

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers)

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Central Organisation (Archives)

The Friends' larger series of archives are grouped under this heading, all potentially containing biographical material relevant to medical figures, and demographic information on the Society as a whole. Most important are minutes of meetings, notably **Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders** 1673-; **London Yearly Meeting 1668-; Meeting for Sufferings** 1676-. Letters are preserved as **Epistles Received** 1683-1801 5 vols. Most collections are accessible through lists and indexes. Also in this category of record are minutes and papers of committees appointed to consider a variety of affairs on behalf of the Society, although in some cases there are no known records for particular bodies. Thus, the Aborigines Committee 1837-47 on which Thomas Hodgkin (1798-1866) served is not represented. The printed *Book of Meetings* provides basic information on gatherings of other agencies with a strong Quaker origin or connection, notably the Anti-Vivisection Society 1921-47 and the Quaker Medical Society 1921-.

Emergency and War Victims Relief Committee 1914-24 minutes and papers including Camps Committee minutes and reports 1914-19; correspondence with Dr Elizabeth Rotten, Berlin 1914-20; Staffing Committee 1920-21; Equipment and Supply Committee 1920-22; Medical work in Buzuluk, typescript reports by Tylor Fox n.d.; medical reports from France including by Dr Albert Wilson n.d.: **Friends Service Council** 1927-78 [known as the Friends Foreign Mission Association 1868-1927 and as the Council for International Service 1919-27] arranged by geographical location of activity and including **India**: Itarsi Hospital reports 1936-41, Memorandum to Famine Commissioners 1944-45, medical mission papers including field reports 1885-96 **Madagascar** minutes and reports from 1867; **Syria** medical work 1926-27, project for Brummana Hospital including plans 1927, Brummana Hospital reports 1928-38, correspondence 1929-49 **Marriage and Parenthood Committee** 1924-63 minutes 1924-62 and correspondence 1942: **Anti-Opium Committee** 1903-31 [known as the Opium Traffic Committee] minutes 1905-28, associated papers 1903-23: **Relief of Famine in Russia Committee** 1907-08 and **Russian Famine Committee** 1891-94 minutes, papers and correspondence: **Social Purity Association** [known under various other names] minutes 1873-1926 with associated literature and reports: **West India Property Committee** 1785- minutes 1790-92, correspondence 1774-1800 including the service of John Coakley Lettsom (1744-1815) F.R.S.

Local Organisation (Archives)

Records of the London and Middlesex Meetings, containing primary and subsidiary minutes of the constituent local meetings with their membership records, finance and property records, correspondence and miscellaneous material. 1690-.

Manuscript Boxes, A-Z

Temperance Committee sub-committee minute book, 1898 **MS. BOX D1/21**; William Clark (? M.D., 1698-1780?) account of plants, n.d. **MS. BOX E3/6**; Joshua Cresson (1744-93) 'Meditations...during the awful visitation of sickness & mortality in Philadelphia in 1793', I3/3; Thomas Pole (1753-1829) M.D., memoirs of his son John Pole (d.1803), medical student **MS. BOX Q4/4**; Joseph Gundry Alexander (1848-1918) China journal kept during work for the Anti-Opium Committee, 1906-07 R1/2; George Newman (1870-1948) address to the London Yearly Meeting, 1907 **MS. BOX R2/13**; Charles William Dymond (1832-1915), homeopath; synopsis of Swedenborg's works, 1870 **MS. BOX R5/6**. Anti Opium Association committee minute book, 1860-
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Manuscript Boxes, A-Z cont.

minutes and accounts, 1916-19 **MS. BOX U1/2**; John Rutter (1762-1838) M.D., memoir and other papers, financial records, 1794-1837 **MS. BOX V4/5, V5/2-3**; Anti-Opium Committee minutes, cash-book, correspondence, 1858-60 **MS. BOX V5/5-7**; Henry Theodore Hodgkin (1877-1933), medical missionary, letters concerning work in China 1920-22 **MS. BOX W1/4**

Manuscript Volumes Small (MS. VOLS S)

Jonathan Grubb (1808-94) evangelical minister and temperance worker: letters 1856-82 2 vols **MS. VOL S.1-2**

Elizabeth [Betty] Fothergill (1752-1809) later Chorley: diary 1769-70 3 vols **MS. VOL S.51**

Thomas Pole (1753-1829) M.D.: journal 1775-99; reflections n.d.; letters 1774-83; memorial of his sister Ann 1798 10 vols **MS. VOLS S 53- S 62**

Saunderson Walker (c. 1815-45) of Gateshead: journals of a consumptive invalid travelling to the Mediterranean, 1837 and to the East Indies 1840-41 3 vols **MS. VOLS S.76 and S.84-85**

Friends Ambulance Unit: members' autograph book 1917 1 **MS. VOL S.248**

Sara Renton (b.1867): diaries kept as a War Victims' Relief Committee worker in France 1917-19 2 vols. **MS. VOLS S.446-447**

Mary Godlee (1820-94) née Lister: diaries 1828-c.1846 4 vols **MS. VOLS S.497-500**

Manuscript Volumes (MS. VOLS)

Charles Lloyd Collection: copy letters including 3 by Richard Moore (d.1669) surgeon of Shrewsbury, 1662 **MS VOL 62.**

Burial Grounds: monthly meeting returns on grounds and interments 1833-42 gathered as a consequence of the bill 'for the improvement of health in towns by removing the interment of the dead from their precincts', 1843 1 vol. **MS. VOL 74.**

John William Harvey Theobald (1863-1940) temperance worker: journal letters from America, 1919 and 1924 100ff. **MS. VOL 120.**

Spriggs Collection: autograph letters including by William Allen (1770-1843) F.R.S., George Birkbeck (1776-1841) M.D., John Fothergill (1712-80) F.R.S., M.D., J.C.Lettsom (1744-1815), Thomas Thompson (1776-1861), Henry Tuke (1755-1814) and Samuel Tuke (1784-1857), many others, 2 vols **MS. VOLS 156-157.**

Sidney A. Henry: scrapbook relating to his service in the Friends Ambulance Unit, 1915-19 1 vol **MS. VOL 202.**

John Rutty (1698-1775)M.D.: letters to William Clark (1698-1780)M.D., 1732-74 60 items; letters of Rutty and Thomas Fowler 1761-76 45 items **MS. VOL 290 and MS. VOL 311.**

Thomas Thompson (1775-1861) druggist: papers on Friends in France 1 vol **MS. VOL 315**; on Thomas Clarkson's History of the Slave Trade 4 vols; Gibson **MS. VOLS 325-328**, autographs originally collected by Thompson and including some of his correspondence 7 vols **MS. VOLS 334-340**

Thompson MSS : including 'Thoughts on general and partial inoculation' by Thomas Dimsdale (1712-1800) **MS. VOL 346/14**

Manuscript Volumes cont.

Abraham MSS.: including John Fothergill's dietary and medical advice to Thomas Abraham, 1757 1 vol. **MS. VOL 364**

Temporary Manuscripts ("TEMP MSS" series)

William Allen (1770-1843) F.R.S: letters to Allen from various correspondents 1808-41 34+ items **TEMP MSS 4/2-6**; copy death certificate **TEMP MSS 420.**

John Coakley Lettsom (1744-1815) F.R.S.: letters to Joseph Cockfield 1773-81 **TEMP MSS 4/14.**

Catherine L. Braithwaite Collection: autograph letters including War Victims Relief Committee letters 1870-71; and by Assaad Yacob Kayat M.R.C.S., 1843, Thomas Hodgkin (1798-1866) and John Fothergill (1712-80) **TEMP MSS 10a-16**

Elizabeth Fry (1780-1845): letters to Fry including by Charles Mansfield Clarke (1782-1857) F.R.S., M.D., John Conolly (1794-1866) M.D., John Richard Farre (1775-1862) M.D., Robert Goch

(1784-1830) M.D., Nikolaus Heinrich Julius (1837-62), Charles Aston Key (1793-1849) F.R.S., John Ayrton Paris (1785-1856) F.R.S., M.D., William Prout (1785-1850) F.R.S., M.D., John Richardson (1787-1865) F.R.S., M.D., Robert Walsh (1772-1852) hon. M.D. **TEMP MSS 64-65**

Thomas Hodgkin (1798-1866) F.R.S., M.D.: memorial 1866 **TEMP MSS 71/13**; 2 letters 1840 **TEMP MSS 839**

Continental Committee: papers including reports and correspondence on medical missions in Turkey 1882-1913, Brummana in Syria 1882-1901, Philippopolis in Bulgaria 1890-93 **TEMP MSS 92**

Hutchinson Family: manuscript collection, some papers of Jonathan Hutchinson (1828-1913) F.R.S., c.1804-78 **TEMP MSS 113**

Henry Tregelles Gillett (1870-1955) M.D.: personal papers 1912-67 70 items and bundles **TEMP MSS 126**

Opium Papers: Anti-Opium Urgency Committee minutes and reports 1891-95 **TEMP MSS 150**; unlisted material 1920-39 2 boxes **TEMP MSS 283**

Sylvia Cowles: papers compiled as a W.W.1 nurse and during relief work in Germany and Poland 1919-20 **TEMP MSS 198**

Tuke Family: photograph album and collection of original sketches of the asylum pioneers, 19th Century **TEMP MSS 273**

John Till Adams: M.D. diploma, Aberdeen 1780 **TEMP MSS 281/15**

London Friends Deeds: records of miscellaneous property transactions referring to John Hayward, druggist of Clements Lane 1740; George Stacey, druggist of High Holborn 1785-; Joseph Jackson Lister, wine merchant of Tokenhouse Yard 1824-; John Fothergill, physician of Gracechurch St. 1748 **TEMP MSS 296**

Hilda Clark (1881-1955) M.D.: letters 1908-41 2 boxes **TEMP MSS 301**

Herbert Montgomery Hodgkin (1904-1971) M.D.: personal papers including medical exams and education 1915-24; China papers 1919-49; correspondence and papers 1926-52; papers of his

Temporary Manuscripts ("TEMP MSS" series) cont.

father Henry Theodore Hodgkin (1877-1933) medical missionary, relating to mission work in China; correspondence 1889-1936; letters as a student of St. Thomas's Hospital 1899-1901 **TEMP MSS 355**

Ann Mary Burgess (1862-1943) medical missionary: letters and photographs from the Armenian Missions at Constantinople and Corfu 1886-1931 4 folders **TEMP MSS 387**

Theodore Burt (1863-1944): letters on the use of quinine as a prophylactic 1928-30 **TEMP MSS 419/4**

Richard T. Vann and David Eversley: research papers for Friends in Life and Death, a study in social and demographic changes in Friends 1650-1900 based on returns held within this repository. 15 boxes **TEMP MSS 450**

Howard Ebenezer Collier (1890-1953) M.B., Ch.B.: papers n.d. 4 folders **TEMP MSS 484**

Robert Charnley (b.1895): W.W.1 memoirs of a Red Cross Ambulance driver 57pp., ill., **TEMP MSS 523**

Friends Ambulance Unit: papers of Harry W. Locke (d.1982) 1914-34 8 items **TEMP MSS 604**; diaries of John W. Major (?1896-1966) 1916-18 3 vols. **TEMP MSS 606**; account of service by Laurie Rowntree(d.1917) 1914-16 **TEMP MSS 636**; service of Frank J. Stevens 1943-46 **TEMP MSS 681**; service certificate of Cyril Kaye 1916-18 **TEMP MSS 774**; Charles F. Dingle reminiscences c.1918 **TEMP MSS 846**

Russian Famine Relief: diary of famine relief in Buzuluk, Kazakhstan, by Alex M. Sidney 1922 1 vol. **TEMP MSS 683**; letters and photographs from Buzuluk by Nurse Rebecca Thompson (1885-1965) 1922-23 29 items **TEMP MSS 888**

Robson MSS.: includes letters of John Ruttly M.D. to John Fry 7 items; life and letters of John Ruttly 1 vol. **TEMP MSS 745**

Friends Charitable Trusts: Michael Yoakley's Charity (f.1708) dedicated to the building of almshouses for the old and infirm. Minute books 1708-1927 10 vols., ledgers and cashbooks 1708-1952 20 vols., other accounts including for Draper's Hospital 1727-1949 5 items, general papers and *Wellcome Medical Archives and Manuscripts Survey/Religious Society of Friends*

almshouse plans 1765-1912 and n.d. 10 items **TEMP MSS 748**: Joan Dant Trust (f.1715) minutes and financial records 1715-1927 **TEMP MSS 879**: William Seaton Trust (f.1726) minutes and accounts 1726-1899 **TEMP MSS 880**: Joseph Smith's Charity (f.1815) minutes and cash books 1815-1943 **TEMP MSS 915**

Thomas Edmund Harvey (1875-1955) M.P.: correspondence with R.A.M.C. members transferred to infantry against their will 1917 1 box **TEMP MSS 835**

Friends Vegetarian Society: reports and accounts 1909-57 1 folder **TEMP MSS 860**

Friends Ambulance Unit Records: W.W. 1. : committee minutes 1914-20 1 vol., executive committee minutes 1916-21 3 vols., personnel census returns, registration forms, registers and personnel record cards 23 vols, and 6 drawers sickness records 2 vols., all W.W.1 **TEMP MSS 881**

Friends Ambulance Unit Records: W.W.2. : history, press cuttings, Unit Conferences 1941-46 1 box; executive committee reports and minutes 1940-46, personnel medical cards n.d. 1 box, FAU Unit Chronicles 85 vols., files on theatres of operations 1 box (FAU/1947); training camp logs and diaries 1942-45 6 vols., general purposes committee minutes 1939-41 1 vol., executive committee minutes 1944-46 3 vols., finance sub-committee minutes and papers 1941-46 1 vol & 4 files, medical reports 1945-46 (FAU/1948); Trustees minutes 1940-48 2 vols. ; and post-war papers, financial records 1940-61 41 items (FAU/1986); card index to all FAU personnel 2 drawers (FAU/1990); China Convoy records 1941-47 including personnel files, subject files, China Red Cross 19 boxes (FAUCC) **TEMP MSS 876**

Portfolios (MS. Portfolios)

Collections of autograph letters containing many items by members of the medical profession, too numerous to list. Those represented include William Allen (1770-1843); Martin Barry (1802-55) M.D.; Joseph Gurney Bevan (1753-1814), druggist; Peter Collinson (1694-1768) F.R.S.; John Dalton (1766-1844) F.R.S.; Thomas Dimsdale (1712-1800) M.D.; John Fothergill (1712-80); Thomas Hancock (1783-1849)M.D.; Charles Marshall (1637-98) medical practitioner; Thomas Pole (1753-1829) M.D.; many others.