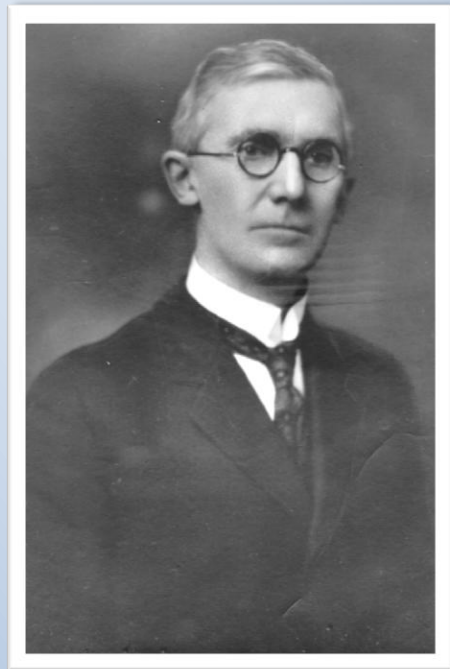


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ACADIA UNIVERSITY

Frederic William Patterson collection

Accession 1979.004



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Frederic William Patterson collection. – [textual records, sound recordings]. – 1916-1971. – 29 cm of textual records. – 2 audio tape cassettes. – 3 audio tape reels

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1979.004/1 Acadia University Office of the President Records. – 1924 – 1962. – 16 cm of textual records

Series consists of records from F.W. Patterson's office, created while he was President of Acadia University

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

Subseries and File List

1979.004/1/1 Acadia University Administration Records. – 1924 – 1948. – 2 cm of textual records

Sub-series consists of material that relates to the administration of Acadia University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of sub-series

1979.004/1/1/1 Taxation of Acadia University Property. – 1924 – 1927. – 8 leaves of textual records

File contains correspondence, bills, etc. regarding the taxation of Acadia University property.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/1/2 Electricity Consumption. – 1927. – 3 leaves of textual records

File contains correspondence between Patterson and R.W. Ford, Secretary of the Wolfville Electric Commission.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/1/3 Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital. – 1929. – 7 leaves of textual records

File contains correspondence between Dr. Patterson and other individuals regarding the hospital.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/1/4 Fire Protection. – 1927 – 1942. – 12 leaves of textual records

File contains:

- A letter to Dr. Patterson from R.W. Ford, town clerk, regarding fire maintenance including a cost statement, 1927
- Maintenance statement 1926
- A letter to Patterson from "HRS", secretary of NS Board of Fire Underwriters 1939
- A letter from Patterson addressed "Dear Friend" about fire hazard at Acadia University, Jan 7, 1942
- Inspection report 1942

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/1/5 Chemical Library Endowment. – 1933 – 1942. – 5 leaves of textual records

File contains a list of graduates who went to other universities other than Acadia University with scholarships or lab assistantships in Chemistry or Biology 1933-1934; a letter to E.M. Little from Patterson regarding the endowment; a letter to

V.V. Bartram from Patterson; and a letter to John S. Bates from Patterson.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/1/6 Evangeline Inn Maintenance. – 1946. – 1 leaf of textual records

File contains a letter to Dr. Patterson from Robie Roscoe, Superintendent of Maintenance, May 4, 1946 regarding the Evangeline Inn.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

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1979.004/1/1/7 Landscaping. – [1947]. – 0.25 cm of textual records

File contains landscaping plans, particularly planting lists for the campus.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/1/8 Correspondence. – 1935 – 1948. – 1 cm of textual records

File contains notices and correspondence (mostly copies). Includes the National Selective Service Civilian Regulations, 1943 (re: military service) and financial campaign letters.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/1/9 Greenhouse and Botanical Garden. – [19-]. – 3 leaves of textual records

File contains a copy of a proposal regarding the construction of a greenhouse and botanical garden. The date and author cannot be determined.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/1/10 Teachers College. – [19-]. – 4 leaves of textual records

File contains a proposal for the establishment of a Teacher's College for graduates of Universities.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/2 Acadia University Academic Records. – 1923 – 1947. – 4.5 cm of textual records

Subseries consists of material relating to the various academic departments of the university. Includes information on courses, correspondence with faculty and students, and miscellaneous memos and notices.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of subseries

1979.004/1/2/1 Letters to Prospective Students. – 1923 – 1932. – 0.25 cm of textual records

File contains fourteen letters to prospective students of Acadia University including drafts and final copies.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/2/3 Acadia University Correspondence, Memos, Notices. – 1925 – 1943. – 2 cm of textual records

File contains routine university notices, form letters, memos to

faculty, etc.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1989.004/1/2/4 Registration Statistics. – 1923 – 1947. – 10 leaves of textual records

File contains a list of the religious denominations of students at Acadia University, 1946-1947 and registration statistics from 1923 to 1947.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/2/5 Department Inventories. – 1939 – 1947. – 1.5 cm of textual records

File contains:

- Inventories of Physics apparatus 1939, 1942, 1943, 1945, 1947
- Inventory Dept of Applied Science 1939
- Inventories Chemistry Dept 1939, 1942
- Inventory Art Dept 1943

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/2/6 Acadia University Miscellaneous. – [1934]. – 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains:

- A notice from the Assembly Program Committee
- Recommendations for certificate or diploma in arts
- Faculty regulations
- Requirements for the degree of Master of Arts in English
- Grades in percentages of each department
- An invitation to a Capehart Gramophone recital
- An assembly Program
- A report of the Excuse Committee
- A test from the Department of Psychology of student attitudes towards organized religion
- A supervisor's schedule
- A notice to members of the faculty
- A list of committees of faculty
- A notice regarding the Honors programme
- Recommendations of the committee on extra-mural work
- Page four of an incomplete document explaining requirements for a degree in Engineering
- A copy of a financial report for the Acadia Rink, not dated
- A letter to Patterson from John Rowe of the Manhattan State Hospital in Ward's Island, New York, including a list of published articles written by Rowe, 1934

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/3 Acadia University Board of Governors Records. – 1929 – 1947. – 3 cm of textual records

Subseries consists of documents from and regarding the Board of Governors at Acadia University and its various committees. Includes reports, minutes, and financial statistics.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of subseries

1979.004/1/3/1 Executive Committee. – 1935. – 11 leaves of textual records
File contains copies of reports of the Board of Governors' Executive Committee.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/3/2 Investment Committee. – 1941. – 5 leaves of textual records
File contains a copy of a report made to the Board of Governors, which includes securities, receipts, and expenditures for 1941.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/3/3 Correspondence. – 1929 – 1933. – 1 cm of textual records
File contains:

- A copy of a letter to Acadia University Board of Governors from Patterson about financial campaign, 1929
- A copy of a letter to the Board from Patterson regarding the treasurer's report, 1930
- A copy of a general report to the Board, 1931
- A report to the Board from Patterson about his work as president, 1932
- A copy of a report to the board from Patterson regarding the work of Acadia and its affiliated schools, 1933
- A copy of the Graduate Record Examination results

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/3/4 Committee on Methods of Funding. – 1945. – 1 cm of textual records

File contains copies of reports submitted to the Board of Governors.

Note: Some are annotated

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/3/5 Reports. – 1946 – 1947. – 6 leaves of textual records

File contains routine notices and reports of the annual meeting

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/4 Acadia University Committee Records. – 1931 – 1947. – 2 cm of textual records

Subseries consists of documents that relate to various committees with which F.W. Patterson was involved through Acadia University, namely the Honors Committee, the Committee on Endowment Funds, and the Advisory Committee on Education in the Maritimes and Newfoundland.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of subseries

1979.004/1/4/1 Acadia University Honors Committee. – 1931 – 1935. – 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains minutes of Honors Committee meetings 1931, 1932, 1933; correspondence between Patterson and the Honors Committee, 1934; and Honors Committee recommendations, 1935.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/4/2 Acadia University Committee on Endowment Funds. – 1935 – 1945. – 8 leaves of textual records

File contains a copy of a report on Endowment Funds for Acadia University, as well as a financial table and a list of gifts and legacies received by the university from August 1, 1923 to May 31, 1945.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/4/3 Advisory Committee on Education. – 1945 – 1947. – 1 cm of textual records

File contains copies of minutes of meetings for the Advisory Committee on Education in the Maritimes and Newfoundland.

1979.004/1/5 Talks. – 1945 – 1962. – 0.25 cm of textual records

Subseries consists of material relating to various talks delivered by Patterson apart from at Acadia University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of subseries

1979.004/1/5/1 Funeral address, Ingram B. Oaks. – 1945. – 5 leaves of textual records

File contains a copy of Oaks' funeral address given by F.W. Patterson in 1945.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/5/2 "Plain Talks" Wolfville United Baptist Church. – 1962. – 9 leaves of textual records

File contains nine programs from the "Plain Talk" series prepared by F.W. Patterson for the Wolfville United Baptist Church

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/6 Miscellaneous Records. – 1929 – 1952. – 9 leaves of textual records

File contains a memorandum for "Guidance of Institutions Seeking Approval of the Association of American Universities for Inclusion in its Accepted List", notices of talks, and a copy of "Excerpts from Supreme Court Decision in Case of Percy Walker Thomson", 1946.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/7 Audio recordings. – [19-]. – 3 audio tape reels : 0.5 cm x 1200 ft : magnetic. – 2 audio tape cassettes (90 min.) : chrome dioxide

Subseries consists of two distinct audio recordings which have been transferred onto cassettes. One is a recording of Patterson's 25th anniversary service and the other is a number of people reading poetry and scripture.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of subseries

1979.004/1/7/1 Patterson 25th anniversary. – [1948]. – 1 audio tape cassette (90 min.) : chrome dioxide. – 2 audio tape reels : 0.5 cm x 1200 ft : magnetic

File contains a recording of the service in honor of Patterson's 25th year as president of Acadia University and his retirement.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/1/7/2 Readings. – [19-]. – 1 audio tape cassette (90 min.) : chrome dioxide. - 1 audio tape reel : 0.5 cm x 1200 ft : magnetic

Insert label reads:

"In Dr. Paterson's office as he tries out his new tape recorder. He invites visitors to speak into the machine." The contents of the tape are as follows:

Dr. Gordon Chester Warren (Professor of Practical Theology) quotes scripture

Dr. Patterson quotes poem

Dr. Warren continues

Rev. Ernest S. Mason quotes scripture

Dr. Herbert Francis Scott Thomas (professor of English)

Long pause

Dr. Robert MacGregor Fraser (Associate Professor of Philosophy and Systematic Theology)

Pause

Dr. Thomas Dadson (Professor of History)

Unrecognized voice

Dr. Patterson quotes poem

Woman's voice speaking about Home and School

Dr. Patterson again quotes same poem

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/2 Davison Records. – 1916 – 1973. – 9 cm of textual records

Series consists of material that was collected by F.W. Patterson's daughter and son-in-law, Enid and Dr. J.D Davison and donated to the Acadia University Archives in 1978.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

Subseries and File List

1979.004/2/1 Certificate of Appreciation. – 1938. – 1 roll of textual records

File contains a certificate of appreciation presented to Dr. F.W. Patterson by the Centennial Celebrations Committee, Acadia University Alumni, 1938.

Note: Title taken from original file

1979.004/2/2 Moulton College, Toronto. – 1948. – 1 roll of textual records

File contains a token of thanks presented to President Patterson "with kindest regards and best wishes for continued health and happiness, by the graduates and friends of Acadia in Toronto. At Moulton College, the twenty-second of March, 1948". File includes numerous signatures.

Note: very fragile condition

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/2/3 Degrees. – 1916 - 1949. – 3 rolls of textual records

File contains the original degrees received by Dr. F.W. Patterson from various institutions.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of subseries

1978.004/2/3/1 Doctor of Divinity Degree. – 1916. – 1 roll of textual records

File contains the original degree of Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa) presented to F.W. Patterson by McMaster University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1978.004/2/3/2 Doctor of Laws Degree. – 1948. – 1 roll of textual records

File contains the original degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) presented to F.W. Patterson by Dalhousie University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1978.004/2/3/3 Doctor of Divinity Degree. – 1949 - 1 roll of textual records

File contains the original degree of Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa) presented to F.W. Patterson by Acadia University, May 24, 1949.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/2/4 Writings. – 1940. – 0.25 cm of textual records

File contains a copy of *The Crozer Quarterly* April, 1940 article by Dr. Patterson "The Ordinance of the Gospel" and a poem written by Patterson entitled "Wells and Monuments".

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/2/5 Posthumous papers and tributes. – 1965. – 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains:

- Program from Dr. Patterson's memorial service
- Clippings regarding Dr. Patterson's death
- Excerpts from some of the sympathy cards and letters received by Mrs. Patterson after Dr. Patterson's death
- Correspondence between Jim Davison and J.M.R. Beveridge
- Memo from Dr. Beveridge announcing Patterson's death
- Letter to Board of Governors, Faculty, and Senate from Dr. Beveridge
- Various memorials and tributes
- Letter from Mr. J.D. Davison from Mary Waugh, March 23, 1965

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/2/6 Correspondence: Recollections of Merle H. Mason. – 1973. – 8 leaves of textual records

File contains:

Letter to Dr. Harvey Crowell from Merle H. Mason asking for a tribute to put in a book about F.W. Patterson and two copies of some biographical information on Patterson.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/3 Reference Files. – 1923 – 1971. - 4 cm of textual records

Series consists of material that was collected by the Acadia University Archives' staff from various sources, as reference material.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

Subseries and File List

1979.004/3/1 Acadia University Presidential Inauguration. – 1923. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains Patterson's inauguration program as well as clippings and articles regarding his inauguration as President of Acadia University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/3/2 Clippings and Articles. – 1935 – 1948. – 0.25 cm of textual records

File contains clippings, articles, and *Acadia Bulletin* April, 1935, all dealing with the presidency at Acadia University of Dr. Patterson.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/3/3 Retirement/Acadia University Events. – 1948. – 0.25 cm of textual records

File contains:

- Clippings about Dr. Patterson's retirement as President of Acadia University
- Program for 110th Convocation, May 1948
- Programs for Closing Exercises + Class day
- Program for Baccalaureate Service
- Programs for productions by School of Music of Acadia University
- Program for Honoring Dr. Patterson on his 25th Anniversary

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1979.004/3/4 Article: "The Church Member God Needs". – 1971. – 1 leaf of textual records

File contains a clipping of an article written by Patterson from the *Atlantic Baptist*, March 1, 1971.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Biographical Sketch

Frederic William Patterson was born in Saint John, New Brunswick on July 18, 1877 to Henry Miller Patterson and Mary Frances (McLeod) Patterson. He attended public school in Woodstock, New Brunswick and graduated from Provincial Normal School in 1894. In 1899 he was ordained to the Baptist ministry and the following year he traveled to Western Canada and began ministry there, holding pastorates in Baptist Churches in Calgary, Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, and Winnipeg, Manitoba. F.W. Patterson married Minnie Ray Johnson of Oxford, Nova Scotia in 1904, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

In 1919 Patterson became the secretary of the Baptist Union of Western Canada. For eight years during his time in the West he was the editor of the *Western Baptist* and was concurrently a member and later chairman of the General Board of Education of the Baptist Union of Western Canada. He was also a member of the Senate and Board of Governors of Brandon College in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He returned to Eastern Canada to become president of Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, in 1923, a position which he served for 25 years, retiring in 1948.

Although he never received a formal degree from an accredited university, F.W. Patterson received several honorary titles. He was granted a Doctorate of Divinity from McMaster University in 1916, a Doctor of Laws from University of Alberta in 1922, a Doctor of Civil Laws from Mount Allison University in 1945, and a Doctor of Laws from Dalhousie University in 1948.

Frederic William Patterson passed away in his home in Wolfville, NS, on February 10, 1965, following a long period of ill health.

Custodial History

Since Dr. Patterson had requested that his personal and Acadia presidential records be destroyed after his death, not many records belonging to him remain. This collection contains material from various sources, some of which are more precisely identified than others. The majority of the material appears to have originated in Patterson's office at Acadia University, although how it has come to the archives is unknown. Another selection of material was collected and donated by his daughter and son-in-law, Enid and James Davison. Acadia librarians and archivists collected the remainder of the documents as reference material over a period of time. The collection has been accessioned as the date that the Davison's made their donation to the archives, but the dates when the rest of the material was brought together are unknown.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of three series:

1. Acadia University Office of the President records
2. Davison records
3. Reference files

The first series consists of Patterson's Office of the President records. The second series consists of material that was collected by his daughter, Enid Davison, and his son-in-law, Dr. J. Davison, after his death. The final series is reference material that was collected by Acadia University librarians and archivists after Patterson's death.

Notes

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Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital (Wolfville, Kings Co., NS)
Mason, Merle H.
Oaks, Ingram B.
Rowe, John T.W.

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