Douglas Guthrie

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Douglas James Guthrie (1885-1975) FRCSEd 21st October 1914 Roll Number 2365, graduated in medicine from the University of Edinburgh in 1907.

After service in the First World War he became a consultant Ear, Nose and Throat surgeon to the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children, with a particular interest in speech disorders in childhood. After he retired he pursued a related interest as a historian of medicine, and his publications included History of Medicine (1945). In 1948 he founded the Scottish Society of the History of Medicine.

Summary of Holdings


GD/15/1/1-16 Correspondence
2 Envelope containing the names and addresses of Douglas Guthrie Lectureship speakers, 1965-1981. Two sheets.
3 Photograph of Dr Douglas Guthrie giving a "History of Medicine" class, at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.
4 Letter, typed and unsigned: "It has occurred to me that it might be a good idea to establish a Lectureship on the History of Medicine in the two Royal Colleges of Edinburgh."
5 Letter from James A Ross to DG thanking him for his offer to assist in establishing a Lectureship in the History of Medicine and giving an idea of the costs involved. Dated 29 December 1964.
6 Letter from the Secretary of The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh to Douglas Guthrie thanking him for his offer to establish a lectureship and giving an idea of the sum which would be required to do so. Dated 6 Jan 1965. DG notes at the end that he replied on 13 January 1965.
7 Letter from James A Ross to DG enclosing a copy of the Agreement regarding the Lectureship. Dated 6 April 1965.
8 Copy of draft received from the two Royal Colleges on 6 April 1965. Typed. Document by J D Stanton and James A Ross, setting out the details of Lectures.
9 Letter from James A Ross to Douglas Guthrie concerning his comments on, and alterations of, the draft of the [Agreement on the] Guthrie Lecture, dated 13 April 1965.
10 Letter from James A Ross to Douglas Guthrie concerning the draft of the Agreement on the Douglas Guthrie History of Medicine Lecture. Dated 28 April 1965.
11 Letter from Lindsays WS to Douglas Guthrie, acknowledging receipt of a copy of the Agreement with the Royal Colleges, which was to be put away with his papers there. Dated 3 May 1965.
12 Letter from N Macmichael to Douglas Guthrie, acknowledging receipt of the £3100 he gave to form the Guthrie Lectureship. Dated 11 May 1965.
13 Copy, typed, of a reply to Dr Stanton concerning the Agreement and asking that the Lectures should be referred to as the Douglas Guthrie Lectures, not the Guthrie Lectures.
14 Letter from A J Keay to Douglas Guthrie inviting him to give the Lecture in the Royal College of Physicians in 1969, with an MS draft reply accepting and proposing a topic and title. Dated 22 January 1969.
15 Two clippings about the Guthrie Lectures from the 1960s.
16 Typed notes about Douglas Guthrie, with MS additions: a biography, a copy of the Agreement to establish the Guthrie Lectures from 1965, and two lists of books written by Douglas Guthrie. 4 sheets.

1ST GUTHRIE LECTURE GD/15/2/1-3
2 Invitation (to Dr and Mrs Guthrie), dinner menu and advertisement for the first Guthrie Lecture, 9 December 1965, given by Kenneth D Keele.

2ND GUTHRIE LECTURE GD/15/3/1-4
1 Invitation to the 2nd Guthrie lecture, given by Lord Brock of Wimbledon on the subject "Surgery before 1850 as illustrated by the operating theatre of Old St Thomas's Hospital."
2 Letter from Lord Brock to Mrs Guthrie enclosing a transcript of his lecture and the paper it was based upon. Mentions that DG was in hospital with a fractured femur. Dated 22 January 1975.
3 Offprint of a paper on the operating theatre of Old St Thomas's Hospital which formed the basis of Lord Brock's lecture.
4 Transcript of Lord Brock's Guthrie lecture.

3RD GUTHRIE LECTURE GD/15/4/1-3
1 Advertisement for the Guthrie Lecture "The doctor's bookshelf," to be given by DG on 17 October 1969.
3 Offprint of a different version of the article repr. from Health, Winter 1970/71. 2 copies.

4TH GUTHRIE LECTURE GD/15/5/1-2
1 Offprint of the article "The surgeons in the Crimea 1854-1856" by John A Shepherd, in JRCSeD. September 1972. "With compliments to Dr and Mrs Guthrie." This was the Douglas Guthrie lecture he gave on 12 December 1971.
2 Letter from John Shepherd to Mrs Guthrie enclosing a reprint of his article. Dated 10 January 1975.

5TH GUTHRIE LECTURE GD/15/6/1
1 Offprint of the article "William Harvey's De generatione animalium" by Gwenedh Whitteridge, which was the Douglas Guthrie lecture she gave on 7 February 1974.

6TH GUTHRIE LECTURE GD/15/7/1-8
1. Advertisement to Fellows of the Guthrie Lecture on "Abraham Colles of Dublin and Edinburgh" to be delivered by Martin Fallon on 7 March 1975.
2. Letter from Martin Fallon to DG referring to his forthcoming lecture and hoping that DG can be present. Dated 10 December 1974.
3. Postcard from Martin Fallon to Mrs Guthrie thanking her for the letter and reprints she had sent him. Dated 11 March 1975.
4. Invitation to Mrs Guthrie to dinner at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh on 7 March 1975.
5. Fellows' Dinner menu, on the occasion of the Guthrie Lecture, 7 March 1975, signed by the Fellows present.
6. Offprint of the article "Abraham Colles of Dublin and Edinburgh" by Martin Fallon, from the J. RCSEd., November 1976. This was the Guthrie Lecture, 7 March 1975.
8. Letter from Hannah Harkins, assistant editor of the J. RCSEd., to Mrs Guthrie enclosing a copy of the J. RCSEd. in which Martin Fallon's article was published. Dated 6 December 1976.

7TH GUTHRIE LECTURE GD/15/8/1-5
1. Invitation to Mrs Guthrie to dine at The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 5 February 1976. Signed on the reverse by the Fellows.
2. Letter from R F Robertson to Mrs Guthrie enclosing her (lost?) invitation card from the dinner.
3. Letter from J B Wilson to Mrs Guthrie enclosing a copy of his Guthrie Lecture, 8 April 1976.
5. Offprint of an article "Three Scots in the service of the Czars" by J B Wilson, based on his Guthrie Lecture, from The Practitioner, April and May 1973.

8TH GUTHRIE LECTURE GD/15/9/1-6
1. Letter from A C B Dean to Mrs Guthrie seeking her approval of the proposal that Dr Ian Simson Hall be invited to give the next History of Medicine Lecture. Dated 18 January 1978.
2. Letter from A C B Dean to Mrs Guthrie thanking her for approving the next Lecturer and discussing the way in which the dates of the lectures had got out of phase over the years. Dated 27 January 1978.
3. Invitation to Mrs Guthrie to dine at The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh on 30 March 1979 on the occasion of the Guthrie Lecture. With signed place card and menu.
4. Letter from A C B Dean to Mrs Guthrie confirming the arrangements for the Guthrie lecture and inviting her to tea beforehand. Dated 7 March 1979.
5. Offprint of the article "John Robert Hume" by I Simson Hall in J. RCSEd., July 1980. This was the Guthrie lecture held on 30 March 1979.

9TH GUTHRIE LECTURE GD/15/10
1. Reprint of the Douglas Guthrie Lecture "King Charles II, 'The father of his people,'" by Antonia Fraser. The lecture was given on 7 September 1981.

10TH GUTHRIE LECTURE GD/15/11
1. Letter and invitation sent to Mrs Jean Guthrie, to attend Mr James A Ross's Guthrie lecture, "Three Edinburgh professors," to be held on 22 April 1983.
2. Letter thanking Mrs Jean Guthrie for attending Mr Ross's lecture, 1983.

GD/15/12 LECTURES ON THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE
1. Notice from the Lancet of an exhibition at the University of Glasgow of early medical books, to illustrate a current series of lectures on the evolution of social medicine by DG, dated 30 December 1944.
2. List of DG’s lectures on the history of medicine given all over the world, 1954-58. Two sheets. 3 copies.
3. 3 cards advertising three of DG’s series of lectures on the history of medicine at the University of Edinburgh, 1953-1956.
4. Dr Douglas Guthrie’s typescript lecture notes, extracts and booklists from his classes on the history of medicine at the University of Edinburgh.
5. Notes from DG's class in medical education in Scotland, typescript. 1 page.
6. Report to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Session 1955-56, mentioning the publication of DG's From witchcraft to antisepsis.
7. Typescript list of lecture tours by DG. 1 page.
8. Photostat notes from an address given by DG to the Society for the History of Medical Science, Los Angeles, 1 March 1954. 4 copies.

GD/15/13 HONOURS AWARDED TO DG

1. Framed certificate electing DG to be a correspondent member of the Society of Laryngology of the Hopitaux de Paris, founded on 14 January 1924. Undated.
2. Certificate making DG an honorary member of the International Mark Twain Society, dated 8 December 1946. With a leaflet about the Society.
3. Certificate making DG a member of the Hungarian Medical Society of Rhinology, Laryngology and Otology, 19 September 1947. [In art folder]
4. Certificate making DG a member of the Danish Society of Oto-Laryngology, 17 November 1948. [In art folder]
5. Certificate making DG an honorary member of the Peruvian Society of the History of Medicine, 8 February 1949. [In art folder]
6. Certificate making DG an honorary member of the Peruvian Academy of Surgery, 11 February 1949. [In art folder]
7. Certificate making DG an honorary member of the Peruvian Society of Oto-Laryngology and Ophthalmology, 11 February 1949. [In art folder]
8. Diploma making DG an honorary member of the Brazilian Institute of the History of Medicine, 17 May 1949. [In art folder]
9. Certificate making DG a member of the Swedish Society of the History of Medicine, 13 March 1959. [In art folder]
10. Certificate of membership of the Order of the Good Time, Nova Scotia, which DG was given in 1959. He was the first non-Nova Scotian to be awarded this honour. He stood on Nova Scotian soil on the Castle Esplanade to be presented with the award. With two press cuttings (one with photograph) about the event and a typescript description of the event. In a grey envelope marked “Order of the Good Time, Nova Scotia.” [In art folder]
11. Certificate making DG a member of the Spanish Society of the History of Medicine, April 1962.
12. MS report that DG was elected an Hon. Fellow of the Faculty of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London for outstanding services to the history of medicine, 20 September 1963.
13. Typed extract (on headed notepaper) taken from the Scotsman of 20 July 1967, reporting that DG had received his Doctorate of Letters from Edinburgh University and the Royal Society's Diploma of Honorary Fellowship.
15. Typescript: "Information for D.Litt Committee" listing DG's achievements.
16. Typescript report of a dinner in the Royal Society's House on 18 July 1967, when DG was elected an Hon. Fellow.
19. Order of ceremony for the University of Edinburgh Graduation Ceremonial, 19 July 1967, at which DG received his D.Litt. 2 copies.
20. Certificate presenting DG with the bronze medal (struck on the occasion of the Boerhaave Commemoration of 1968) of the Rijksuniversiteit te Leiden, "as an award for his outstanding merits
in the field of the history of medicine,” 15 November 1968. 2 copies, with handwritten notes of Scottish students at Leyden in the 18th century.

GD/15/14 SCROLLS
1. DG’s bachelor’s degree certificate, awarded by the University of Edinburgh.
2. DG’s doctoral certificate, awarded by the University of Edinburgh.
3. University of Edinburgh Faculty of Medicine Certificate of Instruction in Diseases of Tropical Climates, awarded to DG, 26 July 1907.
4. Certificate awarding the McCosh Graduate’s and Medical Bursaries to DG and John Howard Horne. Dated 26 July 1907.
5. DG’s medical registration certificate, dated 4 September 1907.
6. Additional Qualifications Certificate, showing that DG now had an MD from the University of Edinburgh. Date of additional registration: 23 October 1909.
7. With GMC notices about employing unqualified persons and conditions of service in the special reserve of officers, RAMC
8. Fellowship diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, awarded to DG in 1914. With an application form for medical registration.
11. Certificate awarded to DG by the International Academy of the History of Medicine, September 1962.
12. Honorary Fellowship diploma awarded to DG by the Royal Society of Medicine, 2 May 1967.
13. DG’s DLitt, awarded by the University of Edinburgh, 19 July 1967.

GD/15/15 MEDALS & BADGES
1. Medal commemorating the Grand Festival in honour of the genius of Burns on the banks of the Doon, August 6th 1844.
2. Medal commemorating the opening of the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway, February 18, 1842.
3. Gold badge presented to DG for services as Hon. Surgeon at the 1st Scottish International Aviation Meeting, 1910. Boxed. Also another version of the badge, unboxed.
5. Medal showing Conradus Gessnerus, MD, “Duobus saeculus feliciter peractis me cudi iussit societas scientiarum naturalium turicensis MCMXLVI [1946].
9. Memorial medallion struck to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the medical magazine MD [in 1967]. It carries the portrait of Andreas Versalius.
11. Memorial medallion struck to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the medical magazine MD in 1977. It carries the portrait of Felix Marti-Ibanez, the founder of MD. Boxed. With a letter from Verna Sabelle of MD Publications Inc. to Jean Guthrie about it.
12. Medal awarded to DG as Founder Member of the Faculty of the History of Medicine and Pharmacy at the Society of Apothecaries, London. Boxed.
13. Medal commemorating the XIV Congresso Internazionale di Storia della Medicina.
14. Medal commemorating Horatio Viscount Nelson’s flagship Foudroyant. Struck from copper of the vessel after breaking up.
15. Letter from David Potter of the Federation Internationale de la Medaille, asking the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Edinburgh University if he knows of any doctors who would lend medical medals to an exhibition to be held in Cologne. DG lent two: Viscount Nelson and Conrad Gessner. Letter dated 27 March 1971.

GD/15/16 SLIDES
1. Wilhelmina Carstairs, aged 17.
2. Hughes Bennett pocket microscope.
3. Dr R Scot Skiving, aged 94.
4. 2 slides of Marjory Fleming’s grave.

GD/15/17 SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE
1. Invitation to a preliminary meeting to establish a Scottish Society of the History of Medicine, to be held at The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 23 April 1948. DG to give a brief statement regarding the Constitution and object of the proposed society. 4 copies.
2. Reports of Proceedings, Sessions:
4. [All in a box]
5. List of papers contributed to the Scottish Society of the History of Medicine by DG from 1948 to 1965. Typescript. 3 pages. 2 copies, second with p3 missing.
6. [Group photograph of the Society at the Dr John Leyden Memorial on Denholm Green, near Hawick, on 13 June 1964. See PHOTOGRAPHS]

GD/15/18 CORRESPONDENCE, MISC.
1. Letter from J W Walker, “the only living relative of Peter Chamberlen, inventor of forceps,” to DG thanking him for his kind reply to his inquiry and for the good advice tendered. He also mentions his research into his family history. Dated 13 March 1948.

GD/15/19 CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE LIBRARY OF THE RCSED.
1. Letter from Frances S Brown, College Librarian, to DG advising him of requested books which have arrived in the Library. Dated 31 October 1940.
3. Letter from DG, as Hon. Librarian, to the President of the College, J M Watson, concerning the College’s collection of portraits. A Mr Stanley Cursiter has examined them and advised that the Hall be reserved for Medina portraits and that the portraits of William Borthwick and William Smellie be given a more prominent position. DG has also made enquiries about the cleaning of the portraits. Dated 17 July 1947.
4. Letter from Frances S Brown to DG, who was on holiday, asking him to look over a list of books which have been sent to the Library by Thins on approval. Dated 2 August 1947. On verso: MS reply from DG to Frances S Brown. He approves of her choice of books and tells her that he is enjoying his holiday. Dated 6 August 1947.
5. Copy of a letter from DG to the President and Council of the College giving formal notice of his intention to resign from the office of Honorary Librarian, an office which he had held for 19 years. He gives suggestions as to suitable successors. Dated 8 June 1959.
6. Copy of a letter from C W A Falconer, Secretary of the College, to DG accepting his resignation and thanking him for his long period of service. The Council are considering appointing an assistant Librarian to Miss Brown. Dated 14 July 1959.
7. Letter from DG, at the Anglo-Swiss Hotel, Bournemouth, to Dorothy U Wardle, College Librarian, asking her to let him know the exact date of Lister’s first announcement of his antiseptic system in an article in the Lancet. Dated 14 January 1965.
9. Letter from DG to Miss Wardle thanking her for her earlier information and asking her to find out more details from Lister’s papers in the Lancet. Dated 18 January 1965.
10. Letter from DG to Miss Wardle thanking her for her efforts to trace the exact date of Lister’s discovery and giving his opinion of the most “exact” date. Dated 18 January 1965.
11. Letter from DG, again at the Anglo-Swiss Hotel, to Miss Wardle, regarding a postcard from Mr Gladstone which he had given to the College. Dated 27 February 1968.
12. Letter from the College Librarian to DG, advising that Mr Miles had presented four books to the Library, with a letter which she encloses. Typescript, with MS additions in shorthand. Undated.
13. Letter from Jean Guthrie to Miss Wardle, thanking her for her help on the subject of Lister, on DG’s behalf. Dated 23 August 1972.
14. Letter from Jean Guthrie to Miss Wardle enclosing a list of books which DG has bequeathed to the College. She has not yet had time to sort through his reprints, MSS, etc. but DG also bequeathed his cap and gown to the College. Dated 13 October 1975.
15. Letter from Miss Wardle to Jean Guthrie accepting the books and DG’s cap and gown. Dated 15 October 1975.
16. Letter from Margaret J Guthrie to Miss Wardle asking her to inform the President and Secretary of the College of DG’s bequests. Dated 21 October 1975.
17. Letter from Miss Wardle to Jean Guthrie advising her that she has reported DG’s bequest to Dr Simson Hall and thanking her on his behalf as he is ill. Dated 23 October 1975.
18. Letter from Jean Guthrie to Miss Wardle thanking her for the typed list which she sent and telling her the address of Goro Achiwa in Japan, who had written to her of the happy times he had when he met DG in Edinburgh ten years ago. Dated 24 October 1975.
19. Letter from I Simson Hall, Honorary Librarian, to Mrs Guthrie, thanking her for sending DG’s books to the Library and enclosing a copy of the minute of the Library Committee. Dated 20 November 1975.
20. Letter from Jean Guthrie to Miss Wardle advising her that she is still sifting through boxes and bundles, some of which are marked “Royal College of Surgeons.” She encloses a list of articles and asks that Miss Wardle let her know if she wants them all. Dated 9 February 1976. With the list itself and Miss Wardle’s reply accepting all the items, dated 10 February 1976.
21. Letter from Miss Wardle to Jean Guthrie thanking her for the “Guthrie Papers” which she had brought into the Library. Some other items (foreign bodies from the ear, nose and air passages) have been passed to the Museum. Dated 11 February 1976.
22. Letter from Lindsays WS, Solicitors, to the Librarian of the College, advising that they are arranging for a number of books to be delivered, from the library of the late DG, which had been selected by his widow’s executors in consultation with Dr Haldane Tait. An informal note had been found, indicating that DG wished the Library to have his degree scrolls, diplomas, medals, etc., and these are to be included in the consignment. Dated 15 May 1985. With MS note “the books were, in fact, uplifted today.”
23. List of books bequeathed by DG to The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh: an extract from the Library Committee minutes, 5 November 1975.

**GD/15/20 MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS**
1. Six pairs of scissors
2. One pair of pliers
3. One other, unknown

**GD/15/21 DG'S MEDICAL CAREER**
1. [Letter from Sir James Mackenzie to DG thanking him for the reprint he has sent him and giving him some tips for his future career, as he thinks he might be about to "proceed on wrong lines." With a typescript copy of the letter and a photograph of Sir James. See PHOTOGRAPHS, MISC.]
2. Letter from ? Wallace to DG wishing him happiness on his retirement from the Sick Children’s Hospital, dated 10 October 1934.
3. Letter of application and testimonials in favour of Douglas Guthrie [...] candidate for the post of Assistant Surgeon to the Ear, Nose and Throat Department, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

**GD/15/22 DG'S EDUCATION**
1. List of candidates recommended to receive degrees in medicine and surgery of the University of Edinburgh, 26 July 1907. DG is listed under bachelors of medicine and surgery. With the order of ceremony for the graduation.
2. The Student: Graduation Souvenir. July 18, 1907. On the occasion of DG’s graduation, University of Edinburgh. With:
3. Page from the Scotsman, July 27, 1907, listing the Medical graduates of Edinburgh University, including Douglas James Guthrie, Scotland.
4. Five certificates of merit awarded by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Edinburgh to DG in Practical Zoology, Systematic Surgery, Systematic and Clinical Ophthalmology, Diseases of the Ear, Nose and Throat, and Diseases of Tropical Climates, 1902-1906.

**GD/15/23 PHOTOGRAPHS OF DG**

1. Group portrait of final year students in Medicine at Edinburgh University, 1907. DG is on the second row. [Oversized photo, in art folder]
2. Graduation(?) portrait of DG.
4. DG as a general practitioner, at 8 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 1913.
5. Two portraits of DG during the First Great War.
7. Group portrait of the Visiting Association of Throat and Ear Surgeons of Great Britain to the Nouvelle Clinique Oto-Rhino-Laryngologique, Strasbourg, May 1931. DG is at the far right on the front row. [Oversized photo, in art folder]
8. Photograph from the Scotsman of the Scottish Pipers' Society, 1937. DG is 5th from the front.
9. DG and Sir Henry Wade conducting the Association of Surgeons around historic sites in Edinburgh. Here they are on the steps of St Giles Cathedral, c1949. Photograph taken by the Evening Dispatch.
11. DG and the postgraduate class, 23 May 1956.
12. DG (in centre, back of picture) showing his students of the class in medical history over Greyfriars Churchyard, undated, 195-?
13. "Protection against body-snatching in Greyfriars Churchyard, Edinburgh." DG and students, undated, 195-?
14. DG at the tomb of James Borthwick in Greyfriars Churchyard, undated.
16. Another photograph of the Pilgrimage, mounted on card.
17. DG with a gathering of people, undated.
18. DG and Mrs Guthrie, with the Rector of Kirkcaldy High School and Mrs Adam and Miss Morris on the occasion of DG’s talk to the pupils, 3 July 1959.
19. Photograph of the presentation to DG of the Certificate of Membership of the Order of the Good Time, a Nova Scotian society, on 22 July 1959. Taken by the Scotsman newspaper. See also entry under Honours Awarded to DG.
20. Photographs of DG with Prof Dr Subba Reddy of the Institute of the History of Medicine, Hyderabad, India, and his staff, and of the Institute itself. 4 photographs taken in 1963.
21. Group photograph of the Scottish Society of the History of Medicine at the Dr John Leyden Memorial on Denholm Green, near Hawick, on 13 June 1964.
22. Colour photograph of Dr W A Alexander, Douglas Guthrie and Dr Haldane Philip Tait, 1965.
23. Group photograph of University of Edinburgh Graduates in Medicine, 1967. Taken by E.R. Yerbury & Son. DG is on the front row, holding his D.Litt. [Oversized photo, in art folder]
24. DG at his D.Litt graduation, Edinburgh University, 19 July 1967.
25. DG with the Principal of Edinburgh University, Michael Swann, on the day of graduation. Taken by Mrs Guthrie.
26. DG with Prof Archie Campbell on the day of graduation, 19 July 1967.
27. Group photograph, with DG 4th from left on the front row, taken after the D.Litt graduation ceremony, 19 July 1967.
28. Mrs Armstrong-Davison cutting the 21st birthday cake of the Scottish Society of the History of Medicine, presented by Jean Guthrie, 18 October 1969. DG looking on.
32. Reproduction of the above, glued onto a card. With negative.
33. Portrait of DG with Dunblane Cathedral in the background. This photograph was used in the article "Philosopher of Medicine" in MD, September 1971.

P GD/15/24 PHOTOGRAPHS, MISC.
1. Photograph of a mouse orchestra at the Anatomical Museum at the University of Leyden, made by Dr van der Mijle in 1860 out of 36 mouse skeletons. 3 copies, in an envelope marked "To College of Surgeons Museum, Edinburgh." (Not DG's handwriting.) Black and white.
2. Photograph of the Fernel-Pare Medal, issued by the French government in
3. 1794, with two other reproductions of it on the cover of the Bulletin of the Cleveland Medical Library, October 1956. Black and white.
4. Photograph of the Memorial Window at the Mayo Clinic. Black and white.
5. Portrait of Margaret Menzies Campbell with her Hon. Fellowship in Dental Surgery, 10 June 1977. Given to Mrs Guthrie "with every good wish." Colour.
6. Photograph of Sir James Mackenzie and Dorothy at New Park, St Andrews, about 1920. [See also DG'S MEDICAL CAREER]

GD/15/25 MISCELLANEOUS
1. [List of books bequeathed by DG to The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh: an extract from the Library Committee minutes, 5 November 1975. See Correspondence with the Library of the RCSEd.]

2. Menu of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary Residents' Club Annual Dinner, 28 June 1935, under the presidency of Dr A Logan Turner. With a portrait of Logan Turner on the cover.
3. Medallion of the Aztec Calendar "engraved in 1479 and now in the Museum at Mexico City." Facsimile, with a booklet: The Aztec Calendar, printed in Mexico.
4. Newspaper cutting about DG’s visit to the Buteshire Natural History Society, c. 1960, entitled Passing it on: influence of heredity.
5. Part of a page from a Scottish Society of the History of Medicine publication, c1969, with a personal note about DG, their Honorary President, and his busy two years.
6. Title page of the Yearbook of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, 1974, with DG’s entry pasted on.
7. Letter from the Institute of Laryngology and Otology to Mrs Guthrie apologising for omitting to send her an invitation to the Annual Address. Dated 5 October 1977.
8. Translation of the Hippocratic Oath by W.H.S. Jones, typewritten. One page. 2 copies.
9. Biographical
10. Toast to DG at Dinner in the Senate Hall, 17 October 1957. Typescript.
11. List of books bequeathed by DG to Edinburgh University Library. Two pages, typed.
13. Typescript biography of DG, including membership of societies and offices held. 3 pages.
14. Typescript list of appointments held by DG. 1 page.
15. Typescript document: Honorary Librarians of Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh. Mentions DG.
17. MS and typescript biographical information about DG and his publications. 2 pages.
18. Biographical notes on DG: his career, memberships and appointments, and works. 1 page, typescript.

GD/15/26 DEATH
1. Death notice from a newspaper, 8 June 1975.
2. Obituary in the Times, 10 June 1975: "Dr Douglas Guthrie, a distinguished medical historian." 2 copies, with a photocopy.
5. Extract from the Minutes of the Library Committee held on 11 June 1975, recording their sorrow at the death of DG, a former chairman of the committee.
7. Obituary of DG from the JRCSEd., 1975. 1 page.
8. Obituary of DG by Noel Poynter in Medical History, October 1975. 2 sheets.
13. Photostat of MS biography of DG, updated in ink on his death.

**GD/15/27 JOSEPH BELL**
1. Photographic portrait of Dr. Joseph Bell.
2. Print of Dr. Joseph Bell in his "victoria," from DG's "A history of Medicine."
3. Drawing of Dr Joseph Bell, by DG?

**GD/15/28 BOOKS BY DG**
1. A selection of reviews of DG's works, mainly of A history of Medicine and The Sick Children's Hospital, Edinburgh. "For references." Some printed, some typed.
2. List of books and papers on the history of medicine by DG. Two copies.
3. Various typescript and MS lists of historical books by DG.
4. List of books written, or partly written, by DG. 1 page. 2 copies.
5. The Edinburgh Medical School. "This booklet has been prepared [...] in the University of Edinburgh, chiefly from information contained in The history of Scottish medicine" by John D. Comrie, 2nd ed., 1932."
8. Dust jacket of From witchcraft to antisepsis, University of Kansas Press, 1955.

**GD/15/29 HISTORY OF MEDICINE**
1. Letter from S Cochrane Shanks, Dean of the University College Hospital Medical School, to DG enclosing a photograph of a print of Liston performing the first operation in England under ether. DG wanted to use this in his History of Medicine.
2. Advertisement for DG's book A history of Medicine, published by Nelson. "For the enquiring general reader, the reference library, the doctor, the medical student..." With an order form on the verso. 3 copies.
3. Specimen pages and table of contents of A History of Medicine. 4 pages. 2 copies.
5. Typescript review(?) of DG's History of Medicine, 1958, by ? 3 pages.
6. Extramural Medical Education in Edinburgh
7. [All material is at present in a box marked Spicers Plus Fabric Writing Paper.]
9. Typescript notes by DG about the School of Medicine of the Royal Colleges, from an article in the Surgeon’s Hall Journal by Dr Logan Turner and published in 1936.
12. One page of typescript notes or letter about the Goodenough Committee meeting at the School of Medicine.
13. Letter from Frank Fish, Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychological Medicine at the University of Edinburgh, to DG. He discusses David Skae, who lectured at the Extramural School in the 1840s and 1850s. Dated 6 April 1964.
14. Letter from A B Horn to DG thanking him for his kind words about his article on the teaching of Anatomy in the Old Quadrangle. Dated 18 December 1964.
15. DG’s manuscript, The School of Medicine at the Royal Colleges, Edinburgh, 1895-1948, in two exercise books.
16. Typescript version of the manuscript.
17. Extramural medical education in Edinburgh and the School of Medicine of the Royal Colleges by Douglas Guthrie. Published by E & S Livingstone Ltd, Edinburgh, 1965. Illustrated, and with original dust jacket.

**GD/15/30 ARTICLES BY DG**

2. Foreign bodies in the nose. Repr. from the Journal of Laryngology and Otology, July 1926. [Reprint box 4]
4. Cerebellar abscess in childhood, with notes of two cases in which recovery followed operation. Repr. from the Journal of Laryngology and Otology, September 1931. [Reprint box 4]
5. Early or late operation in acute mastoiditis. Repr. from Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine, April 1933. [Reprint box 4]
9. Greek medicine. Repr. from The Medical Press and Circular, 21 August 1940. 3 copies. [Reprint box 1]
12. Medicine and history. Repr. from the Edinburgh Medical Journal, 1943. 4 copies. [Reprint box 2]
15. Religio Medici: a tercentenary tribute. Repr. from the Lancet, 9 October 1943. 2 copies. [Repr box 2]
17. The patient: a neglected factor in the history of medicine. Repr. from Proc. Of the Royal Society of Medicine, July 1945. 3 copies. [Reprint box 4]
20. The poor man’s physician. Repr. from the BMJ, 26 January 1946. [Reprint box 5]
23. The rise and progress of medical education in Scotland. Repr. from Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine, August 1949. 3 copies. [Reprint box 2]
25. Patienten, en forsomt factor I medicins historie. Repr. from Medicinsk Forum, No. 4, 1949. 6 copies. [Reprint box 1]
26. Some early herbals. Repr. from the BMJ, 10 June 1950. 9 copies. [Reprint box 2]
27. Heberden Society: Doctor William Heberden. Repr. from Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases, 3 September 1951. 3 copies. [Reprint box 2]
29. The medical and scientific exploits of King James IV of Scotland. Reprinted from the BMJ, 30 May 1953.
32. Trends and fashions in medicine. In: Bulletin of the Post-graduate Committee in Medicine, University of Sydney, December 1953. [Reprint box 5]
33. Alfred Nobel and his prizes. Repr. from the Bulletin of the Ayer Clinical Laboratory of the Pennsylvania Hospital, May 1954. 2 copies. [Reprint box 4]
34. A medical historian in New Zealand and Australia. From Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine, July 7 1954. 11 copies. With original typescript. [Reprint box 1]
37. Alexander Monro primus. Repr. from University of Edinburgh Journal, Summer 1954. 5 copies. [Reprint box 2]
38. Ancient and primitive drugs. Repr. from International Record of Medicine and General Practice Clinics, June 1955. 3 copies. [Reprint box 2]
39. The way of the investigator. Repr. from the Irish Journal of Medical Science, March 1956. 4 copies. [Reprint box 2]
40. An advertisement for the Section of the History of Medicine of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Ireland’s first meeting, 19 January 1956, at which DG was to read his paper The way of the investigator. [Reprint box 2]
41. The three Alexander Monros and the foundation of the Edinburgh Medical School. Reprinted from the JRCSEd., September 1956. 11 copies. [Reprint box 1] With:
42. Cutting from a New Zealand newspaper: “Visiting surgeon studying old documents,” 1953. DG was studying MSS written by the Monros and now in the possession of the University of Otago, in preparation for writing The three Alexander Monros in 1956.
43. India’s contribution to the history of medicine. Repr. from Nature, 17 November 1956. 3 copies. [Reprint box 4]
44. On writing a history of medicine. Reprinted from International Record of Medicine and General Practice Clinics, November 1956. 8 copies. [Reprint box 3]
45. On writing a history of medicine. In: International Record of Medicine and General Practice Clinics, November 1956. [Reprint box 3]
46. On writing a history of medicine. In: Medicine and Writing: MD international symposia no. 4, 1956. 2 copies. [Reprint box 3]
47. Harvey in space and time. Repr. from the BMJ, 9 March 1957. 4 copies. [Reprint box 2]
49. The hippocratic oath. Pr. in International Record of Medicine, September 1957.
50. Obituary of H E Sigerist, MD, from the BMJ, 30 March 1957. [Reprint box 5]
51. Whither medical history? Repr. from Medical History, October 1957. [Reprint box 4]
52. Heredity and healing. Address delivered to the Scottish Genealogy Society, 16 December 1957. Repr. from the International Record of Medicine, October 1958. 2 copies. [Reprint box 2]

54. Dynasties of doctors. An address delivered to the Scottish Genealogical Society. Repr. from The Scottish Genealogist, April 1958. 5 copies, and 1 entire issue. [Reprint box 2]
55. Obituary of W J Stuart from the RSE Yearbook, 1958-59. [Reprint box 5]
56. The influence of the Leyden School upon Scottish medicine. Reprinted from Medical History, April 1959. 2 copies. [Reprint box 4]
58. The need for medical history. In: British and Canadian Medicine, a Scotsman special supplement, introduced by Prince Philip, 20 July 1959. With a reprint. [Reprint box 3]
61. A list of the portraits in the Royal Society of Edinburgh, with biographical notes. Repr. from the Year Book of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, 1959/60. [Reprint box 5]
63. Programme for the First British Congress on the History of Medicine and Pharmacy, London, 28-30 September 1960, with a paper DG read there(?) and a letter from F N L Poynter praising DG’s paper at the Congress and offering to publish it. [Reprint box 5]
65. The surgeon-apothecaries and the physick gardens of old Edinburgh. Reprinted from the JRCSEd., October 1960. 5 copies. [Reprint box 2]
68. Sherlock Holmes and medicine. Repr. from the Canadian Medical Association Journal, 28 October 1961. 2 copies. [Reprint box 4]
69. The traveller looks both ways. Reprinted from the BMJ, 23 December 1961. 12 copies and two copies of the original typescript version. [Reprint box 2]
71. Medicine before 1500 AD, as viewed by medical historians during the past fifty years. Typescript, [1962] [Reprint box 5]
72. Medicine before AD 1500 as viewed by medical historians during the past fifty years. Repr. from Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine, Supplement, [1962?] 13 copies. [Reprint box 1]
73. Osler in Scotland. Repr. from the BMJ, 6 April 1963. With original typescript version. [Reprint box 5]
74. Medical history in modern India. From the July 1963 issue of Medical History. 2 copies. [Rep box 4]
75. Margery Fleming, the youngest immortal by DG in the Scotsman, 9 November 1963. 2 copies; one is pasted onto paper. [Reprint box 3]
76. Medical history in modern India. Repr. from ?, c. 1964. 6 copies. [Reprint box 1]
78. The achievement of Peter Lowe, and the unity of physician and surgeon. Repr. from Scottish Medical Journal, 1965. 4 copies. [Reprint box 1]
82. [Article by DG: Early days at Kirkcaldy High School [by] An Old Boy. From the Kirkcaldy High School Magazine, 1968.] SEE DG’S EDUCATION.
84. Medicine, history of. From the 15th ed. of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1974. Repr. 3 copies. [Reprint box 4]
85. The foundations of medical education. 2: The scientific background to modern medicine. Proof copy? No date, no journal mentioned. [Reprint box 4]
86. Nursing through the ages. Repr. From the Nursing Mirror. No date.
87. Typescript paper Medical geography, past and present. Undated. 8 pages. [Reprint box 5]
88. Typescript biography of Benjamin Bell. 1 page. [Reprint box 5]
89. Typescript biography of Sir Charles Bell. 2 pages.
90. Typescript explanation of the King’s Evil, for the Encyclopedia Britannica. 2 pages. [Reprint box 5]
91. List of "papers on oto-laryngology." 2 pages.
92. REVIEWS BY DG

GD/15/31 BOOKS OWNED BY DG
1. Handmade illustrated booklet called Old Style Medicine in Peking. In a brown envelope with the MS note: "Colour drawings of Chinese medical practice. Bought at Pekin in 1936 by DG."
4. The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh: Bicentenary Year, 1729-1929 by A Logan Turner. Published by Oliver and Boyd, 1929. With a few notes in ink. Also contains a leaflet about the Royal Infirmary by the National Library of Scotland and a typescript piece on the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and associated hospitals.

**GD/15/32 ARTICLES OWNED BY DG**
1. The Edinburgh Medical School and its Professors in my student days, 1865-1869, by Byrom Bramwell. Repr. from the Edinburgh Medical Journal, April, 1923.
3. Decisive books in medical progress, by Ralph H Major. Repr. from International Record of Medicine, 8 August 1960.

**GD/15/33 ROBERT SCOT SKIRVING, OF SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**
1. Long letter from Scot Skirving to DG "regarding my book Lord Lister [...] giving some interesting details of his student life in Edinburgh and his experiences as Spence’s house-surgeon." Also mentions Joseph Bell: his classes were "great fun and very instructive. Bell thought of himself a true disciple of Lister - but he really wasn’t - there was a lot of pus in his service." 6 pages, with a note by DG. People mentioned in it are: Lister, John Kirk, P H Watson, Grainger Stewart, John Thomson, James Spence, Dr Maclagan, John Duncan, Syme, Mrs Porter, Dobie, Andrew Stewart, Annandale, Joe Bell, John Chiene, Duncan, T R Fraser, Sanders, Greenfield, John Hughes Bennett, Watson Cheyne
2. Typescript copy of this letter by DG..
3. Letter from Scot Skirving to DG, dated 11 November 1953. He is sorry he didn’t see more of "you two people who expressed so much of the atmosphere of my early life in Edinburgh." 1 page.
4. Letter from Scot Skirving to DG, undated, mentioning that he got a letter from Crowther of Hobart. 2 pages.
5. Letter from Scot Skirving to DG, dated 19 January 1954. He is glad that DG likes Tasmania and applauds Crowther as a "dear accomplished man with a delightful mind." He is sorry DG has missed Cleland. He mentions the Royal Visit to Sydney ("I pity that poor girl!") and has found a photograph of himself to send to DG. 3 pages.
6. Letter from Scot Skirving to DG, dated 31 January (?) 1954. He mentions a snapshot he is sending, and is nostalgic for his earlier days in Australia. "I live in a new world now - and often I love it not!!" 2 pages.
7. Letter from Scot Skirving to DG, dated 17 February 1954. He mentions again the photograph he is sending: "it seems quite like my aged person." He regrets not achieving enough in his life and describes how Sydney has "gone crazy over Eliz. II. It is a kind of mass hysteria." 3 pages.
10. Air mail letter from Scot Skirving to DG, dated 1 January 1955.
11. Air mail letter from Scot Skirving to DG, dated 13 June 1955.
12. Long letter (possibly two letters mixed together, because one sheet is signed "R.S.S., 29-1-56.") from Scot Skirving to DG, recalling tales from his student days,1877-1883, particularly about James Spence. Dated 18 January 1956. 15 pages.
13. Typescript extracts from letters of Scot Skirving. In the first letter he speaks of his great age: "I am very old - absurdly old - and I think with shame how little I've done with my long life." He also recalls Sydney as it was when he arrived and how it has changed. He encloses a photograph of himself taken by Robert Carslaw, a retired Glasgow surgeon. In the second letter he remembers DJ Cunningham, who was Professor in Dublin when he was studying at the Rotunda. "When I was about to go home, Cunningham asked if I would take with me a present from him to his old chief Sir William Turner. I did so, and how the porters in Glasgow and at Waverley Station groaned at the weight of the boxes. Little did they know that the present consisted of 11/2 human bodies. At that time corpses were cheap in Dublin but much dearer in Edinburgh." Two sheets, in a brown envelope. DG has made notes in ink.

14. MS obituary notes on the death of Robert Scot Skirving in his 97th year, written by DG in 1956. 3 pages.


17. Photographic reproduction of the obituary of Dr Andrew Douglas Maclagan FRCSE from the British Medical Journal, 14 April 1900. 3 pages.


GD/15/34 LI SHU FAN

1. Pamphlet produced by the Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation - the "Hong Kong Surgeon's" 1964 Almanac, written by Li Shu Fan.

2. Letter from Li Shu Fan to DG thanking him for his letter. He is pleased that his book is in great demand in the UK and encloses 6 copies of his Hong Kong Surgeon's Almanac. Dated 13 May 1965.

3. Article "Roses and Tigers," about Dr Li Shu Fan, from MD, January 1972. Written by Felix Marti-ibanez.

GD/15/35 OBJECTS

1. A souvenir from Syracuse, Italy. "This paper made from the Papyrus is manufactured only at Syracuse and it is identical to the Egyptian Papyrus used by Pharoahs." Mounted under glass.

2. A tile recovered from the floor of the former Dispensary Building during the construction of the new Auditorium, 1979-80, from the Department of Clinical Physics and Bio-engineering, Glasgow.