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Summary information

Repository: Dalhousie University Archives

Title: Elrid Gordon Young fonds

Reference code: MS-13-4

Date: 1940-1950 (date of creation)

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Physical description: 27 cm of textual records

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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Eldrid Gordon Young was a Dalhousie professor and biochemist, and conducted secret research in chemical warfare for the Department of National Defence during World War Two. He was born in Quebec City in 1897, and graduated with an MA from McGill University in 1919 and a PhD from Cambridge University in 1921. Following post-doctoral studies in Chicago, he moved to Halifax in 1924 to work at Dalhousie, retiring in 1948 as head of the Department of Biochemistry. Dr. Young was a member of many professional organizations and national and international societies. He was awarded an Honorary DSc from Acadia University in 1957 and an Honorary LLD by Dalhousie University in 1965. He died on 24 March 1976.

Custodial history

Records were donated in two accessions: the custodial history of the 1984 accession is unknown, and the 2010 accession was donated by David Maxwell.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of Eldrid Young's records regarding his chemical warfare research, including correspondence, reports, notebooks, articles, and manuals. There is also his unpublished manuscript

"Adventures of a Chemist in Search of Poisons," in which he recount his 25-year career as a forensic chemist.

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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Accruals

Further accruals are possible, but not expected.

Other notes

• **Publication status**: Published

Access points

- Dalhousie University. Faculty of Biochemistry (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Manuscripts (documentary form)
- Research notes (documentary form)
- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Reports, publications, studies, and documentation (documentary form)
- Biochemistry (subject)
- Dalhousie University--People (subject)
- Universities and colleges--Faculty--Research (subject)
- World War, 1939-1945 (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)
- Montréal (Québec) (place)

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