

Health Sciences Historical Society fonds

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Fonds Description

Health Sciences Historical Society fonds. – [1959-1977, 1988].

13 cm of textual records.

Administrative History

The Health Sciences Historical Society was founded in the fall of 1966. The society had a mandate to provide a forum of expression of interest and to promote the study of the history of the sciences dealing with human health. It was formed at the request of Prof. William C. Gibson, at the time head of the Department of the History of Science and Medicine. The precursor to this society was the B.C. branch of the Canadian Society for the Study of the History of Science and Philosophy of Science. Membership was split into three groups: active members (drawn from students and graduates from the faculties of medicine and science), associate members (and interested individuals), and patrons/friends (people with “sympathy for the objects” of the society). Meetings were composed of lectures by members of the society, hosted at member’s homes or other locations. The society likely stopped meeting in the late 1970’s, based on the last meeting notice found in the fonds.

Custodial History

The fonds was donated by Woodward Library. The records had previously been stored with the Memorial Room files at Woodward Library.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of records relating to the founding and running of the Health Sciences Historical Society as well as records relating to the running of the B.C. branch of the Canadian Society for the study of the History of Science and Philosophy of Science. This includes drafts and copies of the Society’s constitution, correspondence, newsletters, meeting minutes, agenda, mailing lists, reports, a lecture transcript, and a notebook recording event attendees with programs and menus stapled in. The order that the fonds was kept in at Woodward Library has been retained.

Notes

File list available.

Related records can be found in the [William C. Gibson fonds](#).

File List

BOX 1

- 1-1 Health Sciences Historical Society, 1965-1971
- 1-2 H.S.H.S. Correspondence – Speakers, 1966-1973
- 1-3 H.S.H.S. – Patrons and Friends, 1966-1972
- 1-4 H.S.H.S. – B.C. Society for the Study of the History and Philosophy of Science, 1959-1966
- 1-5 Newsletter – Health Sciences Historical Society of B.C. (Feb/70), 1967-1973
- 1-6 Newsletter of January Meeting (70) H.S.H.S. of B.C. ETC, 1966-1971
- 1-7 Expanded remarks by Prof Emeritus Wm C. Gibson, September 7 1988 at the dedication of the History of Medicine and Science Collection in the Charles Woodward Memorial Room, Woodward Library, UBC, 1988
- 1-8 Health Sciences Historical Society of B.C. [Event Book], 1966-1977