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

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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 ..... for .................. ...........................................and it would have gratified me to ....................... in my ..................... for this .................... ..................... But as it was .......
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this one longer {???] I am, my dear Sir, ... faithfully Yours Wm Fergusson
Rev^a 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.