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‘Traite de differente maladies interne de corps humain par Mr Vincent, Au Zindes’: treatise on the treatment of fevers and other illnesses, apparently prepared by, or on behalf of, a doctor in the French island colonies of the Indian Ocean, 1793

Sigismond Bacstrom: transcripts of his writings in a collection on alchemy, including account of induction into the Rosicrucians, dated at Mauritius, 1794 (transcribed mid 19th century)

Charles Taylor: letter from Samuel Blackburn at Motoorjapore, describing cotton cultivation in India, 1795

Sir James McGrigor (1771–1858), Director General of the Army Medical Department from 1815: partial manuscript of autobiography, including service in India in the 1790s. c.1835

Charles MacIntosh (1760–1809): 1 autograph letter, signed, concerning a sample of oil of camphor from the East Indies, n.d.

Sir Robert Wigram M.P. (1744–1830), shipowner, merchant and former East India Company surgeon: paper arguing for lower duties on medicinal plants imported from the East to Great Britain, ascribed by an endorsement to “Mr. Wigram, merchant” writing to “Mr. Richardson, East India House”. n.d.

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Robert Rolleston: commission as Ensign of Infantry at Fort St. George (Madras), among Rolleston family papers, 1805

Sir Paul Jodrell (d.1803), surgeon and physician to the Nabob Walhaga at Madras: copy of will (including codicil), and note of probate, 1805–12

Sir Evan Nepean (1751–1822), governor of Bombay: papers on trade, including correspondence with Henry Salt (1780–1827) F.R.S. and another on commerce between Egypt and India, 1816–19, and extracts of letters and reports on the provision of timber from Northern India for shipbuilding, 1807–11

Sir George Ballingall (1780–1855), military surgeon: correspondence and papers, including discussions of tropical health and printed diagrams of litters for troops in India, 1808–52, n.d.

Royal Army Medical Corps Muniment Collection: Large amount of material on India, including case books and personal papers from 1810; photographs and accounts of Afghan wars 1843–1920; diaries, photographs, reports and memoirs of service in Burma, mainly Second World War, some 19th century; reports, letters and herbarium from Mauritius, 19th century. Consult Place name index under Afghanistan, Burma, India, Mauritius; Subject index under East India Company, Indian Medical Service, Second World War

John Davy (1790–1868), Army surgeon: journal of a voyage from Britain to Ceylon via the Cape of Good Hope, 1816


— Letters to Nathaniel Wallich from Sir Thomas Stanford Raffles (1781–1826), colonial administrator and naturalist, 1819 and 1823
– Transcription of part of the Flora Indica by William Roxburgh (1751–1815), to which Wallich contributed, c.1820  
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– Letters to Nathaniel Wallich by William Jack (1795–1822), written at Bencoolen (Bengkulu, Sumatra), 1821–2  
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– Mention of one of Nathaniel Wallich’s books in letter by James Gilbert Gerard (1795–1835), surgeon, Bengal, on expedition in the Himalaya foothills, 1826  
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– Letter to Nathaniel Wallich from John Forbes Royle (1799–1858), surgeon and botanist, 1827  
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– Letter to Nathaniel Wallich from Joseph Parmentier, Belgian botanist, 1829  
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– Letter to Nathaniel Wallich from Lewis David von Schweinitz (1780–1834), United States, mycologist and Moravian clergyman, concerning specimens sent by the East India Company, 1830  
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– Material on marine biology by George Charles Wallich including sections disputing the claims of the Challenger expedition to the Pacific, 1860–98  
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Anonymous travel journal compiled by ship’s surgeon of the William Miles, an East India Company vessel plying between London and India, calling at Madras and Calcutta and including a description of the Madras Medical Fund, 1819–21  
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Charles Jowitt, Inspector of Hospitals for Ceylon: letter to William Knott on sites for military ports, 1820  
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Mrs M H Turnbull: recipe book, including recipes and household hints collected whilst in India in the 1820s, c.1820–78, n.d.  
MS.5853

Dr Perrott, Army surgeon, Madras (probably Thomas Montgomery Perrott, fl.1809–1831): medical certificate, requesting leave for Ensign Magra on the grounds of incipient phthisis, 1826  
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Charles Forbes Royle (1799–1858), East India Company surgeon (Bengal) and naturalist (superintendent of garden at Saharunpore): letter to Royle, asking him to forward an item to Charles Edward Trevelyen (1807–1886), Assistant to Commissioners at Delhi, and endorsed by Royle with note to Colonel Bird (possibly Robert Martins Bird (1788–1853), 1828  
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Henry Vandyke Carter (1831–1897), Deputy Surgeon–General, Indian Medical Service: journals, letters and papers, including relating to his career in India, the affairs of Grant Medical College at Bombay, his allegedly invalid marriage here, and leprosy, 1848–97  
MSS.5816–21

– Other material relating to Carter and other members of his family, 1830–1916  
MSS.5809–15, 5822–6

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– Medical observations drawn from reports by medical officers of the British Army in India, 1836–58  
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B Mullin, stationed at “Ahmidabad”: letter discussing cholera and its impact in India, 1833  
MS.7825/16

Colonel William Henry Sykes (1790–1872), naturalist, soldier for the East India Company, statistical reporter to the Bombay government: letters, correspondents including James Prinsep (fl.1835), Secretary to the Asiatic Society at Calcutta, 1835–56  
MS.7684/46–48
Charles Tilstone Beke (1800–1874): correspondence and papers on commercial relations between Great Britain, the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean, 1838–62

Robert McCormick (1800–1890), naval surgeon and naturalist: diaries of expeditions of HMS Erebus, including voyage across Indian Ocean and period anchored at Kerguelen Island, 1839–43

East India Company, Dinapore Division, Bengal: letter book, including references to the medical services, 1840–1

Edward Henry Cradock Monckton (1812–1878): collections of chemical, alchemical, medical and miscellaneous recipes, many Indian in origin, 1842–53

Sir David Pollock (1780–1847), chief justice of Bombay Supreme Court: letter, 1843

East India Company: list of marine pensioner inmates living at Poplar Hospital in London, 1843–60

Joachim Hayward Stocqueler (1800–1885): letter describing the Indian practice of chewing betel–nut wrapped in leaves, 1845

Alexander Kinloch Forbes (1821–1865): notebooks containing notes on Gujarati history, legends and customs, pedigrees, descriptions of historical monuments and translations of inscriptions, compiled from 1849 onwards; remains of a larger body of research materials from which he compiled Râs Mâlâ, Hindu annals of Western India with particular reference to Gujarat (1856) and to which he continued to add after its publication.

– contains an English translation of the surviving verses of the Rutun Mâlâ, or 'Garland of Jewels', an epic poem celebrating the life of Jayasekhara, a seventh-century raja of Gujarat, translated by Forbes in 1849;

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– also containing various enclosures, most in Gujarati script and a plan of a sacred site and a letter to Forbes from Sir Henry Montgomery Lawrence (1806–1857) 1849–52, n.d.

Charles Irving Smith (1809–1871), surgeon at Bangalore: commonplace book, containing care and other medical notes, topographical and meteorological memoranda and tables, and miscellaneous commonplaces; with additional notes by his son, Henry Hammond Smith (1850–1924), surgeon, 1850–76


John William Mudge (1817–1886), surgeon, Madras: journal of service during the Second Burmese War, of his return to India, and of his voyage home to England, 1852–5, additional entries made in Ceylon, 1859

Alfred Bowyer Barton (1825–1905), P. & O. Company medical officer: journals of voyages between Bombay, Singapore and Hong Kong, including account of shipwreck off Ceylon, 1853–8

W L Baynes: letter on board HMS Sybille at Calcutta to Capt Cochrane, account of voyage

Thomas Thomson (1817–1878): letter to the botanist William Gourlie (1815–1856), describing his settling in at the Botanic Garden in Calcutta, 1855

Edward John Waring (1819–1891): list of medical plants and drugs of Travancore, c.1855

John Bishop King, medical practitioner at Penang, and his wife Joanna King: diaries, covering J.B. King's journey to India and travels there (including Calcutta, Allahabad, Dinapore, Patna and Barrackpore), his settling in Penang and life there before and after their marriage, ending with their departure to the Andaman
South Asia Islands, 1855–68

Sir John MacAndrew [later MacGreggor] (1791–1866), Inspector General of Military Hospitals: list of duties performed by Dr. MacAndrew in India, with an abstract of distance travelled, 1857–8

Madras Medical Fund: letters to successive Secretaries from medical officers in the Presidency of Madras, 1857–70


James Tyrrell Carter Ross (1823–1897), surgeon and medical officer, British Army in India: commonplace book, memoranda, standing orders, reports and cuttings, c.1850–87

Thomas Hodgkin (1798–1866), physician and philanthropist: broadside by “W.C.T.” on Indian Mutiny and Massacre, 1858

– Printed letter by Hodgkin on “The Indian Government and the Opium Trade”, n.d.

– and see collection generally

Sir Clements Robert Markham (1830–1916): copies of correspondence with India Office regarding introduction of Cinchona plants into India and elsewhere, 1859–70 (copies taken 1930)

Richard Robert Madden (1798–1886): bundles of papers on spiritualism, witchcraft, mesmerism and clairvoyance, includes (bundle IV) material on the “Death Trance” or suspended animation claimed to occur in India, c.1860

Thomas Young Baker (1837–1901): diary, including voyage from Southampton to Calcutta to take up post as Staff–Assistant–Surgeon to the 27th Regiment, 1861–2

John Temperley Gray (1835–1892), P. & O. Company ship’s surgeon: notebook on natural history, local customs, climate etc., made in India and on various ships between England and the Far East, including description of the Seychelles, 1862–88

Travancore: anonymous description of gods and goddesses worshipped in South Travancore, with illustrations, 1863

David Livingstone (1813–1873): letters include one to Sir Henry Bartle Frere (1815–1889), Governor of Bombay, 1864

George Herbert Whidborne, Ship’s Surgeon: ‘Abstracts from the Log of the Ship Highflyer from London to Sydney, Shanghai, St. Helena, & home’, 1864–5, includes a stop at Calcutta

George Henry Kendrick Thwaites (1811–1882), entomologist and botanist: letter describing life in Ceylon, 1865

Fleetwood Buckle (1841–1917), Royal Navy doctor: journals of travels, including voyage across Indian Ocean calling at Kerguelen Island, 1866–70

Florence Nightingale (1820–1873): letters to Charles C Plowden of the Sanitary Department of the India Office, 1868–75

– the topic of health in India is also touched on in Nightingale’s other letters (see guide to the Wellcome Library’s sources relating to Florence Nightingale, or Western Manuscripts Handlist 10), 1829–1977

Medical Women’s Federation (f.1916): Miscellaneous material (archive and ‘historical’) on women doctors in India, both British women doctors going out there, and medical training for Indian women: from late C19th
Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (f.1907): Files and photographs on various individuals connected with India; collection includes among the deposited papers of Sir Patrick Manson (1844–1922) some correspondence with his colleagues in India

Frederic Freeman Allen (1825–1888), Surgeon–Major: description of medical and sanitary arrangements for Chittagong column of Lushai Expeditionary Force, with information about the country traversed and its language, 1872

Sir Alexander Meadows Rendel (1829–1918), consulting engineer to the East India Company: letter, 1872

Herbert Richard Bracey (c.1849–1901), P. & O. Company ship’s surgeon: diaries and letters relating to voyages to India and China as ship’s surgeon, 1872–4

Thomas O’Farrell (1843–1917), military surgeon: notes on cases at Jhansi and Hazaribagh military hospitals, 1873–4

– Notebook on Indian Medical Services, 1876–1906

Major–General Charles George Gordon (1833–1885): letters, including some from Mauritius, 1874–83

– Letters to William Scott (1859–1897), horticulturalist in Mauritius, on botanical subjects, particularly the double coconut or coco-de-mer of the Seychelles and the breadfruit, with a large watercolour of the latter and other pen sketches, 1881–2, n.d.

– Miscellaneous papers including a list of biological specimens from Mauritius and memoranda relating to Yakub, emir of Kabul, n.d.

Lewin Bentham Bowring Chief Commissioner of Mysore: letters to, 1877–90

E Muller, Archaeological Surveyor of Ceylon: letter to unnamed doctor on social matters and on the Journal of the Ceylon Asiatic Society, 1878

George Ranken Playfair (d.1881), Surgeon–General, Bengal Medical Service: letter requesting that if he should die in London the recipient should carry out an autopsy, 1879

Margaret Ida Balfour: letters to family members while working in India (Ludhiana, Nahan, Patiala; eventually Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Director of the Women’s Medical Service, and Secretary of the Countess of Dufferin Fund), 1892–1933; plus a little other material

Wellcome Archives:

– Wellcome Historical Medical Museum: archives include copious materials on the collection of materials relating to medicine in this part of the world (database can be searched under country name), 1898–1985

– Wellcome Bureau of Scientific Research: archives of contain materials relating to research in this area, including several items relating to Balfour’s Mauritius Tour, 1920–1, 1913–38

– Sir Henry Wellcome: personal papers include some correspondence, etc, on various matters including marketing operations, concerning South Asia, 1890s–1936

– Wellcome Foundation: Substantial amount of material relating to company trading operations in the region, 1880s–1980s

Oliphant Devill and Edward Morrell Holmes (1843–1930), naturalist: notes by Devill on cultivation of indigo–rubber in Ceylon, summarised in Holmes’ papers, c.1880, summarised c.1905
Sir Edward Albert Sharpey–Schäfer (1850–1935): Correspondence with physiologist colleagues in India, and with Mary Scharlieb (1845–1930) while she was in practise in Madras (1880s)

Waskaduwe Subhuti, Buddhist monk and Pali scholar: letter to Dr R Rost on Pali texts and suitable gifts for Royal visit, 1881

S W Dias, Canon at Colombo and Sinhalese scholar: letter to Dr R Rost introducing his son, 1882

David Morton Jack (1853–1890), surgeon, Indian Medical Service, Bengal: paper on cataract in India, 1884

Dame Mary Scharlieb (1845–1930): Includes letter to her son Herbert, 1884, while in practice at Madras

Sir Richard Henry Havelock Charles (1858–1934): diary written when in charge of field hospital accompanying Afghan Boundary Commission, 1885

Charles Donovan (1863–1951), Indian Medical Service: correspondence and papers relating to various tropical diseases, including a photograph of a case of beri–beri at Royapettah Hospital, Madras, 1889–1921

– Notes on Kala–azar and other diseases, examinations of human patients and of animals, list of birds in Dunduan Compound, etc, 1901–19

– also and Mrs Amy Skelland (1883–1972): Correspondence re Leishmania research in Madras, 1903–4; and re herbal medicine; Mrs Skelland's microscopical and clinical pictures from the Royapettah Hospital, Madras, 1917–21

Lillias Anna Hamilton (1858–1925): Letters, photographs, manuscripts, press–cuttings of doctor who went to India and practised in Calcutta subsequent to qualifying in 1890; went to Afghanistan to recoup her health and became personal physician to the Amir until 1896

Sir William John Ritchie Simpson (1855–1931): diploma as surgeon in the Volunteer Forces of India, 1892

– Address to Simpson on leaving his post as Health Officer of Calcutta, 1897

Nasserwangi Fakirji Surveyor (1864–1921): observations on bubonic plague at Bombay, 1896

Sir Ronald Ross (1857–1932): letters to Sir Patrick Manson (1844–1822), during his malaria research in India, 1897–9

Mrs Haines, wife of Dr Humphry Haines of Auckland, New Zealand: diary of a voyage from New Zealand to Great Britain and back, calling at Colombo, 1896–7

Lord Lister: correspondence with Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of State for India, and H C K Petty–Fitzmaurice, 5th Marquess of Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, on the employment of female hospital assistants for the treatment of women with venereal diseases in India, 1897

Major–General Sir Leonard Rogers (1868–1963): Material on various diseases in India; as British Medical Journal correspondent in India, 1898–1929; foundation of the Calcutta School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 1919–31; Indian Medical Service matters, 1910–37; evidence to Royal Commissions on India; correspondence with individuals

– letters concerning setting up of a British Empire Leprosy Relief Association. 1923–4

George Nathaniel Curzon, 1st Earl Curzon of Kedleston (1859–1925), Viceroy of India: 1 letter to the zoologist Philip Lutley Sclater F.R.S. (1829–1913), with correspondence about the tigers of Mysore, 1900
Louisa Martindale (1872–1966), surgeon: diary recording persons met and visits made on world tour, taking in India, 1900–1 MS.3470


Ivy Keess (?1885–?1953): References, testimonials and photograph of this medical missionary in India, early 20th century GC/78

Sir Robert McCarrison (1878–1960): Posters illustrating the work of this Indian Medical Service expert in nutrition questions GC/205

Lister Institute for Preventive Medicine: Material on the Advisory Committee for the Investigation of Plague in India, 1904–15, and supply of vaccines and sera to Bombay Bacteriological Laboratory, 1901–7 SA/LIS/I.12, J.2–7

Sir (Samuel) Rickard Christophers (1873–1978): Biographical material and photographs of work in the Indian Medical Service, 1902–32, with later correspondence GC/161

Mrs Vesey Stockley: 2 letters to Mrs Stockley, 1 sent to her at the 16th Bengal Lancer lines in the Punjab containing recipes for marmalade (no.82), 1 sent from the Royal Botanic Gardens at Shibpur, Calcutta (no.83), 1902, n.d. MS.7545/82–83

Albert Auguste Cochon de Lapparent (1839–1908), French geologist: article on giants in the Himalayas, 1903 MS.3169

Paira Mall (1874–1957), collector for Sir Henry Wellcome: diary relating travels in India and SE Asia, 1903–4 WA/HMM/CM/Pai/A.4 & A.5

Plague: fragment of a report of plague transmission by fleas in India, 1906 MS.1719/4

Andrew Duncan (1850–1912) Indian Medical Service: paper on amoebic dysentery, 1908 MS.1729/5


William St. Chad Boscawen (1854–1913): various articles on medicine in ancient India, including “The Healing Gods of Ancient India”, 1910–2 MS.8857

Richard Henderson Castor (1861–1920), Indian Medical Service: manuscript article on drugs and drug–habits in Burma. 1911 MS.1724/3

Lawrence George Fink (d.1944), doctor practising at Mandalay, Burma: papers on tetanus and Blackwater Fever, 1911 MS.2365

Government of India: Malaria Prevention 1912: Copy of Sanitary Proceedings relating to ‘Mian Mir’ controversy over malaria prevention GC/117

Bidyut Datt, House Surgeon, Memorial Hospital, Ludhiana, Punjab: essay on childbirth in India, 1913 MS.1720/4

John Dixon Comrie (1875–1939): lecture on “Ancient Hindu Medicine” given to Edinburgh Branch of the Indian Guild of Science and Technology, 1914 MS.1778

Lt-Col Frederick Harvey, RAMC: scrapbook, and photographs, relating to his service in India, 1914–18 MS.8750

Marie Charlotte Carmichael Stopes (1880–1958): Material about birth control in India, letters from British citizens resident in India and from Indians about her work, c.1918–58 PP/MCS

Eugenics Society: Material on Indian Eugenics Societies, 1920s–30s SA/EUG/E.8–10

British Social Hygiene Council (formerly National Council for Combatting SA/BSH
Venereal Diseases) (f.1914): in particular Imperial and International Committee Minutes, 1923–40, India [Commission] Committee, 1924–30

Cancer Research Campaign (f.1923 as the British Empire Cancer Campaign, renamed 1970): File on cancer associations, research institutes and hospitals in India, including the Tata Memorial Hospital, Bombay, and the Cancer Association of Madras, 1930–48

Eileen Palmer: Papers on birth control include several files on birth control tours of India by Edith How-Martyn and Palmer herself, during the 1930s, and further material on birth control in India, 1930s–50s


George Macdonald (1903–1967): Material relating to his work in malaria research and control in India and Ceylon [Sri Lanka], 1930s–60s

Family Planning Association (f. 1930): Some material on birth control in India, 1930s–70s, a little on birth control in Burma and Sri Lanka

Percy George Shute (1894–1977): Malariologist: correspondence with Sir Rickard Christophers (q.v., GC/161), 1932–72

Sir Weldon Dalrymple-Champneys (1892–1980): Papers re Malaria Epidemic in Ceylon, 1934–5, Medical Mission to the Health Survey and Development Committee, India, 1944, lectures on public health in India

Richard Ernest Cornish Copithorne, ship’s surgeon: diaries of voyages on cargo vessels between England and the Far East, calling at Colombo and Aden en route and visiting Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Japan, 1934–5

Katherine Harman, wife of Nathaniel Bishop Harman (1869–1945): diary kept by Mrs. Harman during the British Medical Association Round the World Tour including by sea to Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Suez, recording official ceremonies and visits, excursions, natural history (particularly birds) and general matters of interest, 1935

Lt–Col Desmond R Hanbury IMS (1913–1996): some material relating to his career in the Indian Medical Service, 1938–48, and the impact of its dissolution at the time of Independence

Harold Burnett Hewitt (b.1915): autobiographical memoir includes wartime Army medical service in India, 1940s

V F Hall (b.1902): Accounts of military service of RAMC anaesthetists in India and Burma, Second World War, and their contribution to the development of anaesthesia

Muriel “Molly” Newhouse (1912–2000): Memoir of her service in the RAMC during World War Two, which included a posting to India

British Medical Association: Files on Medical Associations of India, Pakistan, Ceylon, 1940s–50s, Commonwealth Scholarships, etc; also question of forming a company based in India to avoid taxation, 1947–50

Max Neuburger (1868–1955), medical historian: biographical and historical essays including “The Medicine of the Indians” 1941
Kathleen Mary “Kay” Jackson: letters from India where she was working as a physiotherapist, 1943–46

Thomas Hunt (1901–1980): Diaries and other material while in India during World War II with RAMC, c.1944


Dame Janet Vaughan (1899–1993): File re visit to India with the Health Survey and Development Committee 1944–5

Robert James Stout (b.1917): Records of anaesthesia for surgical operations, Number 15 Indian Mobile Surgical Unit, Burma 1945

Grantly Dick Read (1890–1959): Letters from mothers in India re natural childbirth, 1948–56


Helena Rosa Wright (1887–1982): Some lectures (and articles) given to Indian birth control organisations and on birth control in India generally, 1950s–60s

Carlos Paton Blacker (1895–1975): Writings and correspondence re birth control and population questions in India and Pakistan, 1950s–60s

Leonard Bruce-Chwatt (1907–1989): Files relating to consultancy on malaria prevention in India, Mauritius, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, 1950s–70s; also some photographs and slides

Professor Percy Cyril Claude Garnham (1901–1995): Correspondence with protozoologists and malariologists world-wide including India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Seychelles, c.1950s–70s

Professor Hans Grünberg (1907–1982): correspondence with colleagues in India and Sri Lanka, c.1950s–70s, and also relating to several research trips he made there, mainly in South India (especially Kerala) and Sri Lanka

Sir Robert Macintosh (1897–1989): Correspondence with anaesthetists in Afghanistan, Burma, India, Pakistan, Mauritius, Nepal, and travel diaries, 1950s–80s


Strangeways Research Laboratory: Correspondence with Indian scientists and institutions re research at Strangeways, 1950s–70s

Air Marshal Sir Harold Whittingham (1887–1983): Notebooks with notes of inspections, as Director of Medical Services, BOAC, of airport medical and health facilities in Calcutta and Karachi, 1952–5

Population Investigation Committee: files relating to research project on population of Mauritius and Mauritius family planning programme, 1954–78; also file relating to administration of Overseas Development Agency funding for research on sex differentials in mortality in Sri Lanka, 1978–84


Queen’s Nursing Institute: District Nursing Overseas files include India, Mauritius and Pakistan, 1957–69
Alice Mary Stewart (1906–2002): some material relating to her British Council visit to Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, 1958–9; correspondence with colleagues, 1970s–90s

Cholera Research Laboratory, Dacca, Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan): Reports, correspondence, and other papers, 1959–88

Francis Crick (1916–2004): Files relating to visits to Hyderabad, correspondence with colleagues, 1960s–80s

World Federation of Occupational Therapists: files relating to local associations in Bangladesh, Mauritius, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, 1960s–90s


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