

26 RAAF Club, 128 Piccadilly, London, W.1

25 May '59

Dear Dr. Francis,

Thank you very much for the comprehensive statement about the Fenwick brother which came today. Quite obviously a great deal of trouble was taken to prepare it and it will be of real value to me as several things mentioned were unknown to our generation. There were no Stolmes doctors about their ancestors and descendants married a total of 17 medicos! The earliest was Dr. James Shaw born in 1720.

Again many thanks.

FENWICK

Yours sincerely,
P.M. Laure Stolmes
(Group Captain)



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To R.A.F. Club, 128 Piccadilly, London, W.1
13 May '59

Dear Sir,

I am writing a book on family history and want to mention Dr. Alexander Greig Fenwick who married my Gt. Aunt, Caroline Holmes in 1848. I should be most grateful if you would send a brief outline of his life, medical achievements, qualifications, date of death etc. Do you know whether any photographs or paintings of him exist?

Yours faithfully,
P.H. Lowe - Holmes
(Group Captain)



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(M. Sackton)
sent to Mrs. Brown
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The Dictionary of American Medical Biography, lives of eminent physicians of the United States and Canada, from the earliest times, Appleton, New York, 1928, p. 403, by Howard A. Kelly and Walter L. Burrage.

... Fenwick's brother, A. G. Fenwick, of London, Canada, who died a short time before him at the age of seventy-six, took his M.D. from McGill in 1840 and was dean of the faculty and held the chair of medical jurisprudence and toxicology in Western University and for several years was on the Medical Council at Toronto.

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20 May, 1959.

{imp. capt. P. W. Lowell - Holmes
Dear Sir, 40 RAF Club, 128 Piccadilly, G.I.

A. G. Fenwick (1818-1894)

Yours of the 13th to the Secretary has been referred to me.

I enclose a copy of the two accounts which I can find of A. G. Fenwick, whose younger brother was prof. of surgery here and well known everywhere for his pioneer operation on the knee-joint. He died in 1894 shortly after A. G. F. and apparently in the same year.

Seaborn includes a rather crude drawing of A. G. F., thoroughly be-whiskered but mustache-less, apparently copied from an 1870-ish photo, and also a drawing of the musical glasses from the Holmes relics.

Your great-aunt was a "spunky gal" refusing to come ~~back~~ to Canada unless fetched.

Some descendants of G. E. F. are among my friends here. He lost his money towards the end and local doctors subscribed a tidy sum to relieve his immediate necessities. He spent it all on a grand piano!

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis

W. W. Francis, M.D.,
Librarian.

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26 March, 1933

J. DeLancey Ferguson Esq.,
Graduate School,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Ferguson:

I am shocked to find that I have not acknowledged the "Burns" manuscript which I received back from you a week ago. I am very grateful for the trouble you have taken over it. My own trouble has been compensated by having the manuscript presented to the Library by the owner. Whoever was the author, it is an interesting bit of "advise".

Sincerely yours,

Wm. R.

W.B.

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23 February 1933

J. DeLancey Ferguson, Esq.,
Graduate School,
Western Reserve University,
CLEVELAND, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your courteous and helpful letter of Jan. 24th. I enclose the "Burns advise to the Student" MS, which you have kindly offered to examine and return to me. I am also enclosing a careful transcript which I have had made of it and which you may keep if you wish to have it.

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From the varied spelling of "honour", I am inclined to suspect that this MS was copied by an American from a British original, that is, copied by someone whose natural inclination was to spell ~~or~~ but was careful to copy ~~our~~ where he thought of it. I do not know when Americans adopted the short spelling, but I notice its use in a Philadelphia MS of 1802.

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Mr. Bryer, the student to whom it belongs, tells me that his aunt acquired it from an old lady some years ago, who thought it was a Burns autograph. She thinks the old lady inherited it from the last of three generations of physicians called Randall, all of whom graduated in Medicine at Yale, the first of the three early in the 19th century. I do not find any of them mentioned in American medical literature, nor any Burns of the period, but there were two famous Burns brothers, physicians in Glasgow, namely, John (1775-1850), and Alan, who died young, (1781-1813), and who was something of a genius with scientific ideas ahead of his time. Not much is known concerning the latter's life. I should like to be able to father the original with them if it ever could be done.

I shall be very interested to hear your opinion of the MS.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

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[* Mr B.'s aunt is Mrs Bertha H. Bryer, Peterboro, New Hampshire.]

19 Jan. 1933

J. deLancy Ferguson Esq.,
Western Reserve University,
CLEVELAND, Ohio

Dear Sir:

[*] A fourth year medical student here,
Mr. Bryer, has shown me a manuscript headed "Burns advise to
a Student", which belongs to an aunt of his, who told him that
it was in the autograph of Robert Burns. It is written on
three pages of letter-paper, folio size, in a contemporary hand,
but the writing is not sufficiently like that of the facsimiles
in your excellent edition of the "Letters" to confirm her claim,
and the wording of the heading is, of course, against the autograph
theory. The matter is good advice in rather stilted language to a
prospective medical student and must have been written, I think, by
a medical man. It begins "Whoever aspires at eminence and
respectability..."

I take the liberty of bothering you with this
in the hope that in your researches you may have come across something
similar and could possibly give me a clue to its real source. I should
be glad to send the MS for inspection if you would be interested in
seeing it.

Yours truly,

A. W. F.

Librarian

[* W.P. Bryer, of the class of '34.]

Mr Ferguson's letters of 24 Jan
+ 6 Mar are ^{to be} bound with the
Ms. # 8537.

OSLER LIBRARY,
9 August, 1955.

Dr. James Henry Ferguson,
The Jackson Memorial Hospital,
University of Miami,
Miami, 36,
Florida.

Dear Dr. Ferguson,

Alas! the Medical Library has no spare copies left of the Memorial Number or of other Osleriana at present. We will notify you, if more come in, as they are apt to do.

I enclose some "pulls" of pictures of W. O. I have just learned that the successors of the old firm of photographers here have destroyed all its old files, including three plates of W. O., 1877 to 1909.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

W. W. Francis, M.D.,
Librarian.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
May 22 July, 1955.

Dr. James Henry Ferguson,
The Jackson Memorial Hospital,
University of Miami,
Miami, 36,
Florida.
Montreal, Quebec
Canada

Dear Dr. Ferguson,

Dr. Apologies for the senile delay in dealing with yours of May 17th. The Osleriana you request are not in my charge, but when the Medical Librarian returns, and my secretary, the latter will send you the Memorial number and other things available, and particulars of the photographer (not a bookstore) who can still supply copies of pictures his firm took of W. O. between 1877 and 1909. Dr. also tells me that you can tell me the name of a bookstore in Montreal that has available some fine portraits. Meanwhile, my regards please to your nice librarian Miss Crowe and push a few of your cool Florida breezes up towards this climate of ours which has turned tropical for a month. I want you to know that on June 1st my address will be: Jackson Memorial Hospital; University of Miami; Miami 36, Florida. On that date I am leaving here to go to this new medical school to be Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Yours sincerely,

Thank you very much for your kind attention to my inquiries.

W. W. Francis, M.D.

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Very sincerely yours,

J. H. Ferguson

James Henry Ferguson, M.D.
Assistant Professor

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May 17, 1955

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec
Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

Dr. John McGovern in the pediatrics department of this hospital has told me that you have some copies left of the special Sir William Osler Memorial Number of the Canadian Journal. I would like to have one if you have one for sale. I am also interested in any other interesting and unusual work referring to Osler that you have on hand. Dr. McGovern also tells me that you can tell me the name of a bookstore in Montreal that has available some fine portraits of Dr. Osler.

In case you find it inconvenient to answer me soon, I want you to know that on June 1st my address will be: Jackson Memorial Hospital; University of Miami; Miami 36, Florida. On that date I am leaving here to go to this new medical school to be Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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Very sincerely yours,

J H Ferguson

James Henry Ferguson, M.D.
Assistant Professor

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Not answered -

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OSLER LIBRARY,
May 5th, 1958.

Mr. Charles Fey,
27821 Red River Road,
Lathrup Village, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Fey:

Your letter of April the twenty-ninth concerning Alexis St. Martin and addressed to McGill University has been referred to me by Dr. W. W. Francis. I enclose a short article which I wrote a few weeks ago at the request of Dr. Roméo Boucher for publication in the April 15, 1958 issue of L'Information Medicale et Paramedicale.

In that article I have referred to M. Gabriel Drouin. M. Drouin has supplied my committee with the following additional information which bears on one of your comments. Alexis St. Martin's mother and father were French Canadians; his paternal grandfather was originally French, having come to Canada from Masparraute, then a part of the diocese of Bayonne, in the extreme south west of France.

Please let me know if there is any further information which may be of help to you. You may of course feel free to use any of the information I am sending you provided you mention its source. I would especially appreciate it if you will give specific credit to M. Gabriel Drouin, Président, Institut Généalogique Drouin, Montréal et Paris, where indicated. M. Drouin is a professional genealogist and, as a friend of Dr. Robillard and through a desire to help in our research, is working on the St. Martin family for us without remuneration.

With my kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

E. H. Bensley, M.D.,
Director, Department of
Metabolism & Toxicology.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
2 May, 1958.

Mr. Charles Fey,
27821 Red River Road,
Lathrup Village,
Mich., U. S. A.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 29 April to McGill University has been referred to Dr. E. H. Bensley, Montreal General Hospital, Montreal, 25. He has recently been at St. Thomas de Joliette investigating St. Martin's ancestry, birth date, grave, &c.

Yours truly,

W. W. Francis

W. W. Francis, M.D.,
Librarian.

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