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## **P 203**

**P203:** Reproductive Rights Fonds

**DATES:** 1956

**EXTENT:** 0.3 cm textual records.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY:**

Dr. Clarence B. Farrar (1874-1970) was an American psychiatrist born in Cattaraugus, New York. Farrar earned an arts degree from Harvard University in 1896, and then pursued his medical degree at John Hopkins University, graduating with an M.D. in 1900. While studying at John Hopkins, Sir William Osler was one of his professors and mentors. During the First World War, Farrar left the United States for Canada and became medical director of the newly built Toronto Psychiatric Hospital in 1926, as well as Professor and Head of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto until his retirement in 1947. Farrar was also appointed Chief Psychiatrist for the Canadian Army, focusing his research on cases of shell shock. A distinguished member of many societies throughout his career, Farrar was also editor of The American Journal of Psychiatry for thirty-four years, from 1931-1965.

Dr. Franklin G. Ebaugh (1922-1990) was a graduate of Dartmouth College (1944) and earned his medical degree from Cornell Medical College in 1946. Ebaugh was a colonel in the Army Reserves and became Chief of Staff at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Palo Alto, California in 1972. Previous to that, Ebaugh was Associate Dean for Veterans Affairs and Professor of Medicine at Stanford University Medical School, Dean of the University of Utah School of Medicine (1970), and Dean of the Boston University School of Medicine (1964).

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The fonds consists of written correspondence between Dr. Clarence B. Farrar and Dr. Franklin G. Ebaugh concerning reproductive rights for victims of rape in relation to the case of a Denver woman who was the victim of rape in 1955. The woman ended up giving birth to a child after she was denied an abortion by doctors and lawyers. The fonds also includes a three-page editorial titled “Legal Abortions” that cites Chapter 40, Article 2, Section 23 of the Colorado Revised Statutes 1953.

**CUSTODIAL HISTORY:** Purchased by the Osler Library in 2016 from David Mason Books, 366 Adelaide Street West LL04/LL05 Toronto, Ontario.

**SOURCE OF SUPPLIED TITLE PROPER:** Title based on the content of the fonds.

**LANGUAGE:** The documents are in English.

**FINDING AIDS:** Inventory list is available.

**GENERAL NOTE:** n/a

**RETRIEVAL NUMBER:** P203

**SUBJECTS:**

Practice of Medicine – United States  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Medical law

Reproductive Rights Fonds – P203 – Inventory List

Folder 1: Letter correspondence and editorial, 1956

- July 5, 1956 – Letter from C. B. Farrar to F. G. Ebaugh
  - Farrar appeals to his colleague for a discussion regarding reproductive rights (or lack thereof) pertaining to victims of rape
- July 10, 1956 – Letter from F. G. Ebaugh to C. B. Farrar
- July 16, 1956 – Letter from C. B. Farrar to F. G. Ebaugh

Folder 2: “Legal Abortions” editorial