The Rachel Hedderwick Littlejohn Collection

Reference and contact details: GB779 RCSEd GD/57

Location: RS O3

Title: The Rachel Hedderwick Collection

Dates of Creation:

Held at: The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

Extent: 1 large archival box; various portraits

Name of Creator:

Language of Material: English.

Level of Description: Fonds with some item

Administrative/Biographical History:

Bequest of Littlejohn papers by Miss A. Rachel Hedderwick (grand-daughter of Sir Henry Duncan Littlejohn) received here in 2008/2009. Her mother was Dorothy Littlejohn, daughter of medical pioneer **Sir Henry Duncan Littlejohn**, the first Medical Officer for Health in Edinburgh. At 38, she was one of the oldest volunteers at Royaumont Abbey (Scottish Women's Hospital for Foreign Service) in 1915. See also RCSEd GD 23: Papers of Sir Henry Duncan Littlejohn (1826 -1914) Sir Henry Harvey Littlejohn (1862-1927)

Plastic file

GD 57/1 Papers and business correspondence

1. 2008 & 2009 Legal papers related to the Hedderwick bequest to the College and including correspondence between Mark Hedderwick, Dawn Kemp, Morisons Solicitors (1 file) 1841-July 1981 Unsorted material on executries, wills, dispositions, finances, Littlejohn Gairdner Medal and Prize, H.D. Littlejohn Trust, HMH Perry Trust Disposition and settlement, Littlejohn Memorial Bursary, Miss R A Hedderwick's investments, correspondence from the Imperial War Museum related to Miss Hedderwick's mother's letters written by her whilst serving with the Scottish Women's Hospital in France [1914-15], Mitchell Library for Hedderwick family papers and early Glasgow printing items, National Trust for Scotland for furniture and toys etc

Box 1

GD 57/2 Dorothy Littlejohn and the Scottish Women's Hospital

- 1. Travel clock, tan leather cased, Mappin and Webb, with leather patch "To the hand that fed us. Orderlies Royaumont April 2 1915
- 2. French Red Cross metal badge, gold coloured oval shield with sword, "Gloria vulneratis pro jure et libertate 1914-1915", in small green box with red cross
- 3. Evening news cutting mounted on red tartan card "members of the Scottish Women's Hospital, who left Edinburgh for France yesterday" names of members; large group of women dressed in long skirts, cloaks and hats.
- 4. Photograph of a nurse in white apron and cap, unnamed
- 5. Photocopy of typescript of extract from letters written from Abbaye de Royaumont 11-12-1914 and 26-12-1914 by D. H. Littlejohn



- 6. Photographs taken in 2001 ref the "Memorial to the staff of the Scottish Women's Hospitals for Foreign Service, 1914-1918 & Women in WW1 and WW2", Edinburgh, July 4th 2001
- 7. 1998 Booklet on Royaumont Abbey <u>with</u> postcards and invitations to "The 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the Scottish Women's Hospitals and their work during World War 1" November 1998 held at the City Chambers. Newscuttings a) E Crofton and Elsie Inglis and b) "Special Service for Elsie" (Inglis).
- 8. Bible (not in box as at 21st July 2008) but on shelf RS O3 separately

Box 1 cont'd

GD 57/3 Henry Harvey Littlejohn (1862-1927)

- 1. Dissection instruments in Museum July 2006
- 2. Brass nameplate" Dr Harvey Littlejohn" 12 cms x 5 cms
- 3. Stamp photo album of 17 + small family photographs 9.5 cms x 8.5 cms
- 4. Bag: Two photographs [HHL with dog: HHL in kilt] with Harvey Littlejohn autograph
- 5. <u>Bag: Notepaper for 24 Royal Circus Edinburgh; phot. of interior?</u>; phot. Herbert Littlejohn?
- 6. Bag: newscutting [n.d.] "Centenary of a Corporation department"
- 7. Bag: phot.of turkeys; phot. Marching figures in a city square?
- 8. Bag: Letter 1891 11th November from HHL's Public Health Office to?
- 9. <u>Bag:</u> Letter from Public Health ...1908 22nd April, to Sir Henry Duncan Littlejohn accepting his resignation and expressing high appreciation for his work over nearly 46 years
- 10. <u>Bag:</u> Letter from Statistics ...1908 5th June, to Sir Henry Duncan Littlejohn accepting his resignation and expressing high appreciation for his work over the years "as far back as 1859 ... Asiatic Cholera..."
- 11. Reprint from Ed Med J 1927 October. "In memoriam: Harvey Littlejohn 1862-1927"

Books

- 1. Holy Bible, inscribed "To Dorothy with Father's love 2nd April 1889"
- 2. Johnson's Journal of a tour to the Hebrides n.d. circa 1860?

Box 2

GD57/4 Various items belonging to the Littlejohns

- 1. Notebook with handwritten "Canongate protocols, Edinburgh 1484-1711 and 2 sheets typescript about graveyards and monuments (Littlejohn ancestors)
- 2. Family history information (4 sheets) about painting of 2 women incl. Henry Littlejohn's mother
- 3. Small framed engraving of Hugh Littlejohn as a child, with dog
- 4. News cutting. N.d. "Sadness..." and envelope and letter to Miss R Hedderwick, Kilcreggan
- 5. Glasses, opera glasses 3 pairs
- 6. Two framed photographs of small children
- 7. Books: 2: Both 10 cms. Poetical works of William Cowper vol 1 1826 and Paradise lost by John Milton, 1828.
- 8. Tan bag with 3 pairs glasses
- 9. Small tan purse empty
- 10. Large fob watch & gold locket and chain
- 11. Book: Berkeley, C. Gynaecology...1931.

Box 3

GD57/5 Photographs and news cuttings belonging to the Littlejohns

Spinal bound collection of photographs, news cuttings, reprints etc related to Littlejohns – including HDL's death. TO BE LISTED

Box 4

GD57/6 Photographs and news cuttings belonging to the Littlejohns

- 1. File of plastic-enveloped documents numbered 3a 3h, incl. legal material of the 1950s and 1960s to be listed
- 2. Brown envelope addressed to Dawn Kemp ref Littlejohn family tree etc to be listed
- 3. 2 sheets ref Littlejohn family tree
- 4. 1977 letter to Ms Hedderwick from Ed Uni re Littlejohn Memorial Bursary
- 5. 2003 letter to Ms Hedderwick from Paul Laxton ref Littlejohn family tree
- 6. 1961 letter to Ms Hedderwick
- 7. Royaumont and V.C. Association of the Scottish Women's Hospital newsletter January 1973 closure of the Association in Edinburgh.
- 8. Plastic file of correspondence to Miss Hedderwick 1970s 1990s ref donations etc to be listed
- 9. 1829 Factory and Commission David Littlejohn to John Henderson document
- 10. 1975 insurance valuation of 28 Spylaw Road, Edinburgh, which belonged "to the late Miss HMH Perry"
- 11. 1935-1937 [5 sheets] letters from ?Jean Bruce to "my dear friend"
- 12. 1962 Hedderwick/Haldane P. Tait correspondence ref "Sir Henry Littlejohn Centenary Lunch, City Chambers, Edinburgh 2nd October 1962" [all in brown envelope addressed to Mrs and Miss Hedderwick]
- 13. 1994 Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh brochure and 1990 Playfair Exhibition leaflets and card
- 14. Typescript of 1962 oration by F. A. E. Crew "Centenary of the appointment of the first medical officer of health for the city of Edinburgh + *Scottish Medical Journal* 1963 vol 8 53 reprint of the oration + a copy of *The Medical Officer* 1962 vol 108 no 2826