



Dundas Museum and Archives

Inventory No. 9

Ellen Osler Memorial Home Fonds

2010 February



Date of creation (inclusive): 1909-1980

Physical description: 18 cm of textual records

Administrative history:

The Ellen Osler Memorial Home was founded in 1909. It was located at 34 Hatt Street which had previously been a private school. The Home was established by the Osler family, chiefly Sir Edmund Osler, in memory of his mother, Ellen Picton Osler (1806-1907), wife of Rev. Featherstone Lake Osler, Rector of St. James Church in Dundas from 1857 to 1879. She was the mother of ten, among who were Featherston Osler, Britton Bath Osler, QC, Sir Edmund Osler, and Sir William Osler. The home was initially created to house and assist elderly Protestants living on limited incomes, but eventually served only women. Over the years the Oslers gave generously to maintain and enhance the building.

The Home was administered by a Board of fifteen men appointed from the business community, serving a three year term. The Women's Board consisted of twelve ladies from the community who were responsible for the appointment of the staff which consisted of a matron, cook, and maid.

With the introduction of the pension system the needs of the women changed. More seniors were able to remain in their homes longer and the Osler Home was unable to provide nursing care for those who required such measures. In 1973 the Directors decided to close the home. The property at 34 Hatt Street was transferred to the Salvation Army.

Custodial history:

The fonds remained in the custody of the Board of the Home until it was donated to the Dundas Museum and Archives by the Secretary, Mrs. D.A. Gall, in 1983.

Scope and content note:

Fonds consists of the charter of the Ellen Osler Memorial Home, inventory book,



financial records, correspondence with the Government of Ontario, and minutes of meetings.

Physical description note:

Fonds also includes a seal, a stamp, and a stamp pad.

Immediate source of acquisition:

Fonds was donated to the Dundas Museum and Archives in 1983 by Mrs. D.A. Gall, the last Secretary to the Board of the Ellen Osler Memorial Home.



Box Listing

Box I

Ellen Osler Memorial Home — letters patent, 1909.

Ellen Osler's Memorial, 1909.

Charter: Ellen Osler Memorial Home, 1909.

Inventory Book, 1909.

Application/Agreement for Admission, n.d.

Indenture, 1933. Passing of account, 1940.

Companies Information Act return, 1939.

Corporate Information Returns, 1944-1980.

Minutes and Financial Statements, 1972-1979.

Correspondence

Legal documents

Statement of Accounts (2 folders)

Surrender of Letters patent, 1980.

Clippings



Box 2

Receipts and Disbursements Ledger Book, 1952-1965.

Receipts and Expenses Ledger Book, 1966-1980.

Corporate seal.

Stamp and stamp pad.