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Description and Finding Aid:

WALTER BAYNE GEIKIE FONDS
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Dates of creation:

1854-1915

Extent:

27 cm of textual records

Biographical sketch:

Walter Bayne Geikie, doctor and educator, was born on 8 May 1830 in Edinburgh, Scotland. He was the son of Reverend Archibald Geikie, who brought his family to Canada in 1843. Geikie began to study medicine in 1849 with Dr. John Rolph in Toronto, Ontario, and was licensed by the Medical Board of Upper Canada (Ontario) in July 1851. After spending two years on a full post-graduate course at Jefferson College in Philadelphia, he took his MD and returned to Canada. He practised in Bond Head from 1851 until 1855 when he moved to Aurora in the County of York and set up a large and successful practice. He married Frances Miriam Woodhouse in February 1854. They had six children, two of whom died in infancy. The four who survived were Walter Woodhouse, Archibald James, Annie Laura, and Frances Ethel.

In October 1856, Dr. Rolph, Dean of the Victoria Medical Faculty at Victoria College in Cobourg until his death in 1870, asked Dr. Geikie to join the department as a professor. Geikie accepted and the two doctors made a partnership agreement in 1857. Dr. Geikie lectured on *Materia Medica and Therapeutics*, and *Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children*. During these years, Dr. Geikie also taught *Anatomy, Descriptive and Surgical*, *Principles and Practice of Surgery*, and *Practice of Medicine and Clinical Medicine*, the latter at Toronto General Hospital. In 1867 Dr. Geikie returned to Great Britain to do post-graduate work and take the examinations of the Royal College of Physicians of London, and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

Just before his death in 1870, Dr. Rolph resigned his position at Victoria Medical Faculty and Dr. Geikie resigned shortly thereafter. He then joined the Medical Faculty of Trinity University. By 1871 Trinity Medical Faculty, which had existed previously from 1850-56, was re-established as a department of Trinity University. Dr. Geikie became Dean in 1878 and continued in that capacity, as well as being on the consulting staff of the Toronto General Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children, until 1903. That year, after expressing his opposition to the College's amalgamation with the University of Toronto Medical Faculty, Dr. Geikie resigned. His health failed gradually over his final years and he died in Toronto on 12 January 1917. He was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Scope and Content:

The fonds consists of the signed agreement between Doctors Geikie and Rolph in 1857 in which they become partners. There is some correspondence and a number of journal articles written by Dr. Geikie on various topics. Many tributes to Dr. Geikie, printed and handwritten, are included.

Notes:

Acquisition History:

The records were acquired in October 1979.

Arrangement:

The material has been arranged by the archivist.

Restrictions on access:

None

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Related Groups of Records in Different Fonds:

F1018 Trinity Medical College

Provenance access points:

Geikie, Walter Bayne 1830-1917

Location / File Listing:

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Correspondence, 1854, 1900-1903	1854	1903	Correspondence concerning a neglected cemetery belonging to the Presbytery of Sarnia at Mooretown, dated mostly 1900; Resolution of the matter, 1902-1903 Letter from Dr. John Rolph concerning a patient, 1854	1-1
Resignation of Dr. Geikie and many tributes, 1902-1906	1903	1906	Various tributes to Geikie, printed and handwritten, upon his resignation including: Geikie's resignation letter to the Corporation upon the amalgamation of the Toronto University and Trinity Medical College faculties, and "Expressions of Appreciation" from the Corporation, June 1903 (2 copies); "Address to Dean Geikie," and "A Tribute to Dean Geikie," 25 July 1903 (2 copies); Address from the Graduating Class of 1906 to Dr. Geikie upon presentation of a gold-headed cane, May 1906; Notebook containing tributes to Geikie, handwritten notes and newspaper clippings, 1906	1-2
Tributes to Dr. Geikie, 1896, 1907-1915	1896	1915	Newspaper clipping with pen sketch and biography of Geikie, <i>Mail</i> , 3 October 1896 Newspaper clipping showing an image of the Faculty of Trinity Medical College at the time of its amalgamation drawn by Dr. C.M. Heydon for a reunion banquet of the College's graduates, 16 June 1907 Newspaper clipping and image of	1-3

			<p>Geikie, "Academy of Medicine Honors Dr. Geikie," upon presentation of his portrait painted by J.W.L. Forster, and Geikie's response, 9 April 1908 Original handwritten version, and typed biography of Geikie, June 1908 Tributes to Geikie from politicians and journalists, 1908-1909 Presentation of appreciation to Geikie from the Academy of Medicine for a portrait of Dr. John Rolph (1793-1870), including his biography [1915?]</p>	
Calendar, Journal Articles	1898	1908	<p>Trinity Medical College, Annual Calendar, 32nd session, 1902-1903 "Reasons ... Why 'Amalgamation' with 'Toronto University Medical Faculty' is not approved ..." [1903] (3 copies) Article written by Geikie: "The Treatment and Prognosis in Graves' Disease" from <i>The Philadelphia Medical Journal</i>, 1898 Articles about Geikie: "A Long Life's Work in Medical Education in Ontario," inscribed 1908 (2 copies) Articles written by Geikie: "An Historical Sketch of Canadian Medical Education," reprinted from the <i>The Canada Lancet</i>, January-February 1901; "An Address on the Work of Trinity Medical College," <i>The Canada Lancet</i>, 1907 (2 copies of each)</p>	1-4
Agreement between Doctors John Rolph, and Walter Geikie and other documents	1857	1908	<p>Agreement between Doctors John Rolph and Walter Geikie to become partners as of 1 January 1857 "Dean Geikie Banqueted in Detroit" October 1908, Reunion of his old students with their Dean (4 copies, one with postcard of the building attached) "Banquet to Dr. Geikie in Detroit" concerning the banquet, 17 October 1908</p>	Oversize Box 9