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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1887-1888

Extent

4 volumes of textual records

Biographical Sketch

Dr. Thomas Alfred Patrick was born near Ilderton, Ontario on December 23, 1864, the son of George B. and Alecia (née Hobbs) Patrick. Patrick attended Strathroy High School, and taught school in Byron, a village then on the outskirts of London. He became engaged to be married to Marion June Griffith (b. 21 Jan. 1864) of Byron in 1885. Patrick then attended the University of Western Ontario's medical college; he heard lectures in the morning and saw patients in the afternoon at London General Hospital (later re-named Victoria Hospital). Patrick graduated with honors in April, 1888.

After he had completed his medical education, Patrick spent several months practicing in Saint Ignace, Michigan, waiting to write his physicians' examinations in Ontario. After becoming licensed in 1889, Patrick moved to Saltcoats, Saskatchewan, where he set up his medical practice. His fiancée Marion joined him in 1890, and they were married March 8. The couple had four children:

Mabel Patrick (5 Jan. 1891 - 1974)

Gertrude Patrick Sommervill (18 Aug. 1893 - 1964)

Edith Patrick Fraser (22 Aug. 1894)

George Griffith Patrick (18 Aug. 1899 - 1976)

In 1894, the Patrick family moved to Yorkton, Saskatchewan. In 1897, Dr. Patrick was acclaimed in a by-election as an independent member of the Legislative Assembly of the North West Territories; he was acclaimed again in the 1898 election, and he won the seat in the election of 1902. Dr. Patrick is credited with being the first person to suggest that two new provinces be created (Saskatchewan and Alberta), rather than the one that was being advocated by Premier Frederick Haultain. The boundaries he suggested were implemented by Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier in 1905.

Dr. Patrick continued to practice medicine until the late 1930s, when his own health began to deteriorate. Dr. Patrick died on September 6, 1943; he is buried, with his wife, in the Yorkton Cemetery. The City of Yorkton named a park in his honour, and erected a cairn there in July 1982.

Scope and Content

The fonds contains lecture and practice notebooks from the 1887-1888 school year, during which Dr. Patrick was a medical student at the University of Western Ontario's medical school.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Medical notebooks

Finding Aids

Item list is available.

Custodial History

These notebooks, originally belonging to Dr. T.A. Patrick, resided for many years in the University of Western Ontario's Faculty of Medicine library. When this library was closed, the notebooks became the property of Western Libraries; they were later given to the Western Archives.

Related Material

Extracts from T.A. Patrick's journals are available in C.J. Houston and C. Stuart Houston's biographical account Pioneer of Vision: The Reminiscences of T.A. Patrick M.D., available at Western Libraries (call number R464.P28P28 1980).

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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Scope and Content

This series contains books of lecture notes and patient case study notes. Notes from courses in forensic medicine, pharmacology, pathological history, clinical medicine and clinical surgery are included. Several case studies of patients at London General Hospital (now Victoria Hospital) are also included.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Clinical medicine and clinical surgery [vol.]	1887-1888	A00-183-001
Case book – London General Hospital [vol.]	1887-1888	A00-183-001
Surgery, obstetrics, gynaecology [vol.]	1887-1888	A00-183-001
Practice of medicine, jurisprudence medical, therapeutics [vol.]	1887-1888	A00-183-001