

Title:	A.C. Thorburn Prescription Ledger		
Creator:	[Thorburn, A.C.]		
Dates of Material:	1906-1908	Record Group Number:	RG 522
Summary of Contents:	1 book containing prescriptions which have been glued to the pages.		
Physical Description / Condition:	44 cm. x 30 cm. hardcover book. The binding on the spine has come apart from the book. There is a partial label on the front of the book which says #2. There is no way to know what this refers to. The word "invoices" is printed on the spine. Prescriptions are glued to the pages. The book holds approximately 5000 prescriptions. A few of the prescriptions have come loose from the pages.		
Administrative/ Biographical Sketch:	<p>The gift plate in the front of the book indicates that the book is from Walker's Drug Store, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Walker's Drug Company was founded in 1925 by Ivan T. Walker.</p> <p>The dates of this book indicate that it is more likely to have come from A.C. Thorburn, Chemist and Druggist. A.C. Thorburn purchased Smith's Pharmacy and Pursel and Company Dry Goods Store at the corner of Main Street and Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls, Ontario. In 1900, Pursel moved out and Thorburn's Drug Store came into being. Ivan T. Walker, founder of Walker's Drugs was employed by Thorburn Drugs in his teen years.</p> <p>The local doctors whose prescriptions are in the book include: J. H. McGarry; F.W.E. Wilson; C. F. Abraham; W.E. Olmsted; W.W. Thompson; Dr. Robb, dentist; Horace R. Elliot, physician and surgeon and Dr. Sutherland, eye, ear nose and throat specialist.</p> <p>It is noted in an article by Ronald C. McGarry, MD., PhD and Pamela McGarry, RN, BScN entitled <i>Please pass the strychnine: The Art of Victorian Pharmacy (Medicine in Canada, December 14, 1999 (161 (12)))</i> that Dr. R.M. McGarry's great-grandfather, Dr. J.H. McGarry who graduated from medical school in 1894 and practiced medicine until 1948 wrote many of the</p>		

	<p>prescriptions in a book which is described in this article as a “prescription ledger” filled by A.C. Thorburn of Niagara Falls. The books from 1899-1900 and 1900-1904 are mentioned in this article. This appears to be the 1906-1908 version of that set of prescription books.</p>		
Location:	Brock University Archives		
Source Information:	Donated by Mr. Kurt Sorensen, May 7, 1968. The gift letter was signed by E. Phelps		
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