

George Wilson LRCSEd 1833

Reference and contact details:

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Location: RS L2

Title: George Wilson's Licentiate Diploma
1833

Dates of Creation: 1833

Held at: The Royal College of Surgeons of
Edinburgh

Extent: 1 metal tube with diploma

Name of Creator: RCSEd

Language of Material: English.

Level of Description: item

Biographical History:

George Wilson was awarded a Licentiate's Diploma in 1833. As Dr. George Wilson, he lectured in the Royal College of Physicians from 1840 and wrote on colour blindness. He was appointed to the Professorship of Technology in the University of Edinburgh in 1855. As the first Director of the Industrial Museum of Scotland he built a collection reflecting the rapid technological and scientific progress of the time, including materials that illustrated this. The Museum was founded as the Industrial Museum of Scotland in 1854. It became the Royal Scottish Museum in 1904. Now known as the Royal Museum, it displays collections in many topics including the history of science and technology.

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This Royal College of Surgeons Licentiate Diploma was awarded to George Wilson of Alnwick in Northumberland in 1833. An ornate rolled diploma, about 41cm tall, printed on vellum with manuscript insertions and a large red seal. There are twelve signatures on the lower part of the diploma: Those of John Campbell, President of the RCSEd; James Pitcairn; James Begbie; William Dumbreck; William Brown; J S Combe; David Clark; David MacLagan; John McFarlan; James Simson; Richard Huie; Alexander Macaulay. There is a highly ornate engraved illustration at the top of the diploma, of the arms of the College.

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