



**DONALD EWEN CAMERON  
(1901-1967) PAPERS  
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### BIOGRAPHY

Donald Ewen Cameron was born in Bridge of Allen, Scotland, in December of 1901. He attended Stirling High School 1908-1913; Glasgow Academy 1913-1919; and the University of Glasgow where he received an MB in 1924. In 1925, he received the diploma in psychological medicine from the University of London. He received the M.D. from Glasgow in 1936.

Cameron started his career at the Royal Mental Hospital in Glasgow under D. K. Henderson and the influence of Adolf Meyer. In 1926, he went to the Phipps Clinic for 2 years on the Henderson Research Scholarship in Psychiatry. While he was with the Boston Psychopathic Hospital, he was induced to go to the Provincial Hospital in Manitoba, Canada. He was in charge of the reception unit there, and organized the mental health work of the western part of the province. From 1936 to 1938, he was at Worcester. From there he went to Albany Medical College as a professor of neurology and psychiatry. In 1943 he went to the McGill University. Cameron was professor of psychiatry and chairman of the department at McGill University and director of the Allen Memorial Hospital. On retirement from McGill, he went to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Albany, New York.

He was president of several organizations: the American Psychiatric Association, the Quebec Psychiatric Society, the Canadian Psychiatric Association, the World Psychiatric Association, the American Psychopathological Association, and the Society of Biological Psychiatry. He published many books, articles and papers. He also delivered several speeches.

His accomplishments were many: the Day Hospital was his idea; he encouraged the formation of the Assembly of District Branches of the APA while he was president; and he organized the Third World Congress of Psychiatry which gave birth to the World Psychiatric Association.

### SCOPE AND CONTENTS

The papers of Donald Ewen Cameron came to the Archives of the American Psychiatric Association in three groups: two in 1977 and the last in 1981. All three have been merged in processing to form a single record group. The collection totals 5 linear feet and is comprised of 4 series: articles and speeches, 1930-1967;

miscellaneous papers, 1934-1967; the American Psychiatric Association, 1949-1967; and the World Psychiatric Association, 1950-1967.

### SERIES: Articles and Speeches

Dr. Cameron filed his speeches in chronological order. In the first folder are his original, but incomplete, lists. (n.d. - no date known.)

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##### Folder 1A

- Instant memory list (list of speeches compiled by DEC.)

##### Folder 1B

- Contributions to psychotherapy from experimental psychology, n.d.
- Freedom from fear, n.d.
- Mechanism of grievance, n.d.
- Modern psychiatric unit, n.d.

##### Folder 2

- New interpretation of human behavior, n.d.
- Observations on the playback of verbal communication" n.d.
- Organization of research in behavior, n.d.
- Proposed use of adenine sulphate..., n.d.
- Role of inhibition in senile and arteriosclerotic brain disease, n.d.
- Social reorganization of Germany, n.d.

##### Folder 3

- Treatment of memory deficits in the aged, n.d.
- Treatment on the acute ward, n.d.
- Urgent mental health questions, n.d.
- Causes and treatment of mental disorder, 3/3/1930
- Some aspects of failure in the retention phase of remembering, 1/7/1942
- Some disorders of remembering, 1943
- Opening address, Allen Memorial Institute, 7/12/1944
- Return from war, 6/1945

##### Folder 4

- Fantasies and editors, 1946
- Teaching of human relations..., 1946
- Nuerenberg and its significance, 1/19/1946
- Social inventions, 1/24/1946
- Lessons on living, 1/31/1946
- Hazards of growing up, 3/28/1946
- Progress to peace, 5/5/1946
- Further studies in the use of adrenalin..., 5/1946
- Job misfits-work conditions, 19467
- Effects of repetition of verbal signals, 19467
- New forms of psychiatric treatment, 10/7/1946

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## Folder 5

- Guilt and anxiety as social controls, 11/18/1946
- Victorian Order of Nurses, 1/30/1947
- Detection...aggressive...behavior, 3/26/1947
- What we read and what we are, 6/4/1947
- Recognition of harmful personalities, 6/10/1947
- Life is for living, 1948
- Personality and society, 2/13/1948
- Human relations in industry, 4/15/1948

## Folder 6

- School and the ordering of the future, 11/18/1948
- Sexuality and sexual disorders, 1949
- Passivity and possessiveness, 3/21/1949
- Welcome to the APA in Montreal, 5/23/1949
- Tension and health, 9/23/1949

## Folder 7

- Emotion and emergency..., 10/20/1949
- Mental and emotional problems of the aged, 10/25/1949
- Social agencies and mental health, 11/29/1949
- Understanding ourselves, 9/6/1951
- Recovery from psychiatric illness, 10/2/1951
- Dangerous men and women, 10/17/1951
- Physician as psychological counselor, 3/24/1952
- Psychotherapeutic process..., 4/3/1952

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- Uses of adjuvants..., 4/16/1952
- Relationship...anxiety, pain, tension..., 4/17/1952
- Special problems of nondirective psychotherapy, 4/22/1952
- Dynamics of general psychotherapy, 4/25/1952
- Vulnerable areas in human behavior, 2/19/1953
- Transition neurosis, 2/26/1953
- Certain loci favorable for therapeutic interference, 3/10/1953
- Personalities fit for the times, 4/13/1953
- Psychiatry and citizenship, 5/1953
- Extended applications of psychosomatic theory..., 10/17/1953

## Folder 9

- Effects of the emotional environment on the arrest of disease and rehabilitation, 7/1/1954
- Mental fatigue in business executives, 7/1954
- Open hospital, 9/3/1954
- Changing the undergraduate medical curriculum, 1955
- Life is for living, 1/19/1955
- Disappearing present, 2/23/1955
- Accelerating of psychotherapy, 4/6/1955

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- CBC television talk, 4/29/1955
- Disorganization: a psychosomatic principle, 6/3/1955
- Effects of the emotional environment on arrest of disease and rehabilitation, 7/15/1955
- Progress in the control of mental illness, 10/11/1955
- Psychic driving, 1956
- Psychiatry and modern thought, 1/24/1956
- Research and the community, 4/19/1956
- Human nature in fiction and in fact, 5/24/1956

## Folder 11

- Psychiatric services in the general hospital, 6/8/1956
- Psychiatric department in the general hospital, 3/1957
- New methods of treatment of behavioral disorders in the aged, 4/28/1957
- Effects of the emotional environment on arrest of disease and rehabilitation, 7/12/1957
- Effects of the emotional environment on arrest of disease and rehabilitation, 7/11/1958
- Memory impairment in the aged, 7/23/1958
- Certain problems in the psychophysiology of remembering, 9/1/1958
- Emotions and tuberculosis, 6/22/1959

## Folder 12

- Selective amnesia, 12/3/1959
- Essence of psychotherapy, 2/28/1960
- Actual state of therapy in depression, 1960
- Effects of reduced sensory input..., 1960
- Further report on effects of repetition of verbal signals, 1960
- Further studies in administration of RNA in the aged patients, 1969
- Emotions and tuberculosis, 6/20/1960

## Folder 13

- Organized research and national progress, 9/27/1960
- Effects of RNA administered on aged patients, 10/1960
- Present status...verbal signals... psychosomatic patients, 10/24/1960
- Open door, 1961

## Folder 14

- Repetition and response, 1961
- Swing of the pendulum, 1961
- Psychiatry and general office practice, 1961
- Studies in preservation, 1961

## Folder 15

- Experimental method in the study of human behavior: central problems, 1961
- Crowell-Collier article, 11/1961

## Folder 16

- Accident service, 1961
- Psychiatry, effective living and community leadership, 11/1961
- Avoidance response..., 1/1962 Outdated psychiatry, 1/1962
- Ending chronic hospitalization, 2/1962
- Recent advances in psychiatric treatment, 3/1962
- New Maudsley lecture, 3/1/1962

## Folder 17

- Effects of intravenous administration of RNA .... 5/1962
- Disorders of remembering .... 5/1962
- Effects of the emotional environment on arrest of disease and rehabilitation, 6/1962
- Philosophy of psychiatry, 8/1962
- Opening door, (article in Canadian Doctor, no copies here), 9/1962
- Extension of psychiatric nursing services, 10/1962
- Mind of man, 10/1962

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- Discovery in medicine, 11/1962
- Process of remembering, 11/1962
- Effects of chemical agents on memory, 1963
- Management of anxiety by the general practitioner, 2/1963

## Folder 19

- Adventures with repetition, 2/1963
- Theoretic and practical aspects of the depatterning procedure, 2/1963
- Psychotherapy in the U.S., 5/1963
- Graduate psychiatric training, 5/1963
- Future trends in psychiatry, (no copies here), 5/1963
- Occupational therapy...psychiatry, 6/1963
- World tour, 1963
- Crowell-Collier article, 1963

## Folder 20

- Effects of RNA on memory defect in the aged, 1963
- Selection of a chairman, 1963
- Coming days: decisions now, 1963
- Opening ceremony-training and research building, 11/13-14/1963
- McGill training network, 1963
- McGill psychology club talk-Memory, 1/24/1964

## Folder 21

- Marital scene, 2/12/1964
- Memory and therapy, 1964
- CJOH interview, 3/24/1964
- CBC interview, 4/3/1964
- RNA and memory (chapter in Gaito's book) 1964
- Observations and decisions 4/10/1964
- Prevention and its implications for social work 4/29/1964

## Folder 22

- Medical rounds (originally done in 1962) 1964
- Social psychology 5/11/1964
- Automation of psychotherapy 11/12/1964
- Memorial mechanisms (photographs of charts) 11/17/1964

## Folder 23

- Six little servants 2/2/1965
- Problems of loss of memory 1965
- Discussion of Canadian papers at the APA annual meeting" 5/1965
- Training of psychiatrists 1965
- Uncovering psychotherapy 1965

## Folder 24

- Memory systems 1965
- Panel on memory (APA annual meeting) 5/3/1965
- Transfer of information 6/17/1965 Day hospital 1965
- 3rd Congress of Latin American Psychiatry 10/1965
- Opening ceremony-training and research building, 11/13-14/1963
- McGill training network, 1963
- McGill psychology club talk-Memory, 1/24/1964

## Folder 25

- Nonverbal communication 1965
- Memory-advances in research 10/28/1965
- Canada's mental health 1965 (automation of psychotherapy)
- White House conference 11/1965
- Round table-Cincinnati 12/1/1965
- Korsakoff syndrome 1965
- Attitude of the public 19667

## Folder 26

- Lectures at the Iowa State University 1/15/1966
- Governor's conference, State of New York 5/6/1966
- APA meeting papers-phobia panel 5/1966
- Public attitudes (acceptance speech) 5/18/1966
- Voice analysis 5/1966
- RNA and memory 6/9/1966

## Folder 27

- Evolving concepts of memory 6/12/1966
- Present status of macromolecules and memory 1966
- Magnesium pemoline and memory 1966 Presidential address-WPA 1966

## Folder 28

- Day hospital presentation-WPA 4th world Congress 1966
- Magnesium pemoline and memory-seminar 9/14/1966
- Postgraduate training symposium (4th World Congress) 1966
- Agents that improve memory 11/3/1966
- Memorial process-functions and dis-functions 11/22/1966

## Folder 29

- Voice analysis 11/23/1966
- Agents affecting the memorial system 11/23/1966
- Current concepts of memory 11/29/1966
- Society of biological psychiatry (meeting, no papers here) 12/1/1966
- Macromolecules and memory 12/1/1966
- Psychology club, New York (talk, no papers here) 12/15/1966
- Aging memory 1966
- Impaired brain functioning 2/6/1967
- Geriatrics 3/1/1967
- WPA editorial in AJP 3/1/1967

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## Folder 30

- Agents influencing the memory process 3/9/1967
- Use of drugs with the geriatric patient 3/16/1967
- Psychiatric aspects of the aging 3/30/1967
- Criteria of proof 4/5/1967
- Forward to Dr. Sargant's book "The Unquiet Mind" 4/12/1967
- Memory and aging 4/14/1967
- Paul Hoch memorial volumes 1967
- Electronic analysis of nonverbal communication 1967
- General psychotherapeutic concepts 1967
- Restoring mental faculties in older persons 1967

*Archives Box 100670***SERIES: Miscellaneous Papers**

Dr. Cameron was interested in many facets of psychiatric care. These papers are his general files from 1934 to 1967, mostly from the late 1950's to 1967. Papers are in their original order.

## Folders

41. Aging (notes), 1965
42. Corporation Pharmaceutique, 1964
43. Creativity, 1950-1964
44. Day Hospital papers, 1947-1960
45. Gerontological Institute, 1967
46. "Human beings and how to recognize them" (mss. by D.E.C.) beginning through ch.6.
47. "Human beings and how to recognize them" (mss. by D.E.C.) ch.7 through end.
48. Longterm physiological and behavioral data storage on human subjects. (n.d.)
49. "Medical institutes" (work in progress) 1953, 1964-1967
50. "Medical institutes" (mss. by D.E.C.) Introduction through ch.3.
51. "Medical institutes" (mss. by D.E.C.) Ch.4 through end.
52. Memory (working papers), 1963-1964
53. Miscellaneous papers, 1965
54. Possible papers/books, 1934-1959
55. Psychology notes, 1946-1949, 1952
56. RNA - sound recordings, n.d.
57. RNA - various RNA notes, 1962
58. RNA - correspondence, 1963
59. Royal Medico-Psychological Association, 1961-1962
60. Sanitorium Gabriels, 1965-1967
61. "Some new conceptions" background material, 1954-1959
62. "Some new conceptions" (mss. by D.E.C.) 1954-1959, 1963-1965
63. World Congress (IV) of Psychiatry, 1965-1966

**SERIES: American Psychiatric Association**

Papers in this series represent Dr. Cameron's involvement with the APA, particularly after his term as president, 1952-1953. He was very involved with the formation of the Assembly of District Branches. Papers are in their original filing arrangement.

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## Folder

31. 1965-1967
32. Ad hoc study group on dynamic leadership, 1967
33. Assembly of District Branches 1950-1960 (mostly 1950, miscellaneous)
34. Assembly of District Branches 1950-1951 (mostly 1951)
35. Assembly of District Branches 1952
36. Assembly of District Branches 1956-1961
37. Assembly of District Branches correspondence, reports 1963-1964 (some 1949-1952)
38. Assembly of District Branches tape/oral history project, 1963-1964
39. Early history (includes oral history by D.E.C. on Assembly)
40. LongTerm Policies Commission agendas, minutes, 1953-1962

**SERIES: WPA**

Dr. Cameron was heavily involved in the international psychiatric movement that culminated in the establishment of the World Psychiatric Association at the 3rd World Congress of Psychiatry. These papers are in his original filing order.

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64. Constitution/articles of association, 1950-1962
65. Correspondence, to 1962
66. Correspondence, 1963
67. Correspondence, 1964
68. Correspondence, 1965
69. Correspondence, 1966
70. Correspondence, 1967
71. Correspondence, regional conferences, 1964-1966
72. Correspondence, World Health Organization, 1961-1966

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73. Executive committee, 1962-1966
74. Finance committee, 1964-1965
75. History (letters, reports, etc.), 1957-1966
76. Journal (International Journal of Neuropsychiatry), 1965-1967
77. Membership correspondence, 1964-1966
- 78 - 80. Miscellaneous papers, 1960-1964
- 81 - 82. Miscellaneous papers, 1960-1964
83. Newsletter correspondence, 1966; newsletter bank account, 1966-1967
84. Nominating committee, 1965-1966
85. "Permanent folder" (miscellaneous materials for executive officers upon election), 1961-1966
86. Publicity, 1961-1962