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FARQUHARSON, Ray Fletcher

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/Box (File)	Subject	Date(s)
Files marked with an asterisk [*] fall under the category of personal information files and are closed for a period of 75 years from the last date of file activity.		
<b>Series 1: Personal and biographical files</b>		
/001	(01) Biographical information (general)	n.d.
	(02) Retirement	1960
	(03) Death and obituary	1966
	(04) Kerr, R. B. "Ray Fletcher Farquharson". Address	1989-09-22
<b>Series 2: Administrative files</b>		
	(05) University of Toronto. Faculty of Medicine. Ray F. Farquharson Memorial Lecture	1985-03-12
	(06) University of Toronto. Dept. of Medicine. Correspondence	1960-1962
<b>Series 3: Addresses</b>		
	(07) Addresses	n.d., 1946-1961
/002	(01) Addresses	1962-1964
<b>Series 4: Publications</b>		
	(02) Farquharson, Ray F. List of publications	1924-1963
	(03) Publications	1924-1952
/003	(01) Publications	1953-1964
	(02) Publications sent to Dr. Farquharson, A-C	
	(03) Publications by J. B. Collip	
	(04) Publications sent to Dr. Farquharson, D-H	
	(05) Publications sent to Dr. Farquharson, L-L	
/004	(06) " <u>Homenaje a la Medicina del Canada</u> ", <u>El Dia Medico</u> , XXVI, 95 (Diciembre, 1954)	

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<b>Series 5: Patient files</b>		
/005*(01)	Diabetes Frogley, Charles	1937
(02)	Hodgkin's disease Sutton, Winnifred	1938-1958
(03)	Hypothyroidism Haynes, Ruth	1936-1939
(04)	Simmond's disease Bagley, Margaret	1933
(05)	Corbett, Irma	1932
(06)	Cunningham, Hilda	1936-1942
(07)	Delhanty, William	1930-1931
(08)	Shapcott, Sarah	1930-1935
/006*(01)	Quigg, Edith	1930-1937
(02)	Wyer, Sidney	1931
<b>Series 6: Lecture notes</b>		
/007	(01) IV: Theatre clinic	1947-1948
	(02) IV: Clinical pathological conference	1948-1949
	(03) III: Medical theatre clinic	1948-1949
	(04) III & IV: Theatre clinic	1948-1949
	(05) IV: Theatre clinic	1948-1949
	(06) III & IV: Theatre clinic	1949-1950
	(07) IV: Medical pathological conference	1949-1950
	(08) IV: Clinical pathological conference	1949-1950
	(09) IV: Medical theatre clinic	1950-1951
	(10) III: Theatre clinics	1951-1952
	(11) IV: Clinical pathology conferences	1951-1952
	(12) IV: Theatre clinics	1951-1952
	(13) IV: Clinical pathology conferences	1952-1953
/008	(01) IV: Theatre clinic	1952-1953
<b>Series 7: Professional activities</b>		
	(02) National Research Council. Advisory Committee	
-	(06) on ACTH and Cortisone. Summary reports	
	(07) National Research Council. Advisory Committee on ACTH and Cortisone. Programme	1952
	(08) Correspondence and reports	
	(09) Toronto Regional Subcommittee on Shock and Blood Substitutes. Minutes	1942-1944
/009	<b>Series 8: Photoprints</b>	

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**James Dauphinee sous-fonds**

**Bob Kerr sous-fonds**

**Edgar Nesbitt Coutts sous-fonds**

**Scope and Content:**

Textual, graphic 1903-2012, 0.65 m

Records belonging to Dr. Ray Farquharson (1897-1965) document professional trips, meetings and awards. Included is correspondence, notes, agenda and memorabilia. Also included in this donation are records relating to Dr. Farquharson collected by colleagues James Dauphinee (1903-1983) and Bob Kerr (1908-1997) and passed to the Farquharson family. Finally, there are a set of early letters belonging to Dr. Farquharson's uncle, University of Toronto alumnus, Dr. Edgar Nesbitt Coutts (M.B. 1900). The letters mainly cover his time as part of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force during the First World War and afterwards in a Swiss sanatorium recovering from tuberculosis.

**Note:** This material has been gathered together and ordered by James Dauphinee, then Bob Kerr, and finally Helen Farquharson. Their notes and file titles may be in evidence and have largely been retained.

**Access:** Open

**Related Accessions:**

Farquharson – B1984-0007, B1991-0003

Dauphinee – B1984-0015, B1985-0006

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Farquharson enter the University of Toronto Medical School in the Fall of 1917, but joined the Canadian Field Artillery as a Gunner in the Spring of 1918. He was recalled from the army to his studies the following October. During the Second World War he served as the Consultant in Medicine to the director of Medical Service, Royal Canadian Air Force.

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Farquharson married Ena Fraser in 1931 and they had two daughters, Jane and Helen (Nell). He died of a heart attack on 1 June 1965 while at a meeting of the Medical Research Council of Canada in Ottawa.

**Scope and Content**

1897-1965    0.32 m    Textual, graphic, artifact

These records include Ray Farquharson's birth certificate, exams, honours, awards and ephemera. It also includes itineraries from professional trips and correspondence, primarily from Dr. and Mrs. Farquharson to Dr. Helen (Nell) Farquharson. Following his death, letters of condolence, information about the memorial lecture series and other posthumous honours have been collected. A number of photographs and oversized items have been removed and filed separately please see Appendix A for a detailed listing.

**Textual:**

B2012-0008 /001	Correspondence, travel, official documents, and awards.
B2012-0008 /002	Medical Research Council, clippings, obituaries, condolences
B2012-0008 /006	Oversized material removed from folders. See Appendix A.

**Photographs:**

B2012-0008/001P-/002P	Material removed from folders, see Appendix A.
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**Artifacts:**

B2012-0008/001Art	Item removed from folder, see Appendix A.
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**James A. Dauphinee sous-fonds**

James Arnold Dauphinee was born in New Westminster, B.C. on January 9, 1903, the son of Lindsay Arnold and Isabella St. Clair. He graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1922 and received a Ph.D. (biochemistry; 1929) and M.D. (1930) specializing in internal medicine from the University of Toronto. From 1938 to 1941 he was engaged in private practice. During World War II he served with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and held the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was awarded the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) for his work at a Belgian military hospital. Following his military service, he returned to private practice in 1945. He was appointed professor of pathological chemistry and head of the department at the University of Toronto in 1947. He remained as head until 1966. He died at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, Toronto, after a lengthy illness on August 18, 1983.

**Scope and Content**

1961-1976    0.26 m    Textual, graphic

This material represents letters written at Dauphinee's request about Farquharson, as well as notes, and an outline for his planned memoir about Ray Farquharson. Due to his illness the book was never written.

B2012-0008 /003-/004    Research notes, letters, book proposal  
B2012-0008 /001P    See Appendix A

**Bob Kerr sous-fonds**

Robert Bews Kerr was born 20 August 1908 and raised in Hamilton, Ontario. He received his MD from the University of Toronto in 1933 and during his training in Toronto and London, England, worked with Charles Best. From 1941-1945 he served in the Canadian Army in England, Belgium, and Germany. He received the Order of the British Empire for his treatment of a diphtheria outbreak in 1944. Upon returning to Canada, he worked as the Head of Therapeutics at the University of Toronto until 1950 when he moved to the University of British Columbia, where he held important roles until 1974. Following his retirement from the university he continued in his private practice into the 1980s. Kerr passed away 19 December 1997.

**Scope and Content**

1957-2012    0.05 m    Textual

After the death of James Dauphinee, Bob Kerr picked up his work requesting letters and gathering information for a biography. This material includes his research notes and the manuscript copies of the first three chapters of an uncompleted biography.

B2012-0008/005    Research material, correspondence, draft chapters

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**Edgar Nesbitt Coutts sous-fonds**

Dr. Edgar Nesbitt Coutts was born in 1874 in Kent County, Ontario. Coutts received his Bachelor of Medicine from the University of Toronto in 1900. He completed his post-graduate work in Liverpool and Glasgow from 1900-1905, after which he returned to Canada. He had a practice in Agincourt until 1915 when he left to serve in the First World War. He was part of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force in Salonika, where he developed tuberculosis. He spent part of the war in hospital in Switzerland before returning to Canada. He was the Medical Superintendent at the Freeport Sanatorium in Kitchener, Ontario, which he helped develop into a modern institution. He married Jean Ireland in 1921 and they had two daughters. Coutts died 18 February 1952 at the age of 77 in Toronto.

**Scope and Content**

Textual 1903-1927 0.02 m

This material represents correspondence to and from Dr. Coutts, primarily during his service and illness during WWI. Included in these letters are a few between him and Ray Farquharson, as well as some to his sister, Annie, Farquharson's mother, and other family members.

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**Appendix A – Oversized material, photographs, and artifacts removed for preservation****Oversized Material**

<b>/Box</b>	<b>(file)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location removed from</b>
/006	(01)	Junior High Diploma, 1912 and 1913	B2012-0008/001 (01)
		Memorization of Scripture Certificate, 1909	
		Recognition for WWI Service, [1919?]	
	(02)	Aesculapian Society, 1964	B2012-0008/001 (02)
		Order of the British Empire, 1946	
		Honorary Degree, University of Ottawa, 1961	
		Medal of Honour, CPMA, 1964	
		Fellow of Frontier College, 1972	
	(03)	Military Commission, 1941	B2012-0008/001 (04)
		Commission Vice President (Scientific) NRC, 1957	

**Photographs**

<b>/Box</b>	<b>(file)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location removed from</b>
/001P	(01)	University of Saskatchewan Honorary Degree, 1957	B2012-0008/001 (02)
		Fellow of Frontier College, 13 Apr. 1972 1. Helen Farquharson receiving certificate from President 2. Audience (Helen at left)	
	(02)	Visit to Northern Canada, 1956, 1958 1. Group in front of plane, 1956 2. At Uranium Mine taken by Henry Thode, 1956 3. Group in front of bus, Saskatoon, 1958	B2012-0008/001 (07)
	(03)	Trip to India, 1961 1. “Chidambaram Temple from R. Subramanian” 2. RFF with 5 other men clipped to notes	B2012-0008/001 (15)
	(04)	Retirement 1. Two b/w portraits of RFF, 1960 2. Photo of bust of RFF, 1960	B2012-0008/002 (02)
	(05)	“Opening Durham Hospital with Diefenbaker”	B2012-0008/002 (11)
	(06)	“Division of Medical Research, NRC”, 1957	B2012-0008/003 (01b)
	(07)	Conference on Medical Education, Chicago, 1962	B2012-0008/001 (16)
	(08)	Alpha Omega Alpha Honour Medical Society 1947-1948	
/002P	(01)	2T2 Medical Class Reunion dinner,	B2012-0008/001 (03)
	(02)	NRC Associate Committee, 1944 [2 copies]	B2012-0008/001 (04)
/003P	(01)	Gardiner fund dinner,	B2012-0008/001 (06)

**Artifacts**

<b>/Box</b>	<b>(file)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location removed from</b>
/001Art		Meat Ration tokens [c.1943]	B2012-0008/001 (04)