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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Arthur Charles Hawkins fonds
Reference code:	MS-13-5
Date:	1881-1886 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	1 cm of textual records
Physical location:	Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 G
Note [generalNote]:	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Arthur Charles Hawkins fonds, MS-13-5, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Arthur Charles Hawkins was a physician and mayor of Halifax during the 1918 influenza pandemic, and is credited with being a key influence in keeping Nova Scotia's death rate comparably low. The son of Charles A. Hawkins and Charlotte (Simpson) Hawkins, he was born at Avondale (Newport Landing), Nova Scotia, in 1861. He attended Halifax Medical College and Dalhousie, completing his studies at McGill University, where he obtained his MD in 1885. He settled in Halifax and was appointed house surgeon at the Provincial and City Hospital by the Commission of Public Charities from 1885-1886. He later served as coroner for Halifax County and held positions as medical officer with the Immigration Branch of the Department of the Interior and attending surgeon at Victoria General Hospital. Hawkins was a Halifax City alderman for ward six from 1897-1908. He lost the election for mayor in 1908, but was returned to Council as alderman for ward five from 1911-1913. In 1918-1919 he was mayor of Halifax, but was defeated in the 1919 election and again in the mayoralty election of 1920. A former Liberal Party supporter, he ran unsuccessfully for the Labour Party in the 1921 federal election in Halifax. Hawkins was active in public health, as well as community organizations aimed at helping the poor. He opened his home to assist victims of the Halifax Explosion in 1917. He was married to Caroline (Cassie) McLelan Spike, with whom he had six children: Gertrude (Dolly), Rupert, Dorothy, Arthur, Mary Caroline (Carol), and James ("Pete"). Hawkins died on 19 March 1926.

Custodial history

Records were donated to the Dalhousie University Archives by Dr. Henry Roper in accessions (1976-042) and (1984-113) in 1976 and 1984.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of tickets confirming Hawkins' admission to and attendance in classes and wards at Halifax Medical College, Dalhousie College and University, Montreal General Hospital, and the Provincial and City Hospital.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials. All materials are open for research.

Conditions governing use

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Related material

A.C. Hawkins fonds (Accession 1982-450) in Nova Scotia Archives contains personal correspondence and records related to Hawkins' medical and political careers.

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
 - **Level of detail:** Full
 - **Status description:** Final
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Access points

- Dalhousie University. Faculty of Medicine. (subject)
- Halifax Medical College.
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Ephemera (documentary form)
- Medical education (subject)

- Physicians (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)
- Montréal (Québec) (place)

Collection holdings

File: MS-13-5, SF Box 56, Folder 5 - Student tickets from Halifax Medical College, Dalhousie College and University

Title: Student tickets from Halifax Medical College, Dalhousie College and University

Reference code: MS-13-5, SF Box 56, Folder 5

Date: 1881-1882 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains ten student registration and matriculation tickets received by Arthur Charles Hawkins confirming his enrolment and attendance during the 1881-1882 session at the Halifax Medical College, Dalhousie College and University, and the Provincial and City Hospital. The tickets are for the following courses: Physiology (taught by John Somers); Clinical Surgery (taught by Edward Farrell and John F. Black); Practical Anatomy (taught by D.A. Campbell and A.W.H. Lindsay; with notes on dissection of extremities); Chemistry (taught by George Lawson); Anatomy (taught by George Sinclair); Materia Medica (taught by John F. Black); and Botany (taught by Benjamin G. Page).

Physical description: 10 leaves of textual records ; 14 x 9 cm

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File: MS-13-5, SF Box 56, Folder 6 - Student tickets from Halifax Medical College, Dalhousie College and University

Title: Student tickets from Halifax Medical College, Dalhousie College and University

Reference code: MS-13-5, SF Box 56, Folder 6

Date: 1882-1883 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains 12 student tickets (and other documents) received by Arthur Charles Hawkins confirming his enrolment and attendance during the 1882-1883 session at the Halifax Medical College, Dalhousie College and University, and the Provincial and City Hospital. The tickets are for:

Materia Medica (taught by John F. Black); Physiology (taught by John Somers); Practical Anatomy (taught by D.A. Campbell and A.W.H. Lindsay); Practical Chemistry (taught by W.H. Waddell); Chemistry (taught by George Lawson); Clinical Medicine (taught by Alexander P. Reid and Archibald Lawson); Practical Pharmacy (taught by C.E. Puttner and D. DeW. Harrington); Anatomy (taught by George Sinclair); and matriculation and library tickets.

Physical description: 12 leaves of textual records ; 14 x 9 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 G

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File: MS-13-5, SF Box 56, Folder 7 - Certification tickets from Montreal General Hospital and University of McGill College

Title: Certification tickets from Montreal General Hospital and University of McGill College

Reference code: MS-13-5, SF Box 56, Folder 7

Date: 1884-1885 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains three certification tickets received by Arthur Charles Hawkins during the 1884-1885 session at the University of McGill College and Montreal General Hospital. The first two tickets confirm that Hawkins acted as a clinical clerk and a dresser in the surgical wards of Montreal General Hospital for three months ending in March 1885, as certified by Thomas G. Roddick, MD. The third ticket confirms Hawkins's enrolment in a Clinical Surgery course at McGill University, under Roddick's tutelage.

Physical description: 3 leaves of textual records ; 13 x 9 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 G

Physical condition:

Brownish discoloration to the "clinical clerk" certification ticket

Publication status:

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File: MS-13-5, SF Box 56, Folder 8 - Student tickets from Halifax Medical College, Dalhousie College and University

Title: Student tickets from Halifax Medical College, Dalhousie College and University

Reference code: MS-13-5, SF Box 56, Folder 8

Date: 1881-1885 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains seven tickets received by Arthur Charles Hawkins confirming his enrolment and attendance during the 1883-1884 session at Halifax Medical College, Dalhousie College and University, and the Provincial and City Hospital. The tickets are for: Clinical Medicine (taught by A.P. [Alexander] Reid and John Somers); Surgery (taught by W.E. [Edward] Farrell); and Clinical Surgery (taught by W.E. [Edward] Farrell and J.F. [John] Black); a student ticket for the Provincial and City Hospital authorized by Andrew J. Cowie and Edward Farrell; a Dalhousie College registration ticket for the 1885-1886 session (authorized by John Forrest, Principal); an incomplete ticket for a German course (1885-1886 session); and a library ticket (1881-1882 session) authorized by James Ross.

Physical description: 7 leaves of textual records ; 14 x 9 cm

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