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William Johnson Calder, practitioner in Jamaica and South Africa: miscellaneous papers and correspondence, including letters from Lord Lister, 1875–1927

Norman Walter Hill (1852–c.1920) collector: correspondence, papers and cuttings including material on South Africa, with particular interest in rinderpest.; correspondents include J.C. Cronwright–Schreiner, husband of Olive Schreiner, 1878–1920

Wellcome Foundation: material relating to business operations of pharmaceutical company in the area, 1880s–1990s

Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene: papers of Sir David Bruce (1855–1931) and Mary, Lady Bruce (d.1931): Sir David’s notebooks of research into bacteria in drinking water and ‘horse–sickness’ in Natal, 1894–9, dysentery and plague in South Africa during the Boer War, 1900–1, and trypanosomiasis (nagana) in Zululand, 1894–6, 1903; with texts of talks, reports, etc, to 1915; Lady Bruce’s illustrations of trypanosomes including trypanosoma brucei in Zululand, 1913; collected reports on trypanosomiases, 1920s

Mrs. Haines: Diary of a voyage from New Zealand to Great Britain and back, calling at Cape Town, 1896–7

Wellcome Archive:

– Wellcome Historical Medical Museum, records, 1903–85, include material relating to Southern and Central Africa (database can be searched under country name)

– Wellcome Bureau of Scientific Research, records, 1913–38, and of Wellcome Chemical Research Laboratory, 1899–1946, include material on research relating to South Africa

– Sir Henry Wellcome: personal papers include material on the firm’s business activities in South Africa, 1901–60

Sir Anthony Alfred Bowlby: Diary and photograph albums from service in the Boer War as Senior Surgeon with the Portland hospital at Bloemfontein, 1899–1900, with 1901 report of the Committee of the hospital and account of the work undertaken there, and scrapbook including press cuttings and correspondence

Sir Humphrey Davy Rolleston (1862–1944): photograph album kept during medical service in the Boer War; photographs taken at Pretoria, Deelfontein and elsewhere, 1900–1

British Nurse: extracts from letters reflecting daily lives of doctors and nurses during Boer War, written at Kroonstad and Pretoria, 1900–1

John Fulton Barr (1868–1954): diaries, photographs and a little correspondence relating to his service in the Boer War, 1900–2; diary recording later visit, 1924

Cecil John Rhodes (1853–1902): photographic copies of the record of the post-mortem examination carried out in 1902 in the presence of the imperialist and leader of the “Jameson Raid” Sir Leander Starr Jameson (1853–1917) and other important South Africans, 1938


Spirillum Fever in Swaziland: Copy report and correspondence between the Acting Medical Officer and the Assistant Commissioner, Hlatikulu, Swaziland, on the probable prevalence of spirillum fever (African relapsing fever), 1913
British Medical Association: Files on the organisation of the medical profession in South Africa, 1920–48, including the Federal Council of the Medical Association of South Africa

Marie Stopes (1880–1958): Correspondence with members of the public about her book Married Love and birth control, including many resident abroad, c1918–c1950s; one file of ‘South Africa’, 1932 correspondence in ‘overseas’ section

James Alexander Acheson (1892–1968): Casenotes and photos of patients with yaws, Kasempa District, Northern Rhodesia, 1923–6


Benno Heckel, Benedictine monk and missionary in Nyasaland: ‘Education among the Hyao tribe’, 1928


Sir William John Ritchie Simpson (1855–1931), specialist in tropical medicine. Photographs and papers relating to his investigation of sanitary conditions in the mines of Northern Rhodesia, 1930

Eugenics Society (f.1907): File on the South African Eugenics Society, 1930–1

Cancer Research Campaign (f.1923 as the British Empire Cancer Campaign, renamed 1970): Files on the National Cancer Association of South Africa, Cancer Association of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and Natal Radium Trust, 1930–64

Brian Hursey (1939–2008): Reports, memoranda and other documents (by Hursey and others) relating to tsetse fly control, trypanosomiasis and related issues in southern and eastern Africa, 1940s–70s

Bernard Moiser (1879–1965), leprologist to S. Rhodesia government: manuscript investigation into leprosy, 1946–8

Grantly Dick Read (1890–1959): Correspondence re natural childbirth with mothers and patients and with doctors, South Africa, 1948–56; correspondence and legal papers concerning Read’s case against the South African Medical and Dental Council for refusing to register him after he settled in South Africa in 1948

Family Planning Association (f. 1930): Correspondence with family planning organisations and reports from clinics in South Africa, 1954–80; general correspondence with Rhodesia, 1950s–60s

Ismond Rosen: files relating to early career in South Africa, early 1950s

National Birthday Trust Fund (f.1928): Correspondence with the Methodist Missionary Society re presentation of gas and air machine for use in Southern Rhodesia 1951–2

Air Marshal Sir Harold Whittingham (1887–1983): Notebooks of inspections, as Director of Medical Services, BOAC, of airport medical and health facilities in Johannesburg, 1952–6

Queen’s Nursing Institute: District Nursing Overseas files include South Africa (including Zululand), and Zambia, 1954–73

Sir Christopher Andrewes (1896–1989), virologist: travel journal of trip to Africa 1953, includes lists of birds in South Africa

LEPRA (formerly The British Leprosy Relief Association, now LEPRA Health in Action): files relating to projects in Malawi, 1953–92; and Zambia, 1958–82; and fundraising in South Africa, 1974–80

Miscellany: Community Health Services: includes paper from Health Officials’ Association of Southern Africa 13th Annual Health conference, 1955, on “The need for developing social services in public health” by E J Jammie


Eric Kennedy Cruickshank (1914–2007): visit to South Africa arranged by the General Medical Council in order to investigate/assess the medical training at various universities there, and related materials, 1957–78

David Tyrrell (1905-2005): Tristan da Cunha common cold study, 1961–71

Sir Graham Selby Wilson: file as Rhodes Trustee regarding eligibility to Rhodes Scholarships in South Africa, 1972–4

Multiple Sclerosis Society (f.1953): Correspondence with the South African Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1966–73; copies of their newsletter, 1966,1967

Stanley George Browne (1907–1986): reports on visits to South Africa and Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) 1968, South Africa 1974, 1976 and 1979; papers re the Council of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland policy towards South Africa and Apartheid and Browne’s personal view on sanctions, 1980–5; some references to The Leprosy Mission South Africa


Eldred Hugh Owen Parry (b. 1930): Questionnaires on disease in African countries, 1971–2 (for Principles of medicine in Africa, 1976), include Zambia


Colin McDougall (1924-2006): documents from the time when McDougall was as Leprosy Specialist to the Ministry of Health in Zambia , 1965–69; correspondence with The Leprosy Mission (Southern Africa) 1990-1993; Programme of McDougall's visit in 1992 to RSA, Botswana and Lesotho; Southern Africa country profile, 1989–93