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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates 1873-1946, predominant 1923-1941

Extent 1.95 m of textual records
8 photographs. - 1 photographic negative

Biographical Sketch

John Alexander Buchanan (28 May 1877 – 11 Sept. 1943), was the son of Alexander Buchanan (2 Feb. 1836 – 28 May 1926) and Sarah M. Buchanan (nee Campbell) (17 Oct. 1852 - 5 July 1929). Sometimes known as Jack, John Alexander Buchanan was a teacher for the London Public School Board and, throughout his career, taught at H.B. Beal Secondary School and the London Collegiate Institute Technical School. John married Bertha May Trebilcock (11 Dec. 1876 – 5 Nov. 1944), daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Trebilcock. Their only child, Charles Alexander Buchanan, was born on April 8, 1909. The family resided at 400 Central Avenue in London, Ontario and owned numerous rental properties throughout the city.

Charles Alexander Buchanan (8 Apr. 1909 – 17 Feb. 1979) attended the University of Western Ontario, graduating with a B.A. in 1930, and an M.D. in 1934. In 1937, he received a doctorate degree in ophthalmology from Oxford University, UK. While interning at New York's Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, Charles met his future wife, Jeanne (variously spelled Jean) Fulton, a registered nurse (1 June 1911 – 18 Jan. 1983). They married at the Central United Church in St. Thomas, Ontario on October 28, 1939. After settling in London, Dr. Buchanan operated a medical practice out of the family home. Although he had begun work with the Royal Canadian Air Force as an eye specialist in September of 1939, Charles was not called to active service until February of 1941 (as a Flight Lieutenant). After the war, Charles resumed his practice at 400 Central Avenue in London.

Charles and Jeanne are interred with Charles' parents, John Alexander and Bertha May, in section D of Mount Pleasant Cemetery in London, Ontario.

Scope and Content

The fonds primarily contains materials created and collected by John Alexander Buchanan and Charles Alexander Buchanan. Included are documents relating to: Elizabeth Trebilcock's estate; John Buchanan's teaching career; Charles Buchanan's university education; Buchanan family rental properties (bank statements, cancelled cheques, receipts, invoices, insurance, tax returns, correspondence from renters, land deeds); and Charles Buchanan's medical practice (wartime procedures and records, New York records, and Toronto records).

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

- Series 1: Sarah M. (Campbell) Buchanan family documents
- Series 2: John Alexander Buchanan financial documents
- Series 3: John Alexander Buchanan personal documents
- Series 4: Charles Alexander Buchanan personal documents
- Series 5: Charles Alexander Buchanan undergraduate and medical education documents
- Series 6: Charles Alexander Buchanan medical practice documents
- Series 7: Rental property hardware and fixtures receipts
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- Series 10: Rental property municipal tax receipts
- Series 11: Miscellaneous correspondence
- Series 12: Photographs

Finding Aids

File and item lists are available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Buchanan Family fonds were likely donated by Charles and Jeanne's children, John and Linda, in November, 1979.

Conditions Governing Access

Access to series 6 [Charles Alexander Buchanan medical practice documents] is subject to Ontario health information legislation and will require submission of a Research Access Request.

Source of Supplied Title

Title based on contents of the series.

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Series 1 **Sarah M. (Campbell) Buchanan family documents**

Dates 1873-1943

Extent 5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content This series is comprised of legal documents relating to the life of Sarah M. (Campbell) Buchanan and her family. Included are insurance documents, the will of William Campbell (her brother), and land records for Buchanan family properties in the Parkhill, Ontario area.

Note Title based on contents of the series.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Insurance	1905-1941	B5637-56
Will of William Campbell	1911	B5637-57
Land deeds and mortgages, indentures	1873-1943	B5637-58

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Series 2 John Alexander Buchanan financial documents

Dates 1899-1941

Extent 18 cm of textual records

Scope and Content This series consists of financial records of John Alexander Buchanan's business and personal activities. Included are banking and household receipts, tax notices, and insurance documents. Papers regarding the Elizabeth Trebilcock estate (her will, stock certificates, and some legal correspondence) are also included.

Note Titles based on contents of the items.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Car – service etc. receipts	1938-1939	B5634-1
Household receipts	1931-1936, 1940	B5636-42
Financial receipts [sic] and bills	1928-1940	B5637-61
Financial receipts [sic] and bills	1901-1940	B5637-62
Financial receipts [sic] and bills	1899-1902, 1927-1941	B5637-63
Receipts and bills	1937-1939	B5638-001-67
Insurance and Eliz. Trebilcock Estate	1921-1931	B5638-003-71
Taxes, bank books, receipts and accounts	1921-1928, 1936-1941	B5639-75
Receipts, bills, and bank statements	1928-1931, 1940	B5640-003-86
Cheques and bank statements	1935-1942	B5640-003-87

Title	Dates	Box/File
Property tax notices	1939	B5640-003-88
London Free Press receipts	1931-1940	B5635-25

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Series 3 **John Alexander Buchanan personal documents**

Dates 1903-1943

Extent 17 cm of textual records

Scope and Content This series consists of John Alexander Buchanan's personal and business correspondence. Included are letters, school tests, and miscellaneous notes and correspondence.

Note Titles based on contents of the items.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Personal items, address books, letters	1903, 1934, 1941-1943	B5639-77
Business school, commercial school	1917-1928	B5638-003-73
Notebooks, accounts	1933, 1942	B5638-003-74

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Series 4 Charles Alexander Buchanan personal documents

Dates 1920-1948

Extent 16 cm of textual records

Scope and Content This series contains items relating to the personal and medical activities of Charles Alexander Buchanan. Included are letters and other correspondence, miscellaneous textual material (dance cards, greeting cards, poems, UWO programmes), newspaper articles, and several paper party hats.

Note Titles based on contents of the items.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Correspondence	1928-1946	B5634-8
Correspondence	1929-1946	B5634-9
Correspondence	[ca. 1939]	B5634-10
Correspondence	1928-1946	B5634-11
Misc.	1924, 1933-1940	B5635-31
Misc.	1946	B5635-34
Misc.	1940, 1946-1948	B5635-35
Misc.	1943, 1945-1946	B5635-36
Misc.	1927-1930, 1946	B5635-37
Misc.	1926, 1930-1933, 1946	B5635-40
Newspaper articles	1920, 1927, 1929, 1935	B5637-60

Title	Dates	Box/File
Personal documents UWO memorabilia	1922-1929	B5638-001-64
Personal documents UWO memorabilia	1922-1934	B5638-001-65
Miscellaneous – hats	[1941?]	B5638-001-66
Miscellaneous personal items	1928-1930, 1940	B5639-76
UWO memorabilia	1926-1934, 1938	B5639-82
Personal documents	1927-1939, 1942	B5639-83

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Series 5 Charles Alexander Buchanan undergraduate and medical education documents

Dates 1926-1942

Extent 49 cm of textual material

Scope and Content This series consists of handwritten and typed class notes from the University of Western Ontario. Other items include biological and physiological diagrams, exams, class handouts, and case notes.

Note

Titles based on contents of the items.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
School notes	1927	B5636-44
School notes	1931-32	B5636-45
School notes	[ca. 1928]	B5636-46
School notes	[ca. 1930]	B5636-47
School notes	[ca. 1930]	B5636-48
School notes	1930	B5636-49
School notes	1930	B5636-50
School notes	1927, [ca. 1930]	B5636-51
UWO medical school	1931-1933	B5637-52
UWO medical school	1930-1931	B5637-53
UWO medical school	1927-1931	B5637-54

Title	Dates	Box/File
UWO medical school	1932	B5637-55
UWO under graduate courses	1926-1932	B5639-81
General pathology notes	1932	B5640-001-90
Medicine 4 th yr [vol.]	1932	B5640-002
Medical school notes	1931-1932	B5640-002-86
Medical school notes	1932	B5640-002-87
Medical school notes	[1932?]	B5640-002-88
Medical school notes	1932-1933	B5640-003-89
Medical school documents	1926-1927, 1941-1942	B5638-003-72

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Series 6 Charles Alexander Buchanan medical practice documents

Dates 1933-1943

Extent 27 cm of textual records

Scope and Content This series consists of the records of Charles Alexander Buchanan's medical practice, both during his wartime service and during peace-time. The documents include patient records, medical equipment receipts, medical pamphlets, reference manuals including anatomical diagrams, and ophthalmologic test results for military personnel.

Conditions Governing Access

These records are restricted in accordance with Ontario health information legislation. Researchers must submit a "Research Access Request" to view these records.

Note

Titles based on contents of the items.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Medical practise [sic]	1932-1933	B5637-59
Wartime practice	1940-1941	B5639-78
Wartime practice	1940-1942	B5639-79
Wartime practice, notes and documents	[1941?]	B5639-80
Medical documents	1933-1936	B5640-001-84
Medical records (WWII)	1941-1943	B5640-001-85
Medical documents	1933	B5640-002-85

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Series 7 Rental property hardware and fixtures receipts

Dates 1930-1946

Extent 19 cm of textual records

Scope and Content This series contains receipts and correspondence relating to the hardware and fixtures used and installed in the Buchanan family's rental properties. Receipts from lumber and hardware companies, brick manufacturers, paint and wallpaper establishments, and electrical and plumbing contractors (most from the London, Ontario area) are included.

Note

Some titles based on contents of the items.

See Appendix A for listing of rental properties with which the Buchanan family was associated.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Lumber, hardware receipts	1930-1946	B5634-3
Lumber, hardware receipts	1935-1940	B5634-4
Lumber, hardware receipts	1930-1940	B5634-5
Lumber, hardware receipts	1930-1946	B5634-6
Lumber, hardware receipts	1935-1939	B5634-7
Sheet metal works receipts	1930-1946	B5634-15
Lumber, hardware receipts	1936-1940	B5634-18
Brick manufacturing receipts	1930-1936	B5635-18A
Paint and glass receipts	1930-1940, 1946	B5635-19
Paint and glass receipts	1930-1940	B5635-20

Title	Dates	Box/File
Electrical and contractors, heating	1937-1940, 1946	B5635-21
Electrical, contractors receipts	1930-1940	B5635-22
Electrical & contractors, heating receipts	1930-1932, 1941, 1946	B5635-23

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Series 8 Rental property leases and insurance documents

Dates 1920-1946

Extent 6 cm of textual records

Scope and Content This series legal documents dealing with the Buchanan family's rental properties. Leases, contracts, agreements and insurance receipts are included.

Note

Titles based on contents of the items.

See Appendix A for listing of rental properties with which the Buchanan family was associated.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Leases, agreements	1920-1946	B5634-2
Insurance & trust companies receipts	1930-1946	B5634-16
Insurance & trust companies receipts	1931-1941	B5634-17

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Series 9 Rental property utility and tax receipts

Dates 1926-1946

Extent 14 cm of textual records

Scope and Content This series contains receipts for fuel, electricity, and telephone service. Most refer to the Buchanan family's rental properties, but there are several receipts that relate to the Buchanan family home.

Note Titles based on contents of the items.
 See Appendix A for listing of rental properties with which the Buchanan family was associated.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Fuel receipts	1930-1940, 1945-1946	B5635-24
Public Utilities Commission receipts	1931-1936, 1940	B5635-26
Public Utilities Commission receipts	1938-1940, 1945-1946	B5635-27
City gas receipts	1930-1936, 1940	B5635-28
City gas receipts	1930-1931, 1938-1939	B5635-29
Telephone receipts	1932-1939, 1946	B5635-30
Receipts and bills	1936-1945	B5638-002-68
Bills and receipts	1937-1938	B5638-002-69
Receipts and bills	1926-1946	B5638-002-70
Bank receipts	1925, 1933, 1940, 1944	B5636-41
Household receipts	1939-1940, 1946	B5636-43

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Series 10 **Rental property municipal tax receipts**

Dates **1930-1945**

Extent 6 cm of textual records

Scope and Content This series contains property tax receipts for various addresses. Receipts for the Buchanans' rental properties are predominant, although receipts for the family residence are represented as well.

Note

Titles based on contents of the items.

See Appendix A for listing of rental properties with which the Buchanan family was associated.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Tax receipts	1935-1941	B5634-12
Tax receipts	1930-1945	B5634-13
Tax receipts	1933-1945	B5634-14

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Series 11 **Miscellaneous correspondence**

Dates 1925-1946

Extent 6 cm of textual records

Scope and Content This series encompasses miscellaneous correspondence; correspondence to and from Charles Alexander Buchanan and John Alexander Buchanan are represented.

Note Title based on contents of the items.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Misc.	1925, 1931, 1943-1946	B5635-32
Misc.	1930-32, 1939-1946	B5635-33
Misc.	1930, 1936	B5635-38
Misc.	1931, 1940, 1946	B5635-39

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Series 12 Photographs

Dates [191-?]-1937

Extent 8 photographs : b&w ; 13 x 9 cm or smaller
1 photographic negative ; 7 x 5 cm

Scope and Content This series is a collection of 8 photographs.

Note

Title based on contents of the items.

Originally residing in folders throughout the fonds, lacking any discernable place in context with the rest of the materials, these photographs have been removed from the files in which they were originally placed and are now stored together in one folder. Original file locations are noted.

Item List

Description	Original File	Dates	Box/File
Two young men, dressed in doctor's coats, in a medical lab with an animal carcass	55	[between 1930 and 1935]	B5640-003-91
Middle-aged man seated in a hard-top, right-hand-drive car	64	[192-?]	B5640-003-91
Two girls standing outside. Photograph housed in a cardboard frame, and is damaged by ink spot.	65	[191-?]	B5640-003-91
Young woman in a light coloured dress standing by a trellis and yard swing	70	[193-?]	B5640-003-91
Group of people gathered at a fence along a road, as for a parade. Bottom of image is washed out	70	[193-?]	B5640-003-91

Description	Original Folder	Dates	Box/File
<p>Late-middle-aged man standing in front of a school (or other public building)</p> <p>Negative for this image is available</p> <p>Both the image and negative stored in the Bank of Montreal passbook cover</p>	70	[193-?]	B5640-003-91
<p>Three women, dressed in academic attire, standing outside a large stone building (likely Oxford University)</p>	83	[1937?]	B5640-003-91
<p>Young woman, standing in a garden, holding a large fluffy cat</p>	83	1937	B5640-003-91

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Appendix A: List of Buchanan Family rental properties (London, Ontario)

423 Baker Street	814 Colborne Street	1041 Patricia Street
425 Baker Street	313 Emery Street	7 Pegler Street
262 Briscoe Street	26 Forward Avenue	242 Piccadilly Street
156 Central Avenue	392 Grosvenor Street	250 Piccadilly Street
396 Central Avenue	396 Grosvenor Street	339 Princess Avenue
466 Central Avenue	804 Maitland Street	892 Waterloo Street
576 Colborne Street	892 Maitland Street	894 Waterloo Street
579 Colborne Street	956 Maitland Street	512 William Street
583 Colborne Street	958 Maitland Street	17 Willingdon Avenue
601 Colborne Street	88 Oxford Street West	24 Willingdon Avenue
810 Colborne Street	317 Pall Mall Street	338 Wortley Road
812 Colborne Street	448 Pall Mall Street	