Dr. Siménon Alphonse Daudelin Collection

Creator: Béatrice Daudelin, née Tougas & Claire Quintal

Title: Dr. S.-A. Daudelin Collection

Abstract: Papers and photos from Dr. Maudlin including documents concerning Ferdinand Gagnon et Charles Thibault.

Language: French and English.

Extent: 1.2 linear feet (1 box), 3 diaries, .54 linear feet of clippings, photo frames, and 2 oversized documents.

Access: Materials are available to researchers without restriction unless otherwise noted.

Separated material: The diaries, the clippings, the photo frames and the oversized documents are stored separately and can be made available upon request. (SS, Shelved Separately)

Source: Donation, Béatrice Daudelin & Claire Quintal.

Preferred Citation: Dr. Daudlin Collection, French Institute, Assumption College

Additional Information: The Dr. Daudelin collection has materials related to the Félix Gatineau Collection. Dr. Daudelin’s wife, Béatrice Daudelin, came from the family Tougas a prominent family in Worcester with ties to the Rocheleau family. Further documentation on the Tougas Family Association is available in the Rochelle Collection.

Scope and Content: These are papers that belonged to Dr. S.-A. Daudelin and some documentation concerning the exhibit that was presented in honor of Dr. Daudelin. There are documents from his university years in Montréal as well as a many documents concerning the Bordeaux Exposition in 1907. There are also correspondences with various political figures.

Biographical Notes:

Dr. Siménon-Alphonse Daudelin:
Born in Sutton, Québec in 1870, Dr. Daudelin was one of five children of Casimir Daudelin and Flavie Thibault, Sister of the renowned Québec orator and lawyer, Charles Thibault. In 1895, Daudelin finishes his medical degree at Université Laval in Québec City. He then starts to practice medicine in Fort Kent, Maine. He stayed in Maine for a short period of time before moving to Worcester, Massachusetts in 1898 where he sets up his own medical practice. In 1903, Dr. Daudelin officially becomes a US citizen. Dr. Daudelin starts to implicate himself in the Franco-American community as the secretary of organization of a commemorative ceremony in honor of Ferdinand Gagnon, “the founder of Franco-American journalism” as well as a leader in the mouvement to encourage Franco-Americans to become US citizens (like Dr. Daudelin). Then in 1907, Dr. Daudelin is named High Comissioner of the United States to the International
Maritime Exposition in Bordeaux, France, by President Theodore Roosevelt. Upon returning from the exposition in France, he advanced his medical career, specializing in the eye, ear, nose and throat. At 64 years old, he marries Béatrice Tougas a cousin of the Rocheleau Family of Worcester. A mere nine years later, Dr. Daudelin died suddenly in Montréal.

Series Outline:

- Series 1: Exhibit Materials
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Series Descriptions:

Series 1: Exhibit Materials
Before processing the collection, there was an exhibit at the French Institute in order to honor Dr. Daudelin and the generous donation that his wife made to the Institute. There are handouts from the exhibit and notes from Dr. Quintal.

Series 2: Correspondence
There is a sizable amount of correspondence in the collection including correspondence with Franco-American and political figure from the early 20th century. These correspondences have been separated by name whereas the rest of the correspondence has been organized chronologically.

Series 3: Event Programs and Invitations
These are Event programs from his university years in Montréal as well as from various Franco-American gatherings. The majority of documents however come from his activities at the Bordeaux Exposition in 1907.

Series 4: Clippings
There are two distinct types of clippings in this series. There is a large number of newspaper clippings stored in the collection and separately. There are also literary clippings from his university years. These literary clippings are pulled from various literary works. Sometimes the clippings are actual pages torn from books but the majority consists of literary texts that are recopied.

Series 5: Miscellaneous Notes and Writings
This series contain a various ensemble of documents. Amongst his writings, there are his speeches and the text entitled “Antichrist”. The rest of the documents concern all aspects of Dr. Daudelin’s life and work from his university years up to the 1930’s.
**Series 6: Photos**
The photos stored with the collection represent a small portion of the all the photos in the collection. There are 7 frames that include more photos. The portraits are both of professional and personal nature; many come from the 1907 Bordeaux Exposition.

**Series 7: Volumes**
There are a variety of volumes included in the collection including a book that belonged to Ferdinand Gagnon. Specific titles are included in the finding aid.

**Series 8: Diaries**
There are three legal sized diaries that are dated from 1893 to 1897 and cover the time that Dr. Daudelin spent at university in Montréal.
Series 1  Exhibit Materials
  1  Exhibit Handouts [1994]
  2  Dr. Claire Quintal’s notes on the collection and the exhibit

Series 2  Correspondence
  3  Benzais, Sylvio to Mademoiselle [Montréal, 18??]
  4  Bourassa, Mathilde [1910]
  5  Mr. Coutard to Béatrice Daudelin [1961]
  6  Crane, Senator Winthrop Murray (US Senator) [1906-1907]
  7  Daudelin, Casimir to Ma Demoiselle [Sutton, PQ, 1804]
  8  Correspondence concerning Dr. Daudelin’s death
  9  Dubuque, Hugo A.
 10  Fréchette, Louis
 11  Malvina, Gagnon (Ferdinand Gagnon’s widow)
 12  Lodge, Henry Cabot (US Senator) [1905-1922]
 13  Gatineau, Félix to Henry Cabot Lodge [1906]
 14  Mallet, Edmond
 15  Root, Elihu (US Secretary of State)
 16  Smithsonian Institute
 17  1890-1891
 18  1893-1894
 19  1895-1896
 20  1904 Newspaper Correspondences
 21  1904
 22  1905
 23  1907 I
 24  1907 II
 25  1908
 26  1910
27  1911
28  1912
29  1915-1916
30  1921 & 1925
31  1931
32  Undated letter concerning the Légion d’honneur
33  Undated correspondence

Series 3  Event Programs and Invitations
34  St. Jean-Baptiste Day Souvenir 1874
35  Event Programs [1883]
36  Event Programs [1894-1896]
37  Event Programs [1900-1908]
38  Memorial Funeral Programs Ferdinand Gagnon [1904]
39  Event Programs and Invitations [1907]
40  Blueprint Le Clermont ship built by Robert Fulton [1907]
41  Event Programs [1911-1925]
42  Event Programs [1926-1931]

Series 4  Clippings
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