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Archives

The major R.G.S. archives consist of minute books for Council and committees, 1830-1945; out letter books 1836-1916; minutes of associated dining clubs 1827-1966; election certificates of Fellows 19th cent.-; and general administrative papers on building, finances, meetings and other topics.

Correspondence files: c.100,000 letters 1830-1945, including collections by William Francis Ainsworth (1807-96) L.R.C.S., 49 letters 1837-96; William Balfour Baikie (1825-64) M.D., 19 letters 1852-59; Isabella L. Bishop (1832-1904) medical missionary 27 letters 1888-98; William Benjamin Carpenter (1813-85) F.R.S., 12 letters 1871 and n.d.; John Crawford (1783-1868) F.R.S., 18 letters including Dr. Martius on nutmeg and mace 1858-60; Charles Darwin (1809-82) F.R.S., 13 letters 1839-74; Joseph Barnard Davies (1801-81) F.R.S., M.D., 5 letters seeking help in collecting human skulls from the Arctic and Pacific 1853-57; William Henry Fitton (1780-1861) F.R.S., M.D., 7 letters 1839-46 and n.d.; Francis Galton (1822-1911) F.R.S., 230 letters 1855-1902; Ralph Barnes Grindrod (1811-83) M.D., 11 letters n.d.; Thomas Hodgkin (1798-1866) F.R.S., M.D., 67 letters 1837-62; Joseph Dalton Hooker (1817-1911) P.R.S., M.D., 11 letters 1855-78; Joseph Hume (1777-1855) F.R.S., 15 letters 1844-54; Richard King (c.1811-76) M.D., 12 letters 1837-46 and n.d.; Robert Gordon Latham (1812-88) M.D., 18 letters n.d.; James Ormiston McWilliam (1808-62) F.R.S., F.R.C.P., 6 letters with an extended note on climate and disease in Africa 1858 and n.d.; Karl Friedrich Philipp von Martius (1794-1868) M.D., 13 letters some on the medicinal plants of Brazil 1837-47 and n.d.; James Cowles Prichard (1786-1848) F.R.S., M.D., 30 letters 1838-47; John Rae (1813-93) F.R.S., M.D., 33 letters 1857-91; John Richardson 1787-1865) F.R.S., M.D., 25 letters 1832-58; Francis Sibson (1814-76) F.R.S., F.R.C.P., 5 letters on the health of Dr. [Norton?] Shaw n.d.; Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913) F.R.S., 26 letters 1853-1908; Arthur David White (d.1899) M.D., 6 letters n.d.

Single letters or small groups by many others, notably John Bowring (1792-1872) F.R.S. enclosing a letter by J. Macgowen on the use of a Chinese bird to control tsetse fly 1858; Henry Adrian Churchill (1828-86) on cholera in Zanzibar 1870; William Freeman Daniell (1818-65) M.R.C.S.; Charles G.B. Daubeny (1795-1867) F.R.S., M.D.; William Coverdale Beaty Eatwell (1819-99) F.R.C.P.; Sir A. Frazer on Lt. Day's paper on a sanatorium in India 1832; Harriet Gairdner on the bones of Capt. James Cook, and on her son Dr. Meredith Gairdner 1840-41; J.W. Graves with a letter of the Syrian Medical Aid Society 1841; Robert Harvey Hilliard M.D.; C.R. Markham (1830-1916) on cinchona in S. India 1860-61; Thomas Nation, R.N. surgeon, on H.M.S. *Pelorus* in New Zealand 1839 3 letters; Richard Owen (1804-92) F.R.S.; R. Pinkerton on an American rubber bandage for use in Africa 1878; C.A. Rassam on plague in Persia and Turkish quarantine, 1838; Andrew Smith (1797-1872) F.R.S., M.D.; William Wills (d.1889) M.R.C.S.

Special Collections

Antarctic Archive: papers of the National Antarctic Expedition 1901-04; memoranda on officers' consumption of alcohol **3/2/1-14**; correspondence on unsatisfactory provisions 1903 **6/4/1-11**; stores lists 1902-04 **6/5/1-8**; correspondence on provisions 1904-05 **6/6/1-8**; on food and surgical instruments 1900-01 **7/1/1-11**; on quarantine of sledge dogs 1900-02 **7/2/1-6**; on *Morning* relief ship supplies including from T.H. Crease, chemist and druggist, and Burroughs, Wellcome & Co., 1902 **18/6/1-29**.

Denham Papers: papers of Dixon Denham (1786-1828) African traveller; including a notebook on Arab customs, possibly by Walter Oudney (1790-1824) M.D., naval surgeon, 1823 **AR64/13**.

Everest Expeditions: papers relating to British expeditions to climb Mt. Everest 1921-, 99 boxes; the collections contain many reports of medical examinations to establish the fitness of participants, examiners being Oliver Key Williamson (d.1941) F.R.C.P., Henry Graeme Anderson (1882-1925) M.D., F.R.C.S., Francis Edward Larkins M.D., John Hannah Drysdale (1862-1951) F.R.C.P., Joseph Strickland Goodall (1874-1934) M.R.C.P., and others. The papers also include Dr. A.M. Ronaldson on H. Raeburn's recuperation from influenza 1921 **2/1/19-22**; on the death of A.M. Kellas (d.1921) Ph.D. **2/1/33-36**; correspondence of A.F.R. Wollaston on selection of personnel for the 1921-22 expedition **3/1/1-60**; correspondence of Tom George Longstaff (1875-1964) M.D., 1921-23 **11/1/1-64** and **28/7/1-15**; correspondence with Lt. Col. Henry Treise Morshead (1882-1931) on the use of oxygen cylinders of the Medical Research Committee 1921 **11/3/1-3**; Brig. Gen. Charles Granville Bruce (1866-1939) correspondence including on medical stores policy 1923 **22/1/10-11**; and on his recovery from malaria with reference to past complaints including Banna Fever 1924 **22/1/33-68**; Richard William George Hingston (1887-1966) correspondence as M.O. for the 1924 expedition including requests for reports on medical equipment from Burroughs Wellcome & Co. **27/4/1-10**; medical reports 1924 **29/5**; medical stores correspondence 1924 **29/6**; correspondence between Theodore Howard Somervell (1890-1975) F.R.C.S., medical missionary, and his father William Henry Somervell 1923-26 110 items **34/2**; medical correspondence 1924 **36/6**.

Livingstone Papers: papers of David Livingstone (1813-73) F.R.S., missionary and explorer; largely connected with his work in Africa for the London Missionary Society, and including referee's reports on his writings by Francis Galton (1822-1911) F.R.S. 1847-73.

Markham Papers: personal papers of Clements Robert Markham (1830-1916) notably on the transplanting of cinchona from Peru to India as a source of quinine. Markham's travel diaries for Peru 1859-60 3 vols **5, 51-52**; for India 1860-61 3 vols **67-69**; copies of Minna Markham's letters from S. America and India 1859-60 1 vol **22**; cinchona notebooks 1859-60 2 vols **55-56**.

Stanley Papers: correspondence of Henry Morton Stanley (1841-1904); correspondence with Henry Solomon Wellcome (1853-1936) 1885-1890 17 items **3/1-2**; letter from Silas Burroughs (d.1895) 1890 **3/3**; correspondence between H.M. and Dorothy Stanley, and H.S. and Gwendoline Syrie Wellcome 1890-1909 68 items **3/4-5**; misc documents on the Emin Pasha Relief Expedition 1889-90 **5/1**; letters of Wellcome to executors of W.G. Stairs (1863-92) and to Surgeon-Major Parke **5/3**; testimonial banquet minutes signed by H.S. Wellcome 1890 **8/2**; letters from Herbert Ward (1866-1938) to H.S. Wellcome 1892-95 5 items **9/2**; defence of Stanley, notes by H.S. Wellcome **10/2**; misc papers including a medicine chest guide for Stairs' African Expedition 1889-92 **10/3**; Wellcome's correspondence on the death and burial of Stanley 1904 **11/1-2**; correspondence of Wellcome and William Hoffman 1904-32 36 items **12/1-3**.

Library Manuscripts

George Back (1796-1878) F.R.S., Admiral: letters to Back 1848-78, including from T.H. Huxley (1825-95) F.R.S., David Livingstone, John Rae, John Richardson and John Tyndall (1820-93) F.R.S.

British Association for the Advancement of Science: committee minute book for Section E Geography and Ethnology 1865-73 **AR22**; minutes and correspondence of a committee for a population map of the British Isles 1921-47 **AR116/2**.

Alexander Douglas Mitchell Carruthers (d.1962) naturalist: travel diaries and zoological notebooks including a diary of a journey to West Africa from Uganda with A.F.R. Wollaston (1875-1930) B.Ch., 1905-07 **AR169/6**.

Bolton Glanvill Corey (1851-1924) M.R.C.S., Chief M.O. in Fiji: papers and notebooks for articles on the Pacific Islands; with "Notes on accounts of diseases in S.America in the 16th century" n.d., and a Fijian vocabulary for medical officers n.d., 1 vol **AR139**.

W.C. Fox: letters written to his family while serving with the R.A.M.C. in India 1916-19 typ. copies.

Colin Campbell Garbett (1881-1972): report on the Quaracholon river, Iraq, extracted from a letter from the Civil Surgeon, Sulailmani 1921.

George Henderson (1836-1929) Surgeon-Major I.M.S.: visitors' books from Dak bungalows, Bhagtanwala 1860-85; and from Bhera 1872-87 **AR162**.

Corrie Hudson (1874-1958) Major-General I.M.S.: diaries and notebooks from service in the Near and Far East, and in Europe, including some anatomical drawings 1899-1943 6 vols.

Mary Kingsley (1862-1900) African traveller: letters to Violet Paget Roy with discussions of racial intermarriage, nursing in a fever-stricken settlement 1891-98 6 items.

William Lockhart (1811-96) F.R.C.S., medical missionary: notes and locally printed material from the Peking region; travel notes and diary entries 1860-61 100pp.; passport 1861; anon. article "Native medicine and surgery in the South Sea Islands" n.d.; diary extracts 1844 2pp.; "Seven letters on the Opium Trade" anon. printed article 1854?; miscellaneous other papers **AR62**.

Adam Brunton Messer (d.1919) M.D., Inspector General of R.N. Hospitals: watercolour sketch of a native of the Santa Cruz Islands, 1875 **MUS.345**.

E.L. Moss M.D., R.N.: watercolour sketches made during the Arctic expeditions of *Alert* and *Discovery* 1875-76 1 vol **AR116**.

George Ogilvy (d.1813) naval surgeon: journal of voyages from Macao into the South China Sea in *Discovery* and *Antelope* 1808 **AR116**.

Walter Oudney (1790-1824) M.D., naval surgeon: 5 letters to Sir John Barrow and R.H.Horton 1821-23 **MUS.408/7**.

J.Linton Palmer, naval surgeon: watercolour sketches of a Pitcairn woman and an Easter Islander 1853.

Harry L.L. Pennell: correspondence including by Surgeon-Captain Edward Leicester Atkinson (1882-1929) 1911-13 4 letters **AR151**.

John Rae (1813-93) F.R.S., M.D.: letters on Arctic exploration 1852-56 11 items; 6 essays on Arctic subjects notably on the treatment of frostbite 2pp.; 9 letters to Rae; diary aboard the yacht *Fox* 1860 1 vol.

Katherine Routledge (d.1935) and **Scoresby Routledge** (1859-1939): papers from the Easter Island expedition 1913-16 including "A preliminary report on the collection of human skulls and bones..." by Arthur Keith (1866-1955) F.R.S., F.R.C.S., 1916 15p.typ. **AR143-4**.

Robert C. Scott, naval surgeon: journal aboard H.M.S. *Intrepid*, Franklin Search Expedition 1852-54, microfilm of a privately-held vol **AR158**.

Robert Falcon Scott (1868-1912): papers relating to the National Antarctic Expedition 1901-04, with a notebook of Joseph Wilson Lovibond (1833-1918) recording the hair, eye and skin colour of expedition members c.1901 1 vol.

John Parker Wilson, naval surgeon: log and private journal aboard the South Seas whaler *Gypsy* 1839-43 illustrated vol. with watercolour portfolio **AR176**.

Alexander Frederick Richmond Wollaston (1875-1930) B.Ch.: letters to Wollaston and notes 1896-1933; with a collection of pencil notes taken during service as a naval surgeon 1914-18.

Journal Manuscripts

Manuscripts sent to the R.G.S. for publication in the Journal or Proceedings of the Society. Not all materials were published, others were abstracted. Papers are frequently accompanied by referees' reports and associated letters.

India: papers by Thomas Thomson (1817-78) F.R.S., M.D.; Joseph Dalton Hooker; John Lindsay Stewart (1832-73) M.D.; Dr.[Henry?] Cayley (1834-1904) F.R.C.S.; T.G. Longstaff; A.M. Kellas "Report on the expedition to ascend Kamet & investigate the physiological effects of high altitudes" 1922 31pp part publ.; Dr. Raymond Greene "The food and health of the Mt. Everest expedition" 1934 7pp. and discussion 19pp. unpublished.

Far East: papers by Cuthbert Collingwood (1826-1908) M.R.C.P.; Isabella Bishop; J.C. Prichard; Jones Lamprey (d.1900) M.B. "Notes of a journey in the N.W. neighbourhood of Pekin" 1867 part publ.

Near & Middle East includes referee's reports by Dr. Thomas Hodgkin. A.F. von Stahl "On the constancy of climate and no. of population in Persia" 1921 not publ.

Australia: includes referees' reports by Charles Darwin and John Crawford. Papers by Timotheus Haran (d.1904); Alfred Haddon Cort (1855-1940) F.R.S.; Ferdinand von Mueller (1825-97) F.R.S., M.D., "Discovery of relics of Leichhardt including an examination of bones" 1872 not publ.

Islands: John Gray, Assistant Surgeon R.N., on the Galapagos Islands 1848 not publ.; Robert Gordon Latham (1812-88) M.D. on the Cocos Islands language 1851 not publ.; John D.Macdonald, Assistant Surgeon H.M.S. *Herald*, on the Fiji Islands 1857; Duncan Macpherson (d.1867) "Curlew Island, Bay of Bengal as a sea-coast sanatorium" 1862 part publ.; Robert Hay, H.M.S. *Constance*, on Pitcairn Island 1884 unpublished article wrapped in Naval Medical Dept. cotton; Bolton Glanville Corey.

Miscellaneous: George Catlin (1796-1872) American artist, proposal for a Museum of Mankind 1852 not publ.; Dr. [Edward Henry?] Michelson (1795-1870) on the geography of breadstuffs 1862; John G. Sawkins "Effects of altitude on the human system" 1876 paper missing, but referee's report by John Ball (1818-89) F.R.S.

Africa: J.E. Alexander, papers including a letter ordering a syringe for extracting poison 1836 not publ.; J. Thomas Baines "On the geographical distribution of the tsetse fly" 1866 not publ.; John Kirk "The outbreak of cholera in East Africa" 1870 not publ.; William Balfour Baikie, Chadda Expedition papers 1855 not publ.; Dr. John Ross R.N., Niger Expedition papers 1863 not publ.; Thomas Hodgkin, "Journey to Morocco" 1864 and "On the proposed Suez Canal" 1857 not publ.; Joseph Dalton Hooker, 4 letters 1871; Richard Austin Freeman (1862-1943) M.R.C.S. on the Ivory Coast 1891.

Central and S.America: papers by Tempest Anderson (1846-1913) M.D.; Rev. Hugh Croskery, letter on mill accidents in Jamaica 1872 not publ.; Col. J.A. Lloyd "The malady called the Soroche" 1853 not publ.; Alexander Hamilton Rice (1875-1956) M.D. unpublished expedition notes 1925.

North America: papers by J.C. Prichard; John Richardson; John Rae; John Scouler (1804-71) M.D.; Dr.E. Cullen, notes on California including printed handbills and other items advertising his surgery 1850.

Antarctica and Arctic: papers by Charles Darwin; Richard King; John Rae; Isaac Israel Hayes (1832-81) M.D.

Central and S.E. Asia: papers by J.C. Prichard; John Crawford on Borneo, with letter and referee's report by Thomas Hodgkin 1853.