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# Robert William Murray MacKay fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Dalhousie University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Robert William Murray MacKay fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	MS-13-77
<b>Date:</b>	1917-1977 (date of creation)
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Physical description:</b>	38 cm of textual records and other material
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Robert William Murray MacKay fonds, MS-13-77, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Dr. MacKay was born in Pictou County, Nova Scotia on February 17, 1902. He received his early education at West Branch Elementary School, Pictou Academy and graduated from Dalhousie Medical School in 1928. He studied psychiatry at Brandon Mental Hospital in Manitoba and at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

In 1931, Dr. MacKay returned to Halifax and accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Nova Scotia Hospital. He was appointed Acting Superintendent in 1935 and Administrator-Superintendent in 1937, a post he held until his retirement in 1967. He joined the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie and lectured on psychiatry until a department was formed in 1940, at which time he became a full-time professor.

Dr. MacKay was a member of Canadian and American psychiatric associations and was made a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He was also on the Board of Governors of the Pine Hill Divinity Hall. The Nova Scotia Hospital honoured Dr. MacKay by naming the Children's Unit after him following his retirement. Murray MacKay passed away on May 9, 1977.

### Custodial history

Accession 68-78. The records were donated by Mrs. Lillian MacKay, wife of Dr. MacKay, in 1978.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of lecture notes, administrative papers regarding the Nova Scotia Hospital, certificates of achievement, medals, and personal correspondence.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Restrictions on access

Access restrictions apply to some correspondence. Restrictions will be noted in file-level descriptions. All other materials are open for research.

### Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room. Materials may be under copyright. Contact departmental staff for guidance on reproduction.

### Accruals

Further accruals are possible, but not expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Object (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Speeches (documentary form)
- Certificates (subject)
- Dalhousie University--People (subject)
- Lectures and lecturing (subject)
- Medical archives (subject)
- Medical education (subject)
- Notebooks (subject)
- Nova Scotia--History (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)

- Psychiatry (subject)
- Reports, publications, studies, and documentation (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)

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## Collection holdings

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### **Series: Correspondence of Robert William Murray MacKay**

Title: Correspondence of Robert William Murray MacKay

Date: 1928-1977 (date of creation)

Physical description: (8 folders)

Publication status:

Published

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### **File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 14 - Documents regarding appointment to Nova Scotia Hospital**

Title: Documents regarding appointment to Nova Scotia Hospital

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 14

Date: 1917-1967 (date of creation)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

Published

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### **File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 11 - British Medical Association**

Title: British Medical Association

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 11

Date: 1928 (date of creation)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

Published

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 10 - General Medical Council [London]**

Title: General Medical Council [London]

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 10

Date: 1931 (date of creation)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

Published

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 5 - Nova Scotia Hospital Board of Commissioners**

Title: Nova Scotia Hospital Board of Commissioners

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 5

Date: 1933-1966 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 cm of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This Folder was formerly listed as Box 2, Folder 2.

Restrictions on access:

Access restricted.

Publication status:

Published

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 5 - Nova Scotia Hospital administrative documents**

Title: Nova Scotia Hospital administrative documents

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 5

Date: 1950-1966 (date of creation)

Physical description: 26 pages of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This Folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 18.

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 2 - General Correspondence**

Title: General Correspondence

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 2

Date: 1950-1977 (date of creation)

Physical description: .25 cm of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 12.

Restrictions on access:

Access restricted.

Publication status:

Published

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 4 - Pine Hill Divinity Hall**

Title: Pine Hill Divinity Hall

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 4

Date: 1964-1968 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The United Church of Canada.

Physical description: .75 cm of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This Folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 15.

Publication status:

Published

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 4 - Nova Scotia Hospital: Renewal of detention**

Title: Nova Scotia Hospital: Renewal of detention

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 4

Date: 1966 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes patient names.

Physical description: 19 pages of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This Folder was formerly listed as Box 2, Folder 1.

Restrictions on access:

Access restricted.

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 17 - Life memberships**

Title: Life memberships

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 17

Date: 1967-1971 (date of creation)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

Published

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**Series: Lectures and addresses of Robert William Murray MacKay**

Title: Lectures and addresses of Robert William Murray MacKay



Date: 1937-1973 (date of creation)

Physical description: (3 folders)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 6 - Lectures on mental health**

Title: Lectures on mental health

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 6

Date: 1937-1973 (date of creation)

Physical description: 5 cm of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This Folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 34.

Publication status:

Published

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 7 - Lectures on the clergy and mental health professionals**

Title: Lectures on the clergy and mental health professionals

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 7

Date: 1965 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

By Dr. F.C.R. Chalke.

Physical description: 15 pages of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This Folder was formerly listed as Box 2, Folder 4.

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 3 - Lectures on mental health**

Title: Lectures on mental health

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 3

Date: [1930's?] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This Folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 33.

Publication status:

Published

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**Series: Memorabilia of Robert William Murray MacKay**

Title: Memorabilia of Robert William Murray MacKay

Date: 1917-1973 (date of creation)

Physical description: (10 folders)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 1 - Certificates: High school**

Title: Certificates: High school

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 1

Date: 1917-1921 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes six certificates.

Physical description: 6 pages of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 3.

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 16 - Document regarding Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps**

Title: Document regarding Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 16

Date: 1928-1954 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes one certificate.

Physical description: 1 page

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

Published

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 4 - Medical license: State of Michigan**

Title: Medical license: State of Michigan

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 4

Date: 1930 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes transcript of marks.

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 7 - Certificate: Internal medicine**

Title: Certificate: Internal medicine

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 7

Date: 1931 (date of creation)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

Published

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 5 - Medal: Buckingham Palace**

Title: Medal: Buckingham Palace

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 5

Date: 1937-1953 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes two medals.

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

Published

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 6 - Certificate: Fellow and Mental Hospital Administrator**

Title: Certificate: Fellow and Mental Hospital Administrator

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 6

Date: 1939-1955 (date of creation)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

Published

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 12 - Newspaper clippings: Personal**

Title: Newspaper clippings: Personal

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 12

Date: 1940-1973 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 pages of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 27.

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 9 - Certification: Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada**

Title: Certification: Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 9

Date: 1949 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This folder consists of correspondence with the Royal College of Physicians

Physical description: 3 pages of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This Folder was formerly listed as Box 2, Folder 6.

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 8 - Long Service Award**

Title: Long Service Award

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 8

Date: 1966 (date of creation)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 9 - Membership identification card**

Title: Membership identification card

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 9

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

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**Series: Notebooks of Robert William Murray MacKay**

Title: Notebooks of Robert William Murray MacKay

Date: [19--] (date of creation)

Physical description: (4 folders)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 8 - Various medical subjects [notebooks]**

Title: Various medical subjects [notebooks]

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 8

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes five notebooks.

Physical description: 5 booklets

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This Folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 32.

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 2 - Notebook of Philosophy notes**

Title: Notebook of Philosophy notes

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 2

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This Folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 31.

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 1 - Notebook Psychiatry**

Title: Notebook Psychiatry

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 1

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 cm of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This Folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 30.

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 7 - General medicine**

Title: General medicine

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 7

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 cm of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This Folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 28.

Publication status:

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### **Series: Reports of Robert William Murray MacKay**

Title: Reports of Robert William Murray MacKay

Date: 1938-1966 (date of creation)

Physical description: (8 folders)

Publication status:

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### **File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 23 - Nova Scotia Hospital annual report**

Title: Nova Scotia Hospital annual report

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 23

Date: 1938-1964 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes the years 1938/39, 1951/52, 1952/53, 1956-1964.

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

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### **File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 18 - Insulin therapy**

Title: Insulin therapy

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 18

Date: 1944 (date of creation)



Physical description: 16 pages of textual record.

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 24.

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 19 - Nova Scotia Hospital Standardization**

Title: Nova Scotia Hospital Standardization

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 19

Date: 1951 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

By the American College of Surgeons.

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 15 - Report of the Royal Commission on the Cape Breton Hospital**

Title: Report of the Royal Commission on the Cape Breton Hospital

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 15

Date: 1957 (date of creation)

Physical description: 145 pages of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 25.

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 13 - Report of the Royal Commission on the Criminal Law Relating to Criminal Sexual Psychopaths**

Title: Report of the Royal Commission on the Criminal Law Relating to Criminal Sexual Psychopaths

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 13

Date: 1958 (date of creation)

Physical description: 200 pages of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 26.

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 22 - Nursing study**

Title: Nursing study

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 22

Date: 1966 (date of creation)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 20 - Nova Scotia Hospital annual report: MacKay House**

Title: Nova Scotia Hospital annual report: MacKay House

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 20

Date: 1966 (date of creation)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 21 - Nova Scotia Hospital ward manual**

Title: Nova Scotia Hospital ward manual

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 21

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

Published

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**Series: Unpublished writings of Robert William Murray MacKay**

Title: Unpublished writings of Robert William Murray MacKay

Date: 1946-1966 (date of creation)

Physical description: (6 folders)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 3 - Various papers on criminal behavior**

Title: Various papers on criminal behavior

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 2, Folder 3

Date: 1946-1967 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes newspapers, correspondence, government documents, and journal articles.

Physical description: 2.5 cm of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 13.

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 6 - Lectures and correspondence by Dr. Clyde Marshall**

Title: Lectures and correspondence by Dr. Clyde Marshall

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 6

Date: 1958-1966 (date of creation)

Physical description: .5 cm of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This Folder was formerly listed as Box 2, Folder 3.

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 1 - History of Nova Scotia Hospital**

Title: History of Nova Scotia Hospital

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 1

Date: 1966 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes photo reproduction of Dortha Dix.

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Publication status:

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**File: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 8 - General psychology for nurses**

Title: General psychology for nurses

Title [statRep]: Written by Elca Kaplansky, psychologist

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 3, Folder 8

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Scope and content:

By Elca Kaplansky, Psychologist.

Physical description: 55 pages of textual record

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This Folder was formerly listed as Box 2, Folder 5.

Publication status:

Published

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### **File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 3 - Notes on various subjects**

Title: Notes on various subjects

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 3

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

Note [generalNote]:

This folder was formerly listed as Box 1, Folder 29.

Publication status:

Published

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### **File: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 2 - "A Further Step in Providing Psychiatric Services for Children"**

Title: "A Further Step in Providing Psychiatric Services for Children"

Reference code: MS-13-77, Box 1, Folder 2

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A34

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