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Summary information

Repository:	Osler Library
Title:	John Henry Wye Fonds
ID:	P153
Osler Database ID [alternative]:	4670
Osler Fonds ID [alternative]:	141
Date:	1888-1891 (date of creation)
Physical description:	32 cm of textual records.
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [generalNote]:	None of the diaries are signed, however, on the verso of leaf 64 of the 1889 diary, Wye talks of getting his business cards and copies out the text of one into the diary. It reads: "John H. Wye, M.D. C.M. Montreal. L.S.A. London. 12A Praed St. W. Advice Free. Dispensing Hours. Before 12 & After 6." In an additional entry on the verso of leaf 49 in the 1890 diary, Wye identifies himself as "John Henry Wye."

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

John Henry Wye graduated with a degree in medicine from McGill University in 1868. He later served as ship's doctor on board the Allan Line's steamer, "S.S. Pomeranian," making five transatlantic crossings between London and Montreal. Aboard this and other ships, Wye also traveled to the Far East and the East Indies. He registered his medical practice in England as of 1875, where he likely spent the rest of his days.

Custodial history

Purchased by the Osler Library from dealer. The diaries originally came from the estate of the descendants of Canadian painter, Robert Whale (there is no physical evidence in the diaries to connect John Henry Wye with Robert Whale).

Scope and content

The fonds contains four original manuscript diaries (1 per calendar year), from 1889 to 1991 (transatlantic) with original watercolor drawings by John Henry Wye, Allan Line ship's surgeon.

Notes

Title notes

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

Conditions governing use

Items can be requested for consultation "online via the Library Catalogue": <http://mcgill.worldcat.org/oclc/778790762> or by email at osler.library@mcgill.ca. Advance notice is recommended.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Allan Line Steamship Co.
- Diaries. (documentary form)
- Watercolors (paintings). (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
P153-1	File - January 1, 1888-December 31, 1888	1888		
P153-2	File - January 1, 1889-December 1889	1889		
P153-3	File - January 1, 1890-December 31, 1890	1890		
P153-4	File - January 1, 1891-December 31, 1891	1891		