

Papers relating to Patrick Heron Watson 2



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Watson, Sir Patrick Heron (1832–1907), surgeon, born at Edinburgh on 5 January 1832, was the third of four surviving sons of Charles Watson DD, minister of Burntisland, Fife, and Isabella Boog, his wife. His three brothers all attained distinction in other fields.

Patrick Watson was educated at Edinburgh Academy and Edinburgh University, graduating MD in 1853. Admitted LRCS (Edinburgh) in 1853, he was elected FRCS in 1855. After a year's residence at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, Watson volunteered for service at the start of the Crimean War.... Watson, who endeared himself to his patients, was as an operator unrivalled in Edinburgh for his speed and skill. He devised and carried out many of the operations which only later became more widely accepted. Before the introduction of Listerian methods he had removed the whole larynx, extirpated the spleen, performed ovariectomy with success, and popularized excision of the joints. As a lecturer he was eloquent, clear, and impressive; as a hospital surgeon and clinical teacher he was effective and popular. His published works included *The Modern Pathology and Treatment of Venereal Disease* (1861), *Excision of the Knee Joint* (1867), and *Excision of the Thyroid Gland* (1873). In 1878 Watson accompanied the third earl of Rosslyn on the special embassy sent to Spain on King Alfonso XII's marriage, and he was decorated caballero of the order of Carlos III of Spain.

At the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, Watson was President in 1878 and again in 1905. From 1882 to 1906 he represented the college on the General Medical Council. He was one of the honorary surgeons in Scotland to Queen Victoria and to Edward VII. He was made honorary LLD of Edinburgh in 1884 and honorary FRCS (Ireland) in 1887. He was knighted in 1903. Throughout life he was a keen volunteer. He joined the Queen's Edinburgh brigade as a surgeon and retired with the rank of brigade surgeon lieutenant-colonel, VD. He died at his home, 16 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, on 21 December 1907. Source: ODNB

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1889

Letter to P H Watson from Adam Jameson, medical officer in Perth, Western Australia, enquiring about the amended rule affecting sanitary degrees discussed at the previous meeting of the Medical Council. Jameson refers to the excellent surgical training which he received at Chalmers Hospital from Dr Watson. He attributes much of the success of his abdominal operations to the fine climate. [1 sheet of MSS]

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1882, June 22nd

Letter from the Lord Chamberlain's Office, St James Palace, S.W. signed by Kenmare, the then Lord Chamberlain, offering Dr Heron Watson the appointment of Surgeon in Ordinary to the Queen in Scotland.

[1 sheet MSS]

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1905, July 22nd

News-cutting from The Scotsman Saturday July 22. "The Royal College of Surgeons' Fourth Centenary" ...the celebrations continued ...[large list of attendees and events]

[1 large folded sheet print]

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1908, January 25th

News-cutting from The Largs and Millport Weekly News

"The Late Rev. Dr [Charles] Watson [brother of Patrick Heron Watson]. Large full page articles including the sermon.

[1 large folded sheet print]

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1908

Obituary - Sir Patrick Heron Watson. Pages extracted from the Scottish Medical & Surgical Journal, 1908 vol 22 pages 65-68, including photograph.

[3 sheets print]

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n.d. (poss 1877?)

News-cutting "The Chair of Clinical Surgery". Possibly extracted from "The Courant"?

Presentation of testimonial to Dr Watson in favour of his candidature for the chair about to be vacant. Dr Watson very grateful; speeches from both sides.

[1 sheet print]

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1904, June 29th

News-cutting "Slander actions against Sir Heron Watson". Extracted from newspaper "Edinburgh? Gazette? Report of legal case.

[1 sheet print]

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1905, July 29th

News-cutting "Brilliant reception in Edinburgh". Extracted from Weekly Scotsman. Describes dresses etc worn by guests at a centenary reception for the RCSEd held in the Royal Scottish Museum.

[1 sheet print]

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1907, December 23rd

News-cutting "The Late Sir Patrick Heron Watson: a notable career", extracted from The Scotsman, 1907, Monday December 23rd. Extensive obituary. On the reverse of this is a description of the arrangements for the funeral preparations following the death of William Thomson, Baron Kelvin of Largs "The late lord Kelvin".

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n.d.1906??

News-cutting "Changes in the Council". PHW retires from the GMC? Council after 24 years of service since 1882.

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1905, July 27th

News-cutting "Barber-surgeons". Extracted from The Scottish Review of July 27th 1905. Page 45. Historical article on the surgical institutions of the UK.

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1905, July 21st

News-cutting "The Royal College of Surgeons' Fourth Centenary: Interesting ceremonials. Description of the celebrations etc re the 4th centenary of the RCSEd.

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1905, July 21st [2012, July 25th – digital version of from GD/100/22/12

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