

Joseph Bell

Reference and contact details: GB 779 RCSEd GD/16

Location: RS L1

See also RCSEd GD/100/94 in Museum and Library safe

Title: The Stisted Bell Collection

Dates of Creation: c1701-

Held at: The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

Extent: 14 boxes, plus silver objects and large oil portrait.

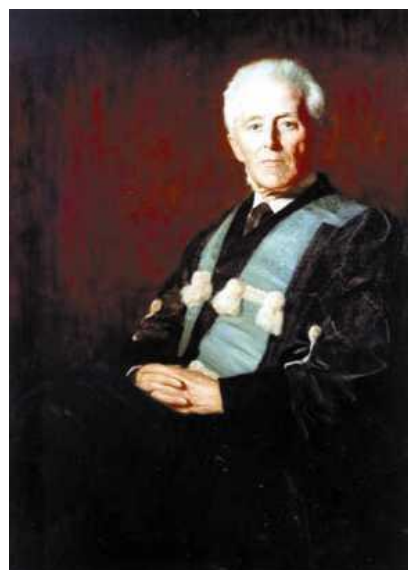
The silver objects and oil portrait were transferred to the care of the RCSEd museum as it re-opened October 2015

Name of Creator: Bell and Stisted families and others

Language of Material: English.

Level of Description: item

Date(s) of Description: 1999; 2009; 2011, 2012



Administrative/Biographical History:

Joseph Bell (1837-1911) was the last of the Bell medical dynasty which started with Benjamin Bell in 1771. He was educated at Edinburgh Academy and Edinburgh University where he graduated MD in 1859. Like so many eminent 19th century surgeons he started his surgical career as a House Surgeon with James Syme and was his special assistant for five years. He was the first surgeon to give systematic instruction to nurses, the first surgeon to the newly created Department of Surgery in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in 1887 and was editor of the Edinburgh Medical Journal from 1873 to 1896. He was the College's Honorary Secretary and Treasurer for eleven years until 1887, when he became President.

The archive of Joseph Bell material was received here in 1999 on long term loan from Mrs Judith Stisted, widow of Joseph Nigel Stisted, great-grandson of Joseph Bell.

In 2001 The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh also received a Fiddes Watt portrait (depicted here) of Bell from Mrs Stisted. It hangs on the west wall of the Playfair building Main Staircase.

In 2011, 100 years after the death of Joseph Bell, the Stisted family has generously donated the collection to the College.

GD 16/1/ **Material about 'Sherlock Holmes'**

GD 16/2/ **Material about Joseph Bell**

GD 16/3/ **Material relating to Benjamin Bell (1749-1806) and Benjamin Bell (1810-1883)**

GD 16/4/ **Material relating to the Erskine Murray Family**

GD 16/5/ **Material relating to the Stisted Family**

GD 16/JB **Material relating to Joseph Bell and Benjamin Bell (Presented by Mr John LB Bell)**

GD 16/1/ **Material about 'Sherlock Holmes'**

GD 16/1/1/ **Books about 'Sherlock Holmes'**

GD 16/1/1/1	1894 Doyle, A. Conan. <i>A study in scarlet</i> . 'New ed., with a note on 'Sherlock Holmes' by Dr Joseph Bell, and forty illustrations by George Hutchinson'. London: Ward, Lock and Bowden, 1894. Signed by Joseph Bell on half title page.	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/1/2	1983 Edwards, Owen Dudley. <i>The quest for 'Sherlock Holmes': a biographical study of Arthur Conan Doyle</i> . Edinburgh: Mainstream Pub. 1983.	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/1/3	1982 Liebow, Eli M. <i>Dr Joe Bell: model for 'Sherlock Holmes'</i> . Bowling Green, OH: Bowling Green University Popular Press, 1982.	RS L1 Box A

GD 16/1/1/4	1982 Watson, Malcolm and La Serre, Edward. <i>Sheerluck Jones: a dramatic criticism in four paragraphs and as many headlines</i> . Rev. ed. by Richard Lancelyn Green. London: P. Schoffer, 1982. Reprint of 1901 burlesque of William Gillette's play 'Sherlock Holmes', with new introduction. Inscribed "For Brigadier J N Stisted with many thanks from Richard Lancelyn Green."	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/1/5	1981 Doyle, A. Conan, et al. <i>Arthur Conan Doyle on 'Sherlock Holmes': speeches at the Stoll Convention Dinner: an exchange of rhymed speeches</i> . Favil Press, 1981. With introduction by Richard Lancelyn Green. No. 20 of 300 copies. Inscribed "For Brigadier J N Stisted with all my thanks, Richard Lancelyn Green."	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/2/ GD 16/1/2/1/	Correspondence about 'Sherlock Holmes' Arthur Conan Doyle's letters to Joseph Bell	
GD 16/1/2/1/1	1892 Letter to Joseph Bell from Arthur Conan Doyle, apologizing that Harry How (journalist) may have been inadvertently "set on the trail" of Bell	RS L1 Box B
GD 16/1/2/1/2	1892 Letter to Joseph Bell from Arthur Conan Doyle, crediting Bell as the inspiration for 'Sherlock Holmes'	RS L1 Box B
GD 16/1/2/1/3	1892 May 7 th Letter to Joseph Bell from Arthur Conan Doyle, informing him of his intention to "do 12 more 'Sherlock Holmes' sketches".	RS L1 Box B
GD 16/1/2/1/4	1892 June 16 th Letter to Joseph Bell from Arthur Conan Doyle, informing to expect publication of his new book "about September."	RS L1 Box B
GD 16/1/2/1/5	1892 July 7 th Letter to Joseph Bell from Arthur Conan Doyle, hoping Bell will not be too bothered by "lunatics letters", now that the <i>Strand</i> has identified him as the inspiration for Holmes.	RS L1 Box B
GD 16/1/2/1/6	July 18 th 1905 Note to Joseph Bell from Arthur Conan Doyle, which states, "I have written to Major S. giving him what information I can".	RS L1 Box B
GD 16/1/2/1/7	1906 ca July Note to Joseph Bell from Arthur Conan Doyle, which states, "All thanks for your sympathetic letter." Conan Doyle's first wife had died during this period and Bell had written with his condolences.	RS L1 Box B
GD 16/1/2/2/	Correspondence with Stisted family about Joseph Bell /'Sherlock Holmes'	
GD 16/1/2/2/1	1993 April 15 th Letter from Michael Watson to Brigadier Stisted concerning 'Sherlock Holmes'/Joseph Bell's Myers Briggs personality type.	RS L1 Box B
GD 16/1/2/2/2	1951 – Several letters concerning Joseph Bell and 'Sherlock Holmes', including a number between Mrs Stisted in Folkestone and St Marylebone Public Library-with envelopes.	RS L1 Box B
GD 16/1/2/2/3	1946-1953 Several letters concerning Joseph Bell and 'Sherlock Holmes', including a number between Mrs Stisted in Folkestone and St Marylebone Public Library-without envelopes.	RS L1 Box B
GD 16/1/2/3/	Correspondence files about 'Sherlock Holmes'	
GD 16/1/2/3/1	Nov. 1977 to Dec. 1980 Correspondence file concerning Ely Liebow's research for his biography of Joseph Bell. Title of folder: E. Liebow, Vol. 1.	RS L1 Box B
GD 6/1/2/3/2	Jan. 1981 to 1987. Correspondence file: E. Liebow, Vol. 2.	RS L1 Box B
GD 16/1/2/3/3	1982 File containing reviews of E. Liebow's biography of Joseph Bell and letters to Brigadier Stisted about the book	RS L1 Box B
GD 16/1/2/3/4	1983 Correspondence file concerning articles about 'Sherlock Holmes' in the <i>Stoneyhurst Magazine</i> ; correspondence with Richard Lancelyn Green. Also contains the article Conan Doyle and <i>Stoneyhurst</i> from the <i>Stoneyhurst Magazine</i> , no. 474, Autumn 1982.	RS L1 Box B

GD 16/1/3/ Loose press cuttings about 'Sherlock Holmes'		
GD 16/1/3/1	1943 Dr Bell or Conan Doyle? Edinburgh Evening News 1943	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/3/2	1944 Conan Doyle or Dr Bell? Edinburgh Evening News, 1944	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/3/3	[19?] <i>The original of 'Sherlock Holmes': an interview with Dr Joseph Bell.</i> Pall Mall Gazette, [19-?]	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/3/4	1894 <i>The ghost of 'Sherlock Holmes'.</i> Tit-Bits, 1894 [With an article from the Scottish Leader, 1893, mounted on paper with it]	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/3/5	1892 <i>The original of 'Sherlock Holmes' – To the Editor of Tit-Bits.</i> Tit-Bits, 1892	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/3/6	1894 <i>Dr Doyle, inventor of the [...] detective, 'Sherlock Holmes'.</i> [From a Chicago paper, 1894]	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/3/7	1990 <i>A home for 'Holmes'.</i> Edinburgh Evening News, 1990.	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/3/8	1987 <i>A hundred years of 'Holmes'.</i> Scotsman, 1987	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/3/9	1987 <i>'Sherlock': a study in the science of sleuthing.</i> Radio Times, 1987	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/3/10	1993 <i>The case of the missing sleuth.</i> Mail on Sunday, 1993	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/3/11	1956 The man who was Sherlock Holmes. Evening Dispatch, 1956	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/3/12	[1892] <i>A day with Dr Conan Doyle.</i> Strand Magazine, [1892]. Photocopy	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/3/13	1999 <i>*The case of the real 'Sherlock Holmes'.</i> Scotland on Sunday, 1999. *This item is NOT part of the collection donated.	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/1/3/14	2001 <i>*Edinburgh lures old boy Ian back home.</i> Edinburgh Evening News. 2001. *This item is NOT part of the collection donated.	RS L1 Box A
GD 16/2/ Material about Joseph Bell		
GD 16/2/1/ Books and Articles Relating to Joseph Bell		
GD 16/2/1/1/ Books about Joseph Bell		
GD16/2/1/1/1	1913 <i>An Old Friend. Joseph Bell, MD, FRCS, JP, DL, etc.: an appreciation by an old friend.</i> Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson and Ferrier, 1913. Illustrated. Contains signature of Cecil C. Stisted	RS L1 Box C
GD 16/2/1/1/2	1919 Second copy of <i>An Old Friend." Joseph Bell, MD, FRCS, JP, DL, etc.: an appreciation by an old friend.</i> Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson and Ferrier, 1913. Illustrated. Contains signature of Cecil C. Stisted	RS L1 Box C
GD 16/2/1/1/3	1995 Birrell, George. <i>A most perfect hospital: the centenary of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh.</i> Edinburgh: Edinburgh Sick Children's NHS Trust, 1995. Illustrated. Unsigned.	RS L1 Box C
GD 16/2/1/2/ Books by Joseph Bell		
GD 16/2/1/2/1	1899 Bell, Joseph. <i>Notes on surgery for nurses.</i> 5 th ed. Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd, 1899.	RS L1 Box C
GD 16/2/1/2/2	1906 Bell, Joseph. <i>Notes on surgery for nurses.</i> 6 th ed. Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd, 1906	RS L1 Box C

GD 16/2/1/3/ Other Books in the Joseph Bell Collection

GD 16/2/1/3/1	1908 J.G.M. (ed.) <i>Annals of the Round Table Club</i> . Privately printed, 1908. 1 of 35 copies. Unsigned. [Joseph Bell was the Club's first Secretary]	RS L1 Box C
GD 16/2/1/3/2	1888 Craig, Isa. <i>Mauricewood: our summer home</i> . 1888. "The following verses [...] appeared in the Scotsman of 7 th September 1862."	RS L1 Box C

GD 16/2/1/4/ Articles by Joseph Bell

GD 16/2/1/4/1	1893 <i>Five years Surgery in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children</i> . Edinburgh Hospital Reports. 1893. [reprint]	RS L1 Box C
GD 16/2/1/4/2	1897 May 14 th <i>Harveian Oration, 14th May 1897</i> . The Scottish Medical and Surgical Journal. Aug-Oct 1897 [reprint]	RS L1 Box C
GD 16/2/1/4/3	1894 March/April <i>On the Relation of the Trained Nurse to the Profession and the Public</i> . The Scottish Medical and Surgical Journal. Mar-Apr 1897. [reprint]	RS L1 Box C
GD 16/2/1/4/4	1893 <i>The Surgical Side of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, 1854-1892: the progress of a generation</i> . Edinburgh Hospital Reports. 1893 [reprint]	RS L1 Box C
GD 16/2/1/4/5	1893 <i>Valedictory Address to the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh, November 1, 1893</i> . Edinburgh Medical Journal. Dec 1893. [reprint and galley proof]	RS L1 Box C

GD 16/2/1/5/ Articles about Joseph Bell and his Work

GD 16/2/1/5/1	1949 Guthrie, Douglas. <i>Medicine and detection. Dr Joseph Bell and Others</i> . <i>Medicine Illustrated</i> . 1949: 3(5) p223-226. [complete journal]	RS L1 Box C
GD 16/2/1/5/2	1911 <i>Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. Scottish Branch. Twenty-third Annual Report 1911</i> . Includes notice of Joseph Bell's death, as a member of the Institute's Council	RS L1 Box C
GD 16/2/1/5/3	Undated Anon. [J.A.C.] <i>The Story of the Queen's Nurses in Scotland</i> . By a Member of the Scottish Council. [pamphlet]	RS L1 Box C
GD 16/2/1/5/4	The Scottish Genealogist 2012 59 (2) pp51-60 . Mackaill, Alan W. The life and family history of "Sherlock Holmes". Monochrome illus.	RS L1 Box C

GD 16/2/2/ Photographs of Joseph Bell

GD 16/2/2/1	Ca 1860 Glass-covered, tinted image of Joseph Bell as a young man believed to be aged 22), as part of a group photograph with colleagues, c.1860. [Height 10.5cm, width 7.56.5cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/2	Cardboard-backed photograph of Joseph Bell, facing camera but looking to his right. Produced by Moffat, 125 Princes Street,, Edinburgh. 16.5x10.5 cm	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/3	Small, cardboard-backed photograph (carte-de-visite?) of Joseph Bell seated at a table, reading. Inscribed as produced by John Moffat, 125 Princes Street, Edinburgh.	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/4	Cardboard-backed photograph of Joseph Bell seated. Produced by <i>George Shaw, Photographer, 143 Princes Street, West End, Edinburgh</i> . [Height 16.5cm, width 10.5cm]. Some foxing.	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/5	Cardboard-backed photograph of Joseph Bell, facing camera but glancing slightly to his right. [Height 21cm, width 16cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/6	Cardboard-backed profile photograph of Joseph Bell. [Height 25.5cm, width 20cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/7	Cardboard-backed external photograph of Joseph Bell, wearing deerstalker and coat. [Height 16.5cm, width 10.5cm]	RS L1 Box D

GD 16/2/2/8	Cardboard-backed photograph of Joseph Bell and 4 grandchildren – Joseph L.H. Stisted (born 1896); Charles Nigel Stisted (b 1891, died 1901); Edith Stisted (born 1897) and Edith McCance (born 1894). Produced by <i>George Shaw, Photographer, 143 Princes Street, West End, Edinburgh</i> . [Height 10.5cm, width 16.5cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/9	Cardboard-backed photograph of Joseph Bell and 4 grandchildren – Charles Nigel Stisted (born 1891, died 1901); Edith McCance (born 1894); Edith Stisted (born 1897) and Joseph L.H. Stisted (born 1896). 17 x25cm	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/10	Cardboard-backed photograph, with green border, of Joseph Bell sitting on a horse-drawn carriage, with driver. Another man is looking on. [Height with border 10cm, width with border 12.5cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/11	Reproduction of an external photograph of Joseph Bell in deerstalker and holding a walking cane. The photograph has a bronze/brass frame, lying loose. [Height 10.5cm, width 8cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/12	Modern reproduction of an external photograph of Joseph Bell with two children (boy and girl), probably his grandchildren. [Height 13.5cm, width 9.5cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/13	Modern reproduction of a photograph of Joseph Bell and an unidentified lady, standing in a church archway. External photograph taken from beyond a number of headstones. [Height 9cm, width 11.5cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/14	Cardboard-backed photograph (carte-de-visite?) of Edith Bell. Slight foxing. Produced by J.G Tunny, 93 Princes Street and 11 Salisbury Place, Newington, Edinburgh. 10.5 x6.5cm	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/15	Cardboard-backed photograph of Edith Bell (carte-de-visite?), seated, with right-hand resting on chin. Inscribed produced by Ralston & Sons, 73 Sauchiehall Street and 165 Sandringham Terrace, Gt Western Road, Glasgow. [10.5x6.5cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/16	Smaller but clearer-defined version of cardboard-backed photograph (carte-de-visite?) of Edith Bell, seated, with right-hand resting on chin. Inscribed produced by Ralston & Sons, 108 Renfield Street, Glasgow. [10.5x 6.5cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/17	Cardboard-backed photograph of Benjamin Bell, son of Joseph Bell. Born 14 July 1869, Died June 1893. Produced by W. Cooke, 103 Princes Street, Edinburgh. 16.5x10.5cm	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/18	Cardboard-backed photograph of unknown figure, (carte-de-visite?) and possibly Benjamin Bell, Joseph's son) sitting at desk, writing. Inscribed on rear as "Photographed by Geo. Campbell, 12 Howe Street, Edinburgh." [10x 6.5cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/19	Small photograph of infant Benjamin Bell, Joseph's son, with his nanny. Produced by Ross & Pringle, 114 George Street, Edinburgh [10x6.5cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/20	Small photograph of Jean Isabella Erskine Bell and Cecelia Bell as young children. Produced by Ross & Pringle, 114 George Street, Edinburgh. [Height 10cm, width 6.5cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/21	Cardboard-backed and bordered photograph of "Aunt Libby", sister of Joseph Bell, born 1851. Produced by W. Cooke, Artist Photographer, 103 Princes Street, Edinburgh.	RS L1 Box D
GD16/2/2/22	Modern reproduction of an external photograph of three ladies sitting on a bench. Handwritten note accompanying may suggest that they include Mrs Judith Stisted's grandmother and aunt. One lady is holding a small dog. [Height 9cm, width 13cm]	RS L1 Box D

GD 16/2/2/23	Modern reproduction of an external photograph of an elderly couple. May be Mrs Judith Stisted's grandparents. [Height 13.5cm, width 9cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/24	Glass-fronted photograph of Joseph Bell as a young man (probably early twenties), staring off-camera. Held in maroon velvet-lined case, locked with a small latch. [Height 7cm, width 6cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/25	Small, glass-fronted photograph of Joseph Bell as a young man (probably early twenties), sitting with right-hand in pocket. Image has a horizontal crack along the breadth of the glass. The photo also has a gold border and frame, which is loose at the bottom left-hand corner. [8 x 7cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/26	Glass-fronted, tinted photograph of Edith Bell as a young lady, sitting with hands clasped. Held in maroon velvet-lined case, with a gold border and frame surrounding the image. [9x8cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/27	Glass-fronted, tinted photograph of Edith Bell, standing in black dress, with right-hand resting on a chair. Held in maroon velvet-lined case, with a gold border and frame surrounding the image. [Height 9cm, width 8cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/28	Glass-fronted, tinted photograph of Edith Bell, sitting, holding a book. Held in maroon velvet-lined case, with a gold border surrounding the image. [Height 7cm, width 6cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/29	Glass-fronted, tinted photograph of Edith Bell, sitting, holding a small dog in front of her face. Held in maroon velvet-lined case with side-latch, with a gold border and frame surrounding the image. [Height 9cm, width 8cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/30	Glass-fronted, tinted photograph of Edith Bell, sitting, wearing black shawl and checked dress. Held in half of a black case, (front-side missing), with side-latch and a gold border surrounding the image. [Height 7.5cm, width 6cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/31	Small, glass-fronted, tinted oval photograph of Edith Bell, with pink scarf. Inscribed on rear, " <i>Robert Armstrong, Photographer, 63 Princes Street, Edinburgh</i> ". Gold frame surrounding the image. [Height 6.5cm, width 5cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/32	Small, glass-fronted, tinted oval photograph of Edith Bell, seated, holding a book in left-hand Gold border and frame surrounding the image. [Height 6.5cm, width 5cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/33	Small, glass-fronted, tinted oval photograph of Edith Bell, seated and smiling with hands folded. Inscribed on rear, " <i>Robert Armstrong, Photographer, 63 Princes Street, Edinburgh</i> ". Gold frame surrounding the image. [Height 6.5cm, width 5cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/34	Glass-fronted, tinted photograph of elderly lady, possibly Benjamin Bell's nanny. Seated, wearing bonnet and black shawl. Held in maroon velvet-lined case with broken side-latch, with a gold border and frame surrounding the image. [Height 7.5cm, width 6cm]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/35	Glass-fronted, photograph of young child, possibly Benjamin Bell (Joseph Bell's son) wearing hat and shawl. Held in half a black picture case, (front-side missing, with side-latch and a gold border surrounding the image. [Height 7.5cm, width 6.5m]	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/36	Small red photograph album containing modern black and white photographs of the homes and tombs of the Bell family.	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/37	Colour photograph of a portrait of Joseph Bell by James Irvine, from the Lothian Health Board. Accompanied by a letter from Mike Barfoot, dated 16.2.1994	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/38	Colour and two black and white photographs of a portrait of Joseph Bell, with an invoice from John Dewar Studios. 15.4.1982. Held in brown cardboard folder	RS L1 Box D

GD 16/2/2/39	Two photographs of Joseph Bell in deerstalker and holding a walking cane (reproduced from originals) and one reproduced photograph of Edith Bell, seated, with right-hand resting on chin. Possibly used in preparation for Ely Liebow's book, <i>Dr Joe Bell: Model for 'Sherlock Holmes'</i> .	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/40	15 photocopies of photographs concerning Joseph Bell, sent to Mrs Judith Stisted by Nancy F. McLauchlan in August 1999. A letter from Mrs McLauchlan is included.	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/41	Single photograph, reproduced from original, of Joseph Bell in surgical clothing.	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/2/42	Photograph, reproduced from original, of Miss Isabelle Jamieson, nurse trained by Joseph Bell. Possibly used in preparation for Ely Liebow's book, <i>Dr Joe Bell: Model for 'Sherlock Holmes'</i> – original image was used in book courtesy of Miss Emse Gunn.	RS L1 Box D
GD 16/2/3/	Diaries Relating to Joseph Bell	
GD16/2/3/1	1862. "Private journal, Joseph Bell, Dec. 1862." One volume. Diary continues to 1911. Accompanied by a loose manuscript biography of himself; a few poems; a printed poem by Jane Isabella Erskine Murray: " <i>Loved, not Lost.</i> "	RS L1 Box E
GD 16/2/3/2	Dr Bell's book of poems, prose, and items from newspapers (poems) pasted in. One volume, with clasp.	RS L1 Box E
GD 16/2/4/	Correspondence	
GD 16/2/4/1/	Letters from Florence Nightingale	
GD 16/2/4/1/1	1880. Note from Florence Nightingale thanking Joseph Bell on behalf of nursing, June 12 1880.	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/1/2	1897. Letter from Florence Nightingale to Joseph Bell, January 13 1897.	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/1/3	1878. Florence Nightingale Speech/ Letter: "Dear nurses all, valiant and true." from, 31.12.1878, sent to nurses at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh [And photocopy.]	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/2/	Miscellaneous Letters	
GD 16/2/4/2/1	1872. Letter from Joseph Bell to Peter Beck, dated 31 October 1872. [Photocopy of the original held in Edinburgh Archives, accompanied by a letter from Mike Barfoot, Lothian Health Services Archive]	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/2/2	Letter to Joseph Bell from Blanche Cecil Dundas of Lasswade, thanking him for sending her some verses. Undated.	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/2/3	1844. Letter from Joseph Bell to his cousin Rebekah, dated 11 th November 1844, with a (longer) note by his mother(?) at the end.	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/2/4	1881. Letter from Joseph Bell to his daughter Jean, dated 24.8.1881, about the Queen's visit.	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/2/5	"Extract from a letter from R L Stevenson(?), Samoa(?), Sept. 6 [no year].	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/2/6	Letter to Burgh(?) from G. Bell. No date.	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/2/7	Letter from Cissy [ie. C C Stisted, aged 5] to "my dear Pappy" [Joseph Bell]	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/2/8	1897. Letter from Frederick Verney of The Siamese Legation, London to Joseph Bell, thanking him for showing the King of Siam round the Children's Hospital, 12.8.1897.	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/2/9	1881. Letter from Louise, Princess of Prussia (and daughter of Queen Victoria) to Joseph Bell, October 1881.	RS L1 Box F

GD16/2/4/2/10	1893. Letter from Princess Helena (writing from Cumberland Lodge, Windsor) to Joseph Bell, thanking him for his "kind and interesting letter (7 th April 1893)	RS L1 Box F
GD 6/2/4/2/11	1893. Letter from Princess Helena (writing from Buckingham Palace) to Joseph Bell. (24 th June 1893)	RS L1 Box F
GD 6/2/4/2/12	1894. Letter from Princess Helena (writing from Cumberland Lodge, Windsor) to Joseph Bell, (11 th April 1894)	RS L1 Box F
GD16/2/4/2/13	1900. Letter from Henry Bonham Carter (cousin of Florence Nightingale) to Joseph Bell, (12 th June 1900)	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/2/14	1909. Letter from Kensington Palace to Joseph Bell, (25 th February 1909)	RS L1 Box F

GD 16/2/4/3/ Letters of Condolence on the death of Joseph Bell

GD 16/2/4/3/1	1911. Letter from William Strathie Caw, Treasurer and Clerk of The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, bringing to his attention an Excerpt from the Minute of Meeting of Managers of The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, 9 th October 1911	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/3/2	1911. Excerpt from the Minute of Meeting of Managers of The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, 9 th October 1911	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/3/3	1911. Letter from Walter MacGregor, Secretary and Treasurer of The Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Incurables, enclosing an Extract from the Minutes of their Meeting, 10 th October 1911	RS L1 Box F
GD16/2/4/3/4	1911. Extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of The Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Incurables, 6 th October 1911	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/3/5	1911. Excerpt from the Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of The Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children held on 11 th October 1911	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/3/6	1911. Excerpt from Minute of Meeting of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, held on 18 th October 1911	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/3/7	1911. Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, Scottish Branch. Extract from the Minutes of Council, October 19 th 1911 (2 copies)	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/3/8	1911. Excerpt from Minute of Meeting of Kirk Session of St George's United Free Church held on 23 rd October 1911	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/3/9	1911. Excerpt from Minute of Meeting of managers and Medical Board of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane held 26 th October 1911	RS L1 Box F
GD16/2/4/3/10	1911. Extract Minute of Statutory half-yearly Meeting of the General Council of the University of Edinburgh, held in the University on Friday 27 th October 1911	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/3/11	1911. Letter from Students Representative Council, University of Edinburgh, to "Mrs M'Cance" expressing "the deep sense of loss the University has sustained" in Joseph Bell's death.	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/3/12	1911. Letter from Rector of The Edinburgh Academy to Mr Craigie Bell, asking him to investigate the possibility of obtaining a portrait of Joseph Bell to hang in their Hall. (6 th November 1911)	RS L1 Box F
GD 16/2/4/3/13	1911. Extract from the "Minutes of Meeting of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh, of date 13 th November, 1911" (2 copies)	RS L1 Box F

GD 16/2/5/ **Miscellaneous Biographical Material**
GD 16/2/5/1/ **Scrapbooks**

GD 16/2/5/1/1	c1885. Scrapbook containing photographs and press cuttings, including ones about Joseph Bell, A. Conan Doyle and 'Sherlock Holmes', and Benjamin Bell (Joseph Bell's only son). It is presumed it belonged to Bell's daughter, C.C. Stisted. Date range: c. 1885 – 1899. Includes a copy of a letter from Dr Alastair H B Masson, College Honorary Archivist, thanking Mrs Judith Stisted for the "magnificent collection of Bell memorabilia".	RS L1 Box G
GD 16/2/5/1/2	c1898. Scrapbook containing photographs, drawings, postcards, press cuttings, including articles about Joseph Bell, 'Sherlock Holmes', Boer War, family and home. It is presumed it belonged to Bell's daughter C.C. Stisted. Date range: 1898 – 1905. Some cuttings loose.	RS L1 Box H
GD 16/2/5/1/3	1911. Scrapbook with "J.B." on cover. With an A-Z index of newspapers at beginning. Filled with obituaries of Joseph Bell from many papers. Belonged to his daughter C.C. Stisted. Some cuttings loose.	RS L1 Box I
GD 16/2/5/1/4	1883. Walkers "Century" scrap and news cuttings book. Contains news cuttings and photographs covering the years 1883 to 1907. It is presumed it belonged to C.C. Stisted.	RS L1 Box J
GD 16/2/5/1/5	1906. Album. Inside cover reads "J.L.H.Stisted. Newspaper cuttings and Photographs. 1906. Egerton. Covers years 1906 - 1920. Includes cuttings concerning Joseph Bell on his death in 1911.	RS L1 Box J

GD 16/2/5/2/ Miscellaneous Documents

GD16/2/5/2/1	Manuscript containing list of significant dates in Joseph Bell's life; Bell family trees and extracts from Joseph Bell's diary. Transcribed (handwritten) by the Stisted.	RS L1 Box J
GD16/2/5/2/2	1889. Certificate awarded to Joseph Bell's son Benjamin, appointing him as an Officer in the Seaforth Highlanders, 3.4.1889	RS L1 Box J
GD16/2/5/2/3	Poem (manuscript) entitled " <i>Longing and Waiting</i> ", written out by Joseph Bell.	RS L1 Box J
GD16/2/5/2/4	c1919 Letter to Brigadier Stisted from Dr H M Balfour regarding Joseph Bell's " <i>personal assistant at the Sick Kids</i> ". Dated 9.2.1919(?)	RS L1 Box J

GD 16/2/6/ Objects

GD 16/2/6/1	Joseph Bell's seal	All transferred to the museum 1/10/2015 From BS O2
GD 16/2/6/2	1897 A silver trophy, inscribed " <i>To Dr Joseph Bell, F.R.C.S. from Sir Henry Littlejohn in memory of a constant friendship and of March 1897.</i> "	
GD 16/2/6/3	1870 Silver inkstand with 2 inkwells and small candle-holder (loose), inscribed, " <i>A small remembrance, from Mrs A.B Gibb. Dr Joseph Bell, for his kind attention to her son, Charles. 1870</i> "	
GD 16/2/6/4	1890 Silver two-handled bowl, inscribed " <i>J.B from H.M.H & M.H. 2ND Dec 1890.</i> "	
GD 16/2/6/5	Watercolour painting of Mauricewood House, Milton Bridge.	BS O2

GD 16/3/ Benjamin Bell (1749-1806)

GD 16/3/1/1/ Books about Benjamin Bell (1749-1806)

GD 16/3/1/1/1	1868. Bell, Benjamin, 1749-1806. The life, character and writings of Benjamin Bell FRCSE, FRSE, by his Grandson. (Edinburgh: Edmonston and Douglas, 1868)	RS L1 Box K
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GD 16/3/1/2/ Miscellaneous about Benjamin Bell (1749-1806)

GD 16/3/1/2/1	1762. Inventory of writings concerning the Estate of Blackethouse, 1762. (Includes Transcript)	RS L1 Box K
GD 16/3/1/2/2	1776. Letter from Hugh Corrie to George Bell concerning Benjamin Bell's distress at the sale " <i>very much below the value of Blackethouse</i> " 12.8.1776	RS L1 Box K
GD	c1701. Proposed terms of lease of Blackethouse by George Bell (to John Bell	RS L1

16/3/1/2/3	and William Irving). [Box K
GD 16/3/1/2/4	1771. Two eighteenth-century passports issued to Benjamin Bell (1749-1806)	RS L1 Box K
GD 16/3/1/2/5	c1781. Letter from Benjamin Bell (1749-1806) to his father, September 1781(?)	RS L1 Box K
GD 16/3/1/2/6	1800. "Observations on the Mode of Attendance of the Surgeons of Edinburgh on the Royal Infirmary; in a Letter addressed to The Royal College of Surgeons by Benjamin Bell", (Edinburgh: Printed by Adam Neill and Company, 1800)	RS L1 Box K
GD 16/3/1/2/7	1800. "Appendix containing Further Remarks on the Surgical Department of Hospitals" by Benjamin Bell. November 1800	RS L1 Box K
GD 16/3/1/2/8	Picture of Benjamin Bell (1749-1806), "autotype, from a photograph, by Moffat, of a medallion by Jossie – 1792 – in the possession of Joseph Bell."	RS L1 Box K

GD 16/3/2/ Benjamin Bell (1810-1883)

GD 16/3/2/1/ Books about Benjamin Bell (1810-1883)

GD16/3/2/1/1	"Reminiscences of Dr Benjamin Bell", Benjamin Bell's journal. Typescript (carbon copy) "typed by C M Naismith"	RS L1 Box K
GD16/3/2/1/2	"Reminiscences of Dr Benjamin Bell", Benjamin Bell's journal. Typescript. Copy typed for Douglas Bell, 1982.	RS L1 Box K
GD16/3/2/1/3	Reminiscences of Dr Benjamin Bell, 1810-1883. Carbon copy, with index	RS L1 Box K

GD 16/3/2/2/ Press Cuttings about Benjamin Bell (1810-1883)

GD16/3/2/2/1	Fourteen pages of cuttings about Benjamin Bell (obituaries etc.) pasted onto sheets from a scrapbook	RS L1 Box K
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GD 16/4/ Material Relating to the Erskine Murray Family

GD 16/4/1	Two typescript extracts from Mrs Erskine Murray's diary, 1841 and 1843. Typed by E C Craig. With Envelope.	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/4/2	Typescript: "C C S's recollections of her maternal grand-parents". Written by C C Stisted (daughter of Joseph Bell.)	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/4/3	1844. <i>Overland Calcutta</i> Star newspaper of 8 June 1844. Contains news of the failure of the expedition to Borneo and the death of the Commander, the Hon. James Erskine Murray (pp. 44-45)	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/4/4	1848. Letter from William Edgar to Lord Elibank concerning his friend in Hong Kong who has purchased the gold watch and signet ring of the late Erskine Murray and would like to send them home to his widow. Dated 12 December 1848	RS L1 Box L
GD16/4/5	1843. Letter from Mr Erskine Murray to his wife, 1843.	RS L1 Box L


GD 16/5 Material Relating to the Stisted Family

GD 16/5/1/ Correspondence

GD16/5/1/1	1775. Stisted Family Letter. Letter from Venice, October 4 th 1775, from Ann DuBourg, detailing travels in Europe.	RS L1 Box L
GD16/5/1/2	1837. Stisted Family Letter. Letter to Mrs Stisted from Calcutta, 1837.	RS L1 Box L
GD16/5/1/3	1848. Stisted Family Letter. Letter to Mrs Stisted from J.H Stisted, November 25 th 1848	RS L1 Box L
GD16/5/1/4	1849. Stisted Family Letter. Letter to Mrs C Stisted, from India "via Marseilles", 1849.	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/5	1849. Stisted Family Letter. Letter to Mrs C Stisted, from J. Heathcote (Chelmsford), addr to "my dear Aunt". March 6 th 1849. Includes envelope.	RS L1 Box L

GD 16/5/1/6	1850. Envelope, addressed to Mrs Stisted, Dover. 1850.	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/7	1851. Stisted Family Letter. Letter to Mrs C Stisted, December 1851. Includes Envelope.	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/8	1852. Stisted Family Letter. Letter to Mrs Stisted, 1852. With Envelope.	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/9	1852. Stisted Family Letter. Letter to Mrs Stisted, from Maidstone, 1852. Includes Envelope	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/10	1852. Stisted Family Letter. Letter to Mrs Stisted, February 1852. Includes Envelope.	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/11	1852. Stisted Family Letter. Letter to Mrs C Stisted, from Florence, March 11 th 1852. Includes Envelope.	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/12	1852. Stisted Family Letter. Letter to Mrs Stisted, from Pisa March 21 st 1852	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/13	1858. Stisted Family Letter. Letter to Mrs Stisted, from India, January 1858. With Envelope	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/14	1881. Envelope, addressed to Mr W.C Grant, 40 Castle Street, Dover. January 1881	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/15	1891. Stisted Family Letter. Copy of letter from Mrs Wood (Florence) 22 December 1891. Item is in four pieces.	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/16	c1900. Letter to Mrs Stisted, Egerton House, Kent, [190?], written from Florence, thanking her for a present. Includes torn envelope.	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/17	1794 – 1830. Charles Stisted. Collection of nine Military Appointment Certificates from rank of Ensign to Lieutenant Colonel. Date Range 1794 – 1830.	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/18	1835. Letter to Colonel Stisted conferring upon him the military decoration of Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order. 13 January 1835	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/19	1826. Charles Stisted. Sale of Dividends Document.	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/20	1847 – 1877. Thomas H. L Stisted. Collection of certificates, and details of service, including receipt of the India Medal. Date Range 1847 - 1877	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/21	1919. Joseph Laurence Harcourt Stisted. Appointment as 2 nd Lieutenant Certificate. 24 May 1919	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/22	1922. Letter to Joseph Laurence Harcourt Stisted from The War Office, Whitehall, informing him of his relinquishing of service following the demobilisation of the Army, although he may retain the title of 2 nd Lieutenant. 18 January 1922	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/23	1762 – 1768. Charles Stisted (1745-1819) Two Military Appointment Certificates from rank of Ensign to Captain. Date Range 1762 – 1768	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/24	1797 – 1798. Charles Stisted (1745-1819) Collection of letters relating his proposed Military College. Date Range 1797 – 1798	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/25	1819 – 1846. Charles Stisted (died 1842). Collection of personal letters and various correspondence (7 items: Date Range 1819 - 1846)	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/26	Collection of Lt Col Charles Stisted's letters and documentation regarding the history of 3 rd Light Dragoon, his assumption of command, and his end of command. (12 items)	RS L1 Box L
GD 16/5/1/27	1745 - 1759. William Wiseman (died 1774). Certificates confirming rank of Ensign (1745) and Captain (1759)	RS L1 Box M
GD 16/5/1/28	1839 – 1841. Lt Colonel Stisted's Yeomanry Inspection Reports and related correspondence.	RS L1 Box M

GD 16/5/1/29	c1842 - 1846. Collection of seven letters to Thomas H. L Stisted from various members of his family.	RS L1 Box M
GD 16/5/1/30	c1836 - 1865. Collection of letters to various members of the Stisted family, particularly Caroline Stisted.	RS L1 Box M
GD 16/5/2/	Miscellaneous	
GD 16/5/2/1	1890. Passport of C H Stisted and his wife, who were visiting the Continent, 12 August 1890.	RS L1 Box M
GD 16/5/2/2	1893. The Scottish Field, no. 85, 19 June 1893.	RS L1 Box M
GD 16/5/2/3	Envelope of photographs of the Stisted, 19 th century	RS L1 Box M
GD 16/5/2/4	Bundle of Stisted family calling cards	RS L1 Box M
GD 16/5/2/5	C H Stisted's birth certificate (and advertisement in newspaper.)	RS L1 Box M
GD 16/5/2/6	1889. Marriage Certificate of Charles Harcourt Stisted and Cecelia Cragie Bell, 7 August 1889.	RS L1 Box M
GD 16/5/2/7	Marriage settlement of C H Stisted (to C C Stisted); with letters from Joseph Bell	RS L1 Box M
GD 16/5/2/8	1912. Invitation to C H Stisted from the Lieut. Gov. of Ontario.	RS L1 Box M
GD 16/5/2/9	1937. The Wide World: the magazine for men. January 1937. Page 318 includes an article entitled "Indian Snake Chalmers" by J.H Stisted.	RS L1 Box M
GD 16/5/2/10	1956. Sale catalogue for Egerton House, Egerton, Kent, which is to be sold by auction at Maidstone, 5 July 1956	RS L1 Box M
GD 16/5/2/11	Photograph of the grave of the Stisted, including Cecilia Cragie Stisted (Joseph Bell's daughter.)	RS L1 Box M
GD 16/5/3/	Family tree & other genealogical items (Donated 2005)	
GD 16/5/3/1	Handwritten (ink) family tree, on paper, from Alexander Cragie (1570) concluding with Benjamin Bell (Joseph Bell's son) and Celia Cragie's generation. Height c.56cm; Width c.77cm (Folded Quarterly)	RS L1
GD 16/5/3/2	Handwritten (ink & pencil) family tree, on paper, from Alexander Cragie (1570), through 10 generations, up to and including George, Robert, Muriel, Jane and Andrew Claphume's generation. Height c.29.5cm; Width c.42cm. Donated by Mrs Stisted, June 2005.	RS L1
GD 16/5/3/3	Handwritten (ink & pencil) family tree, on paper, from John Cragie of Kilgraston and Laurence Cragie of Dunbainie through 5 generations, up to and including generation of Cragie, Hamilton and Mills families. Height c.29.5cm; Width c.42cm. Donated by Mrs Stisted, June 2005.	RS L1
GD 16/5/3/4	Handwritten (ink) family tree, on paper, entitled " <i>Craigie Connection – Douglas, Bannerman, Lorrimer, Cromolin-Brown</i> ", starting with Robert Cragie of Glendoick, through 7 generations. Height c.29.5cm; Width c.42cm. Donated by Mrs Stisted, June 2005.	RS L1

GD 16/5/3/5	Printed family tree, on paper, entitled " <i>Share of Residue – One Fifth, Less £1000</i> ", starting with " <i>Mrs Isabella Ross or Bell, Widow of George Bell, M.D</i> ", through 6 generations. At foot of the item a handwritten note reads: " <i>From Family Tree of Descendants of Mrs Isabella Ross or Bell, 1909</i> " Height c.27cm; Width c.43cm.	RS L1
GD 16/5/3/6	Handwritten (ink) family tree, on paper, entitled " <i>Erskine (from Rosslyn Burkes Peerage (from MAR and MAR and Kellie</i> ", starting with John Erskine through 8 generations. Height c.42cm; Width c.29.5cm.	RS L1
GD 16/5/3/7	Handwritten (block-capitalised, ink) family tree, on thin paper with illustrated family crests/shields on top-border. Starts with Stisted, Bell and Erskine families through 5 generations, concluding with Joseph Heathcote and Laurence Stisted. Item has torn 12cm from base. Height c.20.5cm; Width c.51cm. (Folded in half)	RS L1
GD 16/5/3/8	Handwritten (ink) family tree, on paper, starting with David Craigie of Dunbainie and John Craigie of Glendoick through 4 generations. Height c. 29.5cm; Width c.42cm. Donated by Mrs Stisted, June 2005.	RS L1
GD 16/5/3/9	Printed monochrome family tree, entitled, " <i>Pedigree of Stisted</i> ", from William Stisted Stysted (fifteenth century) to William John Stisted (born 30 May 1965). Includes illustration of Stisted family crest. Height c.28.5cm; Width c.42cm. Donated by Mrs Stisted, June 2005.	RS L1
GD 16/5/3/10	Handwritten (ink) family tree, on paper, starting with Benjamin Bell (1749-1806) through 5 generations. Height c.43cm; Width c.35cm. (Folded in half, and taped). Donated by Mrs Stisted, June 2005.	RS L1
GD 16/5/3/11	Handwritten (ink) family tree, probable photocopy, entitled " <i>Craigies of Kilgraston and Glendoick</i> ". Starts with Alexander Craigie of Kilgraston (1570-1610) through approximately 9 generations. Total Height c.58cm; Total Width c.82cm. (Folded Quarterly; 4 separate sheets taped together. In very fragile state). Donated by Mrs Stisted, June 2005.	RS L1
GD 16/5/3/12	Collections of black and white film negatives, and positive prints (used and unused in protective envelope, including Edinburgh buildings and Joseph Bell gravestone. Basic handwritten list of contents attached to envelope. Donated by Mrs Stisted, June 2005.	RS L1
GD 16/JB1	PRCSEd robe . Donated 2005	Presented by Mr John LB Bell 2005 Museum exhib
GD 16/JB2	Joseph Bell's University of Edinburgh Lecturer's gown and mortar. Donated 2005	
GD 16/JB3	Long horn-handled paperknife. Donated 2005	
GD 70 Benjamin Bell (1749-1806)	Small red wax seal impression of the head of Benjamin Bell. In a fitted wooden box. Presented 2011 by Mr John LB Bell, London RS L3 (boxed with unrelated items)	 RS L3
GD16/1897 May 30th	In adlib archive. Letter from Joseph Bell to "Harry" re a child who is poorly. Rec'd from Museum Dec 2014	Rec'd from Museum Dec 2014
GD16/1909 October 19th	In adlib archive. Letter to Mr Dean from Joseph Bell hanking him for sight of photographs and querying if there may be a faint line around the neck. Rec'd from Museum Dec 2014	Rec'd from Museum Dec 2014

Archival History: Records held within the family and appended with further material.

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