

GAIRNS (SADIE) PAPERS

242 Collection of photographs, offprints, clippings, memorabilia, and some correspondence, chiefly relating to F.G. Banting and to Sadie Gairns' work as his assistant in the Department of Medical Research of the Banting Institute. Some personal memorabilia also. 1917-1972.

Extent: 1 box. 5 inches.

Received from Professor Michael Bliss as a gift from Miss Gairns' estate in 1987.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Sadie Gairns, a native of Toronto, graduated with a B.A. in Household Science from University College, University of Toronto, in 1919. She then studied under J.R.R. Macleod and received an M.A. in Physiology in 1922. In the fall of 1922 she was hired as a research assistant to F.G. Banting with whom she worked closely for the next nineteen years. Her name appears with his on seven research papers, 1924-1934. She also came to assume increasing responsibility for the efficient operation of the Department of Medical Research at the Banting Institute. In the spring of 1941, following Banting's death, Sadie Gairns resigned from the Department. She died in Toronto on Nov. 3, 1986, "in her ninetieth year". (Obituary, Globe and Mail, Nov. 4, 1986)

SCOPE NOTE

Most of the printed material about Banting and the photographs is duplicated in the Banting Papers. Miss Gairns assembled the scrapbooks which are in the Banting Papers.

Significant items are noted below.

SELECTED ITEM LIST

- Folder 2 F.G. Banting, Toronto. To Sadie Gairns. Nov. 14/27.
A.L.S. 2 p. On his thirty-sixth birthday he wishes to express his appreciation for all the help Sadie has given him. Note at top: Amen Nov.14/34, initialled F.G.B.
- Folder 3 Research staff, Banting Institute, Toronto. To Dr. C.C. Lucas. Feb. 28/41. A.L.S. (Photograph) Sends message of sympathy to Lady Banting. Signed by 45 staff members.

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- Folder 5 C.C. Lucas, Department of Medical Research, Banting Institute, Toronto. To [Sadie] Gairns. June 30, 1941. A.L.S. 2 leaves. Letter of appreciation on the occasion of her resignation. Signed by 40 members of the Department.
- Folder 6 G.H. Ettinger. Address at Commencement Exercises, High School, Carleton Place, Nov. 20, 1964. Typescript, 8 leaves. Description of Banting's achievements. With covering letter from Ettinger to Sadie Gairns, July 7, 1984.
- Folder 9 W.R. Banting, Alliston. To Sadie Gairns, Toronto. A.N.S. Tells her when his CBC show will be aired.
- Folder 10 [List of] sketches by F.G. Banting (sent to Hart House January 7, 1943) Ms. 1 leaf. 17 titles listed.
- Folder 11 Bibliography of Frederick Grant Banting. Typescript. 4 leaves. Covering note dated April 29, 1941, from [?] Somerville.
- Folders 12-33 Banting memorabilia, clippings, off-prints, etc. 1922-1972. Includes posthumous tributes.
- Folder 34 [List of] Reprints - Department of Medical Research. 1922-1938. Typescript (carbon copy). 18 leaves.
- Folders 37-38 Photographs of Banting, some with Sadie Gairns. Most are also in the Banting scrapbooks which are part of the Banting Papers (Ms. Collection 76).
- Folder 39 Photographs of Institute associates.
- Folders 40-41 Photographs of Gairns family and of Sadie.

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