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# H. Rocke Robertson Fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	McGill University Archives
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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Born in Victoria, British Columbia, on August 4, 1912, Harold Rocke Robertson, known as H. Rocke Robertson or "Rocke", received his primary school education at St. Michael's School and his secondary school training, from 1926-1929, at Brentwood College in Victoria. From 1925-1926, accompanied by his sister, Marian, he studied near Geneva, Switzerland, where he acquired French. In 1929 he moved to Montreal where he attended McGill University, receiving a B.Sc. (1932) and an M.D.C.M. (1936). He also completed an internship at the Montreal General Hospital under Dr. Fraser B. Gurd and he studied pathology under Dr. Pop Rhea. Following this, Robertson earned a medical fellowship at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, Scotland, where he studied from 1938 to 1939. In 1937 he married Beatrice Rosyln Arnold, known as "Rolly" at Arncliffe, her family home, in Senneville, Quebec, and had four children: Tam, Ian, Bea, and Stuart, known as "Tooie or Toopot".

H. Rocke Robertson died on February 8, 1998, Ottawa, Ontario. His funeral was held at McGill University.

### Custodial history

The fonds were donated by Stuart Robertson, the son of H. Rocke Robertson on February 13, 2006. Prior to their donation to McGill, the fonds were transferred to Stuart Robertson, following Robertson's death.

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## Scope and content

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The fonds document H. Rocke Robertson's personal and family life, including his early education, his athletic abilities, his experiences during WWII in Britain, Sicily, and Italy, as well as some aspects of his

professional life, including articles, speeches, and correspondence on his activities as a surgeon, surgeon in chief, professor of surgery, and as McGill's principal, inclusive 1912-1998. In particular, his tenure as McGill's principal is characterized by records in diverse formats such as personal diaries, correspondence files, newspaper and magazine clippings, photographs, and related ephemera reflecting his administrative duties, including the changes he implemented at McGill, as well as his efforts to cope with radical student behaviour and the Quebec government's unwillingness to provide McGill with much needed financial assistance. Robertson's retirement activities are also reflected in the records. Also included are numerous documents that reveal his interest in rare English dictionaries, rare books, and the history of medicine, in particular the history of surgical techniques. The fonds consist of 18 boxes with some files arranged into subject categories while others have a chronological arrangement scheme.

The series consist of 1) Diaries; 2) Publications and Research Notes; 3) Speeches; 4) Personal and Family Related Materials; 5) Student Years at Brentwood College and McGill; 6) Medical and Professional Activities; 7) McGill Principalship and Administrative Activities; and 7) Awards and Honours.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Restrictions on access

The diary beginning January 1971 (post-McGill years) will be closed for 20 years until December 31, 2005.

### Finding aids

<http://archives.mcgill.ca/findingaid/mg2001.pdf>

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- University of British Columbia. Faculty of Medicine. (subject)
  - McGill University -- Presidents. (subject)
  - McGill University. Faculty of Medicine -- Alumni and alumnae. (subject)
  - Canada. Canadian Army -- Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. (subject)
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## Series descriptions

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<b>Series MG2001-1: Diaries</b>
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Creator: Robertson, H. Rocke (Harold Rocke), 1912-1998

Date: 1922-1995 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series of diaries, arranged chronologically and spanning the years 1934 1995, contain Robertson's matter of fact overview and some of his measured reflections his personal life, including his private interests and his family life, as well as his professional activities, as a surgeon, as principal of McGill University, and as an advisor and a board member following his retirement from McGill in 1970. Also included in the series are photos, correspondence files, ephemera, and newspaper and magazine clippings attached to entries in his diaries 1922 1981 (Container 15, File 224).

In particular the years 1934 1961 Container 12, Files 195 200/ Note: There are no diaries for 1959 1960), recount his final student years at McGill, his courtship of Rolly Arnold, his completion of his medical fellowship in Scotland and England, his war experiences in both Great Britain and Italy, his medical years in Vancouver, and his return to the Montreal General Hospital. Of note is the bustling social life that Robertson maintained during his final years as a medical student at McGill. He, his friends, and Rolly frequently went to cocktails parties, to the theatre, and played sports, including doubles tennis and golf. Also of interest are his comments about headmasters that he encountered at St. Michael's School and Brentwood College in Victoria, British Columbia 1940 1941 (Container 12, File 197) and his anecdote about Sir Arthur Currie, a former McGill Principal, 1940 1941 (Container 12, File 197) which was later incorporated into one of his speeches, 1972 (Container 8, File 153).

The diaries dating from 1962 1969 document the events that transpired during Robertson's tenure at McGill Container 12, Files 201 203; Container 18, Files 247 256), including his reflections on his ultimate decision to retire. These diaries, in particular, are more introspective and personal as they reveal Robertson's attempts to assimilate the societal change of the 1960s as well as discussing his own feelings of stress and sense of confoundedness at the student unrest at McGill. The diaries dating from 1969 1979 Container 14, Files 214 223), commence with the announcement of his retirement, his decision to ultimately leave Quebec, due to the political turmoil and violence of the times, and the initial years of his retirement. They also treat his reactions to the Stanley Gray affair. His diary entries include his relief over Gray's dismissal, which Robertson felt was crucial in allowing him to maintain a semblance of control during his final year as McGill's principal Container 14, File 214).

The aforementioned diaries, coupled with the set from 1980 1995 (Container 13, Files 205 213), focus on the retirement years of H. Rocke Robertson They are increasingly dedicated to reflections on the weather (which are an aspect of all of his diaries), as well as his activities as a gentleman farmer at "Struan" in Mountain, Ontario. Activities include gardening, caring for his dog, Blaze, and working on his dictionary manuscript. Most revealing are his reflections on the purpose of his book and his attempt to convey how each dictionary and his collection, in its entirety, illustrate the development of English dictionaries 1969 (Container 14, File 214). His retirement diaries also document his efforts to keep active in the professional milieu, such as through his duties as an honorary librarian and archivist for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Also included is a Diary Index, compiled in 1988, spanning January 1961 February 1971 (Container 13, Files 212), which reveal his attempt to make key life events, particularly during his time as principal of McGill, readily accessible to researchers.

Part of this series consists of notes and a partial draft of his autobiography (Container 4, File 82; Container 12, File 197 as well as the original manuscript and a transcribed version of Robertson's War Diaries 1940 1943 (Container 11, Files 192 -93 Container 4, File 88). His reflections on the war reveal his restlessness during his time in England, where it became evident that Prime Minister Mackenzie

King did not want Canadians to see active combat. Despite this, Robertson did experience one of the first significant London bombings and he assisted in the treatment of patients who had been injured at Coventry. His diaries also reveal that he learned about hospital organization and administration, particularly during his time at Marston Green, on the outskirts of Birmingham; this knowledge was to become crucial for his subsequent professional activities. His time in Sicily and Italy, known as Operation Husky, includes descriptions of surgical techniques, of individuals he performed surgery on, as well as few instances of being under mortar fire, particularly at the Battle of Ortona, 1943. This information is supplemented by photos, as well as a scrapbook of newspaper clippings and notes, all related to Robertson's activities during WWII, 1940-1943, 1940 Container 11, File 194; Container 16, File 238).

Physical description: 1.45 m of textual records.

27 photos.

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MG2001-1-82	File - Notes for an Autobiography (also family tree/genealogy)	1989-1994		
MG2001-1-88	File - Canadian Army - War Diary or Intelligence Summary (Italy)	1940-1943		
MG2001-1-192	File - War diaries of H. Rocke Robertson, MD, CC, (transcribed)	1940-1943		
MG2001-1-193	File - HRR War Diaries, 1940-1943, original manuscript	1940-1943		
MG2001-1-194	File - HRR War Papers (scrapbook-newspaper clippings, notes)	1940-1943		
MG2001-1-1-194	File - HRR and A. Bruce Robertson Correspondence (binder)	1939-1989		
MG2001-1-195	File - H. Rocke Robertson Diary	September 14, 1934 - December 31, 1938		
MG2001-1-196	File - H. Rocke Robertson Diary	December 1938-1949		
MG2001-1-197	File - Notes for autobiography (1934-1939)	1934-1939		
MG2001-1-198	File - Diary	July 1940-April 1941		
MG2001-1-199	File - Diary	1956-1958		
MG2001-1-200	File - Diary	1961		
MG2001-1-201	File - Diary	1962		
MG2001-1-202a	File - Diary -1	1963		
MG2001-1-202b	File - Diary -2	1963		
MG2001-1-203	File - Diary	1963-1969		
MG2001-1-205	File - HRR Diary	1980		
MG2001-1-206	File - HRR Diary	1981-1982		

MG2001-1-207	File - HRR Diary	1983-1984
MG2001-1-208	File - HRR diary	1985
MG2001-1-209	File - HRR diary	1986-1987
MG2001-1-210	File - HRR diary	1988-1990
MG2001-1-211	File - HRR diary	1991-1995
MG2001-1-212	File - HRR diary index	January 1961- February 1971, 1988
MG2001-1-213	File - HRR correspondence (Spring Convocation 1990 speech)	1948-1990
MG2001-1-214	File - HRR diary (2)	1969
MG2001-1-215	File - HRR diary (1)	1970
MG2001-1-216	File - HRR diary (2)	1970
MG2001-1-217	File - HRR diary	1970-1971
MG2001-1-218	File - HRR diary	February 23, 1971- January 8, 1972
MG2001-1-219	File - HRR diary	1972
MG2001-1-220	File - HRR diary	1973-1974
MG2001-1-221	File - HRR diary	1974-1975
MG2001-1-222	File - HRR diary	1975-1977
MG2001-1-223	File - HRR diary	1978-1979
MG2001-1-224	File - Miscellaneous clippings & documents attached to diaries	1922-1981
MG2001-1-238	File - Two Photos - McGill campus (CAMC)	1940
MG2001-1-247	File - HRR Diary	1964
MG2001-1-248	File - HRR Diary -1	1965
MG2001-1-249	File - HRR Diary -2	1965
MG2001-1-250	File - HRR Diary -1	1966
MG2001-1-251	File - HRR Diary -2	1966
MG2001-1-252	File - HRR Diary -1	1967
MG2001-1-253	File - HRR Diary -2	1968
MG2001-1-254	File - HRR Diary -1	1968
MG2001-1-255	File - HRR Diary -2	1968
MG2001-1-256	File - HRR Diary (1)	1969

### **Series MG2001-2: Publications and research notes**

Creator: Robertson, H. Rocke (Harold Rocke), 1912-1998

Date: 1945-1998 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series documents Robertson's contributions to the medical field through articles and reports on such diverse topics as wounds and infection and surgical techniques, 1953, 1958, 1963 1964, 1974, 1981 Container 2, File 47, 49, 51, 56 Container 2, File 59 ), trauma care, including one VHS cassette 1962 1996 (Container 1, File 11), the state of the Canadian Health Care System, 1972 1973 (Container 2, Files 52 53), and the effects on human health of lead in the environment, 1974 (Container 2, File 54; Container 5, File

123 . In particular, Robertson made significant contributions towards the efficiency of hospital operating systems, to the treatment of wounds, and to gastrointestinal surgery, especially duodenal ulcers and to vascular surgery, with an emphasis on venous thromboembolism and arterial

replacement, 1954, 1957, 1962, 1960 1962 Container 2, Files 46, 48, 50; Container 4, File 106).

Robertson's publications include: The Emergency Care Project Books I and II, 1973 1974 (Container 16, Files 236 237), Health Care in Canada: A Commentary, 1973 (Container 5, File 120; Container 16, File 239) and Health Care in Canada: Supplementary Papers, 1973 (Container 16, File 240).

This series also contains the article, entitled "Ten Years After", published in the McGill Journal of Education, which reflect on Robertson's principalship at McGill, 1978 1980, 1980 Container 2, File 57; Container 5, File 122 .

Newspaper articles, correspondence files, published and unpublished publications, and descriptions of visits to libraries worldwide demonstrate Robertson's diverse personal interests, particularly his passion for rare English dictionaries 1963 1992 1946 1993, 1966 1986 (Container 6, Files 176 188; Container 8, Files 145 147, 149 152, 172) as well as his interest in literature and rare books, which includes a book of hand written literary quotes 1967 1991 (Container 15, Files 1/225 2/225), as well as efforts to imitate

the literary style of Lyttleton Hart Davis in a letter to his brother, Bruce Robertson, 1989 1994 (Container 4, File 82). This file also includes two of Robertson's creative writing endeavours, entitled "Silly Boy" and "The Paymaster, or the Artful Dodger". This series also contains Robertson's and his grandson's A Collection of Dictionaries and Related Works, Volumes 1 and 2, 1987 (Container 16, Files 1/235 2/235).

Robertson's interest in the history of medicine is documented, in particular, through his correspondence with Joyce He slow, ormer Professor of English at McGill University, in which she discusses the Fanny Burney Papers, 1963 1976 (Container 8, File 169) as well as through additional correspondence and articles, 1993 1997, 1976 1984 (Container 8 , Files 170 171). Burney's first person account of undergoing surgery without anesthesia is later incorporated into one of Robertson's article on the history of medicine entitled, "Without Benefit of Anesthesia" (Container 8, File 146) which also addresses George Wilson's anaesthetized amputation during the nineteenth century Further indications of this interest include Robertson's annotation of the Archibald and Archibald McCrae Correspondence for the Osler Library 1976 (Container 8, Files 154, 159

Physical description: .6 m of textual records.

1 videocassette.

4 photographs.

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MG2001-2-11	File - HRR Visiting Professorship on Trauma (newspaper clippings, VHS tape)	1962-1996		
MG2001-2-46	File - "The Reaction of the Wall of a Vein to Intraluminal Blood Clot" (publication)	1954		
MG2001-2-47	File - "Wounds & Infection" (Chapter from W.R. Feasby's The Canadian Medical Services 1939 - 1945, Vol. 2)	1953		



MG2001-2-48	File - "The Reaction of Ligated Peripheral Veins to the Presence of Autogenous Clots & Thrombi" (article)	1957
MG2001-2-49	File - "Wound Infection"	1958
MG2001-2-50	File - Cine Clinic Film Programme (newspaper, re: films)	1962
MG2001-2-51	File - The Wound & Its Care (correspondence, draft article)	1963-1964
MG2001-2-52	File - Health Manpower Output of Canadian Educational Institutions (report)	1973
MG2001-2-53	File - Health Care in Canada - corres. & publicity (corres., newspaper clippings, journal, report)	1972-1973
MG2001-2-54	File - "The Effect on Human Health of Lead from the Environment" (correspondence, report)	1974
MG2001-2-56	File - "Wound" - Encyclopedia Britannica	1974
MG2001-2-57	File - "Ten Years After" (journal, corres., newspaper clipping)	1978-1980
MG2001-2-59	File - "Progress at the Cutting Edge" (book review)	1981
MG2001-2-82	File - Notes for an Autobiography (also family tree/genealogy)	1989-1994
MG2001-2-106	File - The Journal of Surgical Research (corres., article)	1960-1962
MG2001-2-120	File - Health Care in Canada : A Commentary (publication)	1973
MG2001-2-122	File - "Ten Years After" McGill Journal of Education	1980
MG2001-2-123	File - Effect on Human Health of Lead from the Environment	1974
MG2001-2-145	File - "Lead in the Canadian Environment: Science & Regulation"	1986
MG2001-2-146	File - "Without Benefit of Anaesthesia" (articles, correspondence, manuscript)	1985-1989
MG2001-2-147	File - "A Collection of Dictionaries & Related Works" (correspondence, UBC publication)	1986-1991
MG2001-2-149	File - Dictionaries and computing - notes (newspaper clippings, notes)	1966-1984
MG2001-2-150	File - Forward in Biography of Dr. Archibald's	1992-1993
MG2001-2-151	File - "Lives of Four 20th Century Surgeons" (review essay & correspondence)	1993
MG2001-2-152	File - Assorted unpublished articles	1946-1963
MG2001-2-154	File - Archibald & Archibald McCrae correspondence (bound publication)	1976
MG2001-2-159	File - Dr. Edward Archibald & the new medical science/Bethune: His Times and His Legacy, conference, McGill	1979

	University, 1979 (correspondence, budget, proposal)	
MG2001-2-169	File - Joyce Hemslow (Fanny Burney papers, clippings, articles and correspondence)	1963-1976
MG2001-2-170	File - Tony Dobell MD (surgical heritage articles & correspondence)	1993-1997
MG2001-2-171	File - Wilfred Penfield M.D. articles	1976-1984
MG2001-2-172	File - Robin Alston (correspondence re: A Bibliography of the English Language), clippings	1966-1986
MG2001-2-176	File - Research notes - Dictionaries	1971-1992
MG2001-2-177	File - Research notes - Dictionaries	1981-1984
MG2001-2-178	File - Checklists of Dictionaries - Spain, Portugal/Ireland, England, Italy	1983-1985
MG2001-2-179	File - Research correspondence - Dictionaries	1972-1985
MG2001-2-180	File - Newspaper clippings - Dictionaries	1980-1982
MG2001-2-181	File - Library visits - documentation	1980-1982
MG2001-2-182	File - Library visits	1963-1983
MG2001-2-183	File - Library visits (library cards)	1971-1980
MG2001-2-184	File - Library visits 1981-1984 (library cards, clippings)	1981-1984
MG2001-2-185	File - Library visits	1984-1986
MG2001-2-186	File - Research related publications - Great Books in Great Editions, Huntington Library	1954
MG2001-2-187	File - Research related publications - Short-title Catalogue of the Warren N. & Suzanne B. Cordell Collection of Dictionaries	1975-1990
MG2001-2-188	File - Research related publications - Communis & Universalis: The Catholicon of Giovanni Baebi of Genoa, o.p., by Faith E. Wallis	1981
MG2001-2-1-225	File - The Canadian Datebook (Literary Quotes)	1967-1991
MG2001-2-2-225	File - Literary News Clippings (correspondence, clippings, quotes)	1960-1991
MG2001-2-1-235	File - A Collection of Dictionaries & Related Works, Volume I	1987
MG2001-2-2-235	File - A Collection of Dictionaries & Related Works, Volume II	1987
MG2001-2-236	File - Emergency Care Project (July 1973-July 1975) Dr. H. Rocke Robertson, Book I	1973-1975
MG2001-2-237	File - Emergency Care Project (July 1973-July 1975) Dr. H. Rocke Robertson, Book 2	1973-1975
MG2001-2-239	File - Health Care in Canada: A Commentary	1973
MG2001-2-240	File - Health Care in Canada: Supplementary Papers	1973

### Series MG2001-3: Speeches

Creator: Robertson, H. Roche (Harold Roche), 1912-1998

Date: 1945-1991 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains H. Roche Robertson's speeches which document his role as the Principal of McGill, 1963-1970 (Container 8, Files 161, 164, 175); his medical experience during WWII and his subsequent surgical and medical expertise, 1945-1971 (Container 8, Files 155, 157), including such speeches as that delivered to the Vancouver Medical Association on the Activities of a Field Surgical Unit, 1945 (Container 8, File 158); and the Shattuck Lectures delivered in Massachusetts in 1965 (Container 1, File 19), in which Robertson reflects on noteworthy medical cases that he encountered during his career while simultaneously commenting on his failure to develop innovative surgical techniques. Graphic medical photos accompany the speech. Following his retirement, Robertson was frequently called upon to give public addresses such as that delivered at a nurse's graduation at the Ottawa Civic Hospital, 1971 (Container 4, File 82) and at the Montreal General Hospital Dinner on October 12, 1989 (Container 4, File 113), in which he reflects on his time studying pathology under Dr. Pop Rhea.

Robertson's interest in the history of medicine is apparent in the speeches he delivered to both the Osler Society, 1947-1958 (Container 8, File 156) and the American Osler Society in 1991. The later, entitled "William Osler and the OED", includes slides and booklets, as well as offering a hypothesis on Osler's possible medical word contributions to the Oxford English Dictionary, 1991 (Container 8, File 160). The Osler speeches cover such diverse topics as Robertson's reminiscences on war surgery, including detailed descriptions of the effects of missiles (bullets) passing through the body, the effects of gas gangrene, and Robertson's feelings on his first experience using the new drug, penicillin (Container 8, File 156). Also included is a speech Robertson delivered about Osler's trip to British Columbia in 1886 and the development of the practice of medicine in the province, 1947-1958 (Container 8, File 156), which highlights Robertson's skills as an orator.

Numerous speeches reflect Robertson's duties as principal of McGill University, including his installation address on April 2, 1963 in which he comments on the achievements of past McGill principals, as well as elucidating his own plans for improving relations between English and French Canada through improved education at McGill (Container 8, File 161). Also included are Robertson's graduation addresses 1962-1992 (Container 3, File 67) and the bound volumes Addresses and Other Papers: H.

Roche Robertson, 1963-1970 (Container 19, Files 257-264), which contain Robertson's speeches during his principalship at McGill.

Correspondence files and speech notes reflect Robertson's activities as a collector of rare books and English dictionaries, 1960-1991 (Container 8, File 163). Also preserved is his speech for the reception of his dictionary collection at the University of British Columbia, 1990 (Container, File 40) and a series of pamphlets and newspaper clippings on conferences, where Robertson was a guest speaker 1971-1983, 1972-1973, 1971-1973, 1977 (Container 15, File 233; Container 2, File 32, 35; Container 8, File 162).

Physical description: .63 m of textual records.

9 photographs.

7 slides.

Publication status:

Published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MG2001-3-19	File - Shattuck Lecture (Massachusetts, 1965) (article, speech, correspondence)	1965		
MG2001-3-82	File - Notes for an Autobiography (also family tree/genealogy)	1989-1994		
MG2001-3-113	File - Montreal General Hospital - speeches (& Annual Report)	1971-1989		
MG2001-3-155	File - Venous Thrombosis (speeches, correspondence)	1953-1962		
MG2001-3-157	File - Medical related speeches	1945-1971		
MG2001-3-158	File - Activities of field surgical unit (speech to Vancouver Medical Association)	1945		
MG2001-3-161	File - Harold Roche Robertson - Installation address	1963		
MG2001-3-164	File - Address to Special Convocation at McGill University	1970		
MG2001-3-175	File - Lester & Marion Pearson correspondence	1965		

#### **Series MG2001-4: Personal and family related materials**

Date: 1912-2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series consists of H. Roche Robertson's private life, documented in a series of correspondence with his father, Harold Bruce Robertson, Justice of Appeal, British Columbia; his Uncle, Dr. Edward M. Eberts, known as Uncle Ted; his brothers, Alexander Bruce Robertson, known as Bruce and Alan McGregor Robertson; and his sister, Ethel Marian Robertson, known as Marian, 1915-1926, 1962-1979 (Container 4, Files 85, 89; Container 3, Files 60, 63), as well as personal papers which include Robertson's birth certificate, expired passports, and CVs 1912-1978, 1996 (Container 4, Files 83-84; Container 19, File 267). Files pertaining to Robertson's father's role on the Court of Appeal of British Columbia are also included, 1943 (Container 20, File 285-286) as are documents recognizing Robertson's acts of kindness in his personal life including one such incident where he exchanged his first class seat on Trans Canada Airlines for the coach seat of a sick child, 1963 (Container 1, File 24). Of particular interest are the correspondence files photos, and news clippings in the form of a scrapbook, which circulated between Robertson's father, his Uncle Ted Eberts, and Robertson discussing strategic plans for his career path, marriage, and financial situation, 1935-1936 (Container 4, File 91). Robertson also maintained a regular correspondence with his brother, Bruce, a lawyer in British Columbia, from whom he sought advice on such matters as the McGill Daily Affair and the Stanley Gray Dismissal, among more personal subject matters, 1939-1969, 1939-1989 (Container 8, File 165; (Container 11, File 194)). Other personal correspondence consists of birthday cards, congratulatory cards for his many achievements, and letters from Family members and friends, 1953, 1955-1986, 1994-1997 (Container 4, File 94; Container 3, Files 61-62, 64-66, 68, 70; Container 8, File 173). Also of note is a letter from his neighbour James or "Jasper" Cross, in which Cross thanks Robertson for greeting him on his return from captivity during the FLQ crisis while congratulating

Robertson on his wise decision to move to Ontario due to the perceived dangers to prominent Anglophones in Quebec (Container 3, File 66).

This series also contains documents pertaining to Robertson's properties, for example, photos of his numerous private residences, 1956-1971, 2001 (Container 4, Files 93, 111); information on the sale of "Struan", his retirement home; as well as information on his investments and donations, including the division of his estate and chattels amongst family members, 1948-1998 (Container 3, Files 71-77). Personal letters received during his principalship discuss topics such as his mother's declining health as well as letters from his nieces and nephews that recount such events as the loss of Toni Robertson's baby teeth, 1962-1966 (Container 3, Files 60, 69). These letters reflect the space that Robertson reserved for his family, even during times of professional stress and turbulence.

His interest in his lineage is evident through files that document his family's genealogy, including a detailed family tree, 1984-1994 (Container 4, Files 82, 86). This series contains documents in diverse formats, such as photos, travel brochures, and postcards from a family trip to Europe in 1958 (Container 4, Files 81, 89), as well as other vacations with friends and family (Container 15, Files 226-228, 232). Additional correspondence files, newspaper clippings, in the form of wedding announcements, and photographs pertain to family related events such as Robertson's courtship and marriage to Beatrice Rosyln, 1935-1936 (Container 4, File 91), and to the celebration of the Robertsons' Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary 1987 (Container 2, File 43). Robertson's courtship was largely documented through letters that circulated between his Uncle Ted, his father, and Thomas Arnold, Rolly's father.

Several files, including health notes and medical charts on Robertson and his wife that were compiled by caregivers, 1997-1998 (Container 2, File 44), condolence letters and cards on the death of H. Rocke Robertson, 1998 (Container 2, File 45; Container 8, File 174), H. Rocke Robertson's obituary, 1998 (Container 3, File 78), and memorial service, 1998 (Container 1, File 14) were added to the archives by Stuart Robertson following H. Rocke Robertson's death.

Robertson's interest in rare English dictionaries and his penchant for collecting are reflected in his personal library of dictionaries, numbering almost 500, which he donated to the University of British Columbia, 1986-1994 (Container 2, Files 38-40). Numerous articles and correspondence files reinforce his interest in this subject, 1976-1989, 1981, 1969-1991 (Container 2, Files 41, 58; Container 8, File 168). In particular, letters to his friend, Geoffrey Keynes, a William Blake Scholar and collector, suggest that Keynes may have been the stimulus for Robertson's interest in collecting, 1989-1994 (Container 4, File 82). His membership in the Osler Society and the H. Rocke Robertson Rare Book Room in McGill's Osler Library which houses Robertson's rare book donation to McGill, coupled with conferences he attended on the history of medicine signify his interest in this topic, 1970-1998, 1927-2005, 1979 (Container 1, Files 15-18, 20; Container 3, Files 1/80-3/80; (Container 8, File 159). Robertson's interest in the creative arts is reflected through the plethora of theatre and opera brochures and pamphlets that he preserved 1965-1983 (Container 15, File 231).

Physical description: .7 m of textual records.  
76 photographs.

Publication status:

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File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MG2001-4-11	File - HRR Visiting Professorship on Trauma	1962-1996		
MG2001-4-14	File - Memorial Service for H. Rocke Robertson	1998		
MG2001-4-15	File - Osler Library- W. W. Francis Wing and HRR Rarebook Room (correspondence)	1970-1996		
MG2001-4-16	File - Osler Library - correspondence	1971-1997		
MG2001-4-17	File - Osler Days (correspondence, budget & agenda)	1996-1997		
MG2001-4-18	File - American Osler Society (brochures, minutes, articles, newsletters, correspondence)	1989-1996		
MG2001-4-20	File - Faith Wallis note on HRR in Osler Library Newsletter	1998		
MG2001-4-24	File - Trans Canada Airlines (correspondence)	1963		
MG2001-4-38	File - Gift of Dictionaries to UBC (corres., pamphlets, receipts)	1986-1993		
MG2001-4-39	File - Correspondence with Anne Yandle (UBC)	1987-1994		
MG2001-4-40	File - Reception of Dictionary Collection - UBC (fax, photos, correspondence, speech notes)	1985-1994		
MG2001-4-41	File - Dictionary Society of North America (correspondence, speech notes)	1976-1989		
MG2001-4-43	File - Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary (15 cards, speech, photos, Governor General & Prime Minister certificates)	1987		
MG2001-4-44	File - Health (notebooks, charts)	1997-1998		
MG2001-4-45	File - Condolences on death of HRR (to Stuart Robertson) (correspondence, cards)	1998		
MG2001-4-58	File - John Baret's "Diligent Bees" (re:dictionaries)	1981		
MG2001-4-60	File - Alan Robertson & family correspondence	1962-1966		
MG2001-4-61	File - Herbert Geddes correspondence	1955-1958		
MG2001-4-62	File - Sir James Learmonth correspondence	1965-1986		
MG2001-4-64	File - Patterson - Ross correspondence	1962-1970		
MG2001-4-65	File - Wallace & Ethel Wilson correspondence	1961-1969		
MG2001-4-66	File - Jasper Cross correspondence	1961-1969		
MG2001-4-68	File - Dr. Robert B. Kerr correspondence	1967-1969		
MG2001-4-69	File - Mrs. Georgina Russell (condolence on death of HMRR - Robertson's mother)	Undated		
MG2001-4-70	File - Margareta correspondence	1970-1971		
MG2001-4-71	File - Purchase of property, Haney, B.C. (corres., receipts, deeds)	1948-1956		

MG2001-4-72	File - Appraisal & sale of possessions, Chattels from Struan (art and farm equipment)	1994-1996
MG2001-4-73	File - Sale of Struan	1983-1994
MG2001-4-74	File - Distribution of possessions amongst children (correspondence, children's books, UBC)	1995
MG2001-4-75	File - Gifts to libraries (correspondence)	1994-1995
MG2001-4-76	File - Mortgage documentation	1959-1963
MG2001-4-77	File - Arrangements for handling estate, chattels and investments	1998
MG2001-4-78	File - Newspaper clippings - McGill Principalship to Obituary	1962-1998
MG2001-4-81	File - Trip to UK/Europe (correspondence)	May- June, 1958
MG2001-4-82	File - Notes for an Autobiography (also family tree/genealogy)	1989-1994
MG2001-4-83	File - Personal documents (passports, birth certificate)	1912-1978
MG2001-4-84	File - Curriculum Vitae (1st proof of Robertson's Canadian Who's Who entry )	1912-1997
MG2001-4-85	File - Early correspondence	1915-1921
MG2001-4-86	File - Family tree/predecessors	1984
MG2001-4-89	File - Trip to Europe (photos & correspondence & coin)	1925 -1926
MG2001-4-91	File - Marriage to Beatrice Roslyn (scrapbook - corres., photos, newsclipping)	1935-1936
MG2001-4-93	File - 550 St. Charles House (correspondence, map, photos) Sydney's House	1938-2001
MG2001-4-94	File - Godfather of Ross Alexander Hanbury	1953
MG2001-4-111	File - Photos of private residences	1956-1971
MG2001-4-159	File - Dr. Edward Archibald & the new medical science/Bethune: His Times and His Legacy, conference, McGill University, (correspondence, budget, proposal)	1979
MG2001-4-165	File - Correspondence - A. Bruce Robertson	1939-1969
MG2001-4-168	File - Richard Pennington corres. (2 postcards & articles)	1969-1991
MG2001-4-173	File - Personal correspondence (postcards, cards)	1994-1997
MG2001-4-174	File - Robert Shaw correspondence	1998
MG2001-4-194	File - HRR War Papers (scrapbook - newspaper clippings, notes)	1940-1943
MG2001-4-226	File - Postcards of Prague, High Tetra, Belgrade, Dubrovnik	1960-1991
MG2001-4-227	File - Travel brochures, guides and information	1960-1991
MG2001-4-228	File - Travel brochures, guides and information (cont'd) (postcards)	1978-1989

MG2001-4-231	File - Theatre and opera brochures and pamphlets	1965-1983
MG2001-4-232	File - Travel brochures, maps, news clippings (some book related)	1961-1984
MG2001-4-267	File - James IV Association of Surgeons Incorporated	1996
MG2001-4-285	File - Harold Bruce Robertson - Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal for British Columbia Certificate	1943
MG2001-4-286	File - Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada Certificate	1946

### Series MG2001-5: Student years at Brentwood College and McGill

Date: 1925-1936 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series consists of correspondence with Robertson's family, addressed to his father and family, dealing with daily school activities and athletic accomplishments; as well, several letters, postcards, artifacts, and photos document Robertson's educational and travel experiences in Switzerland, 1925-1926 (Container 4, File 89). Also included are Rhodes scholarship nomination letters, written by Brentwood College and St. Michael's School teachers, praising Robertson's academic ability, athletic prowess, and natural leadership skills. Although he applied, he did not receive this scholarship. Robertson's early leadership potential manifested itself in his appointment as head prefect at St. Michael's School and as head boy during his time at Brentwood College. This series also includes photos of tennis and rugby sports teams, medals, and school crests, 1929-1931 (Container 4, File 90). During his last two years at McGill, H. Rocke Robertson received the distinction of being the top medical student, which is documented through newspaper clippings, 1935-1936 (Container 1, File 2). Also included in the series are mock menus reflecting the comedic efforts of medical students, 1935-1936 (Container 1, File 2). Several artifacts, including McGill crests and tennis crests, 1930-1935 (Container 7, File 144) reflect Robertson's scholarly and athletic achievements at McGill.

Physical description: .07 m of textual records.

16 photographs.

8 artifacts.

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MG2001-5-2	File - Final Years of McGill Medicine (newspaper clippings, menu)	1935-1936		
MG2001-5-89	File - Trip to Europe (photos & correspondence & coin)	1925 -1926		
MG2001-5-90	File - Brentwood College	1929-1931		

### Series MG2001-6: Medical and professional activities

Date: 1937-1995 (date of creation)



Scope and content:

This series reflects the diverse contributions, that Robertson made as a physician, surgeon, and hospital administrator, as well as containing files related to Robertson's medical training immediately following his graduation from McGill. Robertson's time as an intern in the Pathology Department at the Montreal General Hospital is documented through photos, 1937-1938 (Container 4, File 112). Also included are orthopedic notes from the John Bruce Lectures that Robertson attended as an intern in Edinburgh, 1938-1939 (Container 4, File 92). Robertson's wartime medical experiences are preserved through newspaper clippings, photos, and notes, in the form of a scrapbook, 1940-1943 (Container 11, File 194), and additional secondary sources, including Robertson's chapter on wound infections in W. R. Feasby's *The Canadian Medical Services 1939-1945*, Vol. II, 1953 and correspondence from the Minister of National Defence, Brooke Claxton (Container 19, Files 265-266).

His medical work in Vancouver following WWII, such as his contributions to the development of the Faculty of Medicine and Department of Surgery at the University of British Columbia and his role as first Professor and Head Surgeon is documented through correspondence files, photos, pamphlets, and ephemera, 1952-1971, 1950-1975 (Container 4, File 97, 100). Also included is information on the launch of his private practice in Vancouver, 1949 (Container 4, File 95), as well as articles and gifts commemorating his time at Vancouver General Hospital, 1959-1990 (Container 4, File 96). Robertson's rejection, in 1947, of McGill's initial offer of the position of Professor of Surgery and Chairman of the Department of Surgery can be found in Container 1, File.

Robertson's work at the Montreal General Hospital, particularly his time as Surgeon in Chief, is documented through numerous records and correspondence files, 1937-1997 (Container 4, Files 112-118, 1/119-2/119). His membership in different professional organizations, such as the Canadian Association of General Surgeons, 1985-1988 (Container 2, File 31) and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, 1960-1980, 1985 (Container 5, File 121) among others, are also included, as are meetings and conferences he attended as a member of the American College of Surgeons 1950-1961 (Container 2, File 29). Of interest are the pamphlets and photos Robertson acquired as a result of his membership as part of the Surgeon's Travel Club, 1961-1989 (Container 4, File 98). Additional correspondence files, memberships, and certificates document further medical related activities, 1958, 1974, 1962 (Container 4, Files 99, 102; Container 4, File 36, 50), including his trip to Harvard University as Visiting Surgeon in Chief Pro Tempore, 1955-1956 (Container 4, File 104). Thank you cards and correspondence with former patients demonstrate Robertson's skills as a physician and surgeon, particularly highlighting his superb bedside manner, 1974-1994 (Container 4, File 103).

Photos, cards, invitations, correspondence files, books, and agendas reflect Robertson's continual involvement in the professional arena after his retirement from McGill, 1985-1986 (Container 6, File 129). His professional influence is reflected in the number of functions he attended, which included conferences, dinners, installation ceremonies, and fundraising activities, 1962-1973, 1971-1983, 1981 (Container 4, File 109-110; Container 15, File 233; Container 2, File 30). This series also includes his role as the Director of the Bell Telephone Company, 1965-1985, 1992, 1994 (Container 1, File 21) his membership and subsequent role on the Archives and Library Committee of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1955-1999 (Container 1, Files 22-23), and special appointments, such as to the Science Council of Canada (1976-1982), 1973-1979 (Container 1, File 13) and his time as the president of the Traffic Injury Research Foundation of Canada (1967-1973), 1971-1973, 1974 (Container 2, File 35; Container 16, File 234), among other boards. Reports, including the "Report to the Hospital for Sick Children" in Toronto, Ontario, 1975 (Container 4, File 108) highlight Robertson's role as a much sought after advisor, 1990-1992 (Container 1, File 10). Robertson also sat

on several different scholarship committees, 1967-1989, 1986-1991 (Container 2, File 27; Container 4, 107), and he was responsible for the nomination of Dr. Brenda Milner of the Montreal Neurological Institute and McGill professor for the Order of Canada, 1982-2004 (Container 2, File 42).

Physical description: .5 m of textual records and ephemera.  
163 photographs.

Publication status:

Published

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Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MG2001-6-3	File - McGill Assistant Professor of Surgery	1947		
MG2001-6-10	File - Faculty of Medicine Advisory Board	1990-1992		
MG2001-6-13	File - Science Council of Canada	1973-1979		
MG2001-6-21	File - Bell Telephone Company - Board of Directors	1965-1985		
MG2001-6-22	File - Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons	1955-1999		
MG2001-6-23	File - Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons (Archives and Library Committee)	1993-1995		
MG2001-6-27	File - Royal Bank of Canada Awards	1967-1989		
MG2001-6-29	File - American College of Surgeons	1950-1961		
MG2001-6-30	File - Montreal Neurological Institute - Fundraising	1981		
MG2001-6-31	File - Canadian Association of General Surgeons (membership cards)	1985-1988		
MG2001-6-35	File - Traffic Injury Research Foundation (Annual Report, correspondence, programmes)	1971-1973		
MG2001-6-36	File - Sherbrooke Hospital (correspondence)	1974		
MG2001-6-42	File - Nomination of Brenda Milner for Order of Canada	1982-2004		
MG2001-6-50	File - Cine Clinic Film Programme	1962		
MG2001-6-92	File - Orthopedic notes - Edinburgh John Bruce lectures (notebook)	1938-1939		
MG2001-6-95	File - Private practice launch	1949		
MG2001-6-96	File - Vancouver General Hospital	1959-1990		
MG2001-6-97	File - A.D. Mackenzie corres.	1952-1971		
MG2001-6-98	File - Surgeons Travel Club	1961-1989		
MG2001-6-99	File - James IV Surgical Association Certificate	1958		
MG2001-6-100	File - UBC Faculty of Medicine: HRR Prize in Surgery	1950-1975		
MG2001-6-102	File - The Westbrook Society	2005		
MG2001-6-103	File - Shaughnessy Hospital	1974-1994		

MG2001-6-104	File - Trip to Harvard University	1955-1956
MG2001-6-107	File - Mackenzie King Scholarships (correspondence)	1986-1991
MG2001-6-108	File - The Hospital for Sick Children (Toronto)	1972-1975
MG2001-6-109	File - Royal Victoria Hospital (Montreal) (correspondence)	1962-1973
MG2001-6-110	File - Royal Victoria Hospital - Charity Ball (newspaper clippings)	1961
MG2001-6-112	File - Montreal General Hospital - Pathology Department	1937-1938
MG2001-6-113	File - Montreal General Hospital - speeches (& Annual Report)	1971-1989
MG2001-6-114	File - Montreal General Hospital - correspondence	1958-1959
MG2001-6-115	File - Montreal General Hospital - letters of congratulations	1958-1959
MG2001-6-116	File - Montreal General Hospital	1959-1997
MG2001-6-117	File - Disciplinary hearing against Dr. Hori	1961-1962
MG2001-6-118	File - Montreal General Hospital - 150th Anniversary Reunion	1962-1971
MG2001-6-1-119	File - Montreal General Hospital - History	1961-1984
MG2001-6-2-119	File - Montreal General Hospital - History	1965-1971
MG2001-6-121	File - Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada: The Pursuit of Unity, David A. E. Shepherd	1960 -1980, 1985
MG2001-6-129	File - Photo Albums (Friends of McGill University, 40th Anniversary Dinner, Roslyn Robertson Herb Scent Garden, McGill 1986)	1985-1986
MG2001-6-194	File - HRR War Papers	1940-1943
MG2001-6-233	File - Professional activities	1971-1983
MG2001-6-234	File - Proceedings of the Scientific Conference on Traffic Safety	1974
MG2001-6-265	File - The Canadian Medical Services, Vol. 1 – W.R. Feasby	1939 - 1945, 1956
MG2001-6-266	File - The Canadian Medical Services, Vol. 2 – W. R. Feasby	1939 - 1945, 1953

### **Series MG2001-7: McGill Principalship and administrative activities**

Date: 1937-1995 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

A record of Robertson's activities as principal of McGill from 1962-1970 is found in diverse documents such as pamphlets, tickets, booklets, newspaper and magazine clippings, and photos, 1962, 1970, 1980-1992 (Container 1, File 4; Container 5, Files 122, 124, 128), as well as in his diaries, 1962-1964; 1964-1969; 1969-1970 (Container 12, Files 201-203; Container 18, Files 247-256; Container 14, Files 214-217). Robertson's appointment to McGill, his installation as principal (Container 1, File 5), his correspondence during his principalship, 1962-1994, 1965 (Container 1, File 9; Container 8, File 175), his resignation and retirement from McGill and an account of the turbulent

times that accompanied his principalship are also contained in this series, 1969-1971 (Container 1, File 8; Container 5, Files 125 127; Container 6, File 130). More specifically, Robertson's meditations on the continuing feasibility of Gerald Bull's HARP project can be found in Container 18, File 252. Of particular interest is Robertson's correspondence and report for Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa 1970 (Container 1, File 6) which discusses Robertson's unsuccessful attempts to solicit increased provincial government funding for McGill University, particularly through his analysis of the Quebec government's unfair funding formula. Robertson even contemplated approaching Prime Minister Trudeau with the concept of McGill as a National University in an effort to secure federal funding, 1969 (Container 14, File 214).

Numerous newspaper clippings and case files relate to the Stanley Gray Dismissal Hearings (Container 1, File 7). This information is supplemented by the more personal reflections contained in Robertson's correspondence with his brother, Bruce, a lawyer from British Columbia. Robertson's uncertainty regarding his actions caused him to legally clarify his position with his brother and almost led to his decision to retire in 1967, 1939-1969 (Container 8, File 165). Further indications of the atmosphere at McGill include the "Save the Trees Riot" which took place near the construction site of McGill's Burnside Hall, and the greenhouse bomb incident, both of which are discussed in some detail in Robertson's Diaries, 1969-1979 (Container 14, Files 214 223).

Also included in the series are McGill University Convocation Brochures, 1963-1970 (Container 16, Files 1/241 3/241) and ephemera related to McGill Programs and Social events, 1956-1988, 1964-1966 (Container 3, Files 1/79 3/79; Container 15, File 230) reflecting the diverse nature of Robertson's duties as a principal, as well as the administrative changes he made to McGill. These changes included increasing the number of vice-principals, students, and staff, as well as Robertson's efforts to give students more of a voice by increasing student representation on both the senate and committees of the senate, 1970 (Container 19, File 264). A construction helmet, often worn by Robertson in photos, signifies the building boom that accompanied Robertson's time as principal of McGill (Container 10, File 191).

Physical description: .5 m of textual records and other materials.

Note:

Includes 24 photos, ephemera, and 1 artifact.

Publication status:

Published

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MG2001-7-4	File - Appointment as McGill Principal & ViceChancellor	1962		
MG2001-7-5	File - Installation as McGill Principal	1963		
MG2001-7-6	File - Premier Robert Bourassa - Correspondence	1970		
MG2001-7-7	File - Stanley Grey Dismissal Hearings	1969		
MG2001-7-8	File - McGill Resignation	1969-1971		
MG2001-7-9	File - McGill Principal's correspondence	1962-1994		

MG2001-7-1-79	File - McGill Programs and Social Events (Ephemera)	1965-1988
MG2001-7-2-79	File - McGill Programs and Social Events (Ephemera)	1963-1969
MG2001-7-3-79	File - McGill Programs and Social Events (Ephemera)	1956-1971
MG2001-7-122	File - "Ten Years After" McGill Journal of Education	1980
MG2001-7-124	File - Old McGill '70 Annual (& correspondence)	1970
MG2001-7-125	File - Montreal Star "The Week in Review"	1963-1965
MG2001-7-126	File - Montreal Star "The Week in Review"	1966-1968
MG2001-7-127	File - Montreal Star "The Week in Review"	1969-1970
MG2001-7-128	File - HRR photos	1944-1992
MG2001-7-130	File - Magazines and clippings re: retirement from McGill	1969-2001
MG2001-7-165	File - Correspondence - A. Bruce Robertson	1939-1969
MG2001-7-175	File - Lester & Marion Pearson correspondence	1965
MG2001-7-191	File - Rocke's McGill construction helmet	1965
MG2001-7-201	File - Diary	1962
MG2001-7-202a	File - Diary - 1	1963
MG2001-7-202b	File - Diary - 2	1963
MG2001-7-203	File - Diary	1963 -1969
MG2001-7-214	File - HRR diary (2)	1969
MG2001-7-215	File - HRR diary (1)	1970
MG2001-7-216	File - HRR diary (2)	1970
MG2001-7-217	File - HRR diary	1970 -1971
MG2001-7-218	File - HRR diary	February 23, 1971 - January 8, 1972
MG2001-7-219	File - HRR diary	1972
MG2001-7-220	File - HRR diary	1973 -1974
MG2001-7-221	File - HRR diary	1974 -1975
MG2001-7-222	File - HRR diary	1975-1977
MG2001-7-223	File - HRR diary	1978 -1979
MG2001-7-230	File - Re: Montreal Metro/St. Matthias' Church (historical St. Andrews map)	1964-1966
MG2001-7-1-241	File - McGill University Convocations (Booklet)	1962 -1965
MG2001-7-2-241	File - McGill University Convocations (Booklet)	1966 - 1968
MG2001-7-3-241	File - McGill University Convocations (Booklet)	1970, 1990
MG2001-7-247	File - HRR Diary	1964
MG2001-7-248	File - HRR Diary - 1	1965
MG2001-7-249	File - HRR Diary - 2	1965
MG2001-7-250	File - HRR Diary - 1	1966
MG2001-7-251	File - HRR Diary - 2	1966

MG2001-7-252	File - HRR Diary - 1	1967
MG2001-7-253	File - HRR Diary - 2	1967
MG2001-7-254	File - HRR Diary - 1	1968
MG2001-7-255	File - HRR Diary - 2	1968
MG2001-7-256	File - HRR Diary (1)	1969
MG2001-7-264	File - Addresses & other papers - HRR	1970

### Series MG2001-8: Degrees, Awards and honours

Date: 1932-2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series consists of H. Rocke Robertson's numerous degrees, 1936 1971 (Container 4, File 87), 1932, 1936 (Container 20, File 269 270) and medical certificates, 1936 1976 (Container 20 Files 272-275, 277 278, 280-283 , 287-288), honorary degrees, 1964-1968, 1967-1971 (Container 2, File 33; Container 6, File 131; Container 20, Files 276, 279, 284, 289), awards, including the Montreal General Hospital Award of Merit, 1992-1993 (Container 1, File 1), the Brotherhood of Temple Eman-El Award, which includes an soundtape, 1970 (Container 2, File 28), and the Lister Centenary Prize, Doctor of Laws, the University of Glasgow, 1965 (Container 4, File 105). Robertson also received recognition and awards for his athletic abilities, such as the McGill Sports Certificate, 1936 (Container 20, File 268). Also included in the series are medals, such as the Order of St. John and the Order of Canada, 1969-1985 (Container 1, Files 25 26), military medals, 1939-1945, 1940 (Container 7, Files 139 141, 143; Container 20, File 271), and other honours, 1930 1974, 1962 (Container 7, Files 132 138, 142, 144).

Scholarships and chairs in his name reflect Robertson's contributions to the fields of surgery and medicine, 1962-1996 (Container 1, File 11), such as the H. Rocke Robertson Chair in Surgery at the University of British Columbia, 1987 (Container 1, File 12), the H. Rocke Robertson Award for Clinical Teaching at the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Medicine, 1950 2005 (Container 4, Files 100 101), and the H. Rocke Robertson Chair in Surgery at McGill University, 1987 (Container 1, File 12), which was first awarded to David S. Mulder.

Physical description: .15 m of textual records and other materials.

Note:

Includes 1 audio cassette, 8 photos, and approximately 20 artifacts.

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MG2001-8-1	File - Montreal General Hospital - Award of Merit	1992-1993		
MG2001-8-11	File - HRR Visiting Professorship on Trauma	1962-1996		
MG2001-8-12	File - HRR Chair in Surgery	1987		
MG2001-8-25	File - Order of St. John (booklet, correspondence, medal)	1983		

MG2001-8-26	File - Order of Canada	1969-1985
MG2001-8-28	File - Brotherhood of Temple Emanu -El Award	1970
MG2001-8-33	File - Honorary Degrees & Honours (programmes & corres.)	1964-1968
MG2001-8-87	File - Medical Certificates	1936-1971
MG2001-8-100	File - UBC Faculty of Medicine: HRR Prize in Surgery	1950-1975
MG2001-8-101	File - UBC Faculty of Medicine: HRR Award for Clinical Teaching	2005
MG2001-8-105	File - Lister Centenary - University of Glasgow	1965
MG2001-8-131	File - Honorary Degrees	1967, 1969, 1971
MG2001-8-268	File - McGill Sports Certificate - HRR	1936
MG2001-8-269	File - McGill Bachelor of Science Degree - HRR	1932
MG2001-8-270	File - McGill Doctor of Medicine & Surgery Degree (photocopy) HRR	1936
MG2001-8-271	File - Active Militia Certificate/ Military Discharge - HRR	1940
MG2001-8-272	File - General Surgery Certificate - HRR	1940
MG2001-8-273	File - Canadian Medical Council of Canada Certificate - HRR	1936
MG2001-8-274	File - Royal Canadian Society Certificate - HRR	1968
MG2001-8-275	File - Glasgow (Glasgvensis) Certificate - HRR	1965
MG2001-8-276	File - Honourary Doctorate Degree (Universitas Montis Regi - University of Montreal) - HRR	1965
MG2001-8-277	File - College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario Certificate - HRR	1971
MG2001-8-278	File - College of Physicians & Surgeons of British Columbia Certificate - HRR	1945
MG2001-8-279	File - Memorial University - Newfoundland - Honorary Degree - HRR	1968
MG2001-8-280	File - College of Physicians & Surgeons of Quebec Certificate - HRR	November 18, 1959
MG2001-8-281	File - College of Physicians & Surgeons of Quebec Certificate - HRR	July 2, 1959
MG2001-8-282	File - Montreal General Hospital Resident Staff Certificate - HRR	1936 - 1938
MG2001-8-283	File - College (Dartmuthensis) Dartmouth Certificate - HRR	1967
MG2001-8-284	File - Jefferson Medical College Philadelphia - Honorary Degree - HRR	1969
MG2001-8-287	File - Member of the Medical Council of Canada Certificate	1976
MG2001-8-288	File - McGill Students' Society Recognition of Principal - HRR	1962-1976
MG2001-8-289	File - McGill University Honorary Doctor of Law Degree	1962-1976