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McGill University, Montreal, Canada**

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WYATT JOHNSON FONDS

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P115: WYATT JOHNSTON

TITLE: The Wyatt Johnston Collection.

DATES: 1894-ca 1906.

EXTENT: 5 cm of textual records

Biographical Sketch: Wyatt Galt Johnston was born in Sherbrooke in 1863. His father, Dr. J.B. Johnston, was a well known physician in the Eastern Townships. W.G. Johnston received his M.D., C.M. from McGill University in 1884. He succeeded William Osler as Pathologist at the Montreal General Hospital after the latter left for Philadelphia. He kept that position until his death in 1902. In 1886 he joined the Faculty of Medicine of McGill as Demonstrator in Pathology. Johnston also held positions in Bacteriology, Medico-Legal Pathology, Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Medical Jurisprudence, and Hygiene.

Custodial History: These documents have apparently been removed from the former collection of Maude Abbott at the Medical Museum of McGill University. Old accession numbers 248, 249 and 166.

Scope and Content: The collection contains correspondence, curriculum vitae, a poem written by his wife, Elizabeth Turnor, a record of medical examinations for the Coroner's Court, Montreal, 1894 and lectures notes. The greater part of the notes consists of embryology notes made at the Anatomisches Institut, Munich, ca. 1900.

Source of supplied title proper: Title based on the documents in the collection.

Language: The documents are in English.

Finding Aids:

General Note : See also McGill University Archives M.G. 4049. Conservation and description of the collection to be done.

1 Box

Folder 1: Miscellaneous Correspondence

- Memorandum from the Registrar's Office, McGill Faculty of Medicine, June 30, 02
- Letter from the Board of the Montreal General Hospital, titled "The Late Wyatt Johnston," Friday June 20.
- Letter written by Wyatt Johnston to his mother, August 29, 1892.
- Reprint of obituary from the Montreal Medical Journal, July, 1902.

- Reprint of a Journal article by Wyatt Johnston: “Notes on the Progress of Legal Medicine:-The Medico legal Study of Injuries.” from *The Philadelphia Medical Journal*, 1898.

Folder 2: Correspondence

- Handwritten letter circa 1880 to F. J. Shepherd Esq. M.D.
- Handwritten letter circa 1880 to F. J. Shepherd Esq. M.D., Demonstrator of Anatomy, McGill College from J. B. Johnston (Wyatt Johnston’s father).
Regarding his son’s educational requirements and inquiring if Shepherd could supply his son with guidance. Dr. Johnson also makes note of his affiliation with Sir W. Osler.
- Typed copies of above letter

Folder 3: Miscellaneous Correspondence/ 2 newspaper articles

- Letter from Mrs. Shepherd to Mrs. W. Johnston, n.d. (thank-you note)
- Letter from Mrs. Osler to Mrs. W. Johnston, Dec 28. (thank-you note; mentions Sir William is ill with pneumonia)
- Montreal Gazette article commemorating Osler’s seventieth birthday, July 12, 1919.
- Letter from Honorary Osler librarian, Bensley, to Wyatt Johnston’s daughter in law, Mrs. H. Wyatt Johnston regarding materials she may wish to donate to the library, Dec 10, 1981.
- Mrs. H. Wyatt Johnston’s reply to Bensley in a detailed letter regarding the contents of the gift to the library, Jan 7, 1982.
- Handwritten inventory of gift to library by Mrs. H. Wyatt Johnston?.
- Typed copy of inventory. [list is inaccurate]
- Article from *The Township Sun*, Jan 1984. “James Bell Johnston, M.D.: One of Sherbrooke’s First Doctors.”

Folder 4: Newspaper clippings, ca 1902

Folder 5: Newspaper clippings, ca 1884-1891?

- Scrap-book clippings of news paper articles are mounted in a Small Red leather bound book signed by Mary A. J. Johnston, 1884, Sherbrooke ? Canada. Also included is a picture of unknown older woman. (in very poor condition: pages falling out and disintegration of paper)

Folder 6: Newspaper clippings, ca 1892?

- Large burgundy color book with “News Cuttings” title on front cover. Newspaper articles are mounted inside book.