Veterinary Medicine post 1800 (A&M)

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Animal Diseases, Zoonoses and Veterinary Medicine: from 1800.

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Popular remedies: Mexico, including advice on recognising a good horse, veterinary remedies, 1823

Wellcome Foundation: archives of the pharmaceutical company include material on its veterinary products and incorporate the records of Cooper McDougall & Robertson Ltd, specialists in animal health, veterinary and agricultural medicine and products, and their subsidiaries, c. 1824–1990s

Sir George Henry Rose: letter on hydrophobia in dogs, 1827

Nottinghamshire Chemist’s prescription notebook: includes veterinary receipts, c. 1827

Charles Wallwork: recipe book including veterinary preparations, c. 1829

Horse medicine: Notes on care of the horse, its anatomy, breeds, training, ailments and diseases, with a number of veterinary recipes, c. 1833

T J Pettigrew: ‘Hydrophobia’, 1835

M Bourrelly: ‘Manuscrit vétérinaire…’, student’s notes from Toulouse, illustrated, 1839–41

Auguste Renault: director of the École Royale Vétérinaire d’Alfort veterinary surgeon, 1 letter, 1841

James Brocklehurst: prescription book, including veterinary, 1844–73

G Canziani: ‘Veterinaria pubblica…. La dottrina delle epizoozie’ with notes and extracts on zoology, c. 1845

Veterinary receipt book: includes questions and answers on the physiology and anatomy of the horse, mid C19th

Farmer’s notebook: containing veterinary cures and tips, mid–late C19th

Jane Margaret Lloyd, Rhagatt (Rhagad), Denbighshire, Homeopathic Prescriptions 1852, includes some veterinary receipts, 1852–[1901]

Horse medicine: Notebook of veterinary and other prescriptions and recipes, 1852

Recipe Book: including veterinary preparations, c. 1857

Apothecary’s Cash–and Recipe–Book: including veterinary recipes, 1859–60

A few Receipts on Farriery &C: 1860–99

Hibbon and Smith: invoice for veterinary products, 1862

F Pennavaria, veterinarian: letter re his book on the poisoning of horses, 1866

Charles Charnley: pharmacist, Wilmslow; two volumes of medical recipes include a number of veterinary prescriptions, 1866–1940

A Renault: Variole et vaccine: historical and other notes, extracts, etc on… human and animal Vaccination, with special reference… to France, 1867–73

Commission: George Fleming, as veterinary surgeon in British army, 1877

Prescription Book: including veterinary preparations, 1881–1909

Sydney Galvaine: Horse dentition, illustrated, 1887

F Parkes Weber: Papers relating to animals and their disorders and diseases, mostly those communicable to humans or comparable with human disorders, 1890s–1940s

Sir L Rogers: Papers relating to research on rinderpest and surra, 1890s–1900s
Spencer Dakers and Co: account book recording purchase of drugs, apparently by a veterinarian, c. 1896–1914  
MS.7161

The Treatment of Infectious and Contagious Diseases by the Serum method, by "Civis mundi": two volume typescript treatise, c. 1898, includes use of antitetanic serum on horses  
MSS.8499

Wellcome Archive:

– Wellcome Historical Medical Museum: some material among the archives, 1899–1985 on veterinary medicine  
WA/HMM

– Wellcome Bureau of Scientific Research: records, 1913–38, include material on veterinary medicine  
WA/BSR

– Wellcome Tropical Research Laboratories: records, 1899–1943, include material on veterinary medicine  
WA/TRL

C Donovan: blood–examinations of Indian animals, list of birds, examination of dogs for leishmaniasis and smears from rats, work on kala–azar in dogs, and malaria in monkeys, microscopic drawings of parasitic organisms and pathological states of cells in a variety of animals.1902–21  
MSS.2208, 2213–4, 2216, 5694

J Martin: veterinary student, notes on materia medica and surgery, 1904–1907  
MSS.7951,7954, 7957

J E Dutton and J L Todd: papers on their work (together and singly) on trypanosomiasis and other diseases of humans and animals in West and Central Africa, 1901–20 (notes, diaries, photographs, drawings, etc), also Todd's work in Canada on Swamp Fever of horses, 1908  
MSS.2248–68, 4791–4807

Lt-Col Frederick Harvey RAMC: 'Principal diseases affecting troops and animals of Sierra Leone: including the treatment of animal trypanosomiasis', 1908  
MS.8750

R E McConnell: laboratory notebooks and reminiscences of field work on trypanosomiasis, Swamp Fever in horses, 1910  
MSS.3353–5

W P Turner: notes on animal diseases and their transmission to humans, food hygiene, etc, c. 1910  
MSS.4875, 4879

Sir E and Lady Mellanby: his dietary research using dogs led to discovery of aetiology of canine hysteria, 1910s–60s  
PP/MEL

H A Foy: experimental work on animal trypanosomiasis, Northern Nigeria, 1911  
MS.2435

Sir W Osler: correspondence with veterinary historian, Sir Frederick Smith, 1914  
MS.7379/21–22

Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene: Sir D Bruce: Croonian Lectures on 'Trypanosomes causing disease in man and domestic animals in Central Africa', 1915; research on trypanosomes; see also RAMC  
WTI/RST/G

Veterinary prescriptions: notebook of, c. 1922–84  
MS.7162

Lister Institute: Correspondence with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Foot and Mouth Disease Committee, 1924–33  
SA/LIS/K.6

L R Hutchinson and W H Bradley: Papers relating to slaughterhouses, knackers yards, meat inspection and animal inoculation, 1920s–30s, material on myxomatosis, 1954–7  
PP/JRH

W A Pool: Notes taken at Institut Pasteur course on animal disease, c.1921  
GC/111

Veterinary Research Club: Minutes of general and council meetings, 1924–74  
GC/50

11th International Veterinary Congress, 1930: Film of arrival and departure of delegates  
GC/129

Sir W Dalrymple–Champneys: Printed memorandum on bovine tuberculosis in man,  
GC/139/G.3
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


Prof P C C Garnham: correspondence with veterinary organisations and laboratories around the world, 1950s–70s

Sir C Lovatt Evans: Correspondence with the Royal School of Veterinary Studies, Edinburgh, 1963–5, and relating to a proposed Research Panel on detection of drugs in racehorses with the Jockey Club and the National Hunt Committee, 1963

Sir Graham S Wilson: Notes, articles and lectures on veterinary research, papers relating to advice given to the Veterinary Research Administration on epidemiological problems and development of the service in The Sudan, 1960s–80s


David Tyrrell: Files relating to his involvement with Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee, and provision of evidence for the enquiry into BSE, 1988–98

Sir John Ridley Pattison: papers relating to his work with the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC), 1994–c.2009

Surveys: A survey of Medical Archives and Manuscripts, 1600–1945, in repositories in the Greater London area, online at http://wellcomelibrary.org/node265.html, includes veterinary sources. The Wellcome Trust/Business Archives Council Database of historical sources on Veterinary Medicine in the UK is available for consultation within the Library

Issues of animal health with public health implications (conditions of slaughterhouses, infected milk supplies, rabies, etc) can be seen in Medical Officer of Health reports: MOH Reports for London are available online: London's Pulse: Medical Officer of Health reports 1848-1972 http://wellcomelibrary.org/moh/