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**JOHN CLARENCE WEBSTER FONDS**

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**TITLE:** John Clarence Webster fonds

**DATES:** 1892-1952.

**EXTENT:** 13,8 cm of textual records.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:** John Clarence Webster was born 21 October 1863 in Shediac, New Brunswick, which was also where he did his primary studies. He graduated from Mount Allison College in Sackville, New Brunswick in 1882 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1883, he began his medical studies at the University of Edinburgh where he graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and a Masters in Surgery in 1888. During the course of his medical training he went to Leipzig and Berlin. He worked as an assistant in the Department of Midwifery and Diseases of Women at the University of Edinburgh until his return to Canada in 1896. He settled in Montreal and was appointed Lecturer in Gynecology at McGill University and Assistant Gynecologist to the Royal Victoria Hospital. In 1899, he accepted an offer to fill the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Rush Medical College, affiliated with the University of Chicago. He also worked in Hospital at the Presbyterian Hospital, the Central Free Dispensary, and at the St Anthony's and St Joseph's Hospitals in Chicago. He retired in 1920.

During his career he won prizes, and received many scholarships and honours. He also contributed to various medical journals and while he was in Chicago he was one of the Editors-in-Chief of *Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics*. Besides medicine, Webster was deeply interested in history. In his later years was active in the preservation of historic sites in Canada and served for seven years as chairman of the *National Historic Sites and Monuments of Canada* board.

**CUSTODIAL HISTORY:** The fonds was presented to the Osler Library by John Clarence Webster's son, Dr. W.L. Webster of Shediac, New Brunswick, in May 1954. Acc. 300 was transferred from McGill Medical Library to Osler Library Archives. Old accession numbers 300 and 384.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** Fonds consists of mostly correspondence of or about Dr. John Clarence Webster, from 1892 to 1952, as well as his medical thesis from 1891.

**SOURCE OF SUPPLIED TITLE PROPER:** Based on the creator of the fonds.

**LANGUAGE:** The documents are in English.

**FINDING AIDS:** A primary inventory list was made in 1972.

**GENERAL NOTE:** Conservation measures and arrangement and description of the fonds to be done.

DEPOSITOR: Dr. W.L. Webster, Shediac, N.B.

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Acc. no. 384Date May, 1954  
[Listed, Jan.  
1972]

ITEM	DATES	LOCATION
<p>Webster, John Clarence, 1863-1950 [Correspondence by Dr. Webster, to Dr. Webster and concerning him, from 1892 - 1952 approx.] MSS., typescript, reprints, etc.</p> <p>Presented by Dr. W.L. Webster, Shediac, N.B. [J.C. Webster's son], May 1954?</p> <p>Inventory available. /</p>	1892-1952	Box n

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ITEM	DATES	LOCATION
Letters to and from Dr. W.W. Francis,	1944-54	Box n
Obituary, Proc. Inst. Med. Chicago, <u>18</u> 174-6, Oct. 1950; by N. Sproat Heaney	1950	"
Letters from sir William Dawson, T. Roddick, W. Peterson, <u>z</u>	1896-98	"
Letters from R.F. Ruttan	1899-1926	"
[Notes on nursing and Florence Nightingale, n.d.] Typescript.	n.d.	"
[Letter from E.M. Hill, 1946, with copies of his (?) works "Agrios Anthropos" and "The Truth will make you free" attached.]	1946	"
Letters from A.R. Simpson	1901-05	"
Letter from J. Bland Sutton	1893	"
Letter from [A. Dolery?]	1887	"
Curricula vitae of John Clarence Webster; bibliography. Typescripts with MS. additions and corr.	1895, 1915?, 192-?	FOLIO BOX 6
Letter from Walter W. Chipman [?]	1944	Box n
Letter from Frank Billings, 1926; University of Chicago ... service in memory of Frank Billings 1854-1932 ... October 30, 1932; etc.	1926, 1932	"
Physician's Permit of J.C. Webster, Chicago	1900	"
Letters from Thomas S. Cullen	1944-45	"
Letters from Robert Barnes	1893	"
Letters from <del>Ed</del> Lewellys F. Barker	1900-01	"
Letters from J.G. Adami	1899-1916	"
Letters from Prof. G. Emilio Curatulo [2 undated]	1896	"
Letters from Robert L. Dickinson	1898-1945	"

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Letters from Carl Henry Davis, 1939-49 [One undated. One letter includes carbon copy of Davis' paper, Management of pelvic tumors with special <del>xxxx</del> reference to pregnancy.]	1939-49	Box n
Letters from [Mathias Duval?], Paris,	1892-95	"
Letters from [Alban?] Moran	1895-1905	"
Letters from Palmer Findley	1932-50	"
Letters from Arthur W. Johnstone	1897	"
Letters from [x Hubrecut or x Hubrecht?]	1895	"
Letters from William F. Hewitt	1944	"
Letter and postcard from Professor v. Herff	1897-1900	"
Letters from Dr. Henrotin	1897	"
Letters from John C. Heisler	1901	"
Letters from N. Sproat Heaney	1947-49	"
Letter of recommendation of Dr. Berry Hart, by sir Joseph Lister, In his own hand?	1893	"
Letter and postcard from Dr. Gottschalk, "Frauenarzt", Berlin	1892-96	"
Letters and postcard from P. [?] Gaddes, [one undated]	1892-96	"
Letter from [W.?] Arbuthnot Lane	1918	"
Letter from Austin Flint	1892	"
Letters from Howard A. Kelly	1899-1929	"
Letters from Mrs. Edwin M. Miller [Two undated.]	1949	"
Letters from [Christian name undeciphered] Moleschott, Rome	1892	"
Letters from W. Nagel. [One is a fragment?, and undated.]	1898-1905	"
Letters from William Osler	1899-1900	"

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Letters from Herman L. Kretschmer	1949-50	Box n
Letter from Nellie G. Miller, 1931, with enclosure: "Dr. J. Clarence Webster," extract from <u>Illinois Training School Alumnae Report</u> , Dec. 1931.	1931-32	"
Letters from James Miller, [n.d. 1944?], one with enclosure: "The Edinburgh Medical Faculty of One Hundred Years Ago" by James Miller - <del>re</del> reprint from CMAJ, vol. 50 (1944), p. 75-83.	1944	"
Letters to and from Charles [J.?] Minot [One undated].	1897	"