

Biographical and Family History Resources in the Wellcome Library

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1. Who we are

Through its collections and services the Wellcome Library provides insight and information to anyone seeking to understand medicine and its role in society, past and present. The Library is freely open to the public. We are one of the world's major resources for the study of medical history and also provide access to a growing collection of contemporary biomedical material.

1.1 The history of the Library

The Library is descended from the collections of Sir Henry Wellcome (1853-1936), the pharmaceuticals manufacturer who founded the Wellcome Trust. This independent charity is now the UK's largest non-governmental source of funds for biomedical research.

Sir Henry took a very broad view of what constituted material of medical interest. He saw the history of medicine as part of a wider story of humankind's place in the physical universe; of how people have tried to make sense of their environment and control it. As a result, Sir Henry's collections overlapped into various disciplines beyond the strictly medical.

1.2 The Library today

The formats of the materials held in the Library are as varied as their content. Our published holdings cover books dating from the invention of printing right up to the present day. We hold manuscript and archive sources ranging from medieval anatomical texts to the typescript records of twentieth century societies and pressure groups. The Library also possesses a huge amount of illustrative material – paintings, prints, photographs, and so forth – depicting medical personnel, processes, institutions and a miscellany of other topics. A growing number of electronic resources are being made available to registered Library users. All year round the Library offers tours and visits to interested groups and organisations.

2. Access and contact details

2.1 Who can use the Library?

The Wellcome Library is freely open to the public. Please just bring one photo ID and proof of address on your first visit, and allow ten minutes to complete the registration process.

2.2 Opening hours

Monday	10.00 – 18:00
Tuesday	10.00 – 18:00
Wednesday	10.00 – 18:00
Thursday	10.00 – 20:00
Friday	10.00 – 18:00
Saturday	10.00 – 16:00

3. Using the Library

3.1 Published material

The Library's book, pamphlet, journal and database holdings can be found with the **Library catalogue** (<http://catalogue.wellcomelibrary.org>). For works by a particular author, search the catalogue using the "Author" option. For material about an individual, select "Name/Brand/Title" from the drop-down menu on the left of the screen. Using an individual's name in the "Word" option will bring up works by or about that individual.

Most of the published sources for biographical and family history research are housed in the Library's Quick Reference Collection. A small but growing number are also available electronically. Checklists which summarise some of the most important sources are at the back of this guide.

3.2 Archives and manuscripts

The Library's archive and manuscript material runs from the Dark Ages to the present, taking in illuminated manuscripts, administrative records, personal correspondence and research notes, and a wide variety of other types of document. The majority of material of use to biographical research dates from before 1900. Twentieth century archive material held at the Library is, with a few significant exceptions, not useful for this type of research.

Most of our unpublished material is detailed on the archives and manuscripts online catalogue (<http://archives.wellcomelibrary.org>). It can be searched by name or any other keyword. Printed or typescript catalogues can also be consulted in the Library. The only material not yet described in electronic form comprises a few twentieth century collections.

Downloadable subject guides on various themes can be found on the Library website. Particularly useful finding aids are the two guides to Manuscripts relating to London and Manuscripts relating to specific areas, outside London. These gather together information about records of hospitals, general practitioners, chemists, personal diaries and letters.

3.3 Paintings, prints and drawings

Many of the Library's iconographic holdings are described in the same online catalogue as the published material. A drop-down menu on the right of the screen allows you to narrow a search to "Art collection" only.

Searching for a name using the "Word" option will generate a list of images by or of that individual. The catalogue can also be searched for the names of hospitals or other institutions at which an individual may have been employed, or places in which they lived or where their tomb is located.

All of the pictures described on the catalogue can be viewed in the Library. Images of them are gradually being digitised and mounted on **Wellcome Images** (<http://wellcomeimages.org/>). This website also includes images taken from books, journals and pamphlets.

4. General sources

4.1 Background reading

[British archives: a guide to archive resources in the United Kingdom](#)

by Janet Foster and Julia Sheppard, 4th edition published 2002

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection YHC.41

[A dictionary of medical & related terms for the family historian](#)

by Joan E Grundy, published 2006

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection YMM/GRU

[Family history on the net](#)

by Colin Waters, published 2009

Shelfmark: History of Medicine YHC/WAT

[Records of the medical professions: a practical guide for the family historian](#)

by Susan Bourne and Andrew H. Chicken, published 1994

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41 /BOU

[Tracing your medical ancestors: a guide for family historians](#)

by Michelle Higgs, published 2011

Shelfmark: History of Medicine YHC/HIG

4.2 Biographical dictionaries

[Oxford Dictionary of National Biography](#)

Gives brief biographies of significant figures in the history of the United Kingdom.

Available online only from Library computers

[Dictionary of American biography](#)

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Dictionary of Australian biography](#)

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Nouvelle biographie nationale](#) [Belgian dictionary]

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Dictionary of Canadian biography](#)

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Dictionnaire de biographie française](#)

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Deutsche biographische Enzyklopädie \(DBE\)](#)

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Dizionario biografico degli italiani](#)

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Nieuw Nederlandsch biografisch woordenboek](#)

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Dictionnaire historique & biographique de la Suisse](#)

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[World Biographical Information System Online](#)

Includes American, British, French and German biographical articles from printed reference works published from the sixteenth to the twentieth century.

Accessible online to all registered Library users

[Subject catalogue of the history of medicine and related sciences](#)

Published by the Wellcome Library in 1980, includes five volumes that lists biographical sources (including material not in the Library). Information relating to biographical material published after 1991 can be found on the Library catalogues.

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection YHS.AA9

[Biography Index](#)

A cumulative quarterly index to biographical material in books and magazines (1946 to present). Check the Library catalogue to see if a reference is held by the Library.

Shelfmark: History of Medicine BY.AA9 [shelved at end of BW].

4.3 Directories

[Who's who and Who was who](#)

Available online only from Library computers

[Burke's peerage & baronetage](#)

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Burke's landed gentry](#)

Shelfmark Quick Ref. Collection BYB.41

[Cockayne's complete peerage](#)

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

4.4 Schools and universities

A selection of registers of students who have attended public schools, such as [Charterhouse](#), [Eton](#), [Harrow](#), [Lancing](#), [Marlborough](#), [Rugby](#), [Sherborne](#) and [Winchester](#) are available.

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

A selection of registers of students who have attended the universities of [Oxford](#) and [Cambridge](#) (and their various individual colleges), [Glasgow](#), [Aberdeen](#) and [Trinity College Dublin](#) are held.

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYB.41.ZTU

[St. Andrews](#)

Request from Library stores for use in the Library.

4.5 Local history

Record society publications of probate records or consistory court material and biographical dictionaries relating to particular counties, towns or regions are available.

Shelfmarks: Quick Reference Collection BYB.43... to BYB.47...

A digital collection of local and trade directories for England and Wales, from 1750 to 1919, is available freely online at the Historical Directories website: (<http://www.historicaldirectories.org/>).

The Library holds a variety of printed trade directories for particular towns or counties, chiefly from the early nineteenth century.

Shelfmarks: Quick Reference Collection BYD.43... to BYD.47...

4.6 Biographies

Alongside autobiographies and biographies of medical and scientific personnel, books about famous patients are arranged in alphabetical order of the subject of the biography. Use the **All catalogues search** (<http://wellcomelibrary.org/>) to find material on a particular person.

Shelfmarks: History of Medicine BZP [medics] or BZPX and BZPXA [patients]

4.7 Obituaries

The **Library catalogue** (<http://catalogue.wellcomelibrary.org/>) contains references to over 18,000 obituaries. Here are some tips on searching the catalogue for obituaries:

To find a specific obituary:

Choose the "Name/Brand/Title" option from the drop-down menu to the left of the search box. Enter the individual's surname in the search box and click on the 'submit search' button.

To browse all the obituaries:

Choose the "Genre/Medium" option from the drop-down menu to the left of the search box and enter the word 'Obituaries'. In most cases the record will simply tell you the journal in which the obituary is located but in a few cases there is a link to the relevant page in an electronic journal.

4.7.1 Other sources of obituaries

[The Gentleman's Magazine](#)

Contains obituaries of late eighteenth and early nineteenth century individuals. The Library holds printed copies of The Gentleman's magazine biographical and obituary notices, 1781-1819 index volume, and a full set of the magazine online.

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYB.41.AA7-8

Accessible online to all registered Library users

[Times digital archive](#)

Obituaries, and notices of births, marriages and deaths, published by The Times newspaper from 1785 to 1985 can be searched for on the online Times Digital Archive.

Accessible online to registered Library users

[19th Century British Library Newspapers](#)

This database contains 48 historical newspapers.

Available online only from Library computers.

5. Doctors, physicians, surgeons and apothecaries

5.1 Medieval

[Medical practitioners in medieval England: a biographical register](#)

by C H Talbot and E A Hammond, published 1965

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41.AA2

5.2 16th century onwards

[Lives of the fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of London](#) [Munk's roll]

Biographical sketches of Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians 1518-1997, in 10 volumes.

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41

[Medical practitioners in the diocese of London](#)...1529-1725

by J Harvey Bloom and R Rutson James, published 1935

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41 /BLO

Directory of medical licences issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury

1536-1775 in Lambeth Palace Library by Melanie Barber

Part 1 [Vicar general series licences](#), 1576-1775, published 1997

Part 2 [Faculty office series licences](#), 1535-1764, published 2000

The directory details those licensed to practice in the province of Canterbury. Until the 1858 Medical Act a medical practitioner in England or Wales only needed a license to practise from the established church. In practice, the system fell into disuse after the mid-18th century.

Shelfmark: History of Medicine CB.4412.AA5-7

[Gloucester and Hereford Consistory Courts](#)

Extracts from records of the courts relating to physicians and surgeons, compiled by A W J Haggis, are held in the archives (MS. 5350).

Request from library stores for use in the Library

Apprenticeship indentures, account books, recipe books, letters, and so forth are held in the archives. Search on the relevant surname in the "Any Text" field of the Archives and Manuscripts catalogue.

5.3 17th century

[Directory of English Country physicians](#) 1603-1643

by John H Raach, published 1962

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41.AA6

5.4 18th century onwards

[Eighteenth century medics](#)

by P J and R V Wallis, published 1988. Lists 18th century personnel mentioned in subscriptions, licences, and apprenticeship papers.

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection folios BYD.41.AA7

[List of the graduates in medicine in the University of Edinburgh from MDCCV to MDCCCLXVI](#)

List of Edinburgh medical graduates, 1705-1866.
Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.4646

[List of Sussex medical apprentices](#)

1710-1752 Manuscript compiled by A W J Haggis is held in the archives (MS. 5353).
Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Hunterian Society, London](#)

Records and manuscripts, 1748-1985, are held in the archives (MSS. 5520-5624).
Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Military Hospital Society](#)

London Membership lists, minutes and accounts, 1764-1767, are held in the archives (MS. 5404).
Request from Library stores for use in the Library

Medical Society of London

Microfilmed minutes, 1773-1938, are held in the archives (AMS/MF/4).
Request from Library stores for use in the Library

The Medical Register, 1779, 1780 & 1783

Unlike the 19th century Medical Register, inclusion in this volume was not compulsory. Only the 1783 edition includes a name index. The three volumes are available in the Library in printed form and online as part of [Eighteenth Century Collections Online \(ECCO\)](#).

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41.AJ
ECCO is accessible online to registered Library users

[St. Albans Medical Club](#)

London Administrative records, 1789-1990 (MSS. 6216 & 6994-7017).
Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Society for the Improvement of Medical and Chirurgical Knowledge](#)

London Proceedings of the Society, 1790-1882 (MS. 5282)
Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Lyceum Medicum Londinense Minute books](#)

1792-1805 (MS. MSL.140)
Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Sydenham Medical Club, London](#)

Treasurer's books, membership lists and a photograph album, 1796-1928, are held in the archives (MSS.6208-6215).
Request from Library stores for use in the Library

5.5 19th century onwards

[Askesian Society, London](#)

Minutes of experiments and demonstrations performed at meetings of the Society, 1801- 1808, are held in the archives (MS. 6135).
Request from Library stores for use in the Library

A list of persons who have obtained certificates of their fitness ... to practise as apothecaries, from August 1, 1815, to July 31, 1840[- July 31, 1877]

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41 /SOC

Obituaries in [The Lancet](#) (1823-present)

Can be found using either the indexes of the printed volumes or online in the e-journal.

Shelfmark: Journals/LAN (print journal)

Available online from Library computers only

[Society of Noviomagians](#), London

Proceedings of this convivial club composed of members of the Society of Antiquaries of London, 1830-1905 (MSS. 5305-5307)

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Lives of the fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons of England](#) (Plarr's lives)

Biographical sketches of Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons 1843-2002, in 9 volumes.

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41 /LIV

[List of the fellows and members of the Royal College of Surgeons of England ... 1845](#)
[1850, 1855, 1859-60]

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41 /ROY

[The Medical Directory](#), 1846-present.

Lists most practising and retired doctors in Britain and its colonies, although it is not compulsory for a doctor to be in it. Entries provide details of addresses, qualifications, places of training, places of work and any publications.

The format changes over the years. At some stages the volumes list doctors in a straight alphabetical sequence and at others divides them between London and the Provinces, or even subdividing the Provinces with separate sections for Scotland and Ireland. You should carefully check the contents page to ascertain the arrangement used.

Doctors' deaths are usually deducible only from the year that they disappear from the directory but some include an obituary section.

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41

Obituaries in [British Medical Journal](#) (1857-present)

Can be found using the indexes of the printed volumes or online.

Manual request from Library stores for use in the Library:

Shelfmark: Closed stores journals S7455

Available online in the Library and at PubMed Central

(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/>).

[The Medical Register](#), 1859-1989, incomplete

This is compiled by the General Medical Council and records all doctors entitled to practice. Available in the Library in print, and online from Ancestry Live Edition.

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41

Accessible online to registered Library users

[Medical students' register](#), 1882-1937, incomplete

Compiled for the General Medical Council.

Manual request for use in the Library: Shelfmark: Closed stores journals S7714

Society of Apothecaries, London: [Licentiates to whom the diploma of the Society in medicine, surgery and midwifery was granted between July 1st 1887 and December 31st, 1906 \[- 31st December, 1948\]](#)

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41 /SOC

5.6 20th century

[The lives of the fellows of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists](#):1929-1969

by John Peel, published 1976

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41 /PEE

6. Nurses and midwives

Central registration of qualified nurses only dates from the early twentieth century; prior to this the various bodies involved in training nurses kept records of their own personnel, but no central register existed.

6.1 16th century onwards

[Gloucester and Hereford Consistory Courts](#)

Extracts from records of the courts relating to midwives, compiled by A W J Haggis, are held in the archives (MS. 5350).

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

6.2 17th century onwards

[Midwives' licenses](#)

A collection of licences, chiefly from the Welsh Marches area, 1687-1728, is held in the archives (MS. 3544).

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

6.3 19th century onwards

[Nightingale nurses, 1854-1856](#)

A list of nurses who worked with Florence Nightingale in the Crimea is held in the archives (MS. 5479/1).

Request from library stores for use in the Library

Queen's Nursing Institute, 1887-1997

Records, including the national roll of its nurses and records of their periodic inspections, are held in the archives. The section of particular biographical interest to the family historian is SA/QNI/J: the indexed records of nurses.

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[The Register of Trained Nurses, 1891, 1892 & 1896](#)

Issued by the Royal British Nurses' Association.

Manual request from Library stores for use in the Library

6.4 20th century

[The Midwives Roll](#)

1904-1959, incomplete

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41

[Register of Nurses 1916-1923](#)

Issued by the College of Nursing Ltd.

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection, BYD.41

[The Register of Nurses 1930-1950](#)

Incomplete run. Issued by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41

[Nursing guide, handbook of Nurses' League, and register of nurses trained at Guy's Hospital](#)

1920, 1923 & 1932

Shelfmarks:

Medical Collection WY23 1920G99n

Medical Collection WY23 1923G99n

Medical Collection WY23 1932G99n

7. Military, naval and colonial medical personnel

7.1 General resources

[The Medical Directory](#), 1846-present

Lists most practising and retired doctors in Britain and its colonies, although it is not compulsory for a doctor to be in it. Some editions include lists for army or navy personnel. Other irregular sections are:

- 'Practitioners resident abroad, registered under the Medical Act of Great Britain and Ireland, 1858'
- 'Medical Officers of the Naval, Military & Indian Medical Services and of the Mercantile Marine'.

Entries provide details of addresses, qualifications, places of training, places of work and any publications. The format changes over the years. At some stages the volumes list doctors in a straight alphabetical sequence and at others divides them between London and the Provinces, or even subdividing the Provinces with separate sections for Scotland and Ireland. You should carefully check the contents page to ascertain the arrangement used.

Doctors' deaths are usually deducible only from the year that they disappear from the directory but some include an obituary section.

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41

7.2 Army

[Commissioned officers in the medical services of the British Army, 1660-1960](#)
by A Peterkin, William Johnston and R Drew, published 1968
Includes only career medical officers, not those conscripted.
Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41 /WEL

Royal Army Medical Corps muniment collection

The administrative records of the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) are held at the National Archives but its muniment collection – a collection of diaries, photographs, writings by individual RAMC personnel – is held by the Wellcome Library.

A general “Any Text” search on the Archives and Manuscripts catalogue [link] will pick up references to particular individuals or units. Items are indexed by the particular conflicts to which they refer.

There is also a printed catalogue of the RAMC collection.
Request from Library stores for use in the Library

7.3 Navy

[A list of His Majesty's ships ... of the Royal Navy: to which is added, a list of the captains, lieutenants, masters, and commanders.](#)

Also, a list of the principal officers of His Majesty's land forces, 1741. Bound with other works including [Rider's British Merlin](#) and [The court kalendar](#).
Request from Library stores for use in the Library: EPB Almanac

[A list of the medical officers of His Majesty's Navy, 1823](#)

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41 /NAV

[The new Navy list, containing the names of all the commissioned officers ... also the masters, medical officers, pursers, chaplains, schoolmasters and the officers on full pay of the royal Marines, 1843](#)

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41 /NAV

7.4 Colonies

[Roll of the Indian Medical Service, 1615-1930](#)

by D.G. Crawford, published 1930

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41 /CRA

[Poplar Hospital, London](#)

A list of marine pensioner inmates formerly serving with the East India Company, 1843- 1860, is held in the archives (MS.2271).

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

8. Veterinary surgeons

Cash books, recipe books and vets' bills document this area of practice. The most significant group of records is the [Norman Comben Collection of ephemera](#), containing documentation relating to veterinary practitioners, farriers and agricultural chemists across the United Kingdom from the late 18th century to the early 20th (MSS.7562-7569).

Veterinary Records Database

Provides the location of surviving historical records of veterinary surgery in the United Kingdom. Available online from Library computers only.

9. Dentists

[The Medical Directory](#)

Licentiates and graduates in dental surgery are listed from 1866 to 1924.
Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41

[The Dentists Register, 1879-1986](#), incomplete

Compiled by the General Medical Council and records all dentists entitled to practice.
Request from Library stores for use in the Library

[Medical and dental students' register: lists of medical and dental students registered during the year, 1911-1937: lists of medical and dental students registered during the year, 1911-1937](#)

Compiled for the General Medical Council.

Manual request from Library stores for use in the Library

Shelfmark: Closed store journals S7716

10. Pharmaceutical chemists and druggists

[Annual register of pharmaceutical chemists and chemists and druggists](#), 1882-1992

Incomplete. Compiled by the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41

[The Pharmaceutical records database](#)

Records the location of surviving records of the pharmaceutical industry in this country.

Available online from Library computers

11. Physiotherapists

[The Physiotherapists Register, 1963-1974](#)

Incomplete. Compiled by the Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine, Physiotherapists Board.

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection BYD.41

[Chartered Society of Physiotherapy](#)

Membership registers spanning 1895-1975 plus published lists of members 1920-1986 and minutes and registers of the fund and prize committees 1949-1957 are held in the archives.

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

12. Opticians

[General Optical Council](#)

The official registers spanning 1959-1991 of the statutory body which regulates the Optical professions (Dispensing Opticians and Optometrists) are held in the archives. Request from Library stores for use in the Library.

13. Patients

This section can help you locate patient records from private hospitals. These may be hospital records or case notes created by medical personnel. Hospital staff lists may also be included in some of the records.

Most of our patient records come from private mental hospitals. Formal case records under 100 years old are closed under the Data Protection Act.

Looking for NHS records?

The Wellcome Library is not an Approved Place of Deposit under the Public Records Acts for records of the National Health Service. Since 1948, most hospital records are NHS records. The best way to find out which patient records are held in the UK is to search the **Hospital Records Database**

(<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/hospitalrecords/>) for specific institutions or locations.

13.1 Patient records in the Wellcome Library

We have information on the following institutions:

[Camberwell House Asylum, London](#)

Casebooks; patients admitted 1847-1853.

Request from Library stores for use in the Library: MSS. 6220-6221

[Holloway Sanatorium for the Insane, Virginia Water, Surrey](#)

Casebooks; patients admitted 1887-1926 (with gaps).

Request from Library stores for use in the Library: MSS. 5157-5163

[Manor House Asylum, Chiswick, London](#) (later Chiswick House Asylum)

Case records 1870-1925 and correspondence.

Request from Library stores for use in the Library: MSS. 5725-5726 & 6222-6227

[Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster](#)

Staff lists, 1880s, in the papers of G.E. Shuttleworth.

Request from Library stores for use in the Library: MS. 4569

[Ticehurst House Hospital, Sussex](#)

Full archive from late eighteenth century to present, including patient records, registers of employees and financial documentation. Patient records under 100 years old are closed; permission from the hospital is required before any other material under 100 years old can be consulted.

Request from Library stores for use in the Library: MSS. 6245-6790

Historic Hospital Admission Records Project (HHARP)

A database of patient admissions records for four UK hospitals covering a period ranging from February 1852 (when Great Ormond Street's doors first opened) through to 31 December 1914. The four hospitals are:

- Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, London
- Evelina Hospital, London (now part of Guy's and St Thomas's NHS Trust)
- Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease, London
- Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow

The database is available freely online at <http://www.hharp.org/>.

13.2 Practitioners records

The Library has numerous accounts and recipe books relating to general practitioners and apothecaries that include patients' names. You can check the Archives and Manuscripts catalogue to see if a practitioner is mentioned, but there are too many patients' names for these to be indexed. Use the catalogue and/or subject guides to see what practitioners' records are held by the Library for a particular town or area.

14. Looking further

14.1 Clergymen

Clergy of the Church of England Database

Church of England clergymen working between 1540 and 1835 can be searched for freely online via the Clergy of the Church of England Database website (<http://www.theclergydatabase.org.uk/index.html>).

14.2 Criminals

The Proceedings of the Old Bailey, London 1674 to 1834

A fully searchable online edition of accounts of over 100,000 trials held at London's central criminal court is freely available at the Old Bailey website. <http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>.

14.3 Quaker families

Many medical practitioners have been Quakers. Individuals whose papers are held can be located through the Archives and Manuscripts catalogue.

One important collection is the large [Hodgkin family archive](#). They were linked by marriage or friendship to many other significant nineteenth century Quaker families. Other names well-represented in the Hodgkin archive include Backhouse, Barclay, Fox, Gurney, Howard, Lloyd, Pease and Rickman.

[Biographical dictionary of British Quakers in commerce and industry 1775-1920](#), by Edward H. Milligan.

Shelfmark: Quick Reference Collection ZVE.41.AA7-9

14.4 Witches

[Names of Witches \(in Scotland\) 1658](#)

Request from Library stores for use in the Library

14.5 Archives

Medical Archives and Manuscripts Survey.

This project aimed to record all medical history archive material (between 1650 and 1945) that researchers can use in Britain. The survey for London is freely available to download at <http://wellcomelibrary.org/content/documents/medical-archives-and-manuscripts-survey.pdf>.

National Register of Archives.

Maintained by the National Archives, this freely available website (<http://www.nra.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/>) provides a searchable summary of material held in record offices and some private collections in England and Wales. The database can be searched by name and location.

15. Starter checklists

15.1 Sixteenth to Eighteenth century biographical sources: Starter checklist

This is a selective checklist of printed and electronic resources available from the Wellcome Library that are helpful for locating information about doctors.

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography
(online within the Library via ODNB)

World Biographical Information System Online
(online via WBIS)

Munk's Roll (Fellows of the RCP)
(Quick Reference Collection, shelfmark BYD.41)

Wallis: Eighteenth century medics
(Quick Reference Collection, folios, shelfmark BYD.41.AA7)

Medical Register, 1779,1780, 1783
(Quick Reference Collection, shelfmark BYD.41.AJ; online via ECCO)

Bloom: Medical practitioners in the diocese of London 1529-1725
(Quick Reference Collection, shelfmark BYD.41)

The Times Digital Archive 1785-
(online via TDA)

Historical Directories, 1750-
(online via <http://www.historicaldirectories.org/>)

Gentleman's Magazine obituary notices, 1781-
(Quick Reference Collection, shelfmark BYB.41.AA7-8)

Alumni registers:

London

Oxford

Cambridge

St Andrews

Glasgow

Dublin

(all at Quick Reference Collection, shelfmark BYB.41.ZTU)

Edinburgh

(Quick Reference Collection, shelfmark BYD.4646)

15.2 Nineteenth and Twentieth century biographical sources: Starter checklist

This is a selective checklist of printed and electronic resources available from the Wellcome Library that are helpful for locating information about doctors.

Medical Directory, 1845-

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Medical Register, 1859-1989

(Quick Reference Collection, shelfmark BYD.41)

The Lancet backfile, 1823-

(Journals, shelfmark /LAN; online within the Library via The Lancet backfiles)

British Medical Journal, 1857-

(Journals, shelfmark /BRI; online via PubMed Central)

The Times Digital Archive 1785-

(online via Times Digital Archive)

19th Century British Library Newspapers, 1800-1900

(online within the Library via 19th Century British Library Newspapers)

List of ...apothecaries, 1815-1948

(Quick Reference Collection, shelfmark BYD.41)

Munk's Roll (Fellows of the RCP)

(Quick Reference Collection, shelfmark BYD.41)

Plarr's Lives (Fellows of the RCS)

(Quick Reference Collection, shelfmark BYD.41)

List of Fellows and members of the Royal College of Surgeons of England

(Quick Reference Collection, shelfmark BYD.41)

Alumni registers:

London

Oxford

Cambridge

St Andrews

Glasgow

Dublin

(all of the above at Quick Reference Collection, shelfmark BYB.41.ZTU)

Edinburgh

(Quick Reference Collection, shelfmark BYD.4646)