

A Guide to the

Dr. Kenneth B. Roberts *fonds*

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Title: Dr. Kenneth B. Roberts *fonds*
Dates: 1912, 1920-1989; predominant 1976-1989
Extent: 18 cm of textual material -- 12 photographs -- 110 slides

Biographical sketch:

Kenneth Bryson Roberts (1923-), physician, professor and 1st Associate Dean of Medicine, Memorial University of Newfoundland, was born in London, England in 1923, the son of William Charles and Mary Arabella (Pleace) Roberts. He was educated at Emandel School, Wandsworth, London and graduated from the University of London (MB, BS, MRCS, LRCP) in 1945. He received a BA from the University of Oxford in 1949 and a DPhil degree in 1953. Dr. Roberts began his academic career as a research scientist at Oxford University (Oxford School of Pathology, 1949-1954) and later taught at the Medical College, Baghdad (Associate Professor of Physiology, 1956-1961). From there, he moved to the University of Edinburgh (Senior Lecturer in Physiology, 1956-1961) and then to the University of London (Reader in Psychology, 1961-1967).

In 1968, Dr. Roberts was appointed the first Associate Dean of Medicine and Professor of Physiology for the new Medical School at Memorial University. In 1975 he resigned as Associate Dean to devote himself to full-time teaching and research as Professor of Physiology. In 1983 he became the first John Clinch Professor of Medical History at Memorial. This position allowed him to collect and care for valuable medical texts, produce historical lectures, and teach in special history of medicine courses. He retired from this post in 1988.

Dr. Roberts held positions in a variety of medical organizations, serving on the executive committee of the Medical Research Council of Canada, as chairman of the Scientific Committee of the Canadian Heart Foundation and on the executive committee of the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine. He was founding editor of the Canadian Bulletin of Medical History, has contributed to a number of books and published papers in pathology, physiology, molecular biology, the history of medicine and higher education, and co-authored a major work with MUN colleague J.D.W. Tomlinson.

Dr. Roberts married Ruth Mary (May) Catchpool and they have four children: Daniel, Peter, Alason, and Benjamin. He presently resides in New Germany, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Custodial history:

Personal papers, teaching material, and publications of Kenneth B. Roberts were left in the Kenneth B. Roberts Historical Collection in the Health Sciences Library after Dr. Roberts' retirement in 1988. When Dr. John Crellin accepted the position of John Clinch Professor of Medical History, he moved into office space previously occupied by Dr. Roberts. The papers

were discovered shortly after and were retained by Dr. Crellin until the formation of the Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive in July of 1999. Dr. Crellin transferred the papers to the archive in September 1999.

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of material relating to Dr. Kenneth B. Roberts and his work while holding the John Clinch Professor of Medical History position in the Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University of Newfoundland. It also contains work on monographs (published and unpublished), which were completed and organized by Dr. K.B. Roberts. *Fonds* is composed of the following series, and followed by a list of publications:

- 1.0 Correspondence, 1977-1989
- 2.0 History of Medicine Material, 1976-1986 (**Contains Restricted Material**)
- 3.0 Newspaper Articles, 1978
- 4.0 Slides and Photographs, 1912, [between 1920 and 1950], [between 1965 and 1986]
- 5.0 Materials relating to *Caring for the Sick in Newfoundland* - unpublished collection of medical history essays edited by Dr. Roberts, 1979-1988

Source of title:

Supplied title is based on contents of the *fonds*.

Acquisition:

The papers of Dr. Kenneth B. Roberts were donated to the archive by Dr. John Crellin, who had found the papers in the Kenneth B. Roberts Historical Collection. Dr. Crellin felt that the records would be cared for properly when stored in the archive.

Arrangement:

When the papers of Dr. Kenneth B. Roberts arrived at the Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive, there was some degree of order present. Files were clearly labelled with original titles used in earlier office procedures. This formed the framework for further arrangement and description of the collection.

Restrictions:

Access to some of the materials in this *fonds* is restricted. Such materials are clearly marked in the finding aid and will not be available to researchers. For further instruction, contact the archivist.

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Accruals:

Dr. Kenneth B. Roberts was informed about the formation of the Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive. Further accruals may be expected.

Location:

COLL-003, Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive

Finding aid:

Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive finding aid # 003. File level control

Series and sub-series list:

1.0 Correspondence, 1977-1989

- 1.01 1977
- 1.02 1978
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2.0 History of Medicine Materials, 1976-1986 (*Contains Restricted Material*)

- 2.01 Correspondence, 1978-1985
(*Contains Restricted Material*)
- 2.02 History of Medicine Lectures, 1976-1986
- 2.03 History of Medicine Courses, [between 1976 and 1986]
- 2.04 History of Medicine Crucial Experiments Project Materials, [between 1976 and 1986]

3.0 Newspaper Articles, 1978

- 3.01 Re: History of Medicine Professorship, 1978

4.0 Slides and Photographs, 1912, [between 1920 and 1950], [between 1965 and 1986]

- 4.01 Slides, [between 1965 and 1985]
- 4.02 Miscellaneous Photographs, Reproduced [between 1976 and 1986]
- 4.03 Photographs submitted for *Caring for the Sick in Newfoundland*, 1912, [between 1920-1950], [between 1976 and 1986]; predominant, [between 1928 and 1950]

5.0 Materials relating to “Caring for the Sick in Newfoundland” – unpublished collection of medical history essays edited by Dr. K.B. Roberts, 1979-1988

- 5.01 Correspondence and Related Material, 1981-1988
- 5.02 Beverley Andrews - “Midwifery in St. John’s,” 1982-1983
- 5.03 Ian Bowmer - “Seal Finger,” 1981-1983

- 5.04 A. R. Cox - "The Medical School & Health Care System in the Province of Newfoundland," 1982-1983
- 5.05 Paul Fardy - "History of Laboratory Medicine in Newfoundland," 1982-1983
- 5.06 J. George Fodor - "Epidemiological Studies of Hypertension in Newfoundland, 1967-1983," 1982-1983
- 5.07 James Hiller - "Wilfred Grenfell," 1982-1983
- 5.08 Hedley King – untitled, 1981-1983
- 5.09 Jane Lewis and Mark Shrimpton - "Notes Towards an Assessment of Health Policy Under Commission of Government, 1934–1949," 1982-1983
- 5.10 Patricia O'Brien - "No Other Friend - Henry Hunt Stabb and the St. John's, Newfoundland Provisional Asylum for the Insane," 1979-1984
- 5.11 John O'Mara - "The Newfoundland Pharmaceutical Association," 1981-1983
- 5.12 W. Anthony Paddon - "Medical Care at North West River," 1981-1983
- 5.13 W. David Parsons - "Medical Societies in Newfoundland to 1949," 1983
- 5.14 Ian Rusted - "Medical Specialization in Newfoundland," 1982-1983
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- 5.16 John Sheldon - "Changing Patterns of Medical Practice in an Outport," 1983
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- 5.18 J. H. Williams - "Development of Health Services in Labrador and Northern Newfoundland," 1982-1983

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1.01.001 Correspondence, 23 June - 18 November 1977

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1.02.001 Correspondence, 5 January - 19 December 1978

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1.03.001 Correspondence, 18 February - 10 December 1979

1.04 1982

1.04.001 Correspondence, 15 February - 10 November 1982

1.05 1983

1.05.001 Correspondence, 11 January - 29 December 1983

1.06 1984

1.06.001 Correspondence, 4 January - 19 December 1984

1.07 1985

1.07.001 Correspondence, 7 January - 6 December 1985

1.08 1986

1.08.001 Correspondence, 21 January - 29 December 1986

1.09 1987

1.09.001 Correspondence, 29 January - 29 December 1987

1.10 1988

1.10.001 Correspondence, 1 February - 13 November 1988

1.11 1989

1.11.001 Correspondence, June 1989

2.0 History of Medicine Materials, 1976-1986
*(Contains Restricted Material)***2.01 Correspondence, 1978-1985**
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2.01.001 Re: Library survey, 20 February 1978 - 18 December 1978

2.01.002 Correspondence, 31 August 1979 - 6 March 1985

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2.02 History of Medicine Lectures, 1976-1986

2.02.001 Correspondence regarding lectures, 12 October 1976 - 7 December 1978

2.02.002 Notes for lectures, [between 1976 and 1986]

2.02.003 Notices of public lectures, 1985-1986

2.03 History of Medicine Courses, [between 1976 and 1986]

2.03.001 Correspondence regarding courses, 26 July - 26 October 1978

2.03.002 Course descriptions, [19-]

2.03.003 Notes used in courses, [between 1976 and 1986]

2.04 History of Medicine Crucial Experiments Project Materials, [between 1976 and 1986]

2.04.001 O. T. Avery et al., [between 1976 and 1986]

2.04.002 J. L. Gowans, [between 1976 and 1986]

2.04.003 Project pamphlets and list of crucial experiments, [between 1976 and 1986]

3.0 Newspaper Articles, 1978

3.01 Re: History of Medicine Professorship, 1978

3.01.001 Various articles from *the Evening Telegram* and *The Gazette*, 1978

4.0 Slides and Photographs, 1912, [between 1920 and 1950], [between 1965 and 1986]

4.01 Slides, [between 1965 and 1985]

4.01.001 110 unlabelled and unidentified slides used in lectures and classes, [between 1965 and 1985]

4.02 Miscellaneous Photographs, Reproduced [between 1976 and 1986]

4.02.001 Dr. J. L. Gowans
Reproduced [between 1976 and 1986] : b&w ; 12.5 x 17.5 cm ; no negative

4.02.002 Dr. Bernard
Reproduced [between 1976 and 1986] : b&w ; 12.5 x 17.5 cm ; no negative

4.02.003 Dr. Hales
Reproduced [between 1976 and 1986] : b&w ; 12.5 x 17.5 cm ; no negative

4.02.004 Dr. Gregor Mendel
Reproduced [between 1976 and 1986] : b&w ; 12.5 x 17.5 cm ; no negative

4.02.005 Dr. G. T. Avery
Reproduced [between 1976 and 1986] : b&w ; 12.5 x 17.5 cm ; no negative

- 4.02.006 Unidentified physician
Reproduced [between 1976 and 1986] : b&w ; 12.5 x 17.5 cm ; no negative
- 4.02.007 Unidentified man with dog
Reproduced [between 1976 and 1986] : b&w ; 15 x 25 cm ; no negative
- 4.02.008 3 Photographs of experiments probably used in lectures
Reproduced [between 1976 and 1986] : b&w ; 20 x 25 cm ; no negative
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- 4.02.009 Medical equipment and 2 images of microscopic objects
Reproduced [between 1976 and 1986] : b&w ; 12.5 x 17.5 cm ; no negative
- 4.02.010 Enlarged microscopic image of cell behaviour or bacteria
Reproduced [between 1976 and 1986] : b&w ; 12.5 x 17.5 cm ; no negative
- 4.03 Photographs submitted for *Caring for the Sick in Newfoundland, 1912, [between 1920 and 1950], [between 1976 and 1986]; predominant, [between 1928 and 1950]***
- 4.03.001 Seal Finger affliction (see 5.03.004)
[between 1976 and 1986] : b&w ; 12.5 x 17.5 cm ; no negative
- 4.03.002 Dr. Harry Paddon aboard the hospital boat *Maraval*
1932 : b&w ; 12.5 x 17.5 cm ; no negative
- 4.03.003 Dr. Harry Paddon on International Grenfell Association schooner
Goldthwaithe
1932 : b&w ; 7.5 x 12.5 cm ; no negative
- 4.03.004 Dr. Harry Paddon, 2 unidentified men, and Mina Gilchrist (later Mina Paddon)
1912 : b&w ; 7.5 x 12.5 cm ; negative available
- 4.03.005 Dr. Harry Paddon and Mina Paddon gardening by North West River hospital
[between 1920 and 1939] : b&w ; 12.5 x 17.5 cm ; negative available
- 4.03.006 Paddon bungalow, Hospital, and Chapel or "Mission Room" at Indian Harbour
[between 1930 and 1950] : b&w ; 12.5 x 17.5 cm ; negative available

- 4.03.007 First cottage hospital at North West River
[between 1930 and 1950] : b&w ; 10 x 15 cm ; negative available
- 4.03.008 View of Indian Harbour, ship on far right is *Strathcona I*
[between 1930 and 1950] : b&w ; 7.5 x 12.5 cm ; no negative
- 4.03.009 View of Indian Harbour during winter
[between 1930 and 1950] : b&w ; 5 x 10 cm ; no negative
- 4.03.010 The second North West River hospital
1940 : b&w ; 12.5 x 17.5 cm ; no negative
- 4.03.011 Hospital boat *Maraval* in unidentified fishing port
[between 1930 and 1950] : b&w ; 7.5 x 12.5 cm ; negative available
- 4.03.012 The schooner *Yale*
[between 1930 and 1950] : b&w ; 7.5 x 10 cm ; negative available
- 4.03.013 Unidentified schooner
[between 1928 and 1948] : b&w ; 7.5 x 10 cm ; no negative

5.0 Materials relating to “Caring for the Sick in Newfoundland” - unpublished collection of medical history essays edited by Dr. K. B. Roberts, 1979-1988

5.01 Correspondence and Related Material, 1981-1988

- 5.01.001 Correspondence, 22 March 1982 - 1 July 1988
- 5.01.002 Notes and research materials, 1982-1984
- 5.01.003 Project proposal drafts, 1981-1982

5.02 Beverly Andrews - “Midwifery in St. John’s,” 1982-1983

- 5.02.001 Correspondence, 14 July 1982 - 1 July 1983
- 5.02.002 Notes and research materials, 1981-1982
“Midwifery in St. John’s, 1920-1935, ” by Beverley Andrews, 3 April 1981

5.03 Ian Bowmer - “Seal Finger,” 1981-1983

- 5.03.001 Correspondence, 2 November 1981 - 10 November 1983
5.03.002 Notes and research materials, Reproduced, [between 1981 and 1983];
(Original date, 1957)
5.03.003 Draft of essay, "Seal Finger," 1981-1983
5.03.004 Photograph - Seal Finger affliction of thumb (See 4.03.001)
- 5.04 A. R. Cox - "The Medical School & Health Care System in the
Province of Newfoundland," 1982-1983**
- 5.04.001 Correspondence, 19 July 1982 - 1 August 1983
5.04.002 Draft of essay, "The Medical School & Health Care System in the
Province of Newfoundland," 1983
- 5.05 Paul Fardy - "History of Laboratory Medicine in Newfoundland,"
1982-1983**
- 5.05.001 Correspondence, 19 July 1982 - 1 August 1983
- 5.06 J. George Fodor - "Epidemiological Studies of Hypertension in
Newfoundland, 1967-1983," 1982-1983**
- 5.06.001 Correspondence, 14 July 1982 - 4 November 1983
5.06.002 Draft of essay, "Epidemiological Studies of Hypertension in
Newfoundland, 1967-1983," 3 November 1983
- 5.07 James Hiller - "Wilfred Grenfell," 1982-1983**
- 5.07.001 Correspondence, 14 July 1982 - 1 July 1983
5.07.002 Draft of essay, untitled, (2 copies), 1982-1983
- 5.08 Hedley King – untitled, 1981-1983**
- 5.08.001 Correspondence, 16 November 1981 - 1 July 1983
- 5.09 Jane Lewis and Mark Shrimpton - "Notes Towards an Assessment of
Health Policy Under Commission of Government, 1934–1949," 1982-
1983**
- 5.09.001 Correspondence, 19 December 1982 - 1 July 1983

5.09.002 Edited draft, "Notes Towards an Assessment of Health Policy Under Commission of Government, 1934–1949," 1981-1983

5.10 Patricia O'Brien - "No Other Friend - Henry Hunt Stabb and the St. John's, Newfoundland Provisional Asylum for the Insane", 1979-1984

5.10.001 Correspondence, 30 November 1979 - 20 January 1984

5.10.002 Research notes and materials, [19-]

5.10.003 Draft of "No Other Friend" by Patricia R. O'Brien (2 copies), 1984

5.10.004 Draft of "A Cradle of Hope: Henry Hunt Stabb and Palk's Cottage," by P. O'Brien, (2 copies), 1984

5.11 John O'Mara - "The Newfoundland Pharmaceutical Association," 1981-1983

5.11.001 Correspondence, 11 November 1981 - 1 July 1983

5.11.002 Draft of essay, "The Role of Pharmacy," by J.J. O'Mara, Ph.C., 1981-1983

5.12 W. Anthony Paddon - "Medical Care at North West River," 1981-1983

5.12.001 Correspondence, 16 November 1981 - 13 September 1983

5.12.002 Research materials and notes

5.12.003 Draft of essay, "Medical Care at North West River," (2 copies), 1983

5.12.004 Photographs of Harry Paddon at North West River, (See 4.03-002-4.03.006)

5.13 W. David Parsons - "Medical Societies in Newfoundland to 1949," 1983

5.13.001 Correspondence, 1 July 1983

5.13.002 Draft of essay, "Medical Societies in Newfoundland to 1949," 1981-1983

5.14 Ian Rusted - "Medical Specialization in Newfoundland," 1982-1983

5.14.001 Correspondence, 8 January 1982 - 16 November 1983

5.14.002 Research notes and materials

5.14.003 Draft of essay, "Medical Specialization in Newfoundland," 1982-1983

- 5.15** **Maurice Scarlett - "The Population of Newfoundland," 1981-1983**
- 5.15.001 Correspondence, 22 October 1981 - 21 July 1983
- 5.15.002 Draft of essay, "The Population of Newfoundland," 1981-1983
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- 5.16** **John Sheldon - "Changing Practice in a Newfoundland Outport," 1983**
- 5.16.001 Correspondence, 1 July 1983
- 5.16.002 Draft of essay, "Changing Patterns of Medical Practice in an Outport," 1983
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- 5.17** **Janet Story - "General Hospital School of Nursing," 1981**
- 5.17.001 Correspondence, 16 November 1981
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- 5.18** **J. H. Williams - "Development of Health Services in Labrador and Northern Newfoundland," 1982-1983**
- 5.18.001 Correspondence, 2 September 1982 - 1 July 1983
- 5.18.002 Drafts of essay (2 copies), "Development of Health Services in Labrador and Northern Newfoundland," (2 copies), 1982-1983

Publications

(Stored in Technical Services, Archive Section)

1. Faculty of Medicine Handbook - 1991
2. Faculty of Medicine Curriculum - 1991
3. Faculty of Medicine Calendar - 1991
4. General Hospital/Health Science/Miller Centre telephone directory - October 1990
5. The History of Medicine at MUN's Medical School from 1969-1988 by B. Payton
6. Scientific Day: 1993. Faculty of Medicine
7. Inaugural Lecture by Dr. J. Langford, Professor of Medical Ethics. MUN. January 1988
8. Rural Medicine: Invitational Meeting and Fair: HSC, 23 & 24 February 1990
9. Faculty of Medicine Handbook - 1989-1990
10. Medical Research at Memorial University of Newfoundland (undated)
11. A. R. Cox: Dean of Medicine (undated)
12. Faculty of Medicine Committee on Undergraduate Evaluations and Appeals: Workshop Reports and Recommendations, 1993
13. Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty of Medicine: Guidelines and Principles for Preclerkship Evaluations, 1993