

James Duncan (1810-1866)

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James Duncan (1810-1866), was born in Perth, the son of Mr Duncan of leading druggists, Duncan and Flockhart (Edinburgh). He qualified MD Edinburgh in 1834, and became a Member of The Royal College of Surgeons of London that same year. On 21st October 1835 he was elected to the Fellowship of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He served as House-Surgeon in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh under Robert Liston, for whom he held special regard, and eventually became Senior Surgeon at the Infirmary, serving there for many years.

He died of cholera while visiting the continent with his family in August 1866. His son, John Duncan, became a Fellow of the College in August 1864.



*Chloroform bottle
Duncan and Flockhart.*

GD/11/1-22 Papers of James Duncan

GD11/1

Letter to James Duncan from John Goodsir regarding the possible succession of his brother Henry Goodsir to the Conservatorship of the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

GD11/2

1837

Letter to James Duncan from "M" with information about medical colleagues "alluding to a publication by Taylor of the R.L.H., to the "set of sad sneaking scoundrels about the place" and to the consequences of Turner's death.

GD1 1/3

1837

Copy application by James Duncan for the post of Assistant Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

GD11/4

1837, February 9th

Letter of testimony presented by Robert Liston, surgeon to the North London Hospital, in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the post of Assistant Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

GD11/5

1838, April 20th

Letter of testimony presented by George Ballingall in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the post of Assistant Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

GD11/6

1842, May 6th

Letter of testimony presented by John Reid, Professor of Anatomy and Medicine, St Andrews University, in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/7

1842, May 7th

Testimonial presented by Thomas Morton, Demonstrator of Anatomy in University College, London, in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

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1842, May 9th

Testimonial presented by Samuel Cooper, Professor of Surgery at University College, London, in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/9

1842, May 10th

Letter of testimony presented by William Ferguson [?Fergusson] in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/10

1842, May 10th

Testimonial presented by Richard Quain in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/11

1847, December 15th

Letter of testimony presented by Sir George Ballingall, Consulting Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/12

1847, December 16th

Letter of testimony presented by James Syme, Professor of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh, in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/13

1847, December 18th

Letter of testimony presented by James Simson in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/14

1847, December 18th

Letter of testimony presented by Richard Smith in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/15

1847, December 20th

Letter of testimony presented by William Campbell, Consultant Obstetrician, Royal Maternity Hospital (Edinburgh) in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/16

1847, December 21st

Letter of testimony presented by Adam Hunter MD FRSE PRCSed 1838, in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/17

1847, December 22nd

Letter of testimony presented by Henry Lonsdale, formerly lecturer in Anatomy at Edinburgh University, in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/18

1847, December 27th

Testimonial presented by John Goodsir, Professor of Anatomy, University of Edinburgh, in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/19

1847, December 28th

Letter of testimony presented by John Brown MD FRCP in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/20

1847, December 29th

Letter of testimony presented by Douglas MacLagan in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/21

1847, December 30th

Letter of testimony presented by John Taylor, late special Professor of Clinical Medicine at University College, London, in favour of James Duncan in his candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh.

GD11/22

1848, April 28th

Copy of College Committee meeting at which James Duncan was appointed "to conduct the class of clinical surgery during the summer session, or until Her Majesty shall be pleased to appoint a successor to Mr Syme".