

A Guide to the

**Wesley J. Drodge & the construction of the
Health Sciences Centre collection**

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Title: Wesley J. Drodge & the construction of the Health Sciences Centre collection
Dates: 1969-1996
Extent: 1 cm textual records; 96 colored slides; 9 colored photographs

Biographical sketch:

Wesley Jacob Drodge “Wes” (1945-) was born at Adeytown, Newfoundland and Labrador in 1945 to Cyril and Dorothy Louisa (nee Adey) Drodge. Drodge is married to Jeanne Justa Marie (Denis) Drodge of Saskatchewan. They currently reside in Adeytown, Newfoundland and Labrador. Drodge retired in 2016.

Drodge was first educated at home by his mother with a few months of in-school due to the lack of local teachers, then Deep Bight and Grades 10 & 11 at Horwood High, Clarenville, Newfoundland and Labrador. He graduated from Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's with a Bachelor of Economics in 1978, M. Sc. Community Medicine) 1981, and MBA (on the Dean's List) 1997. He also received technical diplomas in Architectural Drafting and Electronics from The College of Trades and Technology, St. John's.

Drodge began work at MUN in 1965 in the Physics Department as a Laboratory Technologist, first in the teaching labs and then following a course in Seismology at Energy Mines and Resources labs in Toronto as a research assistant in Geophysics including operating the Seismograph Station at MUN and developing and operating a research building in the White Hills (now demolished). He also provided technical assistance to geophysical studies in Baffin Island and Norway. He moved to the Faculty of Medicine, MUN as the Project Coordinator for the development of the new Health Sciences Centre in 1972. This included coordinating the design, equipping and commissioning of the General Hospital and Faculty of Medicine areas. Drodge also provided consulting to the HSC partners for the integration of operational management. Drodge was a management consultant for the health studies of the mine workers in Labrador City, Wabush and Baie Verte, Newfoundland and Labrador.

In 1980, Drodge relocated to Moncton, New Brunswick where he worked as Project Coordinator for the redevelopment of the Moncton Hospital. This included design, construction, equipping, commissioning and integrating the new and existing facilities and operations. He relocated to Oshawa, Ontario in 1990 to work as Vice President, responsible for the master planning and the subsequent initiation of the redevelopment of the Oshawa General Hospital as well as Vice President for operations in various departments.

Returning to Newfoundland in 1995, he was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of a new board and led the integration of The Bonavista Peninsula Health Care Complex, The Dr. G. B. Cross Memorial Hospital, and the Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre. This included

restructuring of management, operational and financial systems and programs into a new Peninsulas Health Care Corporation.

In 1999, he relocated to Hay River North West Territories to work as Chief Executive Officer at Hay River Health and Social Services Authority. He also chaired a working group for the restructuring of the health and social services delivery system in the North West Territories. During this period Drodge also taught management studies courses at Aurora College, Hay River, North West Territories.

In 2006, Drodge relocated to Moosonee, Ontario to act as Chief Executive Officer of the James Bay General Hospital which was responsible for health care services in a number of James Bay towns and First Nations Communities. In addition, he was a member of the restructuring team that led to the Federal and Provincial health and social services funding and delivery systems being combined into one new organization.

Drodge was recruited by MUN and the Provincial Government in 2008 to return to MUN as Project Director to manage the design and construction of the new Medical Education and Research Building (Faculty of Medicine Expansion Project) on the Health Sciences Centre site. While at MUN, he also provided consulting services for other MUN infrastructure projects. He also carried out management studies for the Provincial Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. During his career, Drodge held Board Offices in many health care organizations in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Ontario and Canada. These included: The Arthritis Society, New Brunswick Lung Association, NL Public Health Association NL, NL Hospital Association, Canadians for Health Research, chaired a number of Federal Provincial Task Forces in the Energy Management field, Canadian representative on the International Energy Agency Committee that developed a series of energy management guideline and best practice manuals for health care facilities and chaired a number of Canadian Standards Association's Standards Committees for health care facilities standards. Drodge was a mentor/faculty advisor for health management students –Canadian Hospital Association and Canadian School of Management. He was an active member and held office in Canadian Organization for the Advancement of Computers in Health, Canadian Hospital Engineering Society and was a member of the Canadian People to People Citizen Ambassador delegation to Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Peru in 1983.

Drodge has also formed and operated a project management company. He formed a non-profit energy management consulting business with two other colleagues. Drodge is an active contributor to MUN fundraising and has endowed a number of MUN scholarships. He was and is active in his community. Drodge regularly contributed to numerous publications in his field.

Custodial history:

Papers of Wesley J. Drodge were kept at Wesley's home in Adeytown, Newfoundland and Labrador prior to being donated to Memorial Libraries in 2018. The papers were then taken into custody at the Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive, Health Sciences Library, Memorial University.

Scope and content:

Collection consists of reference materials, photographs and slides relating to the construction of the Health Sciences Centre, 1969-1996 and various researcher resources used by Wesley J. Drodge, 1970's.

Source of title:

Title is based on contents of the donation.

Acquisition:

The materials of Wesley J. Drodge were transferred to the Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive from Archives & Special Collections, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University.

Arrangement:

When the materials of Wesley J. Drodge arrived at the Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive, there was no order present. Original order imposed by Archival Assistant. Collection is arranged into the following series:

- 1.0 Reference material relating to the construction of the Health Sciences Centre, 1969-1996
- 2.0 General reference material, 1970's

Restrictions:

There are no restrictions on access to or use of the materials in this collection. Users should be aware that all materials in this collection are protected by copyright and should act accordingly. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain copyright clearance from the copyright holder(s).

Accruals:

Further accruals are possible.

Location:

COLL-089, Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive

Finding Aid:

Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive finding aid #089. Item level control

Series and sub-series list:

- 1.0 Reference material relating to the construction of the Health Sciences Centre, 1969-1996**
 - 1.01 Slides relating to the construction of the Health Sciences Centre, 1972-1978
 - 1.02 Health Sciences Centre construction photographs, Memorial University campus photographs, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador photographs, 1972-1978

1.03 Print reference material relating to the construction of the Health Sciences Centre, 1969-1996

2.0 General reference material, 1970's

2.01 General reference material, 1970's

1.0 Reference material relating to the construction of the Health Sciences Centre, 1969-1996

1.01 Slides relating to the construction of the Health Sciences Centre, 1972-1978

1.01.001 – 1.01.096 96 slides relating to the construction of the Health Sciences Centre, 1972-1978; colour.

1.02 Photographs relating to the construction of the Health Sciences Centre, photographs of Memorial University campus & photographs of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, 1972-1978

1.02.001 Health Sciences Centre: colour ; 8.5 x 12.5 cm ; no negative

1.02.002 Health Sciences Centre: colour ; 8.5 x 12.5 cm ; no negative

1.02.003 Health Sciences Centre: colour ; 8.5 x 12.5 cm ; no negative

1.02.004 The S.J. Carew Building (Engineering), Memorial University : colour ; 8.5 x 12.5 cm ; no negative

1.02.005 Prince Philip Parkway with Memorial University campus buildings visible : colour ; 8.5 x 12.5 cm ; no negative

1.02.006 Health Sciences Centre future site with Memorial University G.A. Hickman building (Education) visible : colour ; 8.5 cm x 12.5 cm ; no negative

1.02.007 Overlooking St. John's from Health Sciences Centre site : colour ; 8.5 x 12.5 cm ; no negative

1.02.008 Overlooking St. John's from Signal Hill site : colour ; 8.5 x 12.5 cm ; no negative

1.02.009 Overlooking St. John's from Signal Hill site : colour ; 8.5 x 12.5 cm ; no negative

1.03 Print reference material relating to the construction of the Health Sciences Centre, 1969-1996

- 1.03.001 Brief to Consultants for Functional Planning of Life Sciences – Health Sciences and University Hospital Centre, January 1969.
- 1.03.002 H.S.C. on Memorial University Campus, 196[].
- 1.03.003 History of the H.S.C., 1978.
- 1.03.004 Floor Plans H.S.C., 1978.
- 1.03.005 The Health Sciences Centre – Where Sharing is a Way of Life, Gushue, Sheila, 197[].
- 1.03.006 The History of Medicine at MUN Medical School from 1969-1988, Payton, B.W., September 1988.
- 1.03.007 Proceedings Conference on Northern Medicine and Health June 23-25, 1977. Sponsored Jointly by The International Grenfell Association and Memorial University of Newfoundland.
- 1.03.008 Occasional papers in Medical History: number one. Smallpox: an historic disease, Roberts, K.B., 1978.
- 1.03.009 Memorial University of Newfoundland Intern Training Program: Submission to the Canadian Medical Association Committee on Intern Training from the Intern Subcommittee of Memorial University of Newfoundland and affiliated hospitals, April 30, 1968.
- 1.03.010 Planning Conference for a Health Sciences Centre, Memorial University of Newfoundland. September 1,2,3, 1996. Proceedings of an Open Meeting, September 3, 1966, Little Theatre, Memorial University.
- 1.03.011 Association for the Study of Medical Education. Eaton, Dr. J.D., Ph.D., 31 December, 1965.

2.0 General reference material, 1970's

2.01 General reference material, 1970's

- 2.01.001 “The International Grenfell Association. Part II: The benefits of Newfoundland’s entry into Confederation”, CMA Journal, February 18, 1978, Vol. 118, pages 446-449, Thomas, Gordon W., MD.
- 2.01.002 “Outpost Nursing in Northern Newfoundland”, The Canadian Nurse, August 1977, Graydon, Jane & Hendry, Judith, pages 34-37.
- 2.01.003 “Where Shall John Go?” Newfoundland. British Medical Journal, 22 January 1977, Thrush, David MD, pages 222-224.
- 2.01.004 “Grenfell’s legacy to Labrador and Newfoundland”. Canadian Medical Association Journal, February 4, 1978, Vol. 118, No. 3, Grenfell, Thomas W. FRCS[C], pages 308-310; 326; 446-459.