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### Biographical Note

George Arnold McCarthy (McGill 1898; b. 1871. d. Nov. 29, 1930.) was born in Moncton, N.B. and attended McGill University where he graduated with a degree in engineering in 1898. He was employed for 14 years with the City of Toronto Works Department where he “had charge of many important works in the railway and bridge section before taking control of the sewers. He supervised the construction of the Bloor Viaduct and the civic street railway lines before the old Toronto railway system was acquired by the city...”<sup>1</sup> His funeral on November 15, 1930 was attended by prominent officials of the City of Toronto, including R.C. Harris, Commissioner of Public Works. Family members attending included his two sons, Dr. K.C. McCarthy and Douglas McCarthy, his widow, Jennie C. Moffatt McCarthy, her father, A.W. Moffatt and Dr. C.F. Moffatt of Montreal.

Douglas Findlay McCarthy was born August 5, 1907 in North Bay, Ontario, the son of George A. McCarthy. When the family moved to Toronto, he attended Malvern Collegiate Institute from 1922-1924. Following graduation he enrolled in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering at the University of Toronto. He graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.Sc) in civil engineering in 1929. During his varsity years, he participated in a number of sports including both junior and senior water polo teams, rowing and rugby.<sup>2</sup> On Dec. 31, 1929 he married Audrey Dale.

Like his father, G.A. McCarthy, he worked for many years for the City of Toronto, starting as a sewer engineer in the early 1950's, gradually moving up the ranks to Director of the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works, a position he held from 1957 to 1964. In October 1964, the Division was reorganized and Mr. McCarthy requested that he return to his position as Senior Engineer for health reasons.<sup>3</sup> He remained in that position until his retirement in 1976. He died September 19, 1997.

Douglas Dale McCarthy was born on March 6, 1931 while his father, Douglas Findlay, was working in Kapuskasing, Ontario. He graduated from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine with an M.D. in 1955. Like his father, Dale was a member of the fraternity, Alpha Omega and Kappa Sigma. Following his graduation he was a pioneering member of the Ontario March of Dimes (OMD) Northern Medical Clinics Program. He was involved in the OMD for over 30 years traveling through Ontario's North visiting such areas as Kirkland Lake District Hospital to Notre Dame Hospital in Hearst. He was also member of the University's Department of Medicine from which he retired in 1999.<sup>4</sup>

His obituary, appearing on the Ontario March of Dimes web site on April 30, 2007, records his other activities among which were his participation on a variety of boards and committees including

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<sup>1</sup> UTARMS A1973-0026/252(42). Obituary in the *Mail* Nov. 14, 1930, *Toronto Star*, Nov. 15, 1930.

<sup>2</sup> UTARMS Torontonensis, 1929.

<sup>3</sup> UTARMS File B2008-0006, Michele Dale, City of Toronto Archives to Garron Wells, Nov.7, 2008

<sup>4</sup> Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Obituary, Douglas Dale McCarthy.  
[www.rcpe.ac.uk/publications/obituaries/2007/mccarthy.php](http://www.rcpe.ac.uk/publications/obituaries/2007/mccarthy.php)

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Hart House, and the Gay Counseling Centre of Toronto. He also was an advisor to the Workers' Compensation Board Tribunal as well as a founding member of the AIDS Committee Toronto.

### Scope and Content note

Records; textual, graphic, publications, artifacts; 1877-1995 (predominant 1954-1970); 2.25 metres

This fonds consists of one accession documenting three generations of the McCarthy family of Toronto. The majority of records document two graduates of the University of Toronto, Douglas Findlay McCarthy (B.A.Sc, 1929) and his son, Douglas Dale McCarthy (M.D. 1955). Sous fonds 1 consists of personal records of Douglas Findlay McCarthy documenting primarily his years as an engineering student during the mid 1920s at the University of Toronto. Personal diaries cover his education not only for these four years (1924-1929) but also some of his high school years at Malvern Collegiate. Also included are photographs of his team sports in water polo and basketball as well as graduation, and sports artifacts such as two trophies for bowling and rugby. Among the materials in Series 1 are the only documents relating to his father: two engineer's booklets signed "Geo. A. McCarthy, Moncton, N.B." and dated 1893.

Sous fonds 2 contains records relating to his son, Dale McCarthy during his time as a medical student in medicine in 1955 and relating to his medical career in the 1960s. However among these materials are some medical prescriptions believed to belong to his maternal grandfather, A.W. Moffatt for the 19<sup>th</sup> century as well as a Marey Sphygmograph used for measuring blood pressure during the same time period. Unfortunately, there is no documentation regarding his years with the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto, or his involvement with the Ontario March of Dimes in Northern Ontario.

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### Sous-fonds 1: Douglas Findlay McCarthy

#### Series 1 Personal

.025 m; textual                                      1893-1930

This series contains daily personal diaries written while at Malvern Collegiate Institute (1922-1924) to his graduation from the University of Toronto Faculty of Applied Science in Engineering in 1929. Also includes incomplete diary for 1930 following his graduation. In his diaries he writes about everyday events as a student and his home life and social life. Also included are two engineer's booklets signed "Geo. A. McCarthy, Moncton, N.B." and dated 1893. G.A. McCarthy (McGill 1898; died Nov. 13, 1930) was father of D.F. McCarthy and head of the Sewer Section of the Works Dept. of the City of Toronto.

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#### Series 2 Student and Project Notebooks

.051 m ; textual                                      1928-1933

Among the records in this series are two notebooks compiled during his 4<sup>th</sup> year in the Mechanical Engineering courses at university of Toronto: Hydraulic Laboratory Reports (1928-1929) and Dept. of Engineering Drawing. Also includes a notebook relating to water power projects, Dept. of Interior.(1930-1933).

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#### Series 3 Certificates

.50 m; textual                                      1924-1979

Certificates cover his period as a student, as a professional engineer with the City of Toronto and as an alumnus of the University of Toronto. This series also contains high school diploma from Malvern Collegiate Institute in Toronto (1924), Ritual of the Calling of an Engineer (1929), Association of Professional Engineers (1939), U of T Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering Spring Reunion certificate (June 1979) and Canadian Institute on Pollution Control recognition for period as President 1953-1964 (1965).

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### Sous-fonds 1 (cont'd)

#### Series 4 Photographs

.55 m; graphic                      11 photographs and 1 etching; b&w                      1925-1994

As an engineering student at the University of Toronto, D. F. McCarthy was involved in a number of activities including water polo, and as a member, 4<sup>th</sup> year Executive of Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering. Included are photographs water polo teams, graduation photos for high school and university, class photographs, as a professional engineer with the City of Toronto and as an alumnus of U of T., including the Chancellor's Circle (1994) and Arbor Award (1993). Also included is sketch by Owen Staples of "Memorial Tower University of Toronto" ca 1930.

/Box (file)	Title	Dates
B2008-0006		
/001P (01)	Portrait, high school graduation "rec'd Christmas, 1925"	1924
(02)	Portrait, University graduation (Engineering)	1929
(03)	U of T. Junior School Water Polo [Torontonensis, p. 75]	[1927]
(04)	U of T S.P.S. [School of Practical Science] [Water Polo Team]	1927-1928
(05)	U of T Senior School Water Polo [Torontonensis, p. 86]	1928-1929
(06)	"Memorial Tower University of Toronto" by Owen Staples. Etching	Ca 1930
(07)	Group photo of D.F. McCarthy receiving Arbor Award from Pres. Prichard and Chancellor Rose Wolfe	1993
(08)	Group photo of D. F. McCarthy receiving Chancellor's Circle Medal Class of 2T9 (65 <sup>th</sup> anniversary). With Chancellor Rose Wolfe & Dean of Engineering?	1994
/002P (01)	U of T Team photo [basketball?] D.F. McCarthy 4 <sup>th</sup> from right]	Ca 1925-1929
/003P (01)	Group photo "Class2-T-9 Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering 1926" [D.F. McCarthy, 5 <sup>th</sup> row, 5 <sup>th</sup> from right]	1926
(02)	Group composite photo, "Fourth Year Executive Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering" D.F. McCarthy, Vice-president.	1928-1929
/004P (01)	Group composite photograph "Graduating class"	1929

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Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering  
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### Sous-fonds 1 (cont'd)

**Series 5 Artifacts**  
 .31 m.; artifacts                                              1925-1994

Includes: two trophies relating to bowling (1929-1930) and U of T Rowing club (1925); Chancellor's Circle medal for the Spring reunion in 1994 of engineering graduates of 1929; collection of pins for University of Toronto.

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### Sous-fonds 2 Dr. Douglas Dale McCarthy

**Series 1 Personal**  
 .47 m. textual                                              1877-1954

This series consists of records relating primarily to Dr. McCarthy's medical student days at the University of Toronto. The pages of prescription notes appear to have belonged to his maternal grandfather, A.W. Moffat.

/Box (file)	Title	Dates
B2008-0006 /003	Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society (U of T) membership certificate	1954
/004 (01)	A.W. [William] Moffat [great grandfather of Dale McCarthy] Pages of prescription notes for remedies such as Bug poison, bears grease, horse blister etc.	1877- 1883
(02)	Certificate of Merit from Kappa Sigma Fraternity For undergraduate scholarship and leadership	n.d
(03)	Initiation certificate for Kappa Sigma Fraternity Student notes, Dept. of Zoology, U of T.	1949 n.d.

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### Sous-fonds 2 (cont'd)

#### Series 2 Photographs

.05m ; graphic                                      6 photographs; b&w, colour                                      1955-2005

<b>/Box (file)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>
B2008-0006		
/001P (07)	Group photograph (D.D. McCarthy, middle row far right – with glasses?) Photographer: Ames and Holtom, Toronto.	n.d.
(08)	Group photograph (colour). D. D. McCarthy at far right. Event unknown	n.d.
(09)	Group photograph (colour). Convocation Banquet for class of 5T5. In front of Hart House	June 7, 2005
/002P (02)	Portrait, U of T graduation, Faculty of Medicine Photographer Le Roy Toll	1955
/003P (03)	Group photo New York [Presbyterian?] Hospital “Dale McCarthy R side Standing” [notation on back of photo]	1961
/004P (02)	Group composite photograph. “Faculty of Medicine Graduating Class University of Toronto 1955”	1955

#### Series 3 Artifacts

Marey Sphygmograph.  
.25 m.; artifact                                      ca 1900

Brass; engraved with Charles Verdin, France [ca 1878-1900]. Box lid (inside) engraved “JH Chapman Montreal”.

Mechanical device used to measure blood pressure in the nineteenth century. It is considered the first external, non-intrusive device used to estimate blood pressure. It may have belonged to a member of the Moffatt family.

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