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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: Ms Coll 21

CREATOR: Jackson, Joan K.

TITLE: Joan K. Jackson Diary on Stanley W. Jackson's Medical Training

DATES: 1948–1951

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Joan K. Jackson, as a graduate student in sociology at McGill University, began a diary on the experiences and views of her husband Stanley K. Jackson and of his fellow students to their medical education at the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University. The diary covers Stanley W. Jackson's third and fourth years at McGill and a year of internship at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

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Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Joan K. Jackson, November 1, 2005.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Joan K. Jackson Diary on Stanley W. Jackson's Medical Training, Historical Library, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library, Yale University

Biographical / Historical

Joan K. Jackson received her M.A. in sociology from McGill University and her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Washington in 1955. She was a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry at University of Washington until 1964, when she moved to New Haven with her husband, Stanley W. Jackson, M.D., who joined the Department of Psychiatry at Yale, and later served as head of the Yale Psychiatric Institute. Joan Jackson conducted pioneering research on alcoholism and the family. After 1964 she served as a consultant on alcoholism, alcoholism and the family, alcoholism and tuberculosis, and the history of Alcoholics Anonymous. She served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous from 1983 to 1992. While working towards her MA in sociology at McGill, Joan Jackson began the diary at the request of her professor, Dr. Oswald Hall, whose research was on sociology of the medical profession. "He had been analyzing and defining the stages of a medical career, and now saw an opportunity of extending his research backward into the training of physicians."

Scope and Contents

Joan Jackson's diary, with entries from 1948 through 1951, covers Stanley W. Jackson's third and fourth years of medical school at McGill University School of Medicine, his first year of residency in psychiatry at the Royal Victorian Hospital in Montreal, and a summer at the Provincial Mental Hospital in Essondale, British Columbia. In this postwar period, many of the medical students, like Jackson, were returned servicemen rather than new college graduates. "The purpose of this diary was mainly to document how the medical training prepared students not only with the medical and scientific knowledge and skills required of doctors, but also with the social skills they would need, i.e. the roles of a doctor. Secondly, the diary included attitudes of friends, acquaintances and co-workers toward illness, doctors, and treatment of illness." Joan Jackson's curriculum vitae (2003) and her explanation for writing the diary (2005) are included with the diary.

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b. 1, f. 1	Medical school: third year	1948 February 1-1948 December 25
b. 1, f. 2	Medical school: third year	1949 January 10 -1949 May 31
b. 1, f. 3	Medical school: fourth year	1949 Summer-1949 December 29
b. 1, f. 4	Medical school: fourth year	1950 January 4-1950 June 22
b. 1, f. 5	Internship	1950 July 10-1950 December 19
b. 1, f. 6	Internship	1951 January 5-1951 June 15

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Interns (Medical)
Interns (Medicine)
Medical education -- Québec -- Montréal
Medical students
Medical students -- Québec -- Montréal
Physicians
Social medicine -- Canada
Sociologists

Genres / Formats

Diaries

Occupations

Psychiatrists

Names

Jackson, Joan K.
Jackson, Stanley W., 1920-

Corporate Bodies

McGill University. Faculty of Medicine
Royal Victoria Hospital (Montréal, Québec)