

Sir Henry Wade CMG, DSO

President RCSEd 1935-1937



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Administrative/Biographical History:

Henry Wade (1876-1955), the eldest son of the Rev.

George Wade, was born in Falkirk in 1876. He studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh from 1893 to 1898, when he graduated with honours. After active service in South Africa he was appointed as clinical tutor and assistant to Mr Caird (later Regius Professor Clinical Surgery), in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and the School of Medicine respectively. Although Sir Henry remained a general surgeon, he was particularly interested in the pathology of the genito-urinary system and he later published his studies on the anatomy and pathology of the prostate and on prostatic obstruction of the renal tract.

Sir Henry joined the Field Ambulance Unit of the Scottish Horse Mounted Brigade in 1914. For this unit he designed a mobile surgical operating car, providing support to emergency operating theatres. In 1916 he was appointed Consultant Surgeon to the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. He returned to Edinburgh in 1919 and to his work at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and his private practice. He published many papers on urological surgery from this time until 1939 when he retired. He also helped instigate postgraduate teaching in clinical surgery.

He was knighted in 1946 and received many other honours from medical and other academic bodies.

In 1925 he bought the house and estate of Pilmuir in East Lothian and became interested in its history, compiling a volume of relevant material. The Pilmuir Trust benefits the College <http://archive2.surgeonsnews.info/Content/content.aspx?ID=980>

These papers, the bulk of which date from 1919, reflect these aspects of the life and work of Sir Henry Wade, in particular his flourishing private practice. Papers which include clinical material concerning his patients are closed for one hundred years.

GD14/1/1-4 Patients' Correspondence

1919-1923

This comprises correspondence with patients and includes the patients' letters and Sir Henry Wade's copy replies. Some are simply letters of thanks from grateful patients, others write to arrange a consultation or admission to hospital or to Sir Henry's nursing home. They are alphabetically arranged by the patient's surname.

1. 1919 - 22
2. 1922
3. 1923

4. 1919 - 23 Letters concerning payment of professional fees.

GD14/2 Clinical Correspondence

1919 -22

This comprises correspondence between Sir Henry Wade and other medical practitioners concerning patients referred by the latter. Many of the patients discussed are also represented in RCSEd GD 14/1/1-4. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by the medical correspondent's surname.

GD14/3/1-7 Clinical Papers of Sir Henry Wade

n.d.

These comprise five drafts or versions of an article or lecture on Prostatism and two lists of illustrations to accompany it. All in typescript.

1. List of illustrations for article on Prostatism, n.d.
2. The same, n.d.
3. The Surgical Treatment of Prostatism, n.d.
4. Article on Prostatism, n.d.
5. Treatment of Prostatism, n.d.
6. Article on Prostatism, n.d.
7. The same, n.d.

GD14/4 Clinical records

1899-1911

Pathological records of cases of prostatism at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, 1909-11, with some tables of statistics from other hospitals, 1899-1911.

GD14/5/1-14 Clinical Papers of other authors

1900s

These typescript papers concern the surgery and anatomy of the prostate gland. No. 12 is a thesis submitted for the degree of MD on the Etiology of Paget's Disease.

1. Development and Anatomy of the Prostate Gland, W.G. Richardson, London 1904
2. On the Surgical Anatomy of the Prostate. Thomson Walker, J Anat Phys. **1**, 1906
3. Presidential Address. Hugh Cabot and Suprapubic or Perineal Prostatectomy, A.C. Stokes, Trans Amer Urol Assoc vol V, 1911
4. Surgical Pathology of the Prostate, L.B. Wilson and B.F. McGrath, Surg Gyn Obst., vol XIII, 1911
5. The Cure of Prostatic Obstruction, Hugh Hampton Young, MD., Baltimore, Maryland
6. Perineo-Urethral Prostatectomy, William T Bellfield, MD, Chicago, Illinois
7. Surgery of the Prostate, Hugh A Young, Keen's Surgery, vol IV
8. On the Real Nature of the So-Called 'Pelvic Fascia', Douglas E Derry, Asst. Professor of Anatomy, Government School of Medicine, Cairo
9. Studies in the Anatomy of the Pelvis with Special Reference to the Fasciae and Visceral Supports, G Elliot Smith, Professor of Anatomy, Cairo
10. The same, in a shorter version
11. Prostatic Enlargement, Cuthbert S Wallace, MB, BS,(London), FRCS(Eng)
12. Paget's Disease 'of Bone, with Special Reference to its Relation to Neoplasia, Elsie Bowman Walker, MB, ChB.
13. Pathological Physiology and Secondary Morbid Changes from Hypertrophy of the Prostate, n.d.
14. Article on the Surgical Treatment of Prostatism from Luciani's Human Physiology, n.d.

GD14/6 Correspondence with surgical instrument makers

1919-22

This concerns routine correspondence about orders for new instruments, repairs, problems with instruments, etc. The supplying firms were situated in London, Leeds, Long Island City and Baltimore.

GD14/7 Correspondence with office-bearers of the British Medical Association

1919-22

This comprises a few letters, mainly between Sir Henry and Dr G C Anderson, Deputy Medical Secretary of the BMA, on specific topics. Other letters concerning clinical meetings of the BMA and committee work are included. There is also a printed agenda for a meeting of the Edinburgh and Leith Division of the BMA, with a list of proposed office-bearers and committee.

GD14/8 Correspondence on financial and business matters

1919-23

This includes letters on Sir Henry's house insurance, personal investments, income tax and office equipment. Some of the letters from Messrs Russel & Aitken are signed by his brother, T Callander Wade, who was a partner of the firm.

GD14/9 Correspondence with the Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

1919-20

This includes letters concerning Sir Henry's absence on study leave, the purity of supplies of anaesthetic ether and other administrative matters.

GD14/10 University Correspondence

1919-23

This comprises correspondence and memoranda on the teaching of students, both undergraduates and postgraduates, in clinical surgery at Leith Hospital, Sir Henry's acting as external examiner in Surgery at St. Andrew's University and other routine teaching matters.

GD14/11 Museum Correspondence

1919-20

This was written in Sir Henry's capacity as Conservator of the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, an office he held from 1903 to 1920. They concern the administration of the Museum, including the presentation or accession of new specimens.

GD14/12 Testimonials

1919-22

These are copy testimonials written by Sir Henry in support of the candidature of his former students and former Army colleagues for professional posts.

GD14/13 Correspondence arising from the First World War

1919-20, 1954

This is a collection of letters loosely concerning military topics. It includes letters received by Sir Henry on the award to him of the C.M.G., arrangements for homecoming celebrations of troops, the formation of an association of former medical officers of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, correspondence with the Army Medical War Museum, collections for a fund in memory of a colleague and arrangements for the presentation of a ceremonial mace to the American College of Surgeons from the Surgeons of the Army.

GD14/14 Correspondence with friends and colleagues on general topics

1919-23

This includes correspondence about lectures to the Scottish Branch of the Red Cross in Edinburgh and other groups, the formation of the East of Scotland Overseas Medical Club, advice to medical colleagues on professional, non-clinical matters, arrangements to examine candidates for the Triple Qualification at the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh, social engagements etc.. Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

GD14/15 Correspondence with family members

1922

This includes letters to T Callander Wade, and James R Wade, his brothers; Callander B Wade

and James R Wade, his nephews.

GD14/16 Correspondence with friends, colleagues and family on general matters

1919-23

This is mainly about social engagements.. Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

GD14/17/1-2 Medical Diplomas and Honours

1907.

1. Diploma of the degree of M.D. of the University of Edinburgh, conferred on Sir Henry Wade,
2. Application form for further qualifications to be added to the applicant's entry in the Medical Register, n.d. Printed. [In brown diploma case].

GD14/18 Certificate of the American College of Surgeons

1920

Mace presented to it by the Consulting Surgeons of the Armies of Great Britain, among them Sir Henry Wade, [In cardboard case].

GD14/19/1-3

1930

1. Framed certificate of Honorary Fellowship of the American College of Surgeons, 1930. [In light grey box].
2. Guest's name badge of the International Assembly of the InterState Postgraduate Medical Association of North America, held at Minneapolis, 1930 [In light grey box].
3. Badge of the 12th National Convention of the American Legion, held at Boston. 1930. [In light grey box].

GD14/20

1932

Diploma of Honorary Membership of the American Urological Association,.

GD14/21

1935

Framed diploma of Honorary Membership of the American Surgical Society,.

GD14/22

1935

Diploma of Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons,[In black case].

GD14/23

1939

Diploma of Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, . [In red casket].

GD14/24

1943

Diploma of Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, . [In red case].

GD14/24a

Also, a mounted photograph of the presentation: April 9th 1943 with Sir Alfred Webb-Johnston, an unknown woman and Sir Henry Wade

GD14/25

1951

Diploma of Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Society of Medicine, . [In blue case].

Military Honours

GD14/26

1919

Certificate of the War Office on behalf of the Crown, acknowledging the mention of Sir

Henry Wade in a Despatch dated 3 April 1918..

GD14/27

1919

The same, concerning a Despatch dated 5 March 1919. 1919

GD14/28/1-3 Membership of Societies

1. Notice of election as an Ordinary Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, 1932.
2. Laws of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, 1932.
3. Syllabus of meetings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh 1931-2.

GD14/29/1-6 Athenaeum

1. Notice of election as a Member of the Athenaeum, 1945.
2. Annual Report of the Athenaeum, May 1944.
3. Interim Report of the General Committee of the Athenaeum, October 1944.
4. List of members of the General Committee of the Athenaeum, 1944-5.
5. Letter of N.R. Udal, CBE, Secretary and Manager of the Athenaeum, concerning the annual subscription and entrance fee, with an accompanying pro forma Bankers' Order, 1945.
6. Rules of the Athenaeum, 1943.

GD14/30/1-5 The Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth

1. Invitation to the Coronation, May 1937, with an accompanying letter from the Earl Marshal's Office and other papers concerning arrangements for guests and their transport and dress regulations.
2. Notes for the Guidance of Guests proceeding by car to Westminster Abbey, April 1937.
3. Admission card to Westminster Abbey, 1937.
4. Car windscreen label, giving details on the reverse of approaches for authorised traffic to the Abbey route, 1937.
5. Envelope which originally contained 1-4.

GD14/31 The Ceremonies to be observed at the Royal Coronation

GD14/32 The Form and Order of the Service that is to be performed and the Ceremonies that are to be Observed in the Coronation on Wednesday, the 12th Day of May, 1937

GD14/33 Bound volume entitled Chronicles of Pilmuir, containing notes, press-cuttings and correspondence concerning the history of the estate and house of Pilmuir in East Lothian, bought by Sir Henry in 1925.

GD14/34 Photograph of the presentation ceremony of a bronze plaque representing Crawford Williamson Long, the discoverer of ether anaesthesia. The plaque was presented by the Southern Surgical Association of America to the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. An attached note identifies the subjects of the photograph, including Sir Henry Wade, then President of the College, 1936.

Material added to RCSEd GD 14 - Sir Henry Wade [on RS Q5]

Provenance

The material listed below - "Sir Henry Wade's effects" - was in the hands of Morton Fraser Solicitors, Quartermile Two, 2 Lister Square, Edinburgh, EH3 9GL and was

brought from there to the college archive by Mr John McCormick FRCSEd on 19th November 2009. Mr McCormick was on the Board of Sir Henry Wade's Pilmuir Trust.

Brown folder

1. "Contents of deed box" – typescript list of Henry Wade items: *not clear how this relates to accompanying donations*
2. "Chronological record of professional career as recorded in official documents": typescript list, 1898 – 1940
3. Sir Henry Wade Trust: List of books at Pilmuir House – typescript, bound
4. Driving licence, c1955
5. Passport, issued 1930
6. Passport, stamped 1920s
7. Passport (different), stamped 1920s
8. Photographs + newspaper clippings of Henry Wade, wrapped in black paper
9. Photographs + negatives of Pilmuir House & garden, in envelope
10. Photographs: interiors + exteriors – of Pilmuir House? In plastic envelope
11. Newspaper clipping: Opening of Royal Australasian College of Surgeons building
12. Henry Wade bookplate
13. Henry Wade bookplate
14. Pilmuir House greetings card, with painting
15. Loose, large B + W photographs (8) of Pilmuir House
16. Handwritten notebook, dated 25th May 1953 - list of personal effects: *not clear how this relates to accompanying donations*

Envelope

Large, card-backed photograph of Henry Wade (N.D., but elderly-looking). Envelope says "D. G. Andrew W. S. Esq." on exterior

Framed photograph

Sir Henry Wade receiving the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England; HRH the Princess Royal receiving Hon. Fellowship from President Sir Cecil Wakeley

Photograph album

Pilmuir House & garden

Orange folder

1. "Two penny piece Scots. Charles I. Found in Ambry at Pilmuir, 1927" – three tiny coins in small velvet-lined box. *Charles II?*
2. Certificate of motor vehicle insurance, 1954
3. Clear plastic folder: Pilmuir Trust items
 - Photographs of Henry Wade during Boer War + WW1
 - Photograph of Henry Wade, N. D.
 - Photograph of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, 1940
 - Photograph of Henry Wade, later years
 - Pilmuir House greetings card, with painting
 - Photograph of Henry Wade, c1945
4. Clear plastic folder: Letters relating to:
 - knighthood of Henry Wade, 1946
 - election as RCSEd Museum Conservator, 1903
 - Honorary Fellowship of RCSE, 1943
5. License to practise Anatomy, 1909

6. License to practise Anatomy, 1910
7. License to practise Anatomy, 1910 (different)
8. Certificate as Captain, Territorial Force, 1909
9. Certificate as Captain of Territorial Force, R. A. M. C., 1914
10. Certificate as Lieutenant of Volunteer Forces, Edinburgh Company R. A. M. C. (Volunteers), 1904
11. Programme, menu + toast list for Ward XXVI R. I. E. Annual Supper, 23rd February 1900
12. Architect's letter re: Pilmuir House, 1964
13. Reprint from University of Edinburgh journal, 1955 (re: Men's Athletic Club)
14. Certification as an Extra-Academical Teacher in Edinburgh, 1908
15. Certification as an Extra-Academical Teacher in Edinburgh, 1908
16. Letter of appointment as Assistant Surgeon at the R. I. E., 1909
17. RCSEd list of Presidents
18. Certificate for Examination in Clinical Medicine, 1902
19. Additional Qualifications Certificate, 1903
20. Letter of membership of Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh, 1903
21. Letter of membership of Galenian Society
22. Medical Registration Certificate, 1898
23. Letter of appointment as Assistant Pathologist for Morbid Anatomy at the R. I. E., 1906
24. Letter of re-appointment as Assistant Pathologist for Morbid Anatomy at the R. I. E., 1907
25. Letter of appointment as Lecturer in Surgical Pathology at the New School, Edinburgh, 1906
26. Letter of appointment as Lecturer to the Medical College for Women in Surgery, Edinburgh, 1907
27. Excerpt from Minutes of the RCSEd held on 16th July 1907, reporting on the examination (and approval) of Wade to lecture in surgery – in form of letter sent to Wade
28. Letter to Wade from the R. I. E. expressing regret at his resignation as Assistant Pathologist for Morbid Anatomy, 1908
29. Letter from Leith Hospital confirming Wade as Assistant Surgeon, 1908
30. Letter from University of Edinburgh confirming Wade's degree of M.D., 1907
31. Letter from University of Edinburgh confirming Wade will be awarded Gold Medal by Faculty of Medicine, 1907
32. License to practise Anatomy, 1908
33. Small photograph – Pilmuir House?
34. License to perform experiments on living animals, 1909
35. Pamphlet. *Harvey in Scotland*; Wade, Henry; Edinburgh Medical Journal; 1938
36. Pamphlet. *In memoriam: Sir Henry Wade*; Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; 1955

Metal tube – George Wade

1. Medical registration certificate – George Wade, 1887
2. Additional certificate – M.D., 1894
3. Certificate of thesis for M.D.
4. New South Wales medical certificate

The College also has a notable collection of photographs taken by Wade between 1914 and 1919.

There are around 400 of them, depicting the work of the military medics at the time. It is hoped these may be digitised to be available to all online. [April 2012]

They are in the form of albums of photographs, glass slides and negatives.