

**Sir William
Fergusson
(1808-1877)**
FRCSEd 1829
**Serjeant Surgeon
to Queen Victoria**



Reference and contact details: GB779

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Title: Sir William Fergusson

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Biographical History:



Born, 1808, educated University of Edinburgh, from 1826, pupil, prosector and demonstrator, Old Surgeon's Hall, Edinburgh, under the anatomist Dr Robert Knox, 1828; surgeon, Edinburgh Royal Dispensary, 1831-1836; surgeon, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, 1836-1840; Fellow, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 1829; Fellow, Royal Society of Edinburgh, 1836; appointed Professor of Surgery, King's College London, and surgeon, King's College Hospital, 1840, Royal College of Surgeons of England, 1840, Fellow, 1844, Vice-President, 1869, President, 1870, Hunterian Orator, 1871; Fellow of the Royal Society, 1848, President of the British Medical Association, 1873; Surgeon in Ordinary to Albert, Prince Consort of Queen Victoria, 1849; Surgeon Extraordinary to Queen Victoria, 1855; Sergeant Surgeon, 1867; resigned as Professor of Surgery, King's College, 1870; died, 1877.

Items listed below were received here 24th February 2016.

Portrait also being donated Feb/March 2016 (in addition to these papers and Patent), by Viscountess Lady Monckton, Maidstone, UK.

Letters

GD 75/1/1

To:

James R[anken] Fergusson [his eldest son and heir]. 11th October 1867

“My dear Jimmy

I have just received intimation [?] from Mr Chamberlain [?] that I have been appointed Sergeant Surgeon.

Kind regards to the family [?] and hoping to see you both on Sunday.

I am yours [?] Yours affectionately

Wm Fergusson”

1 sheet plus small envelope with “Immediately” underlined written on it and “James R Fergusson Esq”

GD 75/1/2

To:

Rev [?] A C Copeman 29th [?] May 1853 [?]

“ My dear Sir

Many thanks for your polite note [?] with duty -this can but have been forand it would have gratified me to in my for this But as it was

..... that they could not with propriety keep

this one longer {???) I am, my dear Sir, ... faithfully Yours

Wm Fergusson

Rev^d A C Copeman”

GD 75/2/1

Large folded sheet with glued-in printed drawing of Fergusson, letter GD 75/1/2, a printed newspaper extract of an obituary of Fergusson alongside a manuscript 14 line obituary

GD 75/2/2

11.5 x 8 cm card with “Wm Fergusson Surgeon Extraordinary to the Queen” written on one side.

GD 75/2/3

12 x 8 cm card with “Patent of Serjeant Surgeoncy -----Wm Fergusson

GD 75/3/1

Patent of Serjeant Surgeoncy of Sir William Fergusson 16th November 1867

Paper. 1 sheet with red and black manuscript.

70 cms x 44 cms

GD 75/3/2

Large yellow 16 cm diameter wax seal, in round tin, attached to the paper Patent by a plaited red silk cord. 16 cm 2-part tin. 2 different images on the 2 sides of the seal. Condition: Excellent

GD 75/3/3

Box to contain the Patent and its seal in its tin. 29 x 22 x 6 cms. Green leather effect with a gold logo on the lid.

