Administrative / biographical history:
The collection consists of the extant records of the Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society and of some of the various predecessor medical institutions, including book societies, of the early 19th century.

The history of these institutions is somewhat complicated. According to Snell, in July 1826 the Medical and Surgical Society held its 7th anniversary meeting at the Angel Inn, and it may therefore be presumed that the Society had begun its activities in 1819. In November 1820 a meeting of the Governors of the General Infirmary was held to consider ‘the propriety’ of allowing ‘Medical Gentlemen and others of the town’ to become subscribers to the Infirmary's library. In 1834 there was established the Medico-Chirurgical Book Society, which circulated books to its members, an annual dinner being prescribed by the Rules at which officers for the year were elected, under which members could be fined 5 shillings for non-attendance.

In 1858 the Sheffield Medical Library was established for members of the profession with the object of establishing a ‘Permanent Library open to every qualified Medical Man practising legitimately in Sheffield and its neighbourhood’, and in 1861 the Medico-Chirurgical Book Society amalgamated with it. In February 1888 this body amalgamated in turn with the Medico-Chirurgical Society which had been founded some years earlier.

Another early institution, the Medical Society of Sheffield and the Neighbourhood, had been founded in 1841. In the early years it conducted its business with vigour, but latterly suffered a loss of interest and in 1867 became defunct. The Medico-Chirurgical Society came into being in 1869 at a meeting of the profession held at the Medical School and chaired by Dr Bartolomé, an eminent figure in the history of medicine in Sheffield, who was elected President for the first year. As the new body formally adopted the rules of the defunct Medical Society of 1841 it effectively became its direct successor.

[Notes based on: Snell, Simeon. A history of the medical societies of Sheffield. Sheffield, Parkin and Bacon, 1890]
Subjects: Medicine--Great Britain--Sheffield (South Yorkshire); Medicine--Societies, etc.
Names: Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society

Conditions of access: Available to all researchers, by appointment
Restrictions: None
Copyright: Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society
Finding aids: Listed
Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society and Related Documents

List of Documents

Medical Society of Sheffield and the Neighbourhood

1. 1841 Sep 16 - 1859 Mar 16 Medical Society of Sheffield and the Neighbourhood. Minutes of Proceedings
   Commences with the Second Public Meeting


3. Undated [Volume bound and lettered as above. No entries made]

Sheffield Medical Library

   Loose documents: 2 letters, Simeon Snell to Dr Porter, Mar 5 and 9 1891; Printed Annual Report, n.d.

5. 1859 Feb - 1898 Apr Sheffield Medical Library. [Account book]
   In 1888 is a note ‘Library joined the Medico-Chirurgical Society’, and the following pages are prefaced ‘Accounts of Medico Chirurgical Society’

Sheffield Medical Society

   Commences with 11th session, 2nd meeting

7. 1854 Dec 27 – 1864 Feb 4 Sheffield Medical Society. Scientific transactions

8. 1859 Oct 5 – 1867 Apr 4 Sheffield Medical Society. [Minute book]
   Loose documents: 11 leaves of notes on meetings

[Sheffield] Medico Chirurgical Book Society

Ends with the dissolution of the Society and its amalgamation with the Sheffield Medical Library

Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society

a) Library


Loose documents: 4 additional pages pasted onto 2 cards

12. 1889  Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society. Library catalogue

Printed, with ms. additions

13. 1910-1912  [Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society. Library list of books and journals, with a list of loans to members]

b) Minutes


Loose documents: (1) Notes on several cases. (2) Notes on anaesthetics. (3) Case of melancholia with peculiar delusions. (4) Case of paralysis with delusions. (5) Photograph of specimen. (6) Case note of railway injury, J.C. Hall. (7) Letter addressed to Simeon Snell. (8) 3 case notes. (9) Gummed Lewis’s Library label


Loose document: Photograph (photocopy) of Society’s Excursion to Hardwick Hall, June 1892, with names (original placed with Sheffield Medical Portrait Collection). Pasted in at March 11 1897 is a letter (photocopy) from Lord Lister (1st Baron Lister) acknowledging the congratulations of Members of the Society following his ennoblement in 1897, dated 1st March 1897 (original placed with the Single Manuscripts Collection)

Loose documents: (1)-(5) Printed notices relating to meetings of the Society, 1913-14 and 1919, some with ms. notes. (6) Rule 14, ms. draft. (7), (8) 2 nomination papers for membership. (9) Printed page from bibliography with entry for Samuel Cave marked. (10), (11) Printed programme and letter relating to the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis Conference, October 1919. (12) Ts. copy of minutes of Annual Meeting, 17 July 1919. (13) Ts. list of books [in Library?]

c) Register

18. 1889 May –1898 Sheffield Medico Chirurgical Society. Register of Members [with notes of ‘Alterations in Rules’ at end]

Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society Council


National Insurance Act. Provisional Medical Committee


Typed Summaries of Minutes of Ordinary Meetings

23. 1841-1867 Modern typed bound folder, with Dr. Snell’s contribution highlighted

24. 1869-1893 Modern typed bound folder, with Dr. Snell’s contribution highlighted

25. 1893-1910 Modern typed bound folder

26. 1909-1921 Loose leaf

[No Minutes available between 1922 and 1934]
27.  1934-1950   Red bound folder (includes some Council Minutes)
28.  1950-1955   Loose leaf
29.  1956-1969   Red bound folder. Typed summaries (includes Minutes of Council Meetings and AGMs)
30.  1967-1983   Loose leaf
32.  1993-2001   Black bound volume. Typed summaries

Secretary’s Papers
33.  1964   List of members 1964+
34.  1965-1966   Includes Treasurer’s report and comment on Innes Smith bequest; comment that accounts were audited professionally. Notes for Secretaries. Lectures in Old Medical Library. Nomination paper. “I place upon your shoulders this badge of honour…”
36.  1969-1971   Includes letters re. Postgrad Centre at HH/Med Chi room. Letter re. Postgrad Centre and NGH; also funding from Innes Smith bequest
38.  1972-1973   Includes letters re. CME for GPs
39.  1973-1974   Includes programmes old and new style

41. 1975-1976  Includes correspondence re. speakers and meetings. (Hon. Secs. Dr. Hammond/Dr. Baldwin)

42. 1976-1977  Includes letters re. Section 63 and fees in relation to GP attendance at meetings/Letters re fee paid to lecturers/Letter re. issue of increased subs and retired members. (Hon. Sec. Dr. Fleming)

43. 1977-1978  Includes letter from University archivist re. location of records of Medical School 1828-1897. Trust Deed. (Hon. Sec. Dr. Baldwin)

44. 1978-1979  Includes ‘Med Chi Library accommodated at Univ Library RHH’/Suggested meeting of Med Chi Royal Hospital to mark its closure 1978/Commemorative goblet. (Hon. Sec. Dr. Baldwin)

45. 1979-1980  Includes ref. to Frank O’Gorman and Derek Cullen ‘Librarians’. KTHMS letters. Also post of Librarian dispensed with. (Hon. Secs. Dr. Baldwin/Mr. Moore)


47. 1981  List of members. Includes copy of 1978 list also


51. 1987-1989  Includes suggestions for speakers. (Hon. Sec. Dr. Hardisty)

52. 1989-1991  Includes Peter Linacre letter re. Med. Chi. records in
University. W.J. Lytle Travelling Fellowship report/150th Anniversary Dinner/letter to student re. Membership. (Hon. Sec. Dr. Fieldsend)

53. 1997  Includes attendance records/jobs for Senior Secretary
54. 1997-2000  Includes correspondence, membership lists, etc. (Hon. Sec. Dr. Brennan)
55. 1997-2003  Includes programmes 1997-2003, also CME
56. 1998-1999  Includes attendance records. Issue of widening membership/sponsorship list/Collins lecture
57. 1999-2000  Includes useful handover letter from S. Duncan to FW: Strengel and Collins lectures. “100 years Ago” lecture. Overheads. CME
58. 2001-2002  Includes details of tour to Thackray Museum 2001

Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society.
Miscellaneous additional items

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/1-5. Letters from members to Mr. King (5 items)  
/6-17. Letters from the publishers to the Society (12 items)  
/18. List of members voting for and against (2 leaves)  
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| M12  | 1932   | Envelope, ‘Re Question of Income Tax on Investment’  
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/1. Printed booklet, ‘Charters and By-laws of the Royal Society of Medicine’, 1931  
/2. Correspondence re Society’s exemption from income tax (5 items)  
/3. Envelope |
| M13  | 1932   | Envelope, ‘Correspondence in reference to “New System Private Telephone” for Medical Library’ (4 items, with envelope) |
| M14  | 1932   | Envelope, ‘Journals discontinued and those taken in their place, April 1932’  
Comprises:  
/1. List of Current Journals, 21 Jan 1932  
/2. Letter from A.P. Hunt, Librarian, University Library, Sheffield, 25 April 1932  
/3. Envelope |
| M15  | 1932   | Estimates for scientific equipment by E. Leitz, London:  
/1. 2 lamp epidiascope  
/2. Micro-projection apparatus |
| M16  | 1933   | Envelope, ‘Walsh’s estimate for completion of alterations in Medical Library’ (1 leaf, with envelope) |
| M17  | 1934   | Envelope, Correspondence re proposed donation of William Favell’s picture by Favell family (7 items, with envelope) |
| M18  | 1963-1972 | Printed lists, Meetings for sessions (6 items)  
Comprises:  
M19 1972 Notice of meeting and agenda (1 item)

M20 1967 Letters to Mr James Hardman re early Sheffield doctors (2 items)

M21 [Various] Envelope, ‘Photos [of past Presidents] collected by Dr Hall, …with letters inside, Nov. 1932’
Comprises:
/1. Ernest Knight (?), with letter from Florence M. Knight
/2. Prof. William Tusting Cocking, M.D. With letter from A.M. Cocking
/3. [Unknown], with letter from Edith M. Hobson
/4. Letter only, from Edith M. Karr
/5. Letter from Arthur J. Hall to Dr W.W. King about the above
/6. Envelope

M22 1949-1999 Rules of the Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society (11 items)
Comprises:
/1. ?1949 (2 copies)
/2. 1968 (2 copies)
/3. 1969
/4. 1972 (4 copies)
/5. 1989
/6. 1999
/7. Proposed rules (no date)


M24 1986-1989 Suggestions for speakers
Comprises:
/1. 1985/86 session (21 items)
/2. 1986/87 session (30 items)
/3. 1987/88 session (23 items)
/4. 1988/89 session (29 items)

Commenced 30 Nov 1967, ended 7 Oct 1982


Commenced 10 Feb 1966, ended 23 Jan 1986


M30  Frank Wright Collection
Material compiled or created by Frank Wright relating to Sheffield Medical History.
Comprises:
/1. Medical Societies in Sheffield
/2. “Frank’s notes - Summaries of ordinary meetings, 1894-1899 (Snell’s entries highlighted)”
/3. “Frank’s notes - Summaries of ordinary meetings, 1899-1910 (Snell’s entries highlighted)”
/5. List of Officers and Members, 1877-1878 (and photocopy)
/6. Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society Annual Dinner menu, 31 May 1893 (with copies)
/7. Photocopy of Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society excursion to Hardwick Hall, June 1892 (3 copies)
/8. Copy of typed summary of minutes of Fifth meeting of 1910/11 session
/9. Presentations to past Secretaries of the Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society: Arthur Jackson, Simeon Snell. Also notes on origins of Sheffield Medical Society
/10. “On the contagious effects of puerperal fever on the male subject; or, on persons not childbearing”, read before the Sheffield Medical Society by Robert Storrs, 5 Mar 1845. Medical & Surgical Journal
/11. President’s address delivered at the 44th annual meeting of the British Medical Association, Sheffield Aug 1876, by M. Martin de Bartolomé, M.D. British Medical Journal 5 Aug 1876
/12. Copy of listing of Innes Smith Medical Portrait Collection
/13. Notes relating to the Sheffield Medico-Chirurgical Society archive