

Ross Munro Matthews fonds

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Biographical Sketch

Ross Munro Matthews was born in 1909, the son of Isaac Lamont Matthews and Jentie Gordon Munro, and a member of one of Port Arthur's founding families. His father was a successful businessman building up a large department store originating as "Street Bros. Drygoods". Ross was a pediatrician, graduating from the University of Toronto in 1933 and did post graduate work in Boston. He established his practice in Hamilton in 1938. He enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1940 and served in 400 squadron overseas. Upon returning in 1945 he joined the Peterborough Clinic where he practiced medicine until his retirement in 1972. He served as President of the Canadian Medical Association in 1969-1970 and was awarded an honorary L.L.D. by Trent University in 1974. He married Barbara Page Brown and had four children. He died in March, 1982.

Scope and Content

Series A 46/1/1 - Memoirs - 216 p.

The unpublished personal memoirs of Ross Munro Matthews, entitled "Oft in the Stilly Night, written for his family. Recounts his growing up in early Thunder Bay, an anecdotal description of Walpole Roland, and accounts of cottage days on Silver Islet, the Cross family, the McKirdys of Nipigon, J.T. Emmerson of Port Arthur, Martha Dickinson (the first female City Clerk), I.L. Matthews, Harwood Matthews, the Munro family, Morson S. Fotheringham and Ross Matthews himself. Includes family tree. This is particularly good on descriptions of familial relationships and childhood in early Thunder Bay.

Additional Information

Custodial History - Formerly catalogued into museum collection 983.59.1 A