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BETHUNE FOUNDATION FONDS

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P132: BETHUNE FONDATION FONDS

TITLE: The Bethune Foundation Fonds

DATES: 1967? - 1995

EXTENT: 60 cm of textual records. – 104 photographs. – 23 photographic negatives. – 2 audio cassettes. – 6 video cassettes.

Biographical Sketch: The Bethune Foundation, first known as the Bethune Memorial Committee, was established at a meeting of Dr. Norman Bethune's former friends, colleagues and admirers held at McGill University. The objectives were to perpetuate and expand his memory among Canadians by drawing attention to his humanitarian contributions in Canada, Spain and China. The first Chairman was Hazen Sise who was with Dr. Bethune in Spain where he organized the first successful mobile blood transfusion service during the Spanish Civil War. The Honorary Chairman was Dr. Wilder Penfield, Director of the Montreal Neurological Institute.

Custodial History: Old accession number 869, plus other material donated by Andree Levesque.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of documents such as meeting minutes, correspondence, speeches and financial records, photographs, and audio and video recordings generated by the official activities of the Bethune Foundation. Also included are items relating to Dr. Norman Bethune and to China, or Chinese medicine, such as newspaper clippings, printed material from China, photographs, and biographical sketches of Dr. Bethune. There is also promotional material such as pamphlets and posters for conferences, plays, and publications concerning Dr. Bethune or concerning topics which relate to Bethune's work and/or legacy. In addition, the collection contains the publications *The Bethune News* volume 1, number 1, Winter 1977, and the *Norman Bethune Foundation Newsletter* numbers 1-7, 9 and 10 (1983–1989). The collection covers the period 1967-1995, with some undated items which may date from Dr. Bethune's lifetime.

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

Language: The documents are in English, French and Chinese.

Finding Aids: Inventory list available.

2 Boxes

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Folder 1, n.d.

- Print of a painting, depicting Dr. Bethune treating a patient, surrounded by nurses/nuns.

Folder 2, 1978

- Invitation to a reception by the Bethune Foundation.

Folder 3, 1979 - 1980

- Correspondence to and from the Bethune Foundation
- Form letter from Bethune Foundation requesting funding
- Photocopies of Norman Bethune photographs and stamps
- Photocopied article from the Edmonton Journal re Pierre Trudeau
- Bethune Foundation minutes, reports, and meeting agenda.

Folder 4, 1972 – 1980

- Newspaper clippings concerning Bethune and China.
- Torn full-colour schedule for China Week (1975) at Bethune college, with portraits of Mao and Bethune front and back. **Complete copy in better condition available in folio drawer “F”, labeled “Bethune.”

Folder 5, 1977 – 1979

- Med-Chi Newsletter #3, October 1979 (the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society)
- The Bethune News, Vol. 1, no.1, Winter 1977

Folder 6, 1974 – 1979

- Conference programs
- Receipts for Bethune Foundation expenses
- Schedule for visit of People’s Republic of China delegation on occasion of Bethune House opening
- List of delegates

Folder 7, 1974 – 1980

- Bethune Foundation minutes, agendas, reports for discussion, list of members.

Folder 8, 1978-1980

- Correspondence
- Record of grants and donations to the Foundation
- Meeting minutes
- Registration form and information for the CIIA 47th annual study conference, 1980

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- Draft of program for “Bethune: Activist for Social Change,” 1979
- Photocopied pictures of Bethune
- Photograph, 20.5 x 30 cm, of group of 10 men, stamped on the back “edwin hoffman, photographer.... san francisco.”

Folder 9, 1977 – 1979

- Bulletin from The People’s Republic of China in Canada, Ottawa, 1979
- Interview with Dr. Wilder Penfield, Maclean’s (no date).
- Form letter from Bethune Foundation requesting funding – French version
- Correspondence and handwritten notes
- Photo transfers of various photographs and paintings featuring Bethune
- Lyrics to “Long Live the Spirit of Norman Bethune, (A Canadian revolutionary song)”.
- Program for *Bethune*, a film from the National Film Board of Canada

Folder 10, 1971 – 1981

- Group photographs and proofs
- Royal Victoria Hospital News, December 1971
- Handwritten notes
- Mounted photographs of various subjects
- Announcement for the dedication of the Norman Bethune Plaque at the Royal Victoria Hospital, March 3, 1981
- Folder containing information related to visit of Chinese delegates to Montreal, arriving October 19, 1975

Folder 11, n.d.

- Assorted photographs of Bethune statue, group photos, and other subjects. Some photographs may have been taken in China.

Folder 12, 1978 – 1981

- Invitation to a reception hosted by “the Charge d’ Affaires a.i. of the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Canada, Mr. Wang Chu-liang.”
- “In Memory of Norman Bethune,” address by Hazen Sise.
- CBC program releases for “Recollections of Norman Bethune,” aired December 10 1980, and for “Henning Sorenson – One Man’s Life” aired November 30 1980.
- Announcement for the dedication of the Norman Bethune Plaque at the Royal Victoria Hospital, March 3, 1981

Folder 13, n.d.

- Handwritten note regarding the placement of the Bethune Statue in Place Norman Bethune
- Advertisement for “The Awakening of Spring,” a silk painting by Wei Tsang Yang

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- Machine-embroidered tapestry cloth, 27 x 40 cm, depicting Tiananmen Square(?).

Folder 14, 1971 – 1977

- Clippings from the *Toronto Star*, *McGill Reporter* and the *Saturday Gazette* regarding Bethune, 1971-1977.
- Correspondence
- “A Proposal for Research on the Life and Career of Dr. Norman Bethune” by R. J. Stewart.
- Minutes of Bethune Memorial Committee meetings, March 10 and 16, 1972.
- Bethune Foundation and Royal Victoria Hospital letterhead
- Photostat of painting of Bethune with patient, labeled “Épreuve.”
- One page biography of Bethune, followed by request to contact the Bethune Foundation for further information. French on verso.
- Chinese and French pamphlets for Gravenhurst, Bethune’s birthplace
- Bethune pamphlet or storybook, in Chinese. Full-colour illustrations of Bethune in various heroic positions.

Folder 15, 1980

- “1980 The Bethune Foundation Calendar.”

Folder 16, n.d.

- Spiral-bound steno pad labeled “Bethune Foundation Executive Cttee.”

Folder 17, 1971 – 1978

- Donation form from “Friends of the Osler Library.”
- Newspaper clippings related to Bethune and China, 1971 – 1978
- “Dr. Norman Bethune 1890-1939,” a member list of the Bethune Foundation and Bibliographies of Bethune’s medical writings (typewritten).
- Receipt for 3 8x10 glossy prints of Bethune from Elizabeth Frey photography

Folder 18: Bethune Memorial, 1973 – 1979

- “Preliminary outline” for a Norman Bethune Memorial
- Proposed Agenda for Bethune Conference
- Bethune Memorial Committee Treasurer’s report.
- Photocopied receipts regarding photographic prints, Aug. 20 1973 and Oct. 1 1973.

Folder 19: China – Printed materials and invitations, 1972 – 1977

- Cards and invitations from the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China
- Full-colour booklet titled “Recent Advances in Rejoining the Severed Limbs: the No. 6 People’s Hospital in Shanghai.” In English and Chinese.

Folder 20: Correspondence (Mary Weil) 1971 – 1981

- Letters to and from Mary Weil

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- Schedule for China Week '76.
- Various documents, announcements, receipts, etc.

Folder 21: Mary Weil – Notes, n.d.

- Two sheets of handwritten notes.

Folder 22: Press releases and information sheets, 1974 – 1980

- Press release regarding a Chinese film, “Dr. Norman Bethune”
- Information on life of Norman Bethune, Bethune historical sites
- Correspondence
- List of grants and donations (1979)

Folder 23: 869/1, n.d.

- Draft constitution of Bethune Foundation
- Account of formation of Bethune memorial committee
- Copy of letter from Bethune Memorial Committee to Ting Shue-soong, vice chairman of the People’s Association for friendly relations with foreign countries.

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Folder 24: 869/2, 1971 – 1980

- Agendas and minutes of meetings

Folder 25: Reports, 1976 – 1980

- President’s reports, campaign and calendar report
- Meeting minutes
- Handwritten notes
- Announcement for “une soiree sur le role de Chou En-lai dans la revolution Chinoise...”

Folder 26: Treasurer’s record, 1979 – 1980

- Auditor’s report
- Bank statements
- Estimated expenses for Bethune Memorial Conference

Folder 27: Bethune Conference, November 1979

- Welcome letter to delegates from the president of the Bethune Foundation
- List of expense and donations

Folder 28: Pamphlets and forms, 1979 – 1982

- The Bethune Foundation, its objectives, activities and agenda of the Bethune Memorial Seminar (in English and French)
- Order form for *Norman Bethune: his time and his legacy*.

- Bethune Conference registration form

Folder 29: Bethune Publication 1, 1979 – 1981

- Bethune Publication Editorial Committee Meeting proposed agenda
- Le système de santé au Québec – réalisations et problèmes, Master copy of Speeches of Claire Dutrisac, Suzanne Dubreuil, Dennis Lazure, Pierre Delva, Rob Robson, Marc Lavallé and Marc Renaud at the Bethune Conference colloquium, 18 Nov. 1979
- Speeches at the Meeting in Commemoration of Dr. Bethune in Montreal (Lu Wanru, Paul Lin, Ted Allan, Dr. Ma Haide, Madeleine Parent)
- Other announcements, welcomes for conference
- Correspondence related to conference planning and book publication
- Proposed budget for Bethune conference
- Draft of preface of Bethune publication in French
- Bethune book progress report

Folder 30: Bethune Publication 2, 1981

- Curriculum Vitae and lists of publications for Maurice Verdy and Jean-H. Dusault
- Proposal submitted to the Bethune Foundation for publication of “Bethune, His Times and Legacy.”
- *Painting in the thirties, and the Children’s Art School* by Charles Hill, Marion Scott, Louis Muhlstock (typescript and manuscript)
- Two cassette recordings of the Bethune Conference held on Nov. 16 1979, *no. 5: poetry & art; no. 6: art in ‘30s*

Folder 31: Bethune Conference 1, 1979

- Notes for *Edward Archibald and the new medical science* by Robertson
- *Battlefield Surgery and the Stretcher-Bearers’ Experience* by Charles G. Roland, M. D.
- *Norman Bethune: The Creative Impulse – Medical Instruments* by David A. E. Shephard

Folder 32: Bethune Conference 2, 1979

- Materials related to the Bethune Conference, including schedules, guides for visitors, estimated budget, Advisory Committee records, Bethune Foundation records, etc.
- Announcement for a public lecture: “How China Has Eradicated Venereal and Other Diseases – By Medical and Social Collaboration” by Dr. George Hatem.
- History of the Bethune Foundation its registration and membership
- *Sunday picnic in back of the Bethune Memorial House* – a poem by Ray Filip
- Questionnaire for participants in the conference
- Accounting records of Bethune Conference by McGill University Computing Centre

Folder 33: Pierre Delva, 1980 – 1982

- Booklet entitled Government of Canada Job Creation Programs: Guide to Potential Employers
- Bethune Foundation correspondence, agenda, minutes of meetings, financial reports, president's report, handwritten notes
- Blank form entitled "Document Legal"
- *Infomed* v. 5, no. 3 (Jan. /Feb. 1982) – a journal by faculty of medicine of l'Université de Montréal
- Correspondence and notes related to launch of Bethune book
- Lists of names of extant conference speakers and other names
- Curriculum vitae for Gloria Jeliu
- Completed "Canada Works" application

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Folder 34: Trip to China, 1980 – 1981

- Correspondence related to trip, including thank-you letters to hosts
- "Alien's Application Form for Entry of Transit Visas," in Chinese and English
- Invoices, agenda, log of China trip

Folder 35: Public Archives, 1981

- Finding aids for Public Archives on Bethune since 1981

Folder 36: One Yellow Rabbit (*Juggler on a Drum*), 1983 – 1984

- Correspondence, posters, program and touring budget of *Juggler on a Drum*, "a poetic drama based on the life of Dr. Norman Bethune."

Folder 37: "Bethune, His Times and Legacy" fundraising, 1979

- Correspondence, including requests for support of Bethune Conference and requests to mount Bethune plaques
- Documents stating objectives and history of the Bethune Foundation
- Lists of hospitals, CLSCs, and social service agencies in Montreal
- Detailed design of a display case for Bethune's instruments (*meuble d'exposition pour les instruments de Bethune*)
- Draft of a questionnaire to be administered after the conference

Folder 38: Publications that reference Bethune, 1980 – 1981

- *Chinese films* (1981.3), includes films "The Chinese People's Congress Delegation visits Canada" and "Doctor Norman Bethune"
- *The Canadian Society for the History of Medicine* Sept. 1980, includes an informal report of the Bethune conference: *Bethune: his times & his legacy*
- *McGill Medical Journal* v. 45, no. 4, Jan. 1980

Folder 39: Beaver Hall Square and 1947 Baile Street, 1972 – 1975

- Correspondence related to preservation of Beaver Hall Square and Bethune's former residence at 1947 Baile Street.

Folder 40: Bethune College – York University, 1973 – 1974

- Newspaper clippings and notes
- “China Week” program
- *Lexicon* v. 2, no. 5
- *Master's opening speech* by professor Ioan Davies 28, Jan. 1974 at the opening of the college

Folder 41: Undated typed notes, Hong Kong, July 8 19--, ?Norman Bethune

- 2 copies, typewritten and photocopied

Folder 42: Bethune Foundation, Contact list, 197-?

- List of addresses and phone numbers of staffs and members

Folder 43: Bethune in China - album

- A photo album of pictures of Bethune in China. Features Chinese calligraphic inscription and captions in Chinese.

Folder 44: Bethune Memorial Committee – General, 1971 – 1976

- Correspondence and meeting minutes
- Obituary for Hazen Sise, from the *Gazette*
- Quotation from Chairman Mao on Bethune
- Schedule of visit of People's Republic of China delegation on occasion of Bethune House opening
- *JAMA* v. 218, no. 10 (Dec. 6, 1971)
- *Medical Education and Care in People's Republic of China*
- *Acupuncture Anesthesia*

Folder 45: Bethune Symposium (McGill Nov. 25, 1971)

- Correspondence, agenda, newspaper clippings, meeting minutes
- *In Memory of Norman Bethune* address by Hazen Sise
- A pamphlet of *Acupunctural anesthesia* from Chinese Export Commodities Fair Autumn 1971
- *China and south east Asia with an emphasis on the relations between China and Cambodia* by Dr. Robit Garry Montreal University

Folder 46: China trip, 1975

- Correspondence of Mary Weil, Marilyn Fransiszyn 1974-1975

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Folder 47: China Trip – Sise, 1973

- Correspondence, Notes, Newspaper clippings, itinerary
- C.V. of Dr. Gerard Rolland
- C.V. of Dr. J. Wendell Macleod, who knew Bethune in 1931-1932 at Royal Victoria Hospital
- Invitation to a reception held by the Ambassador of Canada
- Receipts
- Baggage declaration for inward passengers and application form for entry
- “Notes on Travel to China”
- Chinese physician delegation biographical information
- A list of *Chinese physician delegation biographical information*

Folder 48: Clippings, announcements, correspondence, 1971 – 1979

- Correspondence, newspaper clippings
- Announcements for performances of *Bethune*, the play by Langley
- Pamphlet of *Hôpital du sacré-cœur, activité du 50e anniversaire 1976*
- Newspaper clippings on Bethune and Chinese medicine
- *Thoughts upon Norman Bethune-the greatest nightfall looms* by C. Gordon Ross
- *CBC anthology* by Kildare Dobbs

Folder 49: Correspondence and notes 1974-1979

- Cards, postcards and letters
- Announcement of a lecture by Dr. Wendell Macleod
- Draft of fundraising letter
- Handwritten notes, lists
- Bethune Foundation President’s Report 1977

Folder 50: Donation slips, 1975 – 1980

- Miscellaneous envelopes and donation slips from campaign
- Invitation to a reception held by the Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China

Folder 51: External affairs, 1972 – 1973

- Correspondence, meeting minutes by Hazen Sise, on developing external affairs between Canada and China
- A copy of *Text of Press statement by the prime minister issued at Peking Saturday, Oct. 13, 1973*

Folder 52: *Bethune* by Rod Langley, 1975

- Invoices
- Calendar of Memorial Mercury, a medical centre in Long Beach

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- Correspondence, newspaper clippings, posters, and financial records relating to *Bethune* by Rod Langley, and membership form for the Bethune Memorial Committee.

Folder 53: For action, 1972 – 1973

- Business and personal notes addressed to Hazen Sise, some containing requests action by Sise or the Bethune Foundation.

Folder 54: Gravenhurst, 1971 – 1973

- Correspondence, photographic negatives, notes concerning Gravenhurst, Bethune's birthplace.
- Program for the unveiling of an historical plaque at Bethune's birthplace

Folder 55: Hazen's speeches, 1967 – 1972

- *Royal Victoria Hospital News*, Dec. 1972
- *Dr. Norman Bethune – a challenge to mankind* by S.H.D. (Hazen Sise), published November 23, 1940
- *Comrade Beth* from *the Flamboyant Canadians*
- A school (university?) assignment on Norman Bethune, "for Elspeth Chisholm"
- A variety of newspaper and magazine articles concerning Bethune, China, Chinese medicine, medicine in general, and Canada-China relations.
- Correspondence and a biography of Dr. Norman Bethune

Folder 56: In memory of Norman Bethune, 1971

- *In memory of Norman Bethune* addressed by Hazen Sise at the Norman Bethune Symposium, held in Redpath Hall on November 25th 1971.
- Several business cards and a handwritten note

Folder 57: Meeting minutes, 1977 – 1979

- Includes list of Bethune Foundation By-Laws

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Folder 58: Meeting minutes from Dr. K.A.C. Elliott, 1971 – 1979

Folder 59: Memorial Meeting - Nov. 12 1973

- Correspondence, meeting minutes, agenda, posters
- A contact list of staffs and members of Bethune Memorial Committee
- *Recent advances in rejoining the severed limbs- the no. 6 People's Hospital in shanghai*

Folder 60: Minutes and Agendas, 1972 – 1975

Folder 61: Miscellaneous correspondence, 1971 – 1974

- Miscellaneous Correspondence of Hazen Sise and others

Folder 62: Newsletters and journals, 1973 – 1984

- *People's friendship!* V. 1, no. 1 (Jan. / Feb. 1974)
- *CCFA Newsletter*, v. 3, no. 2
- *CCFA Newsletter*, v.4, no. 1
- *CSA monthly* Nov. 1973
- *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, v. 109, no. 2 (Jul. 21, 1973)
- *Norman Bethune Foundation Newsletter*, no. 2 (spring, 1984)

Folder 63: Organization and administration (Sise), 1971 – 1973

- Meeting minutes, correspondence, newspaper clippings
- *A brief list of people who knew Norman Bethune*, by R. J. Stewart
- Handwritten note of friends of Bethune
- List of Staffs and Members of Bethune Memorial Committee

Folder 64: P.R. China, 1972 – 1973

- Correspondence, including invitations and greeting cards
- Newspaper clippings of Bethune, China, reflecting the Chinese Medical Delegation's visit to Canada, and the exchange and friendship of Canada and P.R. China
- Questionnaire entitled "Acupuncture Treatment for Deafness"
- Itinerary and schedule for visit of delegation of People's Republic of China, November 1-13, 1972.

Folder 65: Proxies, 1978 – 1979

- Proxies, membership votes and correspondence

Folder 66, 1973 – 1992

- *Welcome Home Agnes McPhail*, small booklet, May 1986
- Photographic negatives
- Handwritten note, *memo de Maurice Ferrier*
- Photographs of unveiling of statue at Place Norman Bethune, some labeled on the back
- *The T.B.'s Progress: Norman Bethune as Artist* by Eugene P. Link
- Reprinted articles on Bethune from *La Presse*, March 24, 1973.

Folder 67: Bethune Foundation – Levesque donation, 1979 – 1990

- Bethune Foundation correspondence
- Expenses, grant application and other information for *Bethune: His Times and Legacy*, the conference in 1979
- Newspaper and magazine articles about Bethune
- List of resource material on Norman Bethune
- Biographical information on Norman Bethune, Louis Kon, and Pierre Delva

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- Bethune College Handbook, 1989-1990, with accompanying letter from York University
- Norman Bethune Essay Contest information
- Proposal for a Bethune audio-visual exhibit
- “Hope in the Nuclear Age” conference report
- Pamphlet: “Tribute to Francis Lothian McNaughton,” 1986

Folder 68: Bethune Foundation – Levesque donation, 1983 – 1995

- Invitation to attend unveiling of a sculpture by Michael Longford, “celebrating the life of Norman Bethune”
- “The Canadian Bethunes,” an excerpt by Mary Larratt Smith
- Article concerning Dr. Gloria Jeliu
- *Norman Bethune Foundation Newsletter* nos. 1-7, 9, 10 (2 copies each of 4-7, 9, 10)
- Correspondence regarding the deregistration of The Bethune Foundation as a charitable organization
- *La vie de Norman Bethune* by Pierre Delva and Pierre Fournier
- “Norman Bethune: his contributions to medicine and to *CMAJ*” by Robert Patterson. *CMAJ*, vol. 141, Nov. 1, 1989
- Poster for the Bethune Foundation’s 3rd annual conference, on “Economics and Social Justice,” January 31, 1985
- Brochure for the Norman Bethune University of Medical Sciences in China

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Video project

- Brief interviews present some of the realities of life at McGill and in medicine
- Include correspondence, project guideline, C.V.s and introductions of the interviewees: Drs. Alan Ross, Jessie Boyd Scriver, Edward Horton Bensley, Harold Segal and Heinz Lehman, 6 video cassettes of the interviews.