

DR. ROBERT McCAFFREY

an inventory of his personal
papers and office records held
by the

CHILLIWACK ARCHIVES

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Robert McCaffery, (born in Madoc, Ontario in 1873) graduated from the University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine in 1904. After attaining certification from the B.C. College of Physicians and Surgeons in Vancouver, he established a medical practice in Chilliwack in the Fall of 1904. His rounds took him as far afield as Hope, Harrison, and Abbotsford, by horse and buggy and canoe and boat.

In 1908 Dr. McCaffrey married Rae (Elsie) Chadsey, daughter of a Chilliwack pioneer family. They lived at 15 Mill Street in Chilliwack.

Except for a two year stint, with the Imperial Medical Corps in Greece, during the latter years of World War I, he practiced medicine in Chilliwack from 1904 to 1957, officially retiring in 1952. Dr. McCaffrey was instrumental in establishing Chilliwack General Hospital, and for many years he was the city's official Health Officer. He was a much-respected practitioner of traditional rural medicine.

Dr. McCaffrey's school records, military service records, personal records and collected historical papers were presented to the Chilliwack Museum prior to 1977 (Records of provenance were not kept). His account books and a patient record book (1912-1913) were recovered by John Maddams, a contractor, during the demolition of the doctor's Mill Street home in 1967. These records were donated to the Archives by Ruby Maddams, his widow, in John Maddams' memory in October 1988.

Dr. McCaffrey's licence to practice medicine in British Columbia ^(9ca) is among the Edendouk Form papers, Add. MSS. 362, File 146a.

