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TITLE: John Symonds Lyon Browne fonds.

DATES: 1922-1984.

EXTENT: 6cm textual records. Note: includes two portraits, several snapshots of honorary degree ceremony, and one VHS video.

Biographical Sketch: Dr. John Symonds Lyon Browne was born on April 13, 1904 in Wembley, London, England. His father was a civil engineer who came to Canada in 1905 to help build a railway from New Carlisle to Gaspé. The family moved to Montreal in 1912. Browne was educated at Westmount High School and subsequently attended McGill University where he obtained his B.A. in 1925, his M. D. in 1929 and his PhD. in 1932 under endocrinologist J. B. Collip. He was awarded the Governor General's Silver Medal for the best thesis of the year. Following his PhD degree, he obtained a traveling fellowship from the Royal Society of Canada and worked in Europe under Professors: A Butenandt in Göttingen, Germany, Otto Loewi at the University of Graz, and G. L. Evans at University College in London. Browne then returned to McGill University as a research fellow. In the course of his career at McGill University, he became Professor of Medicine, Chairman of the Department of Medicine, and Director of the Royal Victoria Hospital. Medical postgraduate teaching was one of his important concerns and he was regarded as a leader in this area. Due to illness, Browne's eyesight deteriorated forcing him to relinquish his positions at McGill University. However, he was made Chairman of the new Department of Investigative Medicine in 1955, until he retired in 1969 (*McGill Medical Luminaries*).

Custodial History: Gift of Ms. Winifred Browne (sister).

Scope and Content: fonds contains various certificates and awards received by Browne; photographs and slides; two official portraits; letters of Ms. W. Browne (sister) regarding Browne; Last Will and Testament; The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony VHS, and newspaper clippings.

Source of supplied title proper: Based on the documents in the fonds.

Language: Documents are in English

Finding Aids: Inventory list available

1 Box

[No Folder]

- The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, VHS. [In photo storage]

Folder 1: Yellow folder

- Newspaper article and pictures of ceremony for honorary degree at the University of Montreal.
- Photo from 1922 at Argyle School.
- Account of the events of conference honoring Dr. Browne and his retirement from the Dept of Investigative Medicine.
- Obituary for the CMA written by Jacques Genest.
- Institut De Recherches Cliniques De Montreal – 1977 brochure.
- Invitation to a service in memory of Dr. Browne from the Dept of the Royal Victoria Hospital.
- Envelope addressed to Winifred Browne (sister).
- Solicitation letter to those invited to the dedication of the J.S.L. Browne Amphitheatre in order to establish Memorial Fund.
- Letters to Ms. W. Browne. [regarding death of JSL]
- Letter from McGill University Human Resources regarding Sun Life Assurance payment.
- McGill News article, September 18, 1969.
- Article from the Montreal Star, August 25, 1969.
- Article for SPEC, March 20, 1984.
- Internment of Ashes certificate.

Folder 2: Brown folder

- Convocation slides, 1959.
- Birth certificate.
- Photographs (snapshots from presentation of honorary degree)
- Portraits of Dr. Browne (2).
- Application for admission to the Medical Staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital.
- Centennial Medical Award notification.
- Honorary Membership to the Canadian Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism.
- Cert. for Distinguished Leadership Award in Endocrinology for 1973 from The Endocrine Society.
- Certificate for the General Proficiency in Standard VII of the Public Schools of Westmount, 1917.
- Royal Victoria Hospital Certificate of Quarter Century Club.
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Certificate for the Duncan Graham Award for 1979.

Folder 3: J.S.L. Browne Last Will and Testament, 1949

Folder 4: J.S.L. Browne Senior Member Citation, Canadian Medical Hall of Fame

Folder 5

- Portraits of Dr. Browne in his youth and in later life

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- Newsclippings regarding honours at Canadian Medical Hall of Fame
- “A Tribute to Dr. John Symonds Lyon Browne,” March 20, 1984, SPEC.
With excerpts from his obituary.