Edith Kate Dawson
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Title: Edith Kate Dawson
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In 1961, Dr E.K. Dawson, a pathologist of international repute and distinction, came to work in the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. In addition to performing the diagnostic histology for Fellows she undertook a great deal of research work on the material in the Museum and donated to the College a large quantity of histological material, including whole sections of breast and other organs, some of which have been specially mounted for demonstration purposes.

The opportunity afforded by the advent of Dr Dawson and the material she contributed was taken to build up a histological reference library which is available for consultation and for research workers. The Dawson Collection fills the entire RS L5 section of the archive.

The material is listed here very generally. In many instances it is clinical and complex in nature.

Some biographical references

Thesis
University of Edinburgh Dissertation 1936
Studies in the normal and pathological histology of mammary tissues

Papers & reprints
Dawson, J.W Histology of disseminated sclerosis Ed Med J 1916
Harvey, W. F. Dawson, E. K. Innes, J. R. M. Debatable tumours in human and animal pathology. 5. Granulosa-cell tumour of ovary (2 copies)
Dawson, E. K. Harvey, W. F. Chordoma Ed Med J 1941 48 713-729
Dawson, E. K. Harvey, W. F. Macro- and micro-diagnosis of cancer... Ed Med J 1942 49 401-408
Dawson, E. K. Fibrosing adenosis... Ed Med J 1954 61 391-401

**Brown folder 1**
“Dr Dawson’s liposarcomas List” 5 photocopied pages of “Dr Dawson’s liposarcomas, with patient age and gender, not named. No date

**Brown folder 2**
“Drawings by Dr Dawson and some notes. “C” cases etc.”
1. list of (?Private) patients’ names
2. Typed and annotated case notes for patient MR
3. Typed and annotated case notes for patient ME
4. Typed and annotated case notes for patient MC
5. Typed and annotated case notes for patients
6. Typed and annotated case notes for patients
7. Typed and annotated case notes for patients
8. Typed and annotated case notes for patients
9. Typed and annotated case notes for patients
10. Typed and annotated case notes for patients
10a. Small sheet typed case notes
11. 3 pages of pathological drawings
12. Plate IV. Colour drawing on card
13. Colour drawing on black folded card by C. Shepley 193
14. 6 small sheets of paper with ‘Fig’ captions in blue fountain pen 1920s-30s

**Brown folder 3**
8 sets of negatives for patients cases 2, 4, 7, 34, 40, 44, 58 and 59
No dates

**Brown folder 4**
“Notes, negs & prints on lipo- osteo- and chondro- & fibro-sarcoma
**Envelope 1:** 5 photographs & 2 one-page typescripts on Liposarcoma
**Envelope 2:** 7 photographs and I typescript sheet on chondro- and osteo- sarcoma
**Envelope 3:** marked ‘International Congress Sarcoma Material’
1. 1 Glass slide in envelope with ‘Canc. Hosp.’ Numbers and text on slide envelope. N.d.
2. Slides and photographs in envelope marked ‘fibro’ and case note for Miss D. April 1938
3. Envelope ‘Mrs W. Case 11’ 12 photographs. I neg 3 pink cards of publication instructions?and a letter from J. N. J. Hartley (RCSED Museum Conservator) to Dr Dawson at RCP Laboratory 2 Forrest Road, thanking Dr Dawson for her clinical notes the lymphangioma of the epididymis and regretting that there are so few microsections of giant-cell tumours.

**Large envelope Dr Dawson’s negs, prints & reprints & notes**
?Fibroadenoma-sarcoma
1. Letter 29th October 1959 to EKD from Dr RT Cooke re an interesting specimen
2. Note of 2 references on fibroadenoma
3. 5 photographs of breast cancer of Mrs A.
4. 3 notes of references in BJS, J Urol...papilloma and clinical notes
Huge number of reprints sent to her by colleagues, notes and photographs of cases
Archival box A

**Book 1**  Willis, Rupert A. Teratomas. Washington DC, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. 1951
**Book 2**  Adami, J George. Inflammation: an introduction to the study of pathology. 1907 (ex libris J W Dawson)

**Packet 1**
1. Letter dated October 21st 1957 to Dawson from R. Willis with mammary pathology query
2. Notes: Medical aspects of the menopause. N.d.
   circa 30 photographs related to breast carcinoma/papilloma [1950s?]
4. Contains note from E Clayton-Jones of the Lancet to Mrs Dawson asking her to write an annotation on the Lancet article on pale epithileum of the breast. Article and annotation enclosed.

**Packet 2**
2. Scot Med J. 1968 13 pp 277-278. Barbour & Baruah. Inhibition of lactation...
3. Clinical notes on cancer therapy, follow up on 101 patients plus assorted small notelets. N.d. 1960s?
6. Notes book pale brown with pink spine. “Pregnancy/Lactation Tumours (Primary) Literature and
   reversed ”Pregnancy/Lactation Tumours- actual and relevant CASES
8. Approx 50 small assorted notes on lactation and breast carcinoma inside a folded handwritten
   summary of an article by Pack & Scharnagel in Cancer 1951 4 page 324 -. 1930s?
9. Scraps of clinical notes on named patients.

**Envelope 1**
Addressed to EKD. Contains (a) an envelope of 18 small pathological drawings and 2 photographs (with
names of patients on reverse).
Contains (b) 18 other drawings some coloured, and two photographs, all of pathological nature.

**Envelope 2**
1. 15 plates, some mounted, in envelope (marked “Old plates (publ. papers)” ) ADDRESSED TO Dr
   Dawson, University Pathology Department and postmarked Dumfries 1960

**Envelope 3**
1. Approx 50 glass slides of breast carcinoma samples. HAZARDOUS TO HANDLE-Seek advice

Archival box B

**Packet 1**
1. Typescript (2 copies) Publications. Edith K. Dawson MBE MA MD FRCS Ed Hon FRCPath Hon Member of the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland
2. Typescript (16 p) “part of MD Thesis (1936) EK Dawson

**Beige folder**
1. Pocket file marked “Rochdale. Lymphangioma. BREAST.

**Notebooks**
1. 1950s 1960s? Clinical cases notes book. “Outside cases (as others in Index?) Book 2  988-“
3. 1950s? Notes on breast disease (White label with “VARIOUS”)

**Reprints:**
1900s-1970s bundle arranged chronologically except oversize*. Some annotated
1. Lindsay et al. Histology of liver tissue. J Path Bact 1909 13
2. Matsuoka,Y. On the process of atrophy ...fat cells J Path Bact 1915 20
7. Heaton, T.B. Effect of inhibition of connective tissue J Path Bact 1929 32
11. Harding H.E. & Passey, R.D. Transplantable melanoma... J Path Bact 1930 33
13. Crile, Lower, Nichols, Dickson, Graham et al Cleveland Clinic Quarterly 1932 1(1) whole issue
14. Gilbert, J.B. Carcinoma of the male breast Surg Gynecol Obstet 1933 57 451-466
15. Dawson, E.K. Histological study... mamma...tumour Ed Med J 1934 41
16. Harvey & Hamilton. Carcino-sarcoma...cancer Ed Med J 1935 42 (7) 337-
17. Armstrong, Bell and others ... [fibroma][mole] Western J Surg Obstet Gynecol 1935 (*oversize)
18. Cappell, D. F.... diagnosis of tuberculosis...breast Ed Med J 1936 43 134-143
19. Dawson, Innes & Harvey. Debatable tumours...5 Ed Med J 1938 45 491-
20. Dawson, Innes & Harvey. Debatable tumours... 6 Ed Med J 1938 45 855-
21. Stout, A. P. ...malignant amelanotic melanoma ... Am J Cancer 1938 33 196-204
22. Struthers, J.W. Giant-cell tumour of bone Ed Med J 1939 46 183-
23. Tod, M. C. Tumours of the lung, mediastinum... Ed Med J 1939 46 93-
24. Harvey & Dawson. Chordoma Ed Med J 1941 48 713-
25. Willis, R. A. A review...cancer autopsies Med J Aust 1941 258-
28. Moir, PJ et al Symposium – Malignant melanoma Brit J Radiol 1946 21 (252) 590-
30. Stout, A. P. Fibrosarcoma... Cancer 1948 1(1) 30-63
31. Lendrum, A.C. Surgical significance ...tumours Ann Roy Coll Surg Eng 1948 32-43
32. Dawson, E.K. II “precancerous conditions” of the breast Brit J Radiol 1948 21 (252) 590-
33. Clemmesen Cade, Ledlie, McWhirter, ...breast Brit J Radiol 1948 21 (258) 583-
35. Ackerman, L. V. Malignant melanoma... Am J Clin Path 1948 18 (8)

Archival box C

Letter
1966 Sept 1st From Peter Daniel to EKD “mammary adenoma”

Reprints
- Stout, A.P. Seminar on tumors of the soft tissues Am Soc Clin Path Chicago 1951
- Kennaway, E. Biographical aspect of social medicine Middlesex Hosp J Dec 1951 & Feb 1952
- Hieger & Orr. ...carcinogenic activity of purified cholesterol Br J Cancer 1954 8 274-
- Dawson, E. K. Fibrosing adenosis...mammary Ed Med J 1954 61 391-
- Severi et al. Istopatalogia del carcinoma Atti Della Societa Italiana Cancerologia 1958
- Kernohan & Sayre. Tumors ... Fascicle 36
- Deacon & Taylor. Hydradenoma of the vulva J Obstet Gynaecol Brit Empire 1952 59 1
- Sirsat, M. V. Carcinoma of the male breast Indian J Surg 1957 29 2
- Stout, A.P. Chondrosarcoma... Cancer 1953 6 (3)
- Hieger, I. Cholesterol as a carcinogen Proc Roy Soc 1957 147 84-
- Dawson, E.K. Fibrosing adenosis Ed Med J 1954 61 391-
- Stout, A. P. Role of pathology...breast J Southern Med Assoc 1950 43 3
- Lichtenstein & Bernstein. Unusual benign ...bone Cancer 1959 12 1142-1157
- Sandison, A.T. Metastatic tumours in the breast Brit J Surg 1959 47 201 54-58
- Ewing & Powell. ...diagnosis ...skin tumours Brit J Surg 38 152
- In memoriam George T Pack (1898-1969) Pack 1969

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• Dawson, E.K. Sarcomas of the breast  Cancer Progress 1960
• Dawson, E.K. Pathology of ... breast  Cancer Volume 2. Chapter 15
• Sandison, A.T. Pathologist looks at Egyptian mummies  Scot Soc Hist Med 1962 41st meeting

• Oettle, A.G. An international geopathological year  Int Pathol Bull 1963 4
• Ariel & pack. Intra-arterial chemotherapy...liver  Arch Surg 1965 91 851-
• Ober, W.B. Synthetic ...  J Clin Path 1966 19 138-
• Salm & Hughes. ...chronic paraffin pneumonitis  Thorax 1970 25 6 762-
• Gardner, D. L. & Hall, T.A. Electron-microprobe ...avian bone  J Path 1969 98 2 105-109
• Cameron, J.R.J. Melanoma of skin  J Roy Coll Surg Edinb 1968 13 233-254
• Pack, G.T. Unusual tumors of the stomach  Annals N Y Acad Sciences 1964 114 2 717-
• Pack, G.T. Cancer therapy ... Progress Clin Cancer1965
• Oettle, A.G. Cancer and environmental influences ...  S.A. Cancer Bull 1962 6 3 110-124
• Katz & Klugman. ...carcinomatosis of bone ...female  S. A. Med J 1967 41 603-605
• Levin et al. Mucoviscidosis (cystic...  S. A. Med J 1967 41 482-
• Campbell ACP et al. Tumours in children...Manchester  Brit Med J 1961 1 448-
• Lurie & Selvey. Calcifying mucoid carcinoma ...Bantu child  South Afr J Surg 1964 2 1 21-
• Birch et al. Hypeglobulinaemic purpura...tumour  Lancet 1964 693-
• Cox, M.T. Malignant lymphoma of the thyroid  J Clin Path 1964 17 591-
• Shivas & Finlayson. Resistance of arteries to tumour ...  Brit J Cancer 1965 19 486-

Typescript
• Russell & Holt. Colloid (gelatinous) carcinoma of the breast  1950s?

Brown folder
Handmade leather photograph album "Glastonbury 1923" with photographs

Book
Rupert A. Willis’s Dissertatio ad laurem medicinae consequandam honoris causa. Perugia 1973  (Signed by author with a letter from him to Dr Dawson

Handwritten Notebooks

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Dawson, E. K. Cell inclusions in sarcoidosis [with Dr Levinthal]
Dawson, E. K. Liposarcoma Notebook I. Liposarcoma of bone (+ of soft tissues: Literature)
Dawson, E. K. Literature (Breast Malignancy)
Dawson, E. K. References (general [1948-1966])
Dawson, E. K. Preg./Lact. (Pregnancy/Lactation)
Dawson, E. K. Notes & refs including Perugia Report (7103…) N.B Papillary mal. of breast
Dawson, E. K. Thesis and R.C.S cases and carcinoma notes in a form for possible publication? [includes ‘odd’ papers]
Dawson, E. K. P/L Book V. Pregnancy and/or Lactation with mammary tumours (mainly carcinoma)
Dawson, E. K. Book VI Canada 1) Br. Lesions in the young 2) Ca. + Preg/Lact- series of young cases
Dawson, E. K. Ca-Sarc of Stomach reversed
   Lecture Notes on Bruntsfield Lipomyosarcoma
Dawson, E. K. Rough notebook with notes on scientific papers regarding cancer of kidney, thigh, adrenal cortex and stomach. Includes many loose-pages with printed bibliographies etc.
Dawson, E. K. Notes on selected cases. F.U.D (Breast)
Dawson, E. K. Notes of lectures on chordoma
Dawson, E. K. Cases 3) Histology of Preg + Lact. Cases  All data of Preg + Lact. 56 on.
Dawson, E. K. Jottings re breast sarcoma + Outline of work (application)
Dawson, E. K. Retroperitoneal (Tissue) Tumours reversed Mammary Papers
Dawson, E. K. Ca. Br. In Young Subjects (35+ years)

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Handwritten notebooks, undated, in E K Dawson’s handwriting, including various printed reprints, clinical photographs etc and other material incl reprints and publications

1. Retroperitoneal (Tissue) Tumours
2. Jottings re Breast Sarcoma and outline of work (application)
4. Carcinoma Br. In Young Subjects – Lit + Cases[?]
5. Tumours of[scored out] removed to Ca box
6. Papillomas of Breast – Benign & Malignant
7. Pregnancy and lactation
8. For Perugia notes. Breast. Notes & Refs including Perugia Report (7103…) NB Papillary malignancy of breast
10. Ref (general) “Given in the cancer field, skepticism is not always healthy” Fred W Stewart. [assorted scribbles and long list of years, probably of refs
11. Literature (Breast malignancy)
12. Literature. Liposarcoma. Note Book 3. 1. Liposarcoma 9/12 “It is through the careful analysis…”
13. Literature. Liposarcoma Note Book 1. Liposarcoma of Bone (& of soft tissues)
14. Red box, “photos etc. To add to my material (numbered as in my case enhanced book) EKD
15. archival bag of “Originals of melanoma illustrations...Dawson 6.2.34 “
16. Cotchin, E. Neoplasms of domesticated animals with typescript sheets of bibliography
17. Beige notebook “Notes (various) on papers (research) [breast lobular cancer]
18. Beige envelope “Large sections (breast) photographs + some wash? Drawings
20. Clear archival envelope: notes, typescripts and reprints
21. Clear archival envelope: Letter “Queensland melanoma project” plus handwritten notes
22. Beige envelope marked “Memorabilia” – contains poems and drawings ref Burma