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**P190**

**JEFFERSON LEWIS COLLECTION**

**FINDING AID AND INVENTORY LIST**

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**P190: Jefferson Lewis Collection**

**Dates:** [ca. 1860] – 1981; predominantly 1907-1981.

**Extent:** 5.1 m of textual records. -- ca. 300 photographs. -- 11 magnetic tape sound recordings. -- 6 cassette tapes.

**Biographical Sketch:**

Howard Jefferson Lewis, also known as H. Jefferson Lewis, and commonly Jefferson Lewis, was born in Montreal in 1951. He was the son of Crosby Lewis and Ruth Mary Penfield Lewis, the daughter of renowned neurosurgeon Wilder Graves Penfield. Lewis was educated in Europe and the United States, and graduated with a degree in Film Studies from Queen's University in 1972. He worked as a journalist for the Ottawa Citizen, Southam News Service, and CBC Radio. Following the death of his grandfather in 1976, Lewis undertook writing a biography of Penfield, which resulted in *Something Hidden: A Biography of Wilder Penfield* (Toronto: Doubleday) published in 1981. The biography was later turned into a screenplay and a movie produced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the National Film Board of Canada. In subsequent years, he worked as a producer and wrote and directed short dramas, whose themes frequently revolved around Canadian subjects. Lewis married Catherine Ann Keachie in 1976. The couple had one daughter, Cleo Lewis.

Wilder Graves Penfield was born on January 26, 1891 in Spokane, Washington. He was one of three children born to Charles Samuel, the town physician, and Jean Jefferson Penfield. At the age of 8 his parents separated and he returned with his mother to her hometown of Hudson, Wisconsin where he spent the remaining years of his childhood. He attended the Galahad School, graduating in 1909 at the head of his class. Penfield received his B.Litt. from Princeton University in 1913 and was a Rhodes Scholar (B.A. 1916). He received his M.D. from Johns Hopkins in 1918. It was while he was studying under Sir Charles Sherrington at Oxford, that Penfield became interested in the brain. From 1921 to 1928 he conducted research and practiced neurosurgery at the Presbyterian Hospital, and served on the Medical Faculty of Columbia University. Appointed to the Medical Faculty of McGill University in 1928, he was Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery from 1934 to 1960. An endowment from the Rockefeller Foundation enabled him to establish the Montreal Neurological Institute (MNI), which opened in 1934. While at the MNI, Penfield made many important discoveries in neurosurgery including a surgical treatment for epilepsy. He devoted much of his research to the physiology of the brain, speech memory, and sensation. Besides his numerous scientific publications, Penfield wrote two novels and participated in a large number of professional organizations, including sitting on the Board of Curators of the Osler Library. On April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1976, Penfield died of abdominal cancer at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal.

Helen Katherine Penfield (née Kermott) was born in Richland Center, Wisconsin to Dr. Edward Kermott of Hudson, Wisconsin and Mary (née McCorkle) Kermott of Southampton, Long Island, on March 8, 1891. She studied at Milwaukee-Downer College, a women's college in Wisconsin, to become a teacher. Helen married Wilder Graves Penfield on June 16, 1917 during his first year of study at John Hopkins Medical School. Several weeks after their wedding, the newlyweds sailed to France where they both worked in an American Red Cross Hospital. The couple had four children: Wilder Jr., born 1918; Ruthmary, born 1919; Priscilla, born 1926; and Amos Jefferson, born 1927. In later years, Helen traveled widely with her husband. She passed away on August 18, 1978 in Montreal.

### **Scope and Content:**

This collection is divided into material either by, or about, Wilder Graves Penfield. The material was collected by Lewis in order to write his biography. The fonds also includes materials associated with Mr. Lewis' writing of the biography.

The Penfield material is organized by family member, with the largest portion belonging to Wilder Penfield and his wife Helen Penfield. This material is largely personal in nature. It consists of originals and photocopies of diaries, as well as personal correspondence between Penfield and his wife, family photographs, and ephemera from a variety of social and professional events. There is also a small selection of personal correspondence between family members.

Lewis created drafts, revisions, letters concerning the development of the screenplay, and research material. Correspondence between Lewis and the family is contained in the material covering personal family matters.

### **Finding Aids:**

Complete inventory list available.

### **Custodial History:**

The materials in the collection were assembled by Jefferson Lewis for the purpose of writing his biography of Penfield, *Something Hidden*. The material belonging to Wilder Penfield was left in the care of his literary executors, Wilder Penfield Jr. and Ruthmary Penfield, who granted access to Jefferson Lewis (son of Ruthmary Penfield) to write an authorized biography of his life. Lewis gathered additional material directly from other members of the Penfield family. In the course of researching his biography he also solicited and received a small quantity of material from

acquaintances of the Penfield family, which he added to the collection. When Lewis was finished with the material, he donated it together with the material he generated writing the biography to the Osler Library of the History of Medicine at McGill University in 1987.

**Language:**

Primarily English; some correspondence, news clippings, and other miscellany are in French, Chinese, and German.

**Source of Supplied Title Proper:**

Title based on contents of the collection.

**Retrieval Number:**

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**Provenance Access Point / Subjects:**

Penfield, Wilder Graves, 1891-1976

Montreal Neurological Institute

McGill University Doctors

Cone, William Vernon, 1897-1959

**Notes:**

**Variations in Title:**

This collection was previously known as the Penfield-Lewis Papers.

**Physical Description Note:**

Includes one bandage wrapped in paper.  
Photographs are found in both albums and framed.

**Arrangement Note:**

The material was gathered by Jefferson Lewis and roughly organized to serve his needs as he researched Wilder Penfield and the Penfield family for the purpose of his book. The material has subsequently been processed before the current finding aid was produced. It is possible that Jefferson Lewis' order has been loosely preserved, since there are notes that appear related to the biography interspersed through some of the original material and the photocopies.

**Related groups of records:**

Additional records, photographs, diaries, and artifacts of the lives of Wilder Penfield, Helen Penfield, and other members of the Penfield family are contained in the Wilder Penfield Archive (P142) held at the Osler Library of the History of Medicine. Records reflecting the work of Wilder Penfield in founding and directing the Montreal Neurological Institute are held in the archive of the Montreal Neurological Institute.

The records of William Vernon Cone, co-founder of the MNI and partner of Penfield are also held at the Osler Library of the History of Medicine (P163).

## **Series Descriptions**

### **Series 1: Wilder Penfield**

Dates: 1891-1978

Extent: 1.2 m of textual records, and 190 photographs.

#### **Scope and Content:**

This series consists of original and photocopied diaries, correspondence, personal documents, and manuscript drafts belonging to Wilder Penfield and spanning his lifetime. The material is largely personal in nature and is the result of his travels and exchanges with family, friends, and colleagues. The series is divided into the following sub-series: diaries, correspondence, personal documents, memorabilia, and manuscript drafts.

Note: Some material from this series was removed by Jefferson Lewis and interfiled with research notes and drafts in a later series. As possible, this material has been isolated from the Lewis material and identified with its corresponding sub-series.

### **Sub-Series: Diaries**

Dates: 1907-1976

Extent: 54 cm of textual records.

#### **Scope and Content:**

This sub-series consists of both original diaries of Wilder Penfield and photocopies of original diaries made by Jefferson Lewis in the course of his research. More precisely, the diaries dating from 1906 to 1914 are originals; those for subsequent years are photocopies of diaries left by Penfield in the vault of the MNI and now part of the Wilder Penfield Archive (P142) held in the Osler Library Archives. These diaries contain an unparalleled personal chronicle of Penfield's work, travels, encounters, and reflections. The original volumes from his youth provide unique insight into the development of his character and of his ambitions.

Files: 1-58

**Box 1**

File 1: Diary dated from Feb. to Aug. 1907 (1907).

File 2: Diary dated from Aug. 23, 1907 to July 1908 (1907-1908).

File 3: Diary produced while at Galahad School, Hudson, Wisconsin (1908 – 1908).

File 4: Diary dated from Aug. 1909 to 1910 (1909-1910).

File 5: Diary dated from Dec. 23 1909 to March 18, 1911 (1909-1911).

File 6: Diary dated from 4 Apr. 1911 to 22 Apr. 1911 (1911).

File 7: Diary dated from 2 Aug. 1911 to 6 Jan. 1913 (1911-1913).

File 8: Diary dated 23 Feb. 1913 to 4 Nov. 1914 (1913-1914).

File 9: Diary produced while at Harvard (1914).

File 10: Diary dated from Sept. 19, 1915-Oct. 13, 1915 (1915). [Photocopy]

File 11: Diary with beginning date of Mar. 30, 1916 (1916). [Photocopy]

File 12: Manuscript of eulogy for his mother dated May 6 1935 (1935). [Photocopy]

File 13: Diary entry dated Aug. 4, 1935 (1935). [Photocopy]

File 14: Diary dated from Mar. 14, 1936 – Sept. 1937 (1936-1937). [Photocopy]

File 15: Diary entry dated Sept. 4, 1939 (1939). [Photocopy]

File 16: Diary dated from July 24 – Sept. 17 entitled "Trip to England" 1941 (1941). [Photocopy]

**Box 2**

File 17: Diary dated from Sept. 30, 1941 – May 1942 (1941-1942). [Photocopy]

File 18: Diary with beginning date of May 1943 (1943). [Photocopy]

File 19: Diary dated from June 28 – July 13 1943 (1943). [Photocopy]

File 20: Diary dated from July 13 – Aug. 13 1943 (1943). [Photocopy]

File 21: Diary dated from Aug. 13 – Aug. 17 1943 (1943). [Photocopy]

File 22: Diary dated from Aug. 17 – Sept. 11 1943 (1943). [Photocopy]

File 23: Diary dated from Aug. 12 – 14 1945 (1945). [Photocopy]

File 24: Diary dated from June 21 – July 19 1946 (1946). [Photocopy]

File 25: Diary dated from Mar. 20 – Dec. 14 1947 (1947). [Photocopy]

File 26: Diary dated from July 26 – Aug. 30 1948 (1948). [Photocopy]

File 27: Diary dated from Aug. 19 – Oct. 1949 and notes for *No Other Gods* (1949). [Photocopy]

File 28: Miscellaneous diary excerpts for *No Other Gods* (1950-1951). [Photocopy]

File 29: Diary dated from Jan. 14 – May 27 1951 (1951). [Photocopy]

File 30: Diary dated from Mar. 27, 1952 – July 16, 1954 (1952-1954). [Photocopy]

File 31: Diary of autumn 1954 trip to Aegean (1954). [Photocopy]

### **Box 3**

File 32: Diary dated from Oct. 28 – Nov. 25, 1954, includes voyage to Greece (1954). [Photocopy]

File 33: Diary dated from Mar. 24 1956 – May 4, includes voyage to Greece (1956). [Photocopy]

File 34: Diary entry dated Apr. 5 1955 (1955). [Photocopy]

File 35: Diary entry dated June 1, 1955 (1955). [Photocopy]

File 36: Diary entry dated June 12, 1955 (1955). [Photocopy]



File 37: Diary with beginning date of Sept. 15, 1955, includes voyage to USSR (1955). [Photocopy]

File 38: Diary entry dated Dec. 25 1955 (1955). [Photocopy]

File 39: Diary dated from Jan. 26 – Apr. 21, 1957 (1957). [Photocopy]

File 40: Diary dated from June 30 – July 30, 1957 (1957). [Photocopy]

File 41: Diary entries from Summer, 1959 – Spring 1960 (1959-1960). [Photocopy]

File 42: Diary dated from Jun. 18, 1960 – Mar. 25, 1961 (1960-1961). [Photocopy]

File 43: Diary entries from [April] – Dec. 26, 1961 (1961). [Photocopy]

File 44: Diary entry from Feb. 28, 1962, includes description of Moscow visit (1962).

File 45: Diary entries dated from Mar. 10 – Aug. 31, 1963 (1963). [Photocopy]

File 46: Diary entries from Sept. 1, 1962 – Oct. 1962, includes trip to China (1962). [Photocopy]

File 47: Assorted diary entries between Oct. 10, 1962 and Dec. 5 1965 (1962-1965). [Photocopy]

#### **Box 4**

File 48: Diary dated from June 1966 – Apr. 1967 (1966-1967). [Photocopy]

File 49: Diary dated from Aug. 1966 – Dec. 1967(1966-1967). [Photocopy]

File 50: Diary dated from Dec. 1967 – June 1968 (1967-1968). [Photocopy]

File 51: Diary dated from July – Sept. 1968 (1968). [Photocopy]

File 52: Diary dated from Oct. 1968 – Jan. 1969 (1968-1969). [Photocopy]

File 53: Diary dated from Jan. 1 – Nov. 15 1969 (1969). [Photocopy]

File 54: Diary dated from Nov. – Dec. 1969 (1969). [Photocopy]

File 55: Diary dated from Dec. 1970 – May 1972 (1970-1972). [Photocopy]

File 56: Diary dated from May 1972 – Nov. 1974 (1972-1974). [Photocopy]

### **Box 5**

File 57: Diary dated from Dec. 1974 – Oct. 1975 (1974-1975). [Photocopy]

File 58: Diary dated from Oct. 1975 – Apr. 1976 (1975-1976). [Photocopy]

### **Sub-Series: Correspondence**

Dates: 1891 – 1976

Extent: 28 cm of textual records.

### **Scope and Content:**

This sub-series consists of letters exchanged between Wilder Penfield and his family, friends, and acquaintances. The correspondence is of a general and family nature, but covers many aspects of Penfield's life, including his financial affairs, the indemnity sought for injuries sustained in the Sussex disaster, contacts with medical and scientific men, personal friendships, and a few letters regarding his partnership with Dr. William Cone. A small amount of professional correspondence also appears in this sub-series.

Arrangement Note: The order of the letters as found in the original packets has been maintained. The organization of the packets is roughly chronological, but letters from the same correspondent are frequently found together regardless of date

Files: 59-75, 78, 80-83, 195.2, 196, 197.2, 198.2, 205.2, 272.2, 289.1, 324.

### **Box 5**

File 59: Childhood letters from family and friends, 1891-1908.

File 60: General Correspondence, 1915-1920.

File 61: General Correspondence, 1921-1935. (1)

File 62: General Correspondence, 1921-1935. (2)

File 63: General Correspondence, 1936-1955.

File 64: General Correspondence, 1956-1976.

File 65: Letters from Helen K. Penfield, 1920-1930.

**Box 6**

File 66: Letters from his mother, Jennie Jefferson Penfield, 1924-1930.

File 67: Letters from his mother, Jennie Jefferson Penfield, 1931-1934.

File 68: Correspondence with Herbert Penfield, 1917-1935.

File 69: Correspondence with Ruth Penfield Inglis, 1926-1931.

File 70: Letters from daughter Ruthmary Penfield Lewis and family, 1971-1974.

File 71: Correspondence regarding partnership with William Cone, 1932-1943.

File 72: Correspondence with Anton Massabky, 1975-1976.

File 73: Correspondence with Hwang Yiu-Peng, 1962-1970.

File 74: Correspondence regarding travels, 1941-1960.

File 75: Unsorted correspondence and loose notes, 1925-1976.

**Box 7**

File 78: Personal documents regarding indemnity claim, 1916-1917.

File 80: Farewell letter to Helen Penfield, 1966-1973. [Photocopy]

File 81: Correspondence regarding personal finances, 1960s, 1959-1975. (1960s).

File 82: Correspondence regarding personal finances, 1970s, 1962-1971. (1970s).

File 83: Correspondence regarding personal finances, Magog Meadows property, 1957-1968.

**Box 21**

File 195.2: Assorted Correspondence, 1917-1921.

File 196: Letters from Helen Penfield, 1921-1924.

File 197.2: Professional Correspondence, 1920-1928.

File 198.2: Letter to W. Penfield Jr. regarding Magog Medows, 1973.

File 205.2: Assorted Correspondence, 1963-1975.

**Box 31**

File 272.2: Correspondence regarding genealogy, 1944-1960.

**Box 32**

File 289.1: "Noted letters and important materials" for chap. 12, 1960-1976.

**Box 35**

File 324: Correspondence with William Feindel, 1944.

**Sub-Series: Personal Documents**

Dates: 1916 – 1977

Extent: 2 cm of textual records.

Scope and Content:

This sub-series contains Penfield's passports, commission, some medical records, and a photocopy of his will.

Files: 76, 77, 79, 204.3.

**Box 6**

File 76: Personal Papers, including Passports, 1916-1957.

File 77: Commission, 1940.

**Box 7**

File 79: Will, 1975-1977 [Photocopy]

**Box 22**

File 204.3: Medical Records – chest stereoscopy, 1941-1965.

**Sub-Series: Memorabilia**

Dates: 1912 – 1978

Extent: 18 cm of textual records and 190 photographs.

Scope and Content:

This sub-series contains newspaper clippings, photographs, and travel materials collected by Wilder Penfield, a group of war predictions for 1943 prepared by Wilder Penfield and his friends in 1942, and materials related to the ceremonial side of the MNI.

Files: 84-102, 194.2, 194.5, 270.2, 277, 281.2, 282.2, 293.2, 330, 334-336, 353.

**Box 8**

File 84: Clippings about Princeton football team, 1912-1914.

File 85: Memorabilia from Oxford and London, including account books; a handmade volume of bible verses sent to Penfield by his mother; a printed sermon; The Isis, an Oxford newspaper; Bumps, a literary magazine, various theater programmes; newspaper clippings; and a photocopy of an article regarding the Sussex incident, 1915-1922.

File 86: Correspondence about and explanation of Penfield Bookplate, 1920-1970 .

File 87: War Predictions, 1942.

File 88: Montreal Neurological Institute Memorabilia, including newspaper clippings from opening, event program, notes and song lyrics from holiday event, program from a meeting of the Surgical Research Society, and one undated photo of staff, 1934-1958.

File 89: Programmes from school events and award ceremonies, including the blessing of the Wilder Penfield Elementary School, the Séance Solennelle de Rentrée Sorbonne, and the 1967 Family of Man Awards for Excellence, 1954-1968.

File 90: Memorabilia from China trip in 1962, including 4 family photographs, newspaper clippings, event programme, and ribbon souvenirs, 1962

File 91: Montreal Children's Hospital Library memorabilia, including annual reports of the librarian, annual statements of expenditures, minutes of the steering committee, promotional material, newspaper articles, and notes, 1934-1949.

File 92: "Talk - Nonsense material": notes and clippings of jokes for use in speeches, 1925-1962.

File 93: "Talk - General talk 1959 and before:" file of notes for and transcripts of speeches, conference memorabilia, 1940-1978.

File 94: "Clippings II," includes a thankful note from a patient's parents with a poem; various magazine and newspaper clippings regarding political and moral topics, medical findings, historical events, and obituaries of colleagues; and the transcript of a speech by Richard Pennington about the Montreal Children's Library, 1944-1956.

## **Box 8**

File 95: "Clippings 1971," includes magazine and periodical articles regarding higher education and professional society meetings, 1970-1971.

File 96: "Clippings 1974," including newspaper clippings on a variety of medical and social topics, 1974-1976.

File 97: Miscellaneous clippings, 1955-1976.

File 98: Photographs from Russia trip (14 B&W), 1940-1943.

File 99: Photographs from Wilder Penfield's 60th birthday party (26 B&W), 1951.

File 100: Photographs from MNI (4 B&W), 1950-1955.

File 101: Photographs of friends and social occasions (108 B&W), 1923-1965.

File 102: Album from Bond Head, ON trip with the Penfields and Dr. and Mrs. Feindel, July 12, 1961, with 4 B&W loose photographs. (1961)

### **Box 21**

File 194.2: Newspaper clipping, "Entering Men Hear of Princeton Life," 23 Sept. 1912.

File 194.5: Clipping from Princeton Alumni Weekly, 27 January 1926

### **Box 30**

File 270.2: Folder entitled "Jokes," 1958.

### **Box 31**

File 277: Documents on the Jefferson family, including clippings and letters, 1863-1974.

File 281.2: Newspaper clipping, New York Times, 24 April 1917.

### **Box 32**

File 282.2: Article on Penfield's election to presidency of Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Diseases, 1936.

File 293.2: Programme from the opening of the MNI, 1934.

### **Box 36**

File 330: MNI Photographs, including 13 large B&W photographs of Penfield and the MNI, 5 contact sheets with photos of Penfield and Cone; and 3 assorted small B&W photos of Penfield and the Penfield children; and 1 small colour photo of Penfield in 1972, 1933-1972.

File 334: Quarter-century celebration, MNI, Oct 1, 1959, includes 1 matted commemorative photos and 3 B&W photographs of staff, 1959.

File 335: Portrait of Wilder Penfield, 1932.

File 336: Fellows' newsletter, July 1959, memorial to W. V. Cone, with 1 B&W portrait of Cone, 1959.

### **Drawer**

File 353: Photograph of Basingstoke Neurological & Plastic Surgery Hospital, 1944.

### **Sub-Series: Drafts of *No Man Alone***

Dates: 1972 – 1976

Extent: 16 cm of textual records.

### **Scope and Content:**

This sub-series consists of a typescript draft of Penfield's final work, his autobiography *No Man Alone*, which includes his corrections in the margins. The autobiography was published posthumously in 1977 as *No Man Alone: A Neurosurgeon's Life*, by Little and Brown in Boston.

Files: 103 – 108.

### **Box 8**

File 103: *No Man Alone*, chaps. 1-7, with annotations by Ruthmary Penfield dated Apr. 1972, including her letter to her father regarding her comments (1972).

### **Box 9**

File 104: *No Man Alone*, chaps. 1-5 drafts, annotated by T. Rasmussen, 1975.



File 105: *No Man Alone*, chaps. 6-10 copy B, drafts, 1975.

File 106: *No Man Alone*, chaps. 16-19, illustrations and legends copy B, 1975.

File 107: *No Man Alone*, chaps. 17, 18 & 19, epilogue, Wilder Jr. , 1976.

File 108: *No Man Alone*, chaps. 11-15, copy B, 1975.

## **Series 2: Helen Kermott Penfield**

Dates: 1891-1975

Extent: 1.2 m of textual records, 99 photographs, 1 textile.

### **Scope and Content:**

This series contains varied materials created or kept by Helen Kermott Penfield. The series consists of letters, almost exclusively from Wilder, personal documents, diaries, and memorabilia, including an extensive family chronicle composed by Helen. The materials reflect above all Helen's relationship with Wilder, but give a glimpse of her childhood and education, service in the war, life in England, social activities in Montreal, and travels with Wilder. This series is divided into four sub-series: diaries, correspondence, personal papers, and memorabilia.

### **Sub-Series: Diaries**

Dates: 1906 – 1974

Extent: 9 cm of textual records

### **Scope and Content:**

This sub-series consists of diaries, photocopies of diaries, a datebook, and travel notes kept by Helen Penfield at various points in her life.

Files: 152-155, 194.3, 278.2, 289.2.

File 152: Diary notes dated from 1924-1929.

File 153: Diary and attached correspondence dated 1946. [Photocopy]

File 154: Diary with entries from voyage to Greece, Autumn 1954. [Photocopy]

File 155: Diary entries, including trips to China, Hong Kong, and Australia, 1962. [Some photocopies]

**Box 21**

File 194.3: Diary for the year 1909-1910. [Photocopy]

**Box 31**

File 278.2: Diary dated 1906.

**Box 32**

File 389.2: General records of family and friends, 1973-1974.

**Sub-Series: Correspondence**

Dates: 1909 – 1976

Extent: 66 cm of textual records.

**Scope and Content:**

This sub-series contains letters collected and kept by Helen Kermott Penfield. The bulk of these letters are from Wilder Penfield. Penfield wrote to Helen almost every second day, sending her detailed accounts of life at Princeton and Oxford, as well as extensive descriptions on his personal outlook and inner life. Helen preserved these letters in meticulous order. This sub-series also contains letters from Helen's mother and grandmother among others. Finally, this sub-series contains a great number of condolences received following the death of Wilder Penfield.

Files: 109-149, 165, 170, 176, 200.3, 204.4, 204.5, 292.2, 318, 329.

**Box 10**

File 109: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1909-1910. (1)

File 110: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1909-1910. (2)

File 111: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1909-1910. (3)

File 112: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1912-1913. (4)

File 113: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1914.

**Box 11**

File 114: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1914. (2)

File 115: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1914. (3)

File 116: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1914. (4)

File 117: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1915. (1)

File 118: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1915. (2)

**Box 12**

File 119: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1915. (3)

File 120: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1915. (4)

File 121: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1915. (5)

File 122: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1915. (6)

File 123: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1916. (1)

**Box 13**

File 124: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1916. (2)

File 125: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1916. (3)

File 126: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1916. (4)

File 127: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1917.

File 128: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1920. (1)

**Box 14**

File 129: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1920. (2)

File 130: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1921.

File 131: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1922.

File 132: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1923.

File 133: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1927-1931.

File 134: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1934-1936.

File 135: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1938.

File 136: Letters from Wilder Penfield (“billets doux”), 1932-1975.

**Box 15**

File 137: Letters from Grandmother Kermott, 1918-1919.

File 138: Letters from Helen’s mother, 1930-1931. (1)

File 139: Letters from Helen’s mother, 1930-1931. (2)

File 140: Letters from the Chesters, 1917-1920.

File 141: Letters from friends, including account of pneumonia with 19 days of delirium, winter 1934. (1933-1934) (1)

File 142: Letters from friends, including account of pneumonia with 19 days of delirium, winter 1934. (1933-1934) (2)

File 143: General Correspondence. Also contains program from “Commencement 1917,” 1917.

File 144: General Correspondence, 1917.

File 145: General Correspondence, 1917-1918.

File 146: General Correspondence, 1918-1922.

File 147: General Correspondence with Feindel, 1947-1948.

File 148: General Correspondence, 1933-1949.

File 149: Condolences received on death of Wilder Penfield, 1974-1976.

**Box 17**

File 165: Bundle of letters tied with red velvet ribbon marked, “Memory–Letters, 1912-16.” (1912-1916)

**Box 18**

File 170: Jaques de Chambly Historical Village, 1964.

File 176: Visit of Lady Wylie to Sussex Home, including 2 large B&W group photos, guest list, newspaper clipping, correspondence, and planning notes, 1964.

**Box 22**

File 200.3: Letters from Wilder Penfield, October, 1951.

File 204.4: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1938.

File 204.5: Letters from Wilder Penfield, 1940.

**Box 32**

File 292.2: Assorted Correspondence, 1971-1977.

**Box 35**

File 318: Assorted Correspondence, 1946-1973.

**Box 36**

File 329: “Family Letters c. 50th Anniversary c. 1967, 68.” (1967-1974)

**Sub-Series: Personal Documents**

Dates: 1928 – 1967

Extent: 1 cm of textual records.

**Scope and Content:**

This sub-series contains passports of Helen Kermott Penfield.

Files: 150

File 150: Passports, 1928-1967.

**Sub-Series: Memorabilia**

Dates: 1917 – 1973

Extent: 26 cm of textual records, 1 gauze bandage, 1 photo album.

**Scope and Content:**

This sub-series consists of varied materials including maps, event programs, newspaper clippings, travel itineraries, and other souvenirs collected by Helen to commemorate events, experiences, or places visited throughout her life with Wilder. This sub-series includes materials collection by Helen from her service in the war, her life in England, her travels with Wilder, and her varied social activities in Montreal. This sub-series also contains Helen’s detailed family chronicle spanning the years 1921-1963, and a biographical sketch of Wilder, written in 1956.

Files: 151, 156-164, 166, 168-169, 171-177, 258, 282.3, 326, 332. 2.

File 151: Assorted documents of Helen K. Penfield's, including address list, address cards, report card Milwaukee-dower, report card Stout Institute, department of domestic art and science 1911, German and French notes, B&W portrait (1913), application for Houston job, teachers certification, visiting cards, chapel hymns, 1912-1917.

File 156: Documents from time in Paris, including theatre programmes, wedding notices, and newspapers clippings, 1917-1918.

File 157: "Example of Compress, Made in Paris," 1917-1918.

File 158: "Paris 1917 Newspaper Clippings," 1917-1918. (1)

File 159: "Paris 1917 Newspaper Clippings," 1917-1918. (2)

File 160: "Round Robin, H.K.P's History of the Penfield Family, 1921-1963." (1) (1921-1940)

File 161: "Round Robin, H.K.P's History of the Penfield Family, 1921-1963." (2) (1941-1950)

File 162: "Round Robin, H.K.P's History of the Penfield Family, 1921-1963." (3) (1951-1959)

File 163: "Round Robin, H.K.P's History of the Penfield Family, 1921-1963." (4) (1960-1963)

File 164: "Round Robin, H.K.P's History of the Penfield Family, Oct. 1963-1968." (1963-1968)

File 166: Essay, 1917.

File 168: Oxford and London memorabilia, including newspaper clippings, event programs, and flyers for Oxford events, 1919-1921.

File 169: Garden Club memorabilia, including book list, pamphlets, constitution, and by-laws, 1932-1934.

File 171: Poem, 1973.

File 172: Halifax memorabilia, including maps, brochures, newspaper clippings, programmes, 1965-1966.

File 173: India trip, Feb. 1957, including speech notes, itinerary, newspaper clippings, 1 B&W photograph of the Penfields, 1957.

File 174: Memorabilia from Japan, including itinerary, list of fellows, 11 B&W photographs, 5 colour photographs, 1957-1969.

File 175: Rome trip, 1964, including brochures, maps, and theatre programmes, 1964.

File 177: Miscellaneous travel items, including Europe trip itinerary, spring 1968 and summer 1960; 1 B&W photograph of friends; 20 B&W photographs; 2 colour photographs; some correspondence, including from Grace Revers Osler and Ethel Sherrington, 1930-1968.

### **Box 30**

File 258: Sketch of Wilder Penfield, 1956.

### **Box 32**

File 282.3: Article and telegram, 1942-1944.

### **Box 35**

File 326: Photo Album, 1920-1929 (plus undated photos).

### **Box 36**

File 332.2: Penfields' wedding announcement, 1917.

## **Series 3: Other Penfield Family Members**

Dates: 1891-1975

Extent: 15 cm of textual records.

Scope and Content:

This series consists of a small cache of papers belonging to other Penfield family members. This series includes correspondence addressed to the mothers of Wilder Penfield and Helen Kermott Penfield, Mrs. E.P. Kermott and Jean Jefferson Penfield; a diary and letters of Penfield's beloved sister Ruthmary Penfield Inglis, whose brain tumour Penfield unsuccessfully operated on; and a few items pertaining to Penfield's daughter Ruthmary Penfield Lewis, mother of Jefferson Lewis.



File List: 178-185, 187, 278.1.

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File 178: “1896 Grandmother McCorkle to Mother Kermott in Vienna.” (1) (1896-1909)

File 179: “1896 Grandmother McCorkle to Mother Kermott in Vienna.” (2) (1891-1909)

**Box 19**

File 180: Helen Kermott Penfield to Mother Kermott. (1) (1909-1925)

File 181: Helen Kermott Penfield to Mother Kermott. (2) (1920-1921)

File 182: Helen Kermott Penfield to Mother Kermott, 1927-1928.

File 183: “Ruth Penfield Inglis and Jack,” 1900-1960.

File 184: Diary of Ruth Penfield Inglis, 1900-1904.

File 185: Letters to Ruthmary Penfield Lewis and Crosby Lewis, 1969-1975.

File 187: Letters Wilder Penfield to Jeanie Jefferson Penfield (mother), 1904-1918.

**Box 31**

File 278.1: Documents on the Kermotts accumulated by Ruthmary Penfield Lewis, 1942-1978.

**Series 4: Jefferson Lewis**

Dates: 1860 – 1981

Extent: 1.9 m of textual records, 11 magnetic tapes, 6 audiocassettes, 18 photographs, and other material.

**Scope and Content:**

This series contains notes, drafts, research files, and correspondence pertaining to the funding, research, writing, and publication of *Something Hidden* and its spin-off film concerning Dr.

Penfield's life and work. This series is divided into four subseries: correspondence, research files, manuscript drafts, and memorabilia. The bulk of this section is various drafts of *Something Hidden*. Some primary material of the Penfields is interfiled with material in this series, presumably consulted in the preparation and editing of various portions of the manuscript.

Note: An effort has been made to isolate primary material of the Penfield's from the files and assign it to earlier series by provenance.

### **Sub-Series: Correspondence**

Dates: 1928 – 1981

Extent: 1.6m of textual records, 3 photographs, and other material.

### **Scope and Content:**

This sub-series consists of correspondence regarding the funding, research, writing and publication of *Something Hidden*, and its spin-off film. This series also contains a few letters sent by Lewis to acquaintances of the Penfield's, who responded to Lewis' request by returning material sent by the Penfield's to others and retrieved by Lewis by request. This series also contains a small amount of correspondence concerning the Penfield property at Magog Meadows.

Files: 291, 292.1, 293.1, 294-299, 301, 323.

### **Box 32**

File 291: "Biography letters to answer!" 1928-1980.

File 292.1: "Random Letters 1979," 1971-1981.

File 293.1: "Miscellaneous Libraries, Archives, and Ad. Resources," 1977-1980.

### **Box 33**

File 294: Correspondence re. funding, Rockefeller Foundation, Canada Council OAC, Air Canada," 1974-1980.

File 295: "Funding, Patterson/ Hannah Bond/ P.S.I," 1976-1981.

File 296: “Herbert Jasper,” 1977 -1981.

File 297: “Little, Brown & Co.,” 1977-1979.

File 298: “Executors: Feindel, Rasmussen, Lewis, Penfield,” 1977-1981. (1)

File 299: “Executors: Feindel, Rasmussen, Lewis, Penfield,” 1977-1980. (2)

**Box 33**

File 301: Magog Meadows, 1977-1979.

**Box 35**

File 323: Miscellaneous correspondence, 1970-1980.

**Sub-Series: Research Files**

Dates: ca. 1860 – 1981

Extent: 44 cm of textual records, 15 photographs, 11 magnetic tape recordings, and 6 audiocassettes.

**Scope and Content:**

This sub-series consists of all manner of notes and a variety of secondary materials gathered by Lewis as he researched the life of his grandfather. Secondary materials include historical publications, photocopies of reference works, scientific article reprints, and newspaper and magazine clippings. These series also contains dubbed copies of taped interviews with Penfield obtained by Lewis through the CBC, as well as transcripts of these interviews and others conducted by Lewis in the course of preparing the biography.

Note: This sub-series contains some primary material of the Penfield family interfiled with the research notes. Where possible, this material has been isolated and identified with series above.

Files: 167, 259.1, 261-264, 266-276, 288, 290, 300, 307.1, 319-322, 325, 331, 332.1, 333, 337-352.

**Box 17**

File 167: Research notes, 1974.

**Box 30**

File 259.1: "Master File," 1959-1979.

File 261: "Something Hidden – Random Notes," 1976-1980.

File 262: Vanier Institute research files, 1977.

File 263: Scientific summaries, 1957-1973.

File 264: Scientific summaries and notes on articles, 1935-1980.

File 266: Mind-Brain research files, 1962.

File 267: Background research, including typewritten reminisces by Wilder Jr. (possible transcript?), 1950-1980.

File 268: Notes re. Widler Penfield's income, 1976-1978.

File 269: Clippings and biographical notes, 1948-1976. (1)

File 270.1: Clippings and biographical notes, 1948-1977. (2)

File 271: Clippings and biographical notes, 1934-1976. (3)

**Box 31**

File 272.1: Penfield genealogy and Spokane, includes original correspondence and reprint of 1881 newspaper clipping dated to 1965, 1944-1977.

File 273: Miscellaneous biographical notes and materials, 1941-1979.

File 274: Biographical materials on Penfield's family and childhood homes, 1956-1974.

File 275: Two publications, Spokane, 1972-1974.

File 276: Original publication, “Spokane Falls,” 1889.

**Box 32**

File 288: Photocopies of articles probably for chap. 11, 1960-1969.

File 290: “Chapter 13, Diary summaries 1959- ,” 1977-1979.

**Box 33**

File 300: “Legacy Notes,” 1977.

File 307.1: Research notes on film and audiotape, 1976-1981.

**Box 35**

File 319: Wilder Penfield selected reprints, 1930-1978.

File 320: Penfield magazine articles, 1964-1977.

File 32: Articles and overdue notice, 1976-1979.

File 322: Assorted notes, 1977-1980.

File 325: Notes on *Mystery of the Mind*, 1973-1976.

**Box 36**

File 331: Article from *Maclean's Magazine*, 18 Feb. 1956, by Eric Hutton, 1956.

File 332.1: Photographs used in *Something Hidden* section 1 (39 photographs including 1913 football team and other sports, MNI, Osler, Penfield portrait, Cone portrait, 17 of Magog Meadows, 2 female portraits), 1907-1981.

File 333: Photographs used in *Something Hidden* section 2 (mostly family portraits, including of Helen, Jeanie, Ruth, John, and Wilder, colour and B&W), 1860-1971.

File 337: Assorted photographs (mostly family photographs of Helen, Ruth, Jean, grandmother; Magog Meadows; Galahad School football team; students with cadaver), 1888-1972.

File 338: Loose prints from scrapbook, from Doubleday Canada Ltd., 1964-1971.

**Box 37**

File 339: Research Cassettes, 1976-1980. (1)

File 340: Research Cassettes, 1976-1980. (2)

File 341: Audio Recording Tape, 1976-1980.

File 342: Magnetic Tape – Sides 1 and 2 of Penfield speech, 6 Mar. 1962. (1978) [Dated to date of duplication]

File 343: Magnetic Tape – Side 3 of Penfield Speech, 6 Mar. 1962 and tribute to Vanier, 23 Apr. 1966. (1978) [Dated to date of duplication]

File 344: Magnetic Tape – Matinee Highlights, 2 Feb. 1963; Across Canada, 24 Aug. 1965. (1978) [Dated to date of duplication]

File 345: Magnetic Tape – Seven-O-One, 11 July 1963. (1978) [Dated to date of duplication]

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File 346: Magnetic Tape – Project '66 on Penfield, 21. Nov 1965. (1978) [Dated to date of duplication]

File 347: Magnetic Tape – Take 30, 14 June 1967; Canadian Club Luncheon, 11 Mar. 1966; The Family, 26 Dec. 1967; Vanier Institute. (1978) [Dated to date of duplication]

File 348: Magnetic Tape – W. Penfield Interview, 17 June 1971. (1978) [Dated to date of duplication]

File 349: Magnetic Tape – Canada Conference on Education, 29 Oct 1971. (1978) [Dated to date of duplication]

File 350: Magnetic Tape – Distinguished Canadians, 31 July 1972. (1978) [Dated to date of duplication]

File 351: Magnetic Tape – Ideas – Bilingualism, 18 June 1974. (1978) [Dated to date of duplication]

File 352: Magnetic Tape – Portrait of Wilder Penfield from Concern, 4 Sept 1974. (1978) [Dated to date of duplication]

**Sub-Series: Manuscript Drafts**

Dates: 1920 – 1981

Extent: 1.54m of textual records.

**Scope and Content:**

This sub-series consists of various drafts of *Something Hidden*. The drafts are not always easy to distinguish in terms of chronological sequence, but an effort was made during the initial processing to roughly order the drafts by version and divide them by chapter. Also included are notes for additions and deletions, labeled “Adds and Outs.” At times, some research notes and primary Penfield material are interfiled with the drafts. This series also includes a draft of the screenplay for the film.

Note: Some primary material of Wilder and Helen Penfield, previously interfiled with portions of the drafts, has been isolated in separate folders and assigned to an earlier series respectively.

Files: 188-194.1, 194.4, 195.1, 197.1, 198.1, 199, 200.1, 202, 203, 204.1, 205.1, 206-257, 260, 265, 279, 280, 281.1, 282.1, 283-287, 302-317

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File 188: Copies of early drafts, chaps. 1-2 copies, 1978-1980.

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File 189: Copies of early drafts, chap. 3, 1978-1980.

File 190: Copies of early drafts, chaps. 4 and 6, 1978-1980.

File 191: Copies of early drafts, chap. 1, 1978-1980.

File 192: Copies of early drafts, chap. 1, 1974-1980.

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File 193: Early drafts, chap. 2, 1973-1980.

File 194.1: Early drafts, chap. 3, 1976-1980.

File 194.4: Early drafts, chap. 3, 1976-1980.

File 195.1: Early drafts, chap. 4, 1976-1978.

File 197.1: Early drafts, chap. 6, 1976-1980.

File 198.1 Early drafts, chap. 7, 1978-1980.

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File 199: Second draft of chap. 7, 1977-1980.

File 200.1: Early draft of chap. 8, 1977-1980.

File 202: Early second draft of chap. 8, 1977-1980.

File 203: Early draft of chap. 9, 1976-1980.

File 204.1: Early draft of chap. 9-10, 1976-1980.

File 205.1: Early draft of chap. 11, 1966-1979.

File 206: Early draft of chap. 11, 1978-1980.

File 207: Early second drafts of chap. 11, 1978-1980.

File 208: Early draft of chap. 12, 1976-1981.

File 209: Early draft of chap. 12, 1978-1980.

File 210: Miscellaneous notes, 1976-1980.

File 211: First complete draft chaps. 1-6, 1979-1981.



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File 212: First complete draft chaps. 1-6, 1979-1981. (2)

File 213: Complete pre-revision draft, 1979-1981. (1)

File 214: Complete pre-revision draft, 1979-1981. (2)

File 215: Complete pre-revision draft, 1979-1981. (3)

File 216: Complete pre-revision draft, 1979-1981. (4)

File 217: Inward Eye copy A, 1979-1981. (1)

File 218: Inward Eye copy A, 1979-1981. (2)

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File 219: Inward Eye copy A, 1979-1981. (3)

File 220: Inward Eye copy B, 1979-1981. (1)

File 221: Inward Eye copy B, 1979-1981. (2)

File 222: Inward Eye copy B, 1979-1981. (3)

File 223: Inward Eye copy B, 1979-1981. (4)

File 224: Inward Eye copy B, 1979-1981. (6)

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File 225: Inward Eye copy C, 1979-1981. (1)

File 226: Inward Eye copy C, 1979-1981. (2)

File 227: Inward Eye copy D, 1979-1981. (1)

File 228: Inward Eye copy D, 1979-1981. (2)

File 229: Inward Eye copy B, 1979-1981. (5)

File 230: Inward Eye copy D, 1979-1981. (3)

File 231: Inward Eye copy D, 1979-1981. (4)

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File 232: Inward Eye copy E, 1979-1981. (1)

File 233: Inward Eye copy E, 1979-1981. (2)

File 234: Inward Eye copy E, 1979-1981. (3)

File 235: Inward Eye copy E, 1979-1981. (4)

File 236: Inward Eye copy F, 1979-1981. (1)

File 237: Inward Eye copy F, 1979-1981. (2)

File 238: Inward Eye copy F, 1979-1981. (3)

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File 239: Inward Eye copy G, 1979-1981. (1)

File 240: Inward Eye copy G, 1979-1981. (2)

File 241: Inward Eye copy G, 1979-1981. (3)

File 242: Inward Eye copy H, 1979-1981. (1)

File 243: Inward Eye copy H, 1979-1981. (2)

File 244: Inward Eye copy H, 1979-1981. (3)

File 245: Inward Eye copy H, 1979-1981. (4)

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File 246: *Something Hidden* copy A, 1981-1981. (1)

File 247: *Something Hidden* copy A, 1981-1981. (2)

File 248: *Something Hidden* copy A, 1981-1981. (3)

File 249: *Something Hidden* copy A, 1981-1981. (4)

File 250: *Something Hidden* copy B, 1981-1981. (1)

File 251: *Something Hidden* copy B, 1981-1981. (2)

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File 252: *Something Hidden* copy B, 1981-1981. (3)

File 253: *Something Hidden* copy B, 1981-1981. (4)

File 254: *Something Hidden* copy B, 1981-1981. (5)

File 255: *Something Hidden*, galley proofs, 1981-1981.

File 256: *Something Hidden*, proofs, master set, 1981-1981.

File 257: *Something Hidden*, proofs, author's set, 1981-1981.

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File 260: Chap. 1 notes, 1976-1980.

File 265: Editing notes – outside comments, 1980.

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File 279: Chaps. 1-3 additions, 1979.

File 280: Chaps. 4-6 additions, 1979.

File 281.1: Chaps. 4 and 5 extras, 1976-1979.

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File 282.2: Chaps. 6-9 additions, 1976-1979. 282.1 ?

File 283: Chaps. 7-12 additions, 1979. 283 ??

File 284: Chap. 8 outs and background material, 1978-1980. 284 ??

File 285: Chaps. 10-12 additions, 1960-1979. 285 ??

File 286: Introduction, 1980. 286??

File 287: Chap. 9, 5 Feb. 1979. 287???

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File 302: Front and back matter, 1981.

File 303: Executor comments, 1981.

File 304: Chaps. 6 and 7, notes, 1981.

File 305: Chaps. 8 and 9, notes, 1981.

File 306: Chaps. 9 and 10, last revision notes, 1981.

File 307: Chap. 11 notes, 1981.

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File 308: Revision notes, chaps. 7-12, 1980-1981.

File 309: Chap. 12 notes and draft, 1981.

File 310: Draft of "Charles and Jenny," 1981.

File 311: Bibliography and acknowledgement notes, 1977-1981.

File 312: Preface, 1976-1981.

File 313: Revision notes, chaps. 1-6, 1980-1981.

File 314: Chaps. 1-5, revision notes, 1976-1981.

File 315: Cue Sheet, 1978-1978.

File 316: Script Drafts, 1978-1981.

File 317: National Film Board 36-109 “Penfield” current scripts, 1980-1981.

**Sub-Series: Memorabilia**

Dates: n.d.

Extent: 1 small leather pouch and 1 empty metal frame.

**Scope and Content:**

This sub-series contains one small red leather pouch with “H. Lewis” written in pen on the interior and one empty metal frame included in the original donation and accessioned with the rest of the collection.

Files: 353 – 354.

**Box 36**

File 327: Empty Metal Frame, n.d.

File 328: Red Pouch, n.d.

A small red leather pouch with “H.Lewis” written in pen on interior.

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