizations in Saskatchewan such as the Saskatoon Track and Field Club, Saskatchewan Council on Children and Youth, Advisory Committee on Child Safety for the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health. In Ontario he was a member and then Chair of the Northern Ontario Committee (NOC) of the Council of Ontario Faculties of Medicine (COFM) (1989-1996).

Dr. Baker retired from the University of Toronto as Professor Emeritus in 1997. He lives in Calgary, Alberta.

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#### Scope and Content note

Records; textual, graphic, computer files; 1988-1997; .40 metres

This fonds consists of one accession documenting Dr. Fred Baker's association with the University of Toronto mainly during his period as Director of the Sioux Lookout Program (SLP). The accession is arranged into seven series. Series 1 summarizes his career in curriculum vitae, and his appointment to the University and the Sioux Lookout Program. Series 2 to Series 4 contain Dr. Baker's personal files relating to his role as director of SLP and includes some lectures and workshop files, as well as correspondence relating to native health care. Series 5 documents primarily his committee activities with the Canadian Paediatric Society and the Council of Faculties of Medicine of Ontario. Series 6 contains Dr. Baker's copies of two reports relating to native health. Series 7 contains computer files of both personal files and official administrative files.

Access: Restricted; Series 7 requires permission of University Archivist. All other records are open.

Related Accession: A1997-0012, Records of the Sioux Lookout Program, University of Toronto.

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#### Series 1 Personal /biographical

.05 metres; textual

This series contains four files relating to personal and biographical information prepared by Dr. Baker. It includes curriculum vitae, brief biographical summary, correspondence relating to his appointment and salary at the University of Toronto, sabbatical leave in 1993, and personal correspondence.

NB – some documents printed from computer files in Series 7.

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#### Series 2 Correspondence and Notes

. 05 metres; textual

This series contains files of correspondence and working notes regarding activities relating to the Sioux Lookout Program and external activities with such organizations such as the Council on Faculties of Medicine. Also included are Dr. Baker's personal diaries notes for the period 1989 to 1992.

NB - some documents printed from computer files in Series 7.

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#### Series 3 Subject files – Sioux Lookout Program

.10 m.; textual

This series consists of files documenting some of the activities relating to this program. These include the Child Abuse Workshop, native health care including the NODIN Mental Health care services, orientation manual for visiting medical staff and visiting professorships. Files may include correspondence, reports, notes, presentation drafts, etc.

Arranged alphabetically by title

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#### Series 4 Academic activities

.03 metres; textual

This series consists of files documenting some of Dr. Baker's teaching and writing activities mainly produced during his years at the University of Toronto. There are two files containing drafts, notes and correspondence relating to Native Health lectures given to 2<sup>nd</sup> year medical students in January 1993. These are followed by four files containing drafts of papers on the history of the Sioux Lookout Program, northern native health and children's health issues.

NB – some documents printed from computer files in Series 7.

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## Series 5 External professional activities

.07 metres; textual, graphic

For most of his active career, Dr. Baker was involved with organizations related to his specialty in paediatrics and later native health. This series contains files documenting his involvement with the Canadian Paediatric Society including his chairmanship of the Indian and Inuit Health Committee. These files include minutes of meetings, drafts of papers, notes and correspondence. Also included are files on the Council of Faculties of Medicine of Ontario and the Northern Ontario Committee which he chaired from 1992 to 1997. There is also one file of the Canadian Psychiatric Association relating to a meeting in September 1989.

Photographs of Dr. W. Gary Goldthorpe will be found in /001P

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#### Series 6 Reports

.03; textual

This series contains two reports belonging to Dr. Baker relating to First Nations native health care: "First Nations child health care study. Final Report" produced by staff at McMaster University in 1992 and "Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority. Final Report I: Health Needs Assessment" by T. Kue Young (1995).

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#### Series 7 Computer disks

.07 metres; 3.5" floppy disks

1989-1996

1992, 1995

This series contains 41 floppy disks containing files in various formats containing personal documents as well as official administrative documents of the Sioux Lookout Program. Some printouts from these files will be found in the above series.

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