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McLennan/Parks Family

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Biographical History

The McLennan/Parks Family is one with a long and influential association to the University of Toronto. Sir John C. McLennan put his mark on the teaching and research of physics at the University from his appointment as demonstrator in 1900 to his retirement in 1932 as Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Chair of the Department of Physics. His sister, Jean McLennan was married to Prof. William Arthur Parks, who was head of the Department of Geology and director of the Palaeontology Museum of the Royal Ontario Museum from 1910 until his retirement in 1935. Their son, Arthur Ewart Park, was a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine (M.D. 1930) and was a noted Toronto doctor.

Scope and Content

1883-1990

3.87 m

textual ; graphic ; artifacts

This accession contains mainly correspondence, photographs, memorabilia and diplomas from all three members of the family. Of particular note are the diaries of Sir J.C. McLennan for the last two years of his life as well as well as geological field notebooks and expense books.

For further detail, see file and item list.

Related Accessions in University of Toronto Archives Holdings:

Janet Cummings McLennan: B1968-0012, B1981-0034, B1993-0037

John C. McLennan: B1981-0020, B1986-0017

McLennan Family: B1989-0017

Arthur E. Parks: B1985-0016

Access: Open

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File List : textual records

Box	File	Description	Date
Arthur E. Parks			
/001	(01)	Correspondence re. Education	1933
	(02)	Correspondence from Duncan Graham	1934
	(03)	Correspondence	1934-1941
	(04)	Correspondence and list re. father's library (W.A. Park's library)	1937-1941
	(05)	Royal Canadian Institute	1960
	(06)	Memorial for Walter Ruggles Campbell	1981
	(07)	Correspondence	1984
	(08)	Article "Gift from Madeleine Fritz	1986
	(09)	Correspondence, with draft article on McLennan by Barry Contrymen	1990
/002	(01)	University of Toronto Schools, promotion certificates	1916-1918
	(02)	Royal Life Saving Society Certificate	1925
	(03)	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, diploma	1936
/001	Art	Artifacts of medical instrument	ca. 1940-60
William A. Parks			
/001	(10)	Education Certificates	1883-1886
	(11)	Correspondence and Letters of Recommendations	1886-1899
	(12)	Correspondence	1911-1919
	(13)	Correspondence	1925-1926
	(14)	Geological field notes and expense books	ca. 1920s
	(15)	Royal Society of London, correspondence	1934
	(16)	Notes, manuscripts and printed articles	1895-1937
	(17)	David W. McGee Obituaries and Other clippings	n.d.
	(18)	Mining claims maps used? by W.A. Parks	n.d.
/002	(04)	Bachelor of Arts Diploma, University of Toronto	1892
	(05)	Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario	1923
	(06)	Royal Society, formal invitation upon Parks being elected as a fellow	1931
	(07)	Doctorate Diploma, University of Toronto	1936

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J.C. McLennan			
/001	(19)	Biographical file	
	(20)	Reprint of Address to Royal Canadian Institute	1916
	(21)	Correspondence to "Miss McLennan"	1925
	(22)	Menu for Dinner in Honour of McLennan	1932
	(23)	J.C. McLennan diaries	1934-1935
	(24)	Mary McLennan - essays	ca. 1924
/002	(08)	High School Graduation Diploma (Jean McLennan)	1896

Item List : graphic records

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Arthur E. Parks

/001P	(01)	Baby picture, 190-	
	(02)	Parks as a young boy with mother Jean McLennan, 190-?	
	(03)	Portrait, Henry A. Christian, 1935	
	(04)	Dr. Klotz, 1936	
	(05)	P.J. Montague, 1945	
	(06)	Dr. Hamish ? , 194- and ca. 1965	
	(07)	Medical Colleague of Parks, signed, unidentified	
	(08)	Medical Colleague of Parks, signed, unidentified	
/002P	(01)	Medical Staff, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, 1934-35	
	(02)	Reunion for Medical Class of 1930, 1940	
	(03)	Reunion for Medical Class of 1930, ca. 1950	
	(04)	Print of painting of Duncan Graham, signed	
/003P	(01)	Alpha Omega Alpha, Honorary Medical Fraternity Alpha of Ontario, Jan. 1930	
	(06)	Phi Chi Medical Fraternity, Toronto chapter, 1925-1926	
	(07)	Phi Chi Medical Fraternity, Toronto chapter, 1926-1927	
	(08)	Phi Chi Medical Fraternity, Toronto chapter, 1927-1928	
	(09)	Phi Chi Medical Fraternity, Toronto chapter, 1929-1930	
	(10)	Toronto General Hospital Staff, 1930-1931	
	(11)	Toronto General Hospital Staff, (autographs on back) 1931-1932	

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- /004P (02) C.A.M.T.C., School of Instruction, Officers Class Q,
Camp Borden, March 19, 1943
- (03) Officers No. 21, Canadian General Hospital, [1944?]
- (04) No. 21, Canadian General Hospital, 1944

William A. Parks

- /001P (09) Organizing Cmt. Of 12th International Geological Congress, 1919
- (10) [Royal Society of Canada] Section C - Geology, 192-
- (11) W.A. Parks in Trench, 192-
- (12) Sir Arthur Smith Woodward and W. A. Parks, Aug. 1933
- (13) Sir Arthur Smith Woodward and W. A. Parks, Aug. 1933 (copy)

- /002P (05) W.A. Parks sitting on steps with students ca. 1894
- (06) W.A. Parks, with groups of students, 189-
- (07) Royal Officers Training Corps, 191-
- (08) [Royal Society of Canada], 1930

- /003P (02) University College, Natural Science Club?, ca. 1892
- (03) Native camp, ca. 1900
- (04) W. A. Parks with students, 191-?
- (05) Royal Officers Training Corps, 191-

John C. McLennan

- /001P (14) Wedding photo of J.C. McLennan and Elsie Ramsey, Sept. 1910
- (15) McLennan family, Stratford Ont., ca. 1910-1915
- (16) McLennan in receiving line for Prince of Wales, 5 Aug. 1926
- (17) Group, unidentified, University of Toronto?, McLennan's in middle, 192-?
- (18) Prof. Haldane, Mrs. Haldane and J.C McLennan at Claan, Aug 1935
- (19) Portrait, Elsie Ramsay McLennan
- (20)-(24) Several portraits of J.C. McLennan
- (25) Photoprint of painted portrait, unidentified, n.d.

- /002P (09) Portrait of McLennan, Watercolour & pastel? by Gonzalez
- (10) Portrait of McLennan [Photographer Blank and Stoller, Montreal]
- (11) Portrait of McLennan [Photographer, Lafayette]
- (12) McLennan with dog, 193-
- (13) McLennan with unidentified man, 193-
- (14) Portrait of unidentified man

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/004P (01) Meeting of the Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada,
Ottawa, May 21st 1925

Provenance Unknown

/004P (05) Garden Party, Canadian Bar Association, Osgood Hall, August 26 1927