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WALTER B. CROWE FONDS
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WALTER B. CROWE FONDS

Dates of creation

1892-1946, predominant 1892-1896

Extent

7 cm of textual records

3 photographs

Biographical sketch

Dr. Walter Brooks Crowe was a prominent physician in the Trenton, Ontario area. He was born around 1875 in Stockdale, Ont., the eldest son of Jane A. Hagerman and George Crowe, a contractor and builder from the Trenton area, youngest son of the Rev. John Brooks Crowe. He graduated from the Trinity College Medical School in 1896. He subsequently undertook post graduate work in Edinburgh and Scotland and received further qualifications (L.R.C.P. & S. Edin.) (L.F.P. & S. Glas.). After returning to Canada, he first went to Manitoba with a view of settling there, but after two years decided to move back permanently to Trenton. During World War I he served as a medical examiner with the district regiment of the Canadian Army. He was Hastings County coroner for some time and also served as Medical Health Officer of Trenton. In addition, he was active in the Masonic fraternity, and several other societies.

Dr. Crowe married Alice May Stevenson, daughter of Dr. John Alexander Stevenson of Trenton, in 1901. They had two children, a son and a daughter. Dr. Crowe died in Trenton, Ontario on March 20, 1957.

Source:

Crowe family fonds, Queen's University Archives;

Obituary, *Canada Medical Association Journal*, May 1, 1957, vol. 76;

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, including Genealogies of Old Families and Biographical Sketches of Represented Citizens (Toronto: Rolph and Clark, [190-?]), 233.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records kept by W.B. Crowe while a student at the Trinity Medical College (1892-1896) and for several years after graduation. Files include lecture notes and examination papers; printed 'admission cards' allowing entrance to lectures; receipts from the Registrar; certificates from the various levels of his training; programs from Medical College social functions including the annual dinners (1892-1895); speeches; commencement programs; notebooks; and papers relating to his time in Scotland. Also included is a prescription book with initial date of March 1894 that seems to have been used throughout his career as a physician. Photographs include a tintype of W.B. Crowe treating a patient, a photograph of the dissecting class, and a class photograph. Also included is a clipping from the *Toronto Globe and Mail* showing the graduating class composite picture for 1895-6.

Notes

Acquisition history: Materials accrued in two accessions, donated by Dr. Crowe's daughter, Margrethe, (Mrs. I. H. Birch) in 1966 and 1990.

Arrangement: Materials arranged by the archivist at the file level.

Restrictions on access: None

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Related Materials: Materials relating to students of the Trinity College Medical School can be found in F1018, Trinity Medical College fonds.

Associated Materials: Queen's University Archives holds the Crowe Family Fonds, which contains the Dr. Walter Brooks Crowe series (series 3) and includes correspondences, general files, financial records, and legal records from 1892-1955.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Provenance access points:

Crowe, Walter Brooks, [1875-1876] - 1957

Box / File Listing:

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Lecture Notes	[189-?]	[189-?]	Three sets of hand-written notes	1-1
Admission Cards	1892	1896	Class and hospital admission cards	1-2
Programmes	1892	1896	Trinity Medical College annual banquets	1-3
			Trinity Medical College Literary & Scientific Society Annual Concerts; Varsity Glee Club concert	1-4
			Commencements (1895 & 1896)	1-5
Speeches	1892	[1896?]	Two speeches from the annual banquet by Dr. Crowe	1-6
Certificates	1892	1896	Certificates and letters attesting to W.B. Crowe's various levels of training.	1-7
Notebooks	1894	[1946?]	Notebook with various notes and prescriptions	1-8
			Prescription book	
Examination Papers	1895	1897	Examination questions from University of the State of New York	1-9
			Application forms from University of the State of New York concerning examination for license to practice medicine in the state of New York	
Receipts	1892	1894	Two registration receipts and one receipt for a microscope bought at A. Arongsberg & Co., 71 King Street West	1-10
Scotland	1896	1898	Various items from Crowe's stay in the United Kingdom (primarily Edinburgh) including notes, letters, registration certificate, and campus publications.	1-11

Photographs	1894	1895	1 photograph : tintype ; b&w ; 9 x 6 cm W.B. Crowe treating a patient	1-12
			1 photograph : b&w ; 15.5 x 21 cm Trinity Medical College dissecting room, 1893-1894, part of the 2nd year class, mounted on board; on the other side a clipping from the Toronto Globe and Mail, 3 August 1895, showing the Graduating Class 1895-6 of the Trinity Medical College	P1168
			1 photograph : b&w ; 19 x 24 cm Students of Trinity Medical College, "November 1895, 3rd & 4th years," taken 27 October 1895	P1770