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GEORGES MASSON FONDS

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Physical Description: 19cm of textual records

Dates: 1932-1959

Biographical Sketch:

Georges Marie Charles Masson was born Dieulouard, France in 1911 and spent his childhood near Nancy, France. Masson completed a veterinary degree and served with the French cavalry, before relocating to Montreal, Canada in 1935. At the age of twenty-four, he began teaching biology at Ecole Vétérinaire d'Oka, Agricultural Institute of Oka from 1935-38 (which later became Laval University Faculty of Agriculture). He continued his studies and received a License in Science from l'Université de Montreal in 1937. While attending a conference, Masson met McGill University lecturer Dr. Hans Selye and later began lab work for Selye. Inspired by Selye's endocrinology research, Masson pursued a PhD in experimental medicine. Upon graduation in 1942, Masson continued to work as a researcher at McGill's Department of Histology until accepting a job in 1948 at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio, where he furthered his research on renal hypertension and cardiovascular disease.

Georges Masson met his wife, Helen Louise Masson, in 1937 while crossing the Atlantic on the famed liner Normadie en route to visiting family in France. They married a year later and had two children, Richard and Paul. Upon retirement in 1973, Masson and his wife relocated to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario where he lived for the remainder of his life, a dedicated gardener and writer. To mark his gratitude to McGill, Georges established the Georges, Paul, and Robert Masson Scholarship Fund in 2002, awarded each year to science students at McGill University. In 2011, Georges Masson died of natural causes, aged 99.

Scope and Content:

The fonds consists of two bound volumes of notes on Endocrinology (some handwritten, some typed) from 1938-1939 and 1941-1942 while Masson was a PhD candidate at McGill University. Lectures given by: J. S. L. Browne, H. Selye, D. L. Thomson, C. F. Denstedt, C. Lyman Duff, C. P. Leblond, D. McEachern, R. L. Noble.

The fonds also consists of three bound volumes of Masson's published work from various medical journals (published in France, Canada, and USA) between 1932-1959. The articles are mostly in English, and some are in French.

Source of supplied title proper: Title based on content of fonds.

Language: The documents are in English and French.

Finding Aids: Inventory list is available.

Custodial History: Donated to the Osler Library of the History of Medicine by Paul Masson (Georges Masson's son), received in October 2015.

Series: n/a

General Note: n/a

Subjects:

McGill University Medical Students and Student Notes
McGill University Doctors
Student Notes
Masson, Georges, 1911-2011
Endocrinology

Box 1: Bound Volumes of Notes and Published Work

- 2 volumes (1938-39; 1941-42) of Georges Masson's endocrinology notes (some handwritten, some typed) from McGill lectures given by: J. S. L. Browne, H. Selye, D. L. Thomson, C. F. Denstedt, C. Lyman Duff, C. P. Leblond, D. McEachern, R. L. Noble.
 - First page is signed by two of the professors, Dr. Browne and Dr. Selye.
- 3 volumes, "Travaux Scientifiques", G. Masson et. al., (1-52; 53-104; 105-152) comprised of various scientific journal publications from 1932-1959.
 - Most are written in English, some in French
 - Published in France, Canada, USA
 - Bound together in 1960
 - Complete bibliography (typed) included