

# George E. Eakins fonds

1872-1962

5 cm. of textual records including clippings and transcripts

## *Biographical Sketch*

George E. Eakins (1882-1967) was a medical doctor in Thunder Bay and president of the Thunder Bay Historical Society from 1933-1934. He also served as president of the Thunder Bay Medical Society in 1915, 1925 and 1936. He collected material relating to the history of Thunder Bay and its district.

## *Scope and Content*

The George E. Eakins collection is composed of five series, scrapbooks, programs, publications, manuscripts/transcripts, and miscellaneous documents. It covers a broad spectrum of subjects all relating in general to the history of the Thunder Bay region. Most of the collection is composed of clippings and transcripts of the work of others. Some series, however, contain original materials such as speeches given and papers written by Eakins and others and some legal documents.

**Series A 52/1/1-2** - Scrapbooks - 1.5cm. - 1906-1961 (clippings)

- 1) Scrapbook of clippings and odds and ends collected by Dr. Eakins, 1906-1958
- 2) Scrapbook of clippings, 1931-1961

**Series A 52/2/1-7** - Programs - 5cm. - 1915-1954

- 1) Red Cross Field Day official program, 1915
- 2) Goodwill meeting: Thunder Bay and Cook County Historical Societies, 1932 program and Cook County emblem
- 3) Port Arthur semi-centennial celebration band concert program, 1934
- 4) City of Port Arthur complimentary dinner, 1944
- 5) Memorial service for King George V, 1936
- 6) Thunder Bay Medical Society banquet, 1954
- 7) Program of the launching etc. of HMCS Port Arthur in 1944 at Port Arthur Shipbuilding Co. Ltd.

**Series A 52/3/1-5** - Publications - 1cm. - 1889-1962

- 1) *The Provincial Paper Story*, vol. 27, #1 (1962)
- 2) *Port Arthur Illustrated*, (1889)
- 3) *Historic Silver Islet*, by Gertrude Dyke, n.d.
- 4) *Fort William - Port Arthur: The Twin Lake Cities*, General Realty Corp, (ca.1913)
- 5) *Miss Fort William and her Sister Port Arthur*, G.R. Duncan and Co., (ca.1928)

**Series A 52/4/1-9** - Manuscripts and transcripts - 1.5cm. - [1870]-1932

- 1) Transcript of letter from J.J. Talman of Ontario Archives, 1932, describing photograph taken in Prince Arthur's Landing, 1879
- 2) Transcript of letters from Sir John Franklin and Sir John Richardson (1818-1840) with introduction to letters (by G. Eakins?)
- 3) Transcript of documentation relating to dispute for the Divisional Headquarters of the C.P.R. between Port Arthur and Fort William, ca. late 1870s
- 4) Manuscript of G.E. Eakins speech on "Short History of the Canadian Lakehead", 1932
- 5) Manuscripts from W. Langworthy entitled "Hudson's Bay Co. ships on Lake Superior", "A

History of Liberalism vs. Toryism", "Shipping in early days", n.d.

6) Transcript of newspaper articles dated 1885 regarding troops passing through Port Arthur

7) Manuscript of "The Early History of Thunder Bay District", by G.E. Eakins, 1932

8) Manuscript on the history of the municipality of Shuniah (by G.E. Eakins?) accompanied by transcripts of some early council minutes, 1873-[1885]

9) Manuscript (by George Eakins?) and original documentation relating to the creation of a post office in Port Arthur in the 1880s

**Series A 52/5/1** - Miscellaneous - 5cm. - 1872-1893

1) Collection of misc. documents including a deed to purchase mining land in McIntyre (1872); newspaper clipping (1875) regarding shipment on the Dawson Trail; letter (1891) regarding estate claim and the Northern hotel; sworn affidavit of James Dickinson dated 1893 regarding the winding-up of the Thunder Bay Sentinel Printing Co.; stock certificate for the Whitefish Valley Colonization Co. (1887)

*Additional Information*

*Custodial History* - Formerly catalogued under museum numbers 984.104.5b, 10-12, 14-17, 31-42, 53-54.

*Associated Material* - See museum collection 984.104