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Dr. Harold Sinclair Magee Papers, 1918-1973

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Biography

Harold Sinclair Magee was born in 1894, and served in the army during World War I. He was licensed as a medical doctor and surgeon from the University of Western Ontario in 1925. In 1934, Magee was approved to practice medicine in New Jersey, and was appointed Medical Director and Superintendent at the New Jersey State Hospital at Trenton [see Coll. 245] in 1948. Magee passed away in 1985.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection consists of papers, letters, personal possessions, and diplomas belonging to Dr. Harold Sinclair Magee. The collection also includes two scrapbooks compiled by Dr. Magee's wife, Mary.

Series Description

Series I. Professional Papers

Series I contains a variety of papers regarding Magee's professional work. Featured in the series are his army records from WWI, paperwork confirming his employment at the New Jersey State Hospital, and documents regarding Magee's guardianship over patients.

Series II. Awards, Certificates, Diplomas

Series II contains records of Dr. Magee's professional achievements. Dr. Magee's diplomas and licenses for medical practice are contained in this series. These items show Magee's qualifications as a medical doctor, surgeon, and psychiatrist. He was also inducted into a variety of medical honor societies.

Series III. Correspondence

Series III consists of three letters addressed to Mrs. Magee regarding events at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. One appears to be an RSVP list from the Volunteer Aides of New Jersey State Hospital. It is probable that these letters fell out of one of Mary Magee's scrapbooks (see Series V).

Series IV. Personal Possessions

This series contains two of Magee's psychiatry textbooks, two medals from the American Psychiatric Association, and Magee's personal New Testament bible.

Series V. Scrapbooks

Series V contains two scrapbooks compiled by Magee's wife, Mary. They contain newspaper clippings, pamphlets, and letters regarding her husband's tenure at the New Jersey State Hospital.

Provenance: Most of the contents of this collection were donated by Magee's niece, Mrs. Mary Whiting, at an unspecified time prior to September 2015 [Acc. #2020.600].

Container List

Box / Folder / Folder Name

Series I

1 / 1 / Army Records

1 / 2 / Selective Service Records

1 / 3 / Guardianship Papers

1 / 4 / Guardianship Papers

Series II

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Series III

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Series IV

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Series V

Wrapped / Scrapbook (SB034)

Wrapped / Scrapbook (SB285)