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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1870-1968

Extent and Material

16 cm textual records
27 photographs
3 slides

Administrative History

During the early 1900s meetings devoted to medical history were held in the Medical School. This is believed to be the roots of the Medical Historical Society. In 1914 a paper read by Dr. H.O. Foucar stirred the interest of the medical students and prompted additional meetings of the Medical Historical Society. The earliest records from these meetings date to 1921. In 1921 members of the Society began documenting the meetings and electing officers. Membership was open to undergraduates, graduates and members of the medical faculty. In 1921 two memorable papers were delivered: one by Dr. F.G. Banting and the second by Professor J.J.R. Macleod. Both of these papers prompted the idea of a more permanent historical society which in turn became the Osler Society. The 3 founding members of the Osler Society are considered to be Dr. W.D.M. Lloyd, Dr. J.W. Crane, and junior medical student E.A. Bartram. During Dr. Lloyd's term as Demonstrator in Pharmacology he made frequent references to Sir William Osler. In early 1927, Dr. Crane suggested that a historical society devoted to medical history be formed on a more permanent basis. Lady Osler's permission was sought to name this club either the Osler Society or the Osler Club. The Osler Society's membership included honorary and active members as well as alumni of the Medical School. Papers were presented before the membership with a focus on historical topics such as the history of Canadian medicine. An annual banquet was held which included the Annual Osler Oration, delivered by the Honourary President on some aspect of Sir Osler's life. Keys and scrolls were given to new members. New members were recruited through the early part of 1927 so that on May 14, 1927 there were enough members to elect the first executive. The first banquet was held in October 1927 during which Dr. Lloyd gave the oration on "The Life of Osler." The year 1941 brought the first significant changes to the Osler Society because it was the first year since inception that no Honourary President was appointed and no banquet was held. The Society had withstood the great depression but could not stand the impact of the war. The last meeting was held on October 6, 1942

at the Ontario Hospital. As the Osler Society was being disbanded a new organization, the Alpha Omega Alpha Honour Society was starting up. Many members of the Osler Society joined this new Society. The Osler Society was revived on November 3, 1948 when under the auspices of the Hippocratic Council a committee was appointed to start a new Osler Society. Dr. Crane was present at this meeting and he stressed the importance of the history of medicine and the value derived from preparing and presenting an original paper. On December 9, 1948 a new constitution was approved and adopted. Its aims and objectives were to perpetuate the memory of Sir William Osler, to further the study of medical history and to provide members with training in the preparation and presentation of papers. Membership was open to all interested students and members of the medical faculty. The society was now called "The Osler Society of the University of Western Ontario." Instead of giving keys and scrolls to the new members (as had been done in the past) they were now presented at the annual banquet to Society members in good standing in the graduating class. In January 1949 the first "Bulletin of the Osler Society" was published. Once again the Osler Society faced difficulties until its 2nd revival in the late 1980s by Dr. Paul Potter.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of records related to the activities of the Osler Society. Records include meeting agendas, minutes, banquet programmes, membership lists, financial records, correspondence, historical records, photographs and slides.

Arrangement

The fonds has been arranged into the following series

Series 1	Historical Records
Series 2	Meetings and Events Papers
Series 3	Administrative Records
Series 4	Bulletins
Series 5	Photographs
Series 6	Slides

Finding Aids

File lists available

Custodial History

These records were in the custody of The University of Western Ontario Faculty of Medicine Library.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The records were transferred to The University of Western Ontario Archives. The date of the transfer is not known.

**THE OSLER SOCIETY FONDS
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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS AND FILE LISTS**

Series 1 Historical Records

Dates

1902-1950

Extent and Material

1 cm textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of records documenting the history of the Osler Society. Included is information about William Osler, a history of the Osler Society of London and information about the Medical History Seminars held in London.

File List

History	1902-1950	AFC 45-1/1
Medical History Seminars	1935-1940	AFC 45-1/2

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Series 2 Meetings and Events Papers

Dates

1927-1968

Extent and Material

10 cm textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of documents relating to events held by the Osler Society. Included are meeting minutes, notices of meetings, papers presented at meetings, the Osler Oration, the annual Osler outing and banquet programmes.

File List

Meetings	1927-1929	AFC 45-1/3
Meetings [vol]	October, 1930- March, 1941	AFC 45-1/4
Meetings [vol]	November, 1941-1943	AFC 45-1/5
Meetings [vol]	1948-1958	AFC 45-1/6
Papers Presented at Meetings	1929-1960	AFC 45-1/7
Papers Presented at Meetings	1968	AFC 45-1/8
Meeting Attendance	1949-1953	AFC 45-1/9
Banquets	1929-1958	AFC 45-1/10
Annual Outing	1957	AFC 45-1/11

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Series 3 Administrative Records

Dates

1927-1966

Extent and Material

3 cm textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of membership lists, reports, correspondence, information about past-presidents and related committees including the Osler Memorial Committee and the Osler Advisory Committee.

File List

Past-Presidents	1957-1962	AFC 45-2/1
Osler Memorial Committee	1927-1959	AFC 45-2/2
Osler Advisory Committee	1959-1960	AFC 45-2/3
Constitution	1927-1966	AFC 45-2/4
Osler Corner	1958	AFC 45-2/5
Reports	1927-1965	AFC 45-2/6
Membership Lists	1941-1959	AFC 45-2/7
Correspondence	1927-1959	AFC 45-2/8

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Series 4 Bulletins

Dates

1949-1959

Extent and Material

2 cm textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of bulletins published by the Osler Society to inform members of club activities.

File List

Bulletins	1949-1951	AFC 45-2/9
Bulletins	1955-1959	AFC 45-2/10

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Series 5 Photographs

Dates

1870-1958

Extent and Material

25 photographs, b&w print

Scope and Content

Series consists of photographs related to the Osler Society and Sir William Osler

Item List

Dr. E.G.D. Murray- b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/1
William Osler - b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/2
Teased Preparation of Fly Muscle – Made by Sir Wm. Osler - b&w print	1870	AFC 45-3/3
William Osler - b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/4
Osler Society- b&w print [Includes names]	1938	AFC 45-3/6
Osler Society – b&w print [Includes names]	1933	AFC 45-3/7
Osler Society – b&w print [Includes names]	1930	AFC 45-3/8
McGill University – Osler Library - b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/9
Statue of Pinel on grounds of Saltpetriere Paris – b&w print	1957	AFC 45-3/10
Views at Saltpetriere, Paris – b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/11
View of Medical School, Western University - b&w print	1921	AFC 45-3/12
Osler Society Annual Outing - b&w print	1957	AFC 45-3/13
St. John’s Anglican Church – b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/14
Osler Society Group Photo – b&w print [Includes names]	[19--]	AFC 45-3/15
Dr. Howard Holbrook - b&w print	1958	AFC 45-3/16
Dr. Holbrook and Ian Graham – b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/17
Dr. Holbrook and Mr. Woodhouse – b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/18
Dr. Holbrook – b&w print	1932	AFC 45-3/19
Ellen Osler Memorial Home – b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/20

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Holbrook b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/21
Sir William Osler – b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/22
Sir William Osler – b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/23
Sir William Osler – b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/24
Sir William Osler – b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/25
Sir William Osler – b&w print	[19--]	AFC 45-3/26

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Series 6 Slides

Dates

[19--]

Extent and Material

3 microscope slides

Scope and Content

Series consists of microscope slides prepared by Sir William Osler

Item List

Microscope Slide	[19--]	AFC 45-3/22
Microscope Slide	[19--]	AFC 45-3/23
Microscope Slide	[19--]	AFC 45-3/24