

James Methuen Graham

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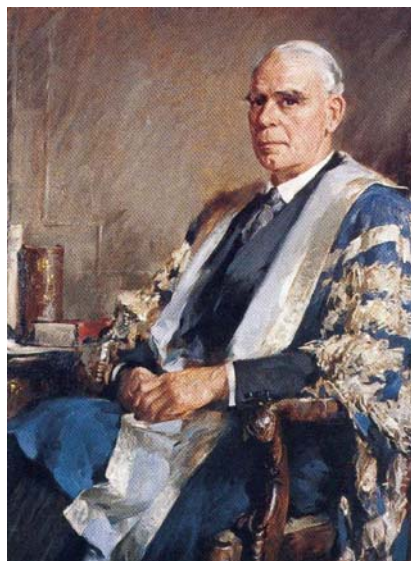
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James Methuen Graham, MBChB FRCSEd (1882-1962), surgeon, was the son of Captain Dugald Graham of the Northern Lighthouse Service and Fishery Board. He was educated at George Watson's College and Edinburgh University and the Extra-mural School of Medicine, 1899-1904. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 1907. In 1919 he was awarded the Chiene Medal for his ChM thesis on Blood Transfusion and was appointed assistant surgeon at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, becoming surgeon in 1928.

Graham performed pioneering work on blood transfusion and on the thyroid gland. In 1945 he was elected President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and he was also chairman of the Edinburgh Postgraduate Board for nine years.

The College owns a portrait of Graham (shown here) presented to him by his former residents on his retirement from the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

Three items relating to his father are included.

GD/13 Papers of J M Graham

GD13/1 Certificate

23 October 1899

Certificate of Medical Student's Registration, issued by the Registrar of the Scottish Branch of the General Medical Council

GD13/2/1-9 University of Edinburgh

1899-1904

1. Class attendance certificates, 1899-1900. 7 items.
2. Merit certificates, 1899-1900. 7 items.
3. Pass certificates for professional examinations, 1900-4. 6 items.
4. Merit certificates, 1900-1. 3 items.
5. Class attendance certificates, 1902-3. 8 items.
6. Merit certificates, 1901-2. 7 items.
7. Class attendance certificates, 1902-3. 8 items.
8. Merit certificates, 1902-3. 6 items.
9. Class attendance certificates, 1903-4, Merit Certificate, 1903-4. 5 items.

GD13/3/1-2 School of Medicine, Edinburgh

1900

1. Class attendance certificates, 1900-2. 3 items.
2. Merit certificates, 1900-4. 4 items.

GD13/4/1-3 Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

1. Certificates of clerk - and dresserships, 1900-3. Certificate testifying that J M G acted as a Junior Demonstrator in the Practical Class of Pathology, 1903. 7 items.
2. Certificate of attendance at the Pathological Theatre, 1902.
3. Certificate testifying that J M G had a perpetual ticket for the Royal Infirmary for thirty two months, 1904. 2 items.

GD13/5/1-4 Other Institutions

1901-1903

1. Certificate of attendance of the Edinburgh Provident Dispensary 1901.
2. Certificate of attendance at thirty six cases of labour at the Coombe Lying-In Hospital, Dublin, 1902.
3. Certificate of attendance at the Edinburgh City Hospital for Infectious Diseases, 1903.
4. Certificate of instruction by Dr Francis Cadell, Edinburgh Public Vaccinator, 1903.

GD13/6

1904

Receipt for fee for registration as a member of the General Council of Edinburgh University,.

GD13/7/1

Diploma for the degree of M.B., Ch.B. of Edinburgh University, July 1904.

GD13/7/2

Certificate of instruction in diseases of tropical climates (in black diploma case) of Edinburgh University, July 1904.

GD13/8

July 1904

Copy of J M G's entry in the Medical Register,.

GD13/9

July 1905

Pass certificate for the examination in Clinical Medicine for the degree of M.D. of Edinburgh University.

GD13/10

July 1909

Copy of J M G's entry in the Medical Register,.

GD13/11

July 1919

Diploma for the degree of M.D. of Edinburgh University, (in brown diploma case).

GD13/12 Testimonials and letters of appointment

1904

Testimonials and offers of employment to J M G after his graduation as M.B., Ch.B., July-August 1904, 5 letters and envelopes.

GD13/13/1

November 1909

Copy testimonial of Professor Alexis Thomson, concerning J M G's work at the Deaconess Hospital, Edinburgh,.

GD13/13/2

December 1909

Letter of appointment as Assistant Surgeon to the Deaconess Hospital,

GD13/14/1-4

1. Two testimonials of Professor Alexis Thomson, January 1910.
2. Testimonial of Professor Edwin Goldmann, University of Freiburg, Berlin, with translation and a note by him in English, January 1910.
3. Testimonial of Dr Byrom Bramwell, January 1910.
4. Letter of appointment as Lecturer in Surgical Pathology, Edinburgh University, June 1914.

GD13/15/1-3 Letters of Application

1. For the post of Assistant Surgeon, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, November 1908. Printed.
2. For the post of Assistant Surgeon, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, November 1908. Printed 2 copies, one with ms annotations.
3. For the post of Assistant Surgeon, Deaconess Hospital, November 1909. Typescript, with ms annotations.

GD13/16 Personal Papers

n.d.

Draft constitution of a 'Social Literary and Medical' club to be called Phagocytes, membership to be limited to 24 town members, being 'men qualifying in Medicine between the years 1901-10', n.d. Typescript with ms annotations

GD13/17

September 1919.

Letter of Messrs J & R A Robertson, WS concerning a bequest from Miss Catherine Methuen's Executry,

GD13/18

n.d.? 1940s, 1950s.

Loose-leaf file containing notes and remarks on Fellowship candidates. Each page also contains a sketch of the candidates

GD13/19

n.d.?1940s, 1950s.

The same

GD13/20

n.d.? 1940s, 1950s.

The same, but loose.

GD13/21

January 1954

Further sketches of J M G's fellow students, his lecturers and examination candidates. Some sketches are drawn on the back of an examination paper in Surgery for the degree of M.B., Ch.B, November 1953; another on the back of an invitation to J M G to serve on a Medical Appeal Tribunal, hearing cases under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946,. 2 items.

GD13/22

March 1947

Invitation from the Senatus Academicus of the University of Edinburgh to J M G to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in July, 1947..

GD13/23

n.d.

Card advertising 'Sentinel' Moth Cubes, "impregnated with fragrant aromatic essences"

GD13/24/1-3 Captain Dugald Graham

1. Class ticket for the class of Natural Philosophy at the University of Edinburgh in name of Dugald Graham, session 1861-2.
2. Class ticket for the class of Rhetoric and English Literature at the University of Edinburgh in name of Dugald Graham, session 1861-2.
3. 'A Sermon Preached in St James' United Free Church, Edinburgh, on 10 April 1904' in memoriam Captain Dugald Graham. Printed pamphlet.