

John Boyes

Emeritus Professor of Dental Surgery

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John Boyes (1913-1985) was Emeritus Professor of Dental Surgery of the University of Edinburgh from 1958 to 1977. He qualified LDS RCSEd in 1935, and completed his medical qualification the following year. He spent a year as a school dental surgeon in order to discover more about dental disease in children, and volunteered for active service on a number of occasions, but was refused on the grounds of his hospital responsibilities.

In 1945 he was elected to the Fellowship of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and was appointed to the Newcastle upon Tyne Dental School, where he became sub-dean in 1948, and Director of the Dental Hospital a year later. However, he returned to his home city of Edinburgh in 1958 to assume the Chair of Dental Surgery (he had obtained the Fellowship in Dental Surgery from FRCSEd in 1951).

John Boyes was an outstanding teacher, hugely respected by his students, and he was also a great collector and collator of dental cases, and wrote a number of accounts of historical dental figures. Obituaries were published in the Times, April 30th 1985, Scotsman, April 30th 1985 and British Dental Journal, 1985 Volume159, page 65

This initial listing will be developed in the near future.

GD 22/1 Letters

c 1945 – c 1974

Black covered album, 27cm x 25cm x 3cm

Album of letters sent to Boyes, including correspondence from Lillian Lindsay and Warwick James.

GD 22/2 Lecture notes

Black Plastic Folder

Prof Boyes lecture notes; assorted papers, pamphlets especially on the History of Dentistry

Assorted loose papers

1. (Scotsman?) newspaper cuttings 5 ref dental matters 1880s
2. Scottish Society of the Reports of Annual Proceedings 1948-1970
3. History of Medicine Society founded 1948 complete to 1970
4. Research and family tree ref John Rae, FRCSEd (Polar explorer)
5. Lancet article Re James Spence FRCSEd
6. RCSEd newsletters/Laws Assorted 1970s/80s
7. Assorted loose papers and notes

8. Pamphlet : ADC Simpson, Royal Scottish Museum. Sir Robert Sibbald, The Founder of the College, 1983
9. Research notes Ref Sir Robert Sibbald
10. William Warwick James

GD 22/3 Photographs

1. Professor John Boyes

GD22/4 Poetry

Typed poem dedicated to John Guy on his retiral(?)

GD/22/1-6 Books

1. Nuncius Scoto-Britannus, sive Admonitio de Atlante Scotico seu descriptione Scotiae antiquae et modernae : speciali mandato serenissimi Regis domini nostri Caroli Secundi, Magnae Britanniae, Franciae & Hiberniae Regis, defensoris fidei, cum tabulis geographicis in lucem publicam ilico edenda per Robertum Sibbaldum equitem auratum M.D. Dominum de Ciphiiis, medicum regis ordinarium, et pro antiquissimo regno Scotiae geographum regium. 1683 [bound with Scotia illustrata 1684]
2. The Remains of Sir Robert Sibbald, containing his autobiography, memoirs of the Royal College of Physicians, a portion of his literary correspondence, and an account of his manuscripts, was published at Edinburgh in 1833
3. Pagett Hett The Memoirs of Sir Robert Sibbald (1641 –1772), 1932
4. Arthur Pitts The Care of the Teeth
5. Wiktor Tomaszewski Edinburgh University and Poland ,1968
6. General Dental Council Minutes 1969

Additional material donated by Dr. Howard Moody, August 2009

GD22/5 University material

Typescript/loose sheets

1. Inaugural meeting of the Oral Pathology Club, 25-26 September 1967: guests, agenda, map to location etc.
2. Inaugural address, Edinburgh University, 1958 – dental research/caries/ether
3. Inaugural address, Edinburgh University, 1958 – dental research/caries/ether: **in different order**
 - **Not clear whether this is one address or separate addresses on similar topics kept together**
4. Appendix 1. 18th July 1975. Address to the graduates, University of Edinburgh, by Professor A. W. Bradley. Reprint, pp591-593
5. Appendix 1. 12th July 1975. Address to the graduates, University of Edinburgh, by Professor J. L. King. Reprint, pp581-58
6. Appendix 2. 25th June 1975. Honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine, University of Edinburgh, laureation address by Guy Frederic Marrian. Reprint, pp424-428
7. Appendix 1. 10th July 1975. Presentation for the honorary degree of Doctor *Honoris Causa*, University of Edinburgh, by Professor A. W. Bradley of Doctor Raul Prebisch. Reprint, pp534-542

8. Appendix 1. 11th July 1975. Address to the graduates, University of Edinburgh, by Professor R. W. Hepburn. Reprint, pp560-562
9. 19th July 1974. Promotion address to graduates in law, University of Edinburgh, by Professor D. N. MacCormick. 4pp typescript
10. 11th July 1974. Honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine, University of Edinburgh, laureation address. Professor Jeremy N. Morris. 2pp typescript
11. 11th July 1974. Honorary degree of Doctor of Letters, University of Edinburgh, laureation address. Professor W. H. Bruford. 2pp typescript
12. 11th July 1974. Honorary degree of Doctor of Science, University of Edinburgh, laureation address. Sir Kingsley Dunham. 2pp typescript
13. 11th July 1974. Degree of Doctor of Divinity, University of Edinburgh, laureation address. William Hugh Clifford Frend. 2pp typescript
14. 11th July 1974. Honorary degree of Doctor of Letters, University of Edinburgh, laureation address. Professor W. M. Macmillan. 2pp typescript
15. 11th July 1974. Honorary degree of Master of Arts, University of Edinburgh, laureation address. Miss C. M. Armet. 2pp typescript
16. Minutes of a special meeting of the Senatus Academicus of the University of Edinburgh, Friday 23rd July 1971; and of a graduation ceremonial held the same day. Reprint, pp 927-944

GD22/6 The Lindsay Club – society for the history of dentistry

Letters; newsletters

1. Letter announcing meeting, 17th October 1983
2. Letter announcing meetings, 23rd May 1980
3. Letter announcing AGM, to be held 25th November 1981
4. Letter accompanying newsletter, 22nd September 1978
5. Letter accompanying newsletter, September 1980
6. Occasional newsletter no. 2, September 1976
7. Occasional newsletter no. 3, September 1977
8. Occasional newsletter no. 4, September 1978
9. Occasional newsletter no. 5, September 1979
10. Occasional newsletter no. 6, September 1980
11. Occasional newsletter no. 7, September 1981 [**2 copies**]
12. Occasional newsletter no. 8, September 1982
13. Occasional newsletter no. 9, November 1983
14. Occasional newsletter no. 10, September 1984

GD22/7 Miscellaneous

1. A visit to the dentist: An exhibition to celebrate the centenary of the British Dental Association, July 4th – October 5th 1980. Science Museum, London.
Advertisement/programme of events
2. Loose sheet (from journal? Book?) written in German, including (poor quality) photograph of Alexander Nasmyth (1789 – 1848), surgeon-dentist to Queen Victoria

Books/journals/articles (catalogued into main Library collection)

- Boyes, John; *Medicine and dentistry in Newcastle upon Tyne in the eighteenth century*. Reprint from *Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine*, vol. 50
British Dental Journal, 81-1, 5th July 1946
- Campbell, J. Menzies; *Dentistry then and now*. 1981
- Campbell, J. Menzies; *From a trade to a profession: byways in dental history*. 1958
- Campbell, J. Menzies; *Dental books etc. gifted to the Royal College of Surgeons of England*

Lindsay, Lilian; *Medical polemics from Hunter to Owen, 1772 – 1844*. Reprint from Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine, vol. 36
Lindsay, Lilian; *Samuel Lee Rymer and the National Dental Hospital*. Reprint from the National Dental Hospital Gazette, c1937
Royal College of Surgeons of England; *A short history of the faculty of dental surgery of the RCSEng*. 1962

