

**The Archives of  
York Medical Society**

**(YMS)**

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# Introduction

## *The Society*

The York Medical Society was founded in 1832 at a time when many medical societies were being founded in the English provinces (the British Medical Association – then called the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association - was founded in Worcester in the same year). Such societies linked into, and were bound up with, the hopes and aspirations of doctors: they may be seen in the context of the national, complex, campaign by doctors to increase medical status and education through legislative and other reforms; they also had an educative and professional role on the local scene. The York Society was the first in the city to unite physicians and surgeon-apothecaries in one association. It performed a useful role in facilitating communication and cementing relationships between local doctors through regular meetings; these meetings also had an improving and educating role as papers were read and cases discussed. It became a forum for the discussion of important professional issues. It also encouraged the sharing of books and, later in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it developed an extensive library, as well as a small museum of preparations and specimens.

Initially, the Society had no premises of its own, and it met at the York Dispensary, on New Street, York. From October 1856 until May 1874, meetings were held in a rented room at 'Mr Graham's House in Market Street'. The lease of this room ended with Mr Graham's death, and for the following three years meetings were held in the Board Room at York County Hospital. Between 1877 and 1878 the Society briefly met at 9 Ousegate and between 1878 and 1890 met at the de Grey Rooms (these more central sites encouraged better attendance). In 1890 the Society decided to rent permanent rooms, at 1 Low Ousegate, in order to furnish them as a Library and Meeting Room. From there, the Medical Society and Library moved to 23 Stonegate in 1915: these premises were initially rented but were subsequently purchased in 1945. 23 Stonegate had previously been the house of Dr Tempest Anderson, and of his father, the surgeon W.C. Anderson. The York Medical Society continues to occupy these premises today.

## *The Library*

The move to Low Ousegate in 1890 was partly prompted by the wish to develop a library. The books which the Society had acquired over the years were at that time deposited in the York County Hospital Library. In 1890 the Society not only gained premises for its own books, but it also took over books of the York County Hospital Library, which were also transferred to the Society's Rooms. The County Hospital Library had been founded in 1810; the collection consisted of many hundreds of volumes, including many earlier medical works. A third cache of books was also acquired by the Society at this time. This was the library from York Dispensary, comprising a further 303 books. Gifts of further books from doctors and others meant that the Library soon had between 2000 – 3000 volumes. This library was transferred to the new Medical Society Rooms at 23 Stonegate in 1915. In the early 1960s, grants from the Wellcome Trust allowed for the restoration, better storage and cataloguing of the Society's books. In 2003-4 the library and the archive of the Society were transferred under an Agreement, to the care of the University of York Library and Archives.

### ***The Archive***

The York Medical Society's archive is a full record of its meetings from 1832; the minutes trace the activities and concerns of the Society from its earliest days through to the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. For the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century there are, in addition, further records of its transactions, including copies of papers read at Society meetings. There are also mid 19<sup>th</sup> – early 20<sup>th</sup> century manuscript library catalogues; 19<sup>th</sup> century photographs of members and other material of interest.

The York Medical Society, perhaps because of its permanent premises, has also provided a home for the minutes and other papers of other societies and doctors organisations in York from the mid 19<sup>th</sup> to the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. In addition, the Society has over the years acquired or been given a range of archive material relating to other individuals or bodies. This further archive material makes the York Medical Society's archive a very varied one for its size, as well as being extremely informative about the activities of doctors within York and its neighbourhood.

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1. Minutes of the York Local Medical Committee

### **5. Other Organisations and Individuals**

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5. Prescription Books of John Saville and Sons, Pharmaceutical Chemists, York

**/1 Minutes of York Medical Society****/1 General Minutes of York Medical Society**

- /1 General Minute Book  
18 February 1832 – 2 November 1844  
*The first meeting of 18 February 1832 was held to promote the foundation of a society. The York Medical Society was formally founded at the second meeting on 3 March 1832; the minutes of this meeting include the Rules*
- /2 General Minute Book  
16 November 1844 – 30 April 1870  
*Includes lists of members and lists of presidents*
- /3 General Minute Book  
1 October 1870 – 8 September 1900  
*Includes lists of members, rules, and, occasionally, other printed items e.g. lists of members, news-cuttings etc, pasted into volume*
- /4 General Minute Book  
10 October 1900 – 29 March 1913  
*Includes printed items pasted into volume e.g. lists of members, news-cuttings etc*
- /5 General Minute Book  
5 April 1913 – 10 October 1931  
*Includes printed items pasted into volume e.g. lists of members, news-cuttings etc. A news-cutting of the Centenary meeting of 28 October 1931 includes a group photograph*
- /6 General Minute Book  
5 December 1931 – 23 March 1946  
*Includes printed items, some loose and some pasted into volume*
- /7 General Minute Book  
4 May 1946 – 20 October 1956  
*Includes printed items, some loose (including talks) and some pasted into volume*

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## YORK MEDICAL SOCIETY cont.

### /1 Minutes of York Medical Society cont.

#### /1 General Minutes of York Medical Society

- /8 General Minute Book  
10 November 1956 – 13 November 1974  
*Includes printed items, some loose (including talks) and some pasted into volume. Lists speakers to the Society. At the end of the volume are notes, papers and a report on the Medical Society premises in Stonegate, York; also a copy of the Appeal brochure for the restoration of the fabric of the Medical Society premises in Stonegate.*
- /9 General Minute Book  
15 November 1974 – 4 March 1988  
*Menus for the annual dinners, programmes for each session, and news-cuttings, are pasted in*
- /10 General Minute Book  
12 October 1988 – 28 October 1994  
*Includes some other material*

#### /2 Council Minutes of York Medical Society

- /1 Council Minute Book  
30 September 1890 – 29 June 1914  
*The Meeting of 30 September was the first meeting of Council*
- /2 Council Minute Book  
10 August 1914 – 13 September 1919
- /3 Council Minute Book  
13 November 1920 – 24 January 1964

### /2 **Laws of York Medical Society**

- /1 Laws of the York Medical Society  
1897 – 1902  
*Printed Laws of 27 March 1897 including lists of officers, honorary members and orators; later Laws as amended 13 September 1902 are enclosed with it*

**/3 Transactions of York Medical Society**

*These contain manuscripts of papers read to the Society (some with illustrations), newspaper cuttings recording annual addresses, and other items, bound together into volumes. Typescript lists of contents are at the front of the volumes.*

- /1 York Medical Society Transactions  
Volume 1  
1890 – 1891  
*This covers the 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the Society.*
- /2 York Medical Society Transactions  
Volume 2  
1891 – 1892  
*This covers the 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the Society.  
An Appendix has details of library additions, a report of the Annual Dinner, a note of members elected etc*
- /3 York Medical Society Transactions  
Volume 3  
1892 – 1893  
*This covers the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Society.  
With Appendix as in YMS 1/3/2 above*
- /4 York Medical Society Transactions  
Volume 4  
1893 – 1894  
*This covers the 63<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Society.  
With Appendix as in YMS 1/3/2 above*
- /5 York Medical Society Transactions  
Volume 5  
1894 – 1895  
*This covers the 64<sup>th</sup> Session of the Society.  
With Appendix as in YMS 1/3/2 above*
- /6 York Medical Society Transactions  
Volume 6  
1895 – 1896  
*This covers the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the Society.  
With Appendix as in YMS 1/3/2 above  
No table of contents is provided*

**/3 Transactions of York Medical Society cont.**

- /7 York Medical Society Transactions  
Volume 7  
1896 – 1897  
*This covers the 66<sup>th</sup> Session of the Society.  
At the front is a typescript summary of proceedings during the year, with items contained in this volume marked with a cross.*
- /8 York Medical Society Transactions  
Volume 8  
1898 – 1905  
*This covers several sessions of the Society, beginning with session 1898 – 1899 and ending with session 1904 – 1905, and with only a few selected papers from each one*

**/4 Records relating to Membership of York Medical Society**

- /1 York Medical Society Roll of Members  
18 February 1832 – 12 November 1898  
*Names are given in order of date of election, as recorded in the minutes; sometimes some biographical detail is given, e.g. qualifications and whether office held in the Society  
This volume was compiled in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and is a full retrospective list of members. At the back is an index. Also at the back is a list of Annual Orators and topics of Oration 1890 – 1897. Stuck in on the back cover is a typescript list of members who subscribed to a portrait of the late Dr Samuel W. North [Member and Officer of the Society, and York's first Medical Officer of Health] painted for the Society 1895.*
- /2 York Medical Society Photograph Album of Members  
Late 19<sup>th</sup> century  
*Although compiled in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, this includes some photographs of individuals who were founder members in 1832. This is a retrospective album with selected photographs of members, as acquired from members themselves or from their surviving family or descendents.  
The date range of the photographs is roughly 1832 – 1892. These dates represent the date of election of the member to the Society.  
The following individuals are included in the album:*



/4 **Records relating to Membership of York Medical Society cont.**

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*Caleb Williams, George Goldie, James Allen, W.C. Anderson, H.S. Belcombe, Thomas Simpson, Richard Hey, Benjamin Dodsworth, William Matterson, W.D. Husband, Jonathan Hutchinson, S.W. North, W.E. Swaine, George Shann, William Reed, Thomas Laycock, Edward Allen, Henry Keyworth, William Procter, Frederick Needham, Alfred Ball, W. Hood, Frederick Shann, William Bird, C.H. Dunhill, William Draper, Thomas Lockley, George Waugh, Oswald Baker, James Ramsay, Tempest Anderson, F.H. Hodges, H.C. Gill, Robert Baker, W.H. Jalland, J.T. Hingston, H.E. Spencer, G.I. Swanson, S. Wreford, F.H. Weekes, T. Proctor, E.L. Baker, L.I. Hobson, J.O. Horden, A.C.F.H. Rabagliati, Thomas Hirsopp, W.H. Allchin, A.W. Mayo Robson, R. Turner, R.D. Rose, H.C. Shann, R. Petch, C.K. Hitchcock, Mungo Bryson, A Jefferson, J. Homer Scutt, George Scarr, R.S. Hutchinson, W.H. Wigham, J.H. Gosling, F. Wright, A. Rames, E.H. O'Leary, W.H.C. Candler, E.M. Taylor, H.D. Buchanan, J. Girling, T.C. Allbutt, and unknown. A few photographs are loose in the album: another photograph of Caleb Williams; Gerald S. Hughes; two group photographs of Lord Dawson of Penn with D.M. Dubois Ferguson W.E. Collinge and N.S. Hewitt 1935-6 session (Lord Dawson was the Orator at the Inaugural Meeting that year); group photograph of doctors in robes taken outside the Yorkshire Museum, 1930s; group photograph of Dr Catherine Crane [York Medical Officer of Health], Lord Moran, and Dr Edward and Dr Margaret Vergette on steps of Yorkshire Museum, 1951; photograph of old man – a photograph taken for clinical purposes showing his condition.*

/3 Book of Subscriptions and Fines due from Members  
1869 – 1878/4 Book of Subscriptions and Fines due from Members  
1878 – 1885  
*At back are expenses for Sessions 1878-9 and 1884-5*

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**YORK MEDICAL SOCIETY cont.**

**/4 Records relating to Membership of York Medical Society cont.**

- /5 York Medical Society Suggestion Book  
1890 – 1935  
*Suggestions on books or journals or instruments which the Society might acquire, and suggestions about meetings, procedures, or relating to the premises*
- /6 York Medical Society Introduction Book  
30 September 1890 – 3 August 1899  
*Date, name of visitor, address, by whom introduced; most of the volume is blank*
- /7 Notebook containing York Medical Society Inaugural Lecture address list  
1932  
*Notebook records those invited to attend the Society's Inaugural Lecture of 1932; a variety of individuals representing public and educational bodies.*

**/5 Records relating to York Medical Society Museum and Library**

- /1 York Medical Society Museum Catalogue  
1 volume  
Late 19<sup>th</sup> – early 20<sup>th</sup> century  
*A note in the volume records that this was begun by Dr Long during the Session 1898-99. It is a list of items in the Society's Museum with a record of who gave the items. Most items were specimens, but there were also some instruments, including a collection of instruments presented by F.W. Shann in October 1911*
- /2 York Medical Society Library Catalogue  
1 volume, arranged by author  
Mid – late 19<sup>th</sup> century  
*At the back is a list of books and journals given to the Society Library*
- /3 York Medical Society Library Catalogue, Part I  
1 volume, arranged by author  
1902  
*This volume covers up to September 1902; books received after that date are in volume II, see YMS 1/5/3 above*

**/5 Records relating to York Medical Society Museum and Library cont.**

- /4 York Medical Society Library Catalogue, Part II  
1 volume, arranged by author  
Early 20<sup>th</sup> century  
*This contains books added to the library after 1902. It is also annotated 'Old Books' at the front, and it is not clear whether this means older books acquired after 1902 or old books acquired before that date*
- /5 Book of Accessions to York Medical Society Library  
October 1906 – March 1911  
*Most of the volume is blank*
- /6 Register of Books borrowed from the Library  
24 October 1901 – 21 June 1975  
*With a few books unreturned brought forward from a previous register*
- /7 Librarian's Notebook  
1954 – 1960  
*First few entries are of books borrowed with name of borrower and date of return. Rest of the notebook consists of notes on various topics: notes of books sent for binding, notes from checking of the catalogue, notes of book cleaning, notes on some authors of books in the collection (Oswald Allen, Thomas Fowler, John Kitching, Thomas Laycock, Allen Swainston, John Snow, J.P. Needham, William Hey, Samuel Tuke, William White, Clifton Wintringham, Thomas Withers, D.H. Tuke, George Cayley, Janes Ramsay, James Atkinson, John Burton, Stephen Beckwith, J.H. Jackson)*

*This Association (called variously York Medico Ethical Association and York Medico Ethical Society) grew out of the York Association of General Practitioners, and the first meetings in the minute book at YMS 2/1/1 are of the York Association of General Practitioners.*

*At a meeting of 26 January 1855 it was resolved to contact the Manchester Medico Ethical Association to obtain their rules. At a meeting of 18 January 1856, the rules of other Medico Ethical Associations having been obtained, it was recommended that the York Association of General Practitioners be dissolved and a Medico Ethical Association be founded to cover York and neighbourhood. The reason for the dissolution was the "altered circumstances of the profession since the formation of the York Association of General Practitioners": the new association included physicians as well as general practitioners. The last meeting of the York Association of General Practitioners was on 25 January 1856 and the first meeting of the York Medico Ethical Association was on 2 April 1856.*

*The minutes are sporadic and very few meetings of the Society (which it increasingly called itself) were held in the 1870s. In 1888 it disbanded and amalgamated with the York Medical Society, handing over to the Medical Society the surgical instruments which it had collected for members' use. The York Medical Society appointed a Medico Ethical Committee on 13 October 1888, to carry out the objects of the former association.*

### **/1 Minutes of York Medico Ethical Association**

- /1 York Medico Ethical Association Minute Book  
12 February 1842 – 12 October 1888  
*Minutes from 12 February 1842 to 25 January 1856 are of the York Association of General Practitioners; minutes from 2 April 1856 to 12 October 1888 are of the York Medico Ethical Association (or Society). Includes regulations of the York Association of General Practitioners, 1842; printed Rules and By-Laws of the York Medico Ethical Association, 1856; lists of members and officers*

### **/2 Registers of Instruments belonging to York Medico Ethical Association**

- /1 York Medico Ethical Society Register of Instruments  
7 July 1857 – 17 March 1890  
*Records date when instrument taken out, description of instrument, by whom taken and date returned  
At front of volume is a printed list of instruments belonging to York Medico Ethical Society in custody of Mr Wood, instrument maker, Spurriergate, 1860, with the regulations for borrowing. Other similar lists, in*

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**YORK MEDICO ETHICAL ASSOCIATION cont.**

**/2 Registers of Instruments belonging to York Medico Ethical Association cont.**

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*manuscript, for 1870 and 1880, are at the back of the volume.*

*Also at the end of the volume is a much amended list of members of the Medico Ethical Association.*

## YORKSHIRE BRANCH OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

*The British Medical Association was founded, as the Provincial Medical and Surgical Society, in 1832 (it changed its name to the British Medical Association in 1855). District Branches of the PMSA/BMA developed in various places during the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Yorkshire Branch was founded in 1842.*

*In 1903, a new constitution of the BMA divided Branches into Divisions. Yorkshire Branch had ten divisions, of which York was one; other divisions were at Scarborough, Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield, Sheffield, Halifax, Huddersfield, Harrogate and Richmond.*

### **/1 Minutes of the Yorkshire Branch of the British Medical Association**

/1 Minute Book of the Yorkshire Branch of the British Medical Association  
23 April 1842 – 26 January 1898  
*Minutes before 1855 are of the Yorkshire Branch of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association. Included in the volume are a list of members of the Yorkshire Branch 1842-3, lists of officers and places of meeting, and, loose in volume, the printed Laws of the Yorkshire Branch*

/2 Minute Book of the Yorkshire Branch of the British Medical Association  
16 March 1898 – 10 December 1924  
*Includes list of meeting places, lists of officers elected by the Divisions, and printed material pasted into volume*

/3 Minute Book of the Yorkshire Branch of the British Medical Association  
25 March 1925 – 11 June 1958  
*Includes list of meeting places, and printed material pasted into volume*

### **/2 Minutes of the York Division of the Yorkshire Branch of the British Medical Association**

/1 Minute Book of the York Division of the Yorkshire Branch of the British Medical Association  
10 May 1911 – 4 January 1913  
*This is called 'Volume II'. The missing previous volume must have covered minutes 1903 – 1911. Includes minutes of the York Division; of the Executive Committee of the Division; and of the Provisional*

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**YORKSHIRE BRANCH OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION cont.**

**/2 Minutes of the York Division of the Yorkshire Branch of the British Medical Association cont.**

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*Local Medical Committee; also minutes of other special meetings. Lists of Chairmen are included.*

- /2 Minute Book of the York Division of the Yorkshire Branch of the British Medical Association  
12 February 1913 – 30 June 1916  
*Includes minutes of the York Division; of the Executive Committee; of sub-committees; and, from 26 October 1915, minutes of the York Emergency War Committee, later called the York Local Medical War Committee. The latter was a standing sub-committee (formed out of a temporary sub-committee to enquire into war issues in 1914), and was designed to act both as a recruiting body for the profession in the division, and as a local tribunal for appeals against conscription by medical men, as well as safeguarding the professional interests of doctors who were called up.*

*Local Medical Committees were formed after the introduction of the NHS in 1948. The NHS set up Executive Councils to administer family doctors and allied services. The Local Medical Committee was composed of sixteen GPs, as well as the York Medical Officer of Health and four Consultants appointed by the Senior Medical Staffs Committee of York 'A' Group Hospital Management Committee. The Local Medical Committee appointed four members to serve on the York Executive Council. The function of the Committee was to approve applications for admission to the York Executive Council's Medical List.*

**/1 Minutes of the York Local Medical Committee**

/1 Minute Book of the York Local Medical Committee  
3 August 1948 – 15 December 1970

/2 Minute Book of the York Local Medical Committee  
2 February 1971 – 26 June 1973  
*NHS reorganisation in 1974 reconstituted Local Medical Committees. 'Shadow' Area Local Medical Committees were being organised at the end of the period covered by these minutes*



**/1 Records from York County Hospital**

*For other York County Hospital items, see the York County Hospital Archive Catalogue (YCH), at the Borthwick Institute.*

**/1 York County Hospital Medical Library Committee Minute Book**

16 January 1810 – 21 January 1861

*The York County Hospital Library transferred to the York Medical Society in 1890; presumably this minute book came with the books.*

*The York County Hospital Library was the property of the hospital; although intended for its doctors, anyone could use it on payment of a fee. The books were acquired by donation, and by purchase, as recorded in the minutes. The volume begins by detailing the formation of the Library and gives extracts from the York County Hospital Rules which relate to the library.*

**/2 York County Hospital Wines and Spirits Book**

1861 – 1865

*Pre-printed book ruled with columns for 'port', 'sherry', 'brandy', 'gin'; gives date, surname, quantity. Names of those requesting items are usually of individuals (presumably on behalf of the ward), although sometimes a department is named (e.g. 'operating room'). Large quantities of items were ordered at times of specific incidents (e.g. 29 September 1861 20 bottles of brandy were ordered due to 'Lendal Bridge accident yesterday'; on 9 January 1861, 8 bottles of port were ordered due to 'Railway Accident').*

*This volume was probably in the charge of the hospital's Dispenser. The York County Hospital Rules of 1866 record that the House Surgeon had general charge of the Dispensary and of the 'wine, spirituous and other liquors required for the use of patients'. The Dispenser was to furnish the House Surgeon every evening with a statement of the quantity of wines and spirits given out during the day for the use of patients.*

*The volume also contains some other information at the end. There are weekly tables of numbers of in-patients reported in the newspapers, 11 September 1862 – 23 June 1864; there is also a register of Clarke's Syringes and other syringes borrowed from the hospital, giving name of borrower, address and date of return (nearly all the names are women). Also at the end of the volume are short lists of settled accounts 1861-5, for*

**/1 Records from York County Hospital cont.**

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*items of equipment and provisions, presumably made by the Dispenser.*

**/2 Dr Thomas Simpson's Lectures on Medicine, given at York Medical School**

/1 Notebooks of lectures by Dr Thomas Simpson, on the principles and practice of medicine, given at York Medical School

11 small volumes

1834

*These are manuscript copies of the lectures given by Thomas Simpson of York MD (1789 – 1863) at the opening session of the York Medical School in 1834. They were subsequently bound, and are numbered volumes 1-9 and 11-12 (volume 10 is missing). Although the first couple of lectures are written out in long hand, the subsequent lecture notes are partly or mostly in shorthand. The fact that the lecture text contains corrections suggests that they were Simpson's own texts, not copies made by someone else.*

*Volume 1 begins with 'Lecture 2', but it looks like the first lecture of the series (Lecture 1- not in the notebooks - was a general introduction, and indeed was the opening lecture of the school). Volume 2 contains 'Lecture 3' but volume 3 then confusingly follows with another 'Lecture 3', which suggests that volumes 1 and 2 really contain the first two lectures of the series, discounting the previous introductory lecture. The dates of the lectures are given: Simpson lectured twice a week.*

*There are a couple of loose sheets of paper with the notebooks. The first, inserted into volume 2, is a one page outline plan of an introductory lecture dated 2 October 1835: this must be the plan of the first lecture for the following year of the school. Secondly, there is a printed sheet of exam questions for the Royal College of Surgeons' examination for candidates for the Fellowship of the College, for 1852 and 1853: the questions are on Classics, Maths and French. The real interest lies in the fact that the reverse of this sheet has been used to note down other exam questions. They are written out roughly, and include a translation of a*

**/2 Dr Thomas Simpson's Lectures on Medicine, given at York Medical School cont.**

/1 cont.

*piece of Latin, questions on anatomy and physiology, and others on surgery, midwifery, and medicine. Either these were copies of the questions laid down by the Royal College of Surgeons and the Society of Apothecaries for the qualifications of MRCS and LSA (which would have been the professional exams taken by pupils of the York School), or they may be exam questions set by the York School itself in its end of year exams.*

**/3 Transcripts of Dr Joseph Black's Lectures on Chemistry at the University of Edinburgh**

/1 Transcripts of a course of lectures on Chemistry given by Dr Joseph Black at the University of Edinburgh, by G. Cayley  
6 volumes  
1786

*Inscribed 'G. Cayley 1786' on the flyleaf. 118 lectures are contained in the volumes.*

*Joseph Black MD (1728 – 1799) was an eminent chemist who was Professor of Medicine at the University of Glasgow, and from 1766 Professor of Medicine and Chemistry at the University of Edinburgh. He was a very influential figure in the teaching and popularising of the study of chemistry.*

*These volumes were in the York County Hospital Medical Library in 1810, as shown by the bookplate in the volumes. They must have been among the books and preparations donated by Dr Cayley, as noted in the York County Hospital Medical Library Minute Book (YMS 5/1/1 above)*

*Dr George Cayley (1763 – 1831), who made these transcripts, was apprenticed to Theophilus Davy Garencieres, apothecary, of York, and then studied at the University of Edinburgh 1785 – 1789. He subsequently lived in Durham, and is buried in Durham Cathedral.*

**/4 Papers by, or belonging to, other individuals**

- /1 Notebook containing notes on diseases, diagnoses, causes and treatments

1824 – 1825

*These look like notes taken from a book or books, or from lectures. The first page of the volume starts with 'No. 1. Notes taken from Dr Hawley's Latin conversations, November 9<sup>th</sup> 1824'. The entries in the notebook are numbered and dated (entries are almost daily)*

*This small volume was presented to the York Medical Society by Rev W.O.F. Campbell on 22 January 1910, when it was referred to as 'A Manuscript book entitled Hawley's Pathology'.*

- /2 Manuscript Pharmacopoeia belonging to a York doctors' practice

1831 – 1981

*The names of the doctors who owned this book, which has been added to throughout its time in use, are inscribed in the front of the volume. They begin with Benjamin Dodsworth [name readable under ultra violet light] 1831 and end with Richard W.M. Wright, 28 Gillygate 1981. It looks as though it was passed down through a practice of doctors [the last few names are all the same Gillygate address]. There is an index at the front. There are some loose papers inserted into the volume containing details of more mixtures and prescriptions.*

- /3 Notebook recording lectures on anatomy and physiology given at the Preliminary Training School, Leeds General Infirmary

1928

*This book of notes on lectures given at the Leeds nurse training school was compiled by Muriel Wilkinson while a student. The lecture notes have been marked and corrected. Coloured diagrams are included.*

**/5 Prescription Books of John Saville and Sons, Pharmaceutical Chemists, York**

*These are 11 prescription books from the business of John Saville and Sons, pharmaceutical chemists, Gillygate. They were presented to the York Medical Society Library by Lady Gillian Barron*

**/5 Prescription Books of John Saville and Sons,  
Pharmaceutical Chemists, York cont.**

*All are indexed at the front with the names of those for whom the prescriptions were made up. Although the books have been pre-printed, with space for the name, number, copy of prescription and price, the prices are only rarely entered. Addresses as well as names are given, and occasionally the date and age or other details are added in.*

*Many of these volumes have been damaged by damp; private conservation work undertaken before deposit, has resulted in the damp corners of some volumes being completely cut off; the damp damage and this subsequent treatment have thus led to the loss of some of the information; nevertheless, a substantial number of prescription details remain.*

- /1 Prescription Book  
1880 – 1882  
*Prescription numbers 17731 – 21603  
Lettered 'E' on front*
- /2 Prescription Book  
1882 – 1884  
*Prescription numbers 21604 – 25585  
Lettered 'F' on front*
- /3 Prescription Book  
1884 – 1886  
*Prescription numbers 25586 – 32466  
Lettered 'G' on front*
- /4 Prescription Book  
1886 – 1888  
*Prescription numbers 32467 – 37083  
Lettered 'H' on front*
- /5 Prescription Book  
1888 – 1891  
*Prescription numbers 37084 - 41617*
- /6 Prescription Book  
1891 – 1895  
*Prescription numbers 41618 - 48096*
- /7 Prescription Book  
1895 – 1901  
*Prescription numbers 48097 - 59058*

**/5 Prescription Books of John Saville and Sons,  
Pharmaceutical Chemists, York cont.**

- /8 Prescription Book  
1908 – 1914  
Prescription numbers 65308 – 69214  
*Volume damaged and the right hand bottom corner of  
the volume has been sliced off*
- /9 Prescription Book  
1914 – 1920  
Prescription numbers 69215 – 73438  
*Volume damaged and the right hand bottom corner of  
the volume has been sliced off*
- /10 Prescription Book  
1920 – 1923  
Prescription numbers 73439 – 77391  
*Volume damaged and the right hand bottom corner of  
the volume has been sliced off*
- /11 Prescription Book  
1923 – 1926  
*Prescription numbers 77392 - 83096*