

Frederick (Fred) White Matthews

b. Nov. 27, 1915, Carbonear, NL; d. Feb. 20, 2007, Halifax, NS

Education:

1936 BSc Honours Chemistry (Mount Allison University)
PhD Physical Chemistry (McGill University)

Positions:

1941-1959 Research chemist, Canadian Industries Limited
1959-1968 Manager of Information Services Section, Canadian Industries Limited
1969-1972 Manager of the Central Technical Information Unit, Imperial Chemical Industries, London, Eng.
1972-1984 Professor of Information Science, School of Information Management, Dalhousie University

Publications:

Matthews, Fred White. X ray diffraction analysis applied to certain war problems. [Thesis- McGill University].

Matthews, Frederick W and Doreen Fraser, ed. (1976). Directory of persons in Canada with overseas experience in library and information services. Ottawa: International Development Research Center.

Matthews, Fred W. (1979). Library catalogue automation: cost-benefit factors.

Associations/Committees:

President, Canadian Association for Information Science
Member, National Research Council's Advisory Board on Scientific and Technical Information

Comments:

"In addition to his teaching in the School, Dr. Matthews served as a Visiting Professor at the Department of Library Studies at the University of the West Indies in Mona, Jamaica for which he also served as an External Examiner. He was also active in developing machine indexing projects for the Halifax School Board and the Dartmouth Regional Library, and chaired the Library Committee at St. Andrew's Church, Halifax. As a skilled carpenter Dr. Matthews worked with the late Professor Robert McGregor Dawson of Dalhousie's English Department in building for the Dawson Print Shop a replica

of a wooden printing press based on plans of a 17th century press obtained from the Plantin-Moretus museum in Antwerp. He was also heavily involved in the restoration of water-damaged books and records after the Brunswick Street United Church fire in 1979 and the later fire at Dalhousie Law School.”

When Fred retired from Dalhousie, he continued his teaching and involvement with the Dawson Print Shop.

Sources:

Balogh, Shanna (Feb. 26, 2007). “Death of Professor Fred. W. Matthews.” [email from School of Information Management, Dalhousie University].
Obituary. The Chronicle Herald, Halifax, Feb. 26, 2007.

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