Papers of, and relating to, the Birmingham surgeon James Fitzjames Fraser West; his wife, Sarah Hammond West (nee Sellers); and their families. The collection provides a rich source of material relating to West's medical education in London, as well as detailing his career as a surgeon at Queen's Hospital, Birmingham. Included are papers relating to his disputed election as surgeon at Queen's Hospital, Birmingham. West's papers also shed light on his personal and family life. The collection includes his diary for part of 1883 which, as well as providing information on the treatment of patients and activities in medical societies, also provides an insight into his leisure activities and time spent with family members. The diary includes an account of a month's excursion through France and Italy undertaken by West with his wife, Sarah, between March and April 1883. There are also a series of letters kept by West which illustrate his involvement in the administration of his wife's inheritance of Yorkshire property and land.

The papers of the family of West's wife, Sarah Sellers, date back to 1600 and include title deeds and probate records relating to her family's property and mineral rich land in Yorkshire. This was property and land which she inherited and which was exploited for income by the Wests and, after their death, by their children. There is also a small amount of material relating to the children of James and Sarah West, and of one of their two grandchildren, Constance Margery. This material provides an insight into areas relating to their education and careers. Particularly notable are the papers of Gertrude West, daughter of James and Sarah, which relate to her celebrated career as a painter of miniatures. The collection also includes a number of photographs of various members of the West family from the late 19th to the early 20th century, as well as several birth, baptism and marriage certificates of West family members.

The collection also includes papers collected by Geraldine Goodman, step-daughter of Constance Margery West, who inherited the West family.
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papers in 1991. Her papers relate principally to her research on the West family and to the publication of her biography of James West. These papers include copies of birth, marriage and death certificates; geographical and historical maps of areas related to members of the West family; and a number of photographs.

Administrative history: James Fitzjames Fraser West (1833-1883) was the illegitimate son of Mary West (1811-1887) and James Fraser (1804-1841), publisher of Fraser's Magazine. Mary West had another illegitimate child by a different father, Fanny de la Hunt, born 1830.

James West was born in London in 1833 and appears to have been well educated. He received medical tuition at St Thomas's Medical School in London, qualifying as a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1854. He then took up an appointment as Residential Medical Officer at Queen's Hospital, Birmingham in 1854 and was elected to the post of full surgeon in 1858. This appointment was the subject of a bitter dispute between the hospital's leading medical men and the council of lay governors. The dispute was only finally resolved after more than six months when West and his rival, Joseph Sampson Gamgee, were elected joint post-holders. In 1867 West became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. He was elected honorary surgeon at Queen's Hospital, became clinical teacher and later held the chair of anatomy at Queen's College, the predecessor of the University's Medical School. West travelled extensively, visiting and reporting on other medical institutions. He was a regular contributor to medical journals including The Lancet and the British Medical Journal. For the latter he wrote in support of Joseph Lister's antiseptic treatment of wounds and in which he also published papers on surgery. He played an active role in local medical societies and was also a freemason. West died at his home in Edgbaston and was buried at the Church of Ascension, Hall Green, in May 1883.

James West married Sarah Hammond Sellers in 1864 at Darfield parish church, Yorkshire, and the couple had eight children. The family lived initially at Acocks Green, Birmingham, where the three
eldest children were born. They moved to 117 Hagley Road, Edgbaston in 1874. Brief details of their children are given as follows: Walter Sellers West (1865-1895), committed suicide at the age of 29; Conrad Kershaw West (1867-1930), auctioneer and surveyor who married Ellen Ward and had a daughter, (Constance) Margery West (1904-1991); (Marion) Lucy West (1869-1895); Gertrude West (1872-1951) also known as Gerty, linguist, who worked as a translator during the First World War, painter of miniatures; John Frederick West (1875-1936) also known as Jack, a lawyer; Amy Valentine West (later Redfern, 1877-1937) also known as Daisy, who worked as a nurse with the Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) during the First World War and had one child, Barbara Joyce; Arthur Balden West (1879-1949), a clerk at Selly Oak Hospital and who died at Coton Hill Hospital, Staffordshire, a lunatic asylum for patients of the upper and middle classes; and Bertram Evelyn West (1881-1895).

James West's wife, Sarah Hammond Sellars, also known as Tadie, was born at Great Houghton near Barnsley, Yorkshire. She was the daughter of John Sellers and Sarah (nee Shaw). After her mother's death in 1870, Sarah inherited mineral-rich land and property in Yorkshire, the management of which took up much of James West's time up until his death.

Source:

**Arrangement:** The collection has been divided into two sub-fonds: one comprises the papers of West family members; the other comprises the research material of Geraldine Goodman. Each sub-fonds has then been divided into series, either relating to individual family members, or according to the type of material contained therein. These series have then, if appropriate, been further sub-divided into groups of documents which represent related activities or subjects.

Two standard boxes and one large box, comprising 1 volume, 5 files and 448 items
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Access: Open

Access conditions: Access to all registered readers.

Notes: Title supplied from contents of the series.

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Language: EnglishLatin

Custodial history: (Constance) Margery Fryer (nee West, 1904-1991) was the daughter of James West's son, Conrad Kershaw West (1867-1930). She was James West's last surviving descendant and had custody of the West family papers until her death in 1991. The papers then passed to Geraldine Mary Goodman (b 1947), her step-daughter, who used the material to write her biography of James West, in addition to collecting other research material relating to the West family. The biography was published in 2007.

Acquisition: Presented to Special Collections in October 2009.


Related material: Special Collections also hold various certificates awarded by St Thomas's Hospital to James Fitzjames Fraser West, 1854 (finding number: MS758). Geraldine Goodman's biography of James Fitzjames Fraser West is also held by Special Collections (shelfmark: r RD
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MS804/1 Papers of the West family 1600-1983
Papers created, received or used by members of the West family including James Fraser (1804-1841), the father of James Fitzjames Fraser West; James Fitzjames Fraser West (1833-1883); and his wife Sarah Hammond West (nee Sellers, 1844-1911). The collection also includes papers relating to the children of James and Sarah West, primarily relating to Conrad Kershaw West (1867-1930); Gertrude West (1872-1951); and John Frederick West (1975-1936). Also includes some papers relating to James Fitzjames Fraser West's last surviving descendant, his granddaughter Constance Margery West (1904-1991) who was the daughter of Conrad Kershaw West.

1 volume, 1 file and 219 items
Access: Open

MS804/1/1 Papers of James Fraser and his family 1830s-1841
Miscellaneous papers of and relating to James Fraser (1804-1841), the father of James Fitzjames Fraser West, comprising a copy of the will and invitations to dinner he issued to members of the West family.

James Fraser was the publisher of Fraser's Magazine which was founded by Hugh Fraser who was no relation.

3 items
Access: Open

MS804/1/1/1 Dinner invitations issued by Mr Fraser [1830s]
1-2: Printed invitation cards sent to Mrs West Junior and Miss Harriet West [sister of Mary West] for a dinner on 27 December [?1835]

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Material comprises examination papers and lists of candidates

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Matriculation and BA examinations

List of classical subjects for the Matriculation and BA Examinations in 1850 and 1851 at the University of London.

1 item

Access: Open

Examination certificate from Apothecaries' Hall, London

Certifies that James West of St Thomas' Hospital passed a preliminary examination in October 1851. The examination covered Virgil's Aeneid, the Gospel of St Luke, Cicero, Algebra, and Euclid.

1 item

Access: Open

List of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Medicine

List of successful candidates at the University of London. The list indicates that James Fitzjames Fraser West was in the First Division and based at St Thomas's Hospital. West also appears as equal sixth candidate for examination for honours in Anatomy and Physiology.

See MS80 for a related certificate.

1 item

Access: Open

Royal College of Surgeons Fellowship examination

Illustrates questions asked of candidates in first
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examination in anatomy and physiology, 20 November; and questions asked in second examination in pathology and surgery, 22 November.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/2/2/1/5 Royal College of Surgeons Fellowship examination May 1867
Illustrates questions asked of candidates in first examination in anatomy and physiology, 28 May; and questions asked in second examination in pathology and surgery, 30 May.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/2/2/1/6 Royal College of Surgeons Fellowship examination November 1867
Illustrates six questions asked of candidates in Anatomy and Physiology.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/2/2/2 Certificates of qualification and membership 1851-1867
Material includes certificates of proficiency from St Thomas's Hospital; a licentiate certificate from the Society of Apothecaries; examination certificates from the University of London; and certificates of membership and fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons. All of these certificates were awarded to James Fitzjames Fraser West during the 1850s with the exception of his award of fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons which was granted in 1867.

11 items
Access: Open

Physical description: All items are rolled and stored in a large box except MS804/1/2/2/2/10.

MS804/1/2/2/1 Matriculation certificate 23 October 1851
Details that James Fitzjames West matriculated as a
student in the University of London.

1 item

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Item is rolled. Stored in large box.

MS804/1/2/2/2/2 Certificate from St Thomas's Hospital 23 June 1853
Certificate of proficiency in Midwifery.

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MS804/1/2/2/2/3 Certificate from St Thomas's Hospital 12 July 1854
Certificate of proficiency in Pathology.

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**Physical description:** Item is rolled. Stored in large box.

MS804/1/2/2/2/4 Certificate from St Thomas's Hospital 12 July 1854
Certificate of proficiency in Forensic Medicine.

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**Physical description:** Item is rolled. Stored in large box.

MS804/1/2/2/2/5 Certificate from St Thomas's Hospital 12 July 1854
Certificate of proficiency as a dresser.

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**Physical description:** Item is rolled. Stored in large box.
MS804/1/2/2/6  Licentiate of Society of Apothecaries  31 August 1854

Detailing that James Fitzjames West duly qualified to
practise as an Apothecary.

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Physical description: Item is rolled. Stored in large
box.

MS804/1/2/2/7  Certificate from the Royal College of Surgeons  13 October 1854

Certificate of membership of the Royal College of
Surgeons.

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MS804/1/2/2/8  Certificate from the University of London  2 November 1854

Certificate detailing James Fitzjames West's
placement in First Division, First Exam in Medicine.

See MS804/1/2/2/1/2 for a list of candidates for the
degree.

1 item

Access: Open

Physical description: Item is rolled. Stored in large
box.

MS804/1/2/2/9  Certificate from the University of London  2 November 1854

Awarded to James Fitzjames West who was sixth in
list of candidates for Anatomy and Physiology, first
examination in medicine from the University of
London.

1 item

Access: Open

Physical description: Item is rolled. Stored in large
Schedule of certificates from the University of London

Schedule of medical certificates for the degree of Bachelor of Medicine, second examination. The document is formed of several certificates completed and signed by lecturers confirming West's attendance at courses and lectures.

1 item
Access: Open

Certificate from the Royal College of Surgeons

Certificate of fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons.

1 item
Access: Open

Physical description: Item is rolled. Stored in large box.

Papers relating to his professional career

Papers primarily relating to James Fitzjames Fraser West's appointment as surgeon of Queen's Hospital, Birmingham. The papers illustrate aspects of the 'Queens Hospital Scandal'.

9 items
Access: Open

Presentation following West's resignation as House Surgeon

West had to resign from his position as House Surgeon prior to seeking election to a post as full surgeon at the Queen's Hospital

Comprises two copies of the same document:

/1: Presentation mounted on card, signed by 24 Hospital visitors chosen from among the subscribers and in recognition of West's services as House Surgeon;

/2: Paper copy of /1 with attached press cutting

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relating to a presentation evening involving members of Queen's Hospital. The cutting records that the presentation to West of an ornamental time-piece and silver ink-stand to mark his resignation of the post of House Surgeon by junior hospital staff and students

2 items

Access: Open

Physical description: /1 is rolled item

MS804/1/2/3/2 Papers relating to the Queens Hospital Scandal 1857-1858

Papers relating to the 'Queens' Hospital Scandal'. The 'scandal' broke out in 1857 and was triggered by West's application for a post as surgeon at Queen's Hospital, Birmingham. The majority of existing professors favoured Joseph Sampson Gamgee for the post but West was elected. The documents highlight the difficulties and obstructions encountered by West when attempting to carry out his new duties and his reaction, and the reaction of the management of Queen's Hospital to these events.

Material includes West's letter of application for the post of surgeon and statements and letters illustrating the resistance West faced following his appointment.

5 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/2/3/2/1 West's letter of application for the post of Surgeon at Queen's Hospital, Birmingham 28 September 1857

Describes his medical education and qualifications, experiences in operative surgery, and testimonials

1 item

Access: Open

MS804/1/2/3/2/2 Letter from West to the Governors and Subscribers of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham 18 November 1857

Printed document comprising an open public letter relating to the proceedings by which his election as Surgeon was set aside and appended detailed statement for the Birmingham newspapers about the proceedings and in which he appeals for the support
and sympathy of the Birmingham public. The letter is written from Bath Row House, dated 18 November and the appended statement is dated the previous day.

The letter also describes obstructions to him carrying out his duties at Queen's Hospital by the Dean of the Faculty and he outlines alternative arrangements for patients wishing to consult him and makes reference to a subjoined declaration signed by medical students (which appears to have been lost).

This document appears to have been produced as a three page one but has not survived in its entirety: the first page comprises the letter and the start of the statement of which there is one copy; there is also a copy of the full statement, the first part having been cut from another copy of the printed letter. However, the third page is also incomplete, text having been cut from the page, possibly the referred to declaration by the medical students.

2 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/2/3/2/3 Resolution agreed at meeting of subscribers to the Queen's Hospital concerning West's election 1857

Printed resolution agreed at a meeting on 30 November to invite subscribers to attend a further meeting on 9 December to consider the proceedings of the Council of Queen's College in relation to West's election and the subsequent obstruction offered to him in the discharge of his duties. With list of names of subscribers signing the resolution

1 item

Access: Open

MS804/1/2/3/2/4 Report presented by the Committee of Subscribers to the Queen's Hospital 1858

Printed final report by the Committee read to a meeting of subscribers held in the Town Hall, Birmingham on 3 March 1858 which incorporated a review of the management of the Queen's Hospital, the election of James West as surgeon, the resulting
scandal and the efforts to resolve the dispute and the suggestion that the subscribers withdraw their contributions; with a record of the resolutions arising from the meeting

1 item

Access: Open

**MS804/1/2/3/3** West's letter of resignation from the Chair of Anatomy, Queen's College 9 June 1871

Draft letter of resignation written from 22 Broad Street, Birmingham in which he also offers to present a series of anatomical drawings and diagrams which he had prepared to illustrate the lectures to the College

1 item

Access: Open

**MS804/1/2/3/4** Letter of thanks for donation of a specimen 8 July 1878

A letter of thanks addressed to West from the Royal College of Surgeons donation of a specimen of osteosarcoma of the femur to its museum

1 item

Access: Open

**MS804/1/2/4** Papers relating to the administration of his wife's property 1870-1877

Letters to James Fitzjames Fraser West concerning the administration of his wife's, Sarah Hammond West (nee Sellers), Yorkshire property and inheritance.

See MS804/1/3 for the papers of Sarah Hammond West which include legacy documents and deeds and probate records.

31 items

Access: Open

**MS804/1/2/4/1** Letters relating to Jump Farm and coal property, Yorkshire 1870-1874

This series of letters illustrates James West's deep
involvement in his wife’s property and land in Yorkshire. The majority of the letters are from the solicitors Nicholson, Saunders and Nicholson to West but /27 is a copy of a letter from West to the firm. This, and the content of the letters received from solicitors and tenants, reflect West’s ability to deal with matters of business and also his recognition of the financial potential of his wife’s estates. Includes letters discussing the tenancy of the farm at Jump and the lease of land by the Hoyland Silkstone Coal and Coke Company.

27 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/2/4/2 Letters relating to Sarah Hammond West’s claim to Hammond legacy 1876-1877

The letters provide detail on the division of the legacy, originally the legacy of Sarah’s ancestor Elizabeth Hammond, and the formalities involved. Includes:

/1: Letter from Nicholson, Saunders and Nicholson Solicitors explaining that a sum of money to which Sarah Hammond West is one of 17 claimants is to be paid into court.

/3: Reverse of letter includes draft reply to solicitors from James West, showing his personal involvement in the administration of his wife’s inheritance.

4 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/2/5 Family papers 1878-1879

Material relating to the schooling of James Fitzjames Fraser West’s children. Comprises two letters concerning an injury sustained to West’s son, Walter; and a pamphlet of prize poems from Derby School.

3 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/2/5/1 Letter from Conrad Kershaw West to James West 26 January 1879

Letter from Conrad to his father, James West, describing how West’s eldest son, Walter, was hit in
the eye after another boy 'let a cap off by the gas' at Derby School. The letter has been dated 26 January 1878 in error although the incident occurred in 1879.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/2/5/2 Letter from Walter Clark to James West 26 January 1879
Letter from Walter Clark, master at Derby School, to James West. Provides an account of how James West's eldest son, Walter, was hit in the eye by a fragment of cap let off by another boy at school.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/2/5/3 Pamphlet of Prize Poems from Derby School 1878
Includes Greek verse by P. W. Taylor and an English poem, Isandula by T. V. Morley. There appears to be no specific connection with the West family but relates to the time when Conrad and Walter were pupils at the school.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/2/6 Personal papers 1867-1883
1 volume and 3 items
Access: Open

MS804/1/2/6/1 Certificate of admission of James West as a Mason 1867
West was admitted to the St James Chapter at Handsworth, 4 April

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/2/6/2 Ticket for George Dawson Public Memorial October 1881
Ticket for admission to the ceremony held at the Town Hall, Birmingham which West presumably attended
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1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/2/6/3  Manuscript of West's paper on 'Erasmus in Praise of Folly'
Delivered as part of West's involvement in Birmingham Dramatic Club on 13 January 1883. Parts of the manuscript are written in a different hand, possibly by one of West's children.
See MS804/1/2/6/4 for West's diary entry for 13 January 1883 which makes reference to this
1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/2/6/4  Diary
West's daily diary covers a period of four months between January and April 1883. It provides an insight into his medical career, financial affairs and his personal life. It includes details of family relationships and church attendance. On 11 January and 26 January, mention is made of West's involvement with the British Medical Society. There are a number of discussions related to his patients, their treatment and prognosis. Between 23 and 26 February West describes his work on a gunshot injury. The diary also contains a press cutting relating to this incident. On 14 February West describes his finances and various investments. Between 22 March and 4 April, West describes a tour through France and Italy with his wife. He describes various places they visited and activities undertaken whilst on holiday, including visits to Italian hospitals and his thoughts on their work.
1 volume
Access: Open

MS804/1/3  Papers of Sarah Hammond West (nee Sellers)
The papers of the family of Sarah Hammond West (nee Sellers, 1844-1911) date back to 1600. Material includes property and inheritance papers relating to her family's mineral-rich land in Yorkshire. Sarah inherited this property and land and it was exploited for income by the Wests and, later, by their children.
1600-1910
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See MS804/1/2/4 for papers relating to James Fitzjames Fraser West's involvement in the administration of Sarah Hammond West's property.

54 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/3/1 Property and inheritance papers 1600-1910

Material including title deeds and probate records, concerning land held in Yorkshire by the family of Sarah Hammond West.

48 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/3/1/1 Early deeds and probate records 1600-1748

Deeds and probate records of Sarah Hammond West's ancestors, relating to their lands owned in Yorkshire, dated between 1600 and 1748. Comprises:

/1: 13 year lease of Thorney Shawe or Thorney Close and Chestercotes in Camlesforth [Camblesforth] and Carleton in Yorkshire between Henry Frear of Camlesforth and John Harrison of York. Dated 14 April 1600

/2: Final concord relating to property in Cawthorne and Barnsley. In Latin and dated 1606/7

/3: Bargain and Sale from William Grene [Greene] and John Wainwright of Cawthorne Lanes, Yorkshire. Relates to tithes and growing crops arising from a messuage in Cawthorne called Lane Head. Dated 2 November 1615

/4: Grant of Lane Head from Richard Eaton, cutler, of Sheffield and John Eaton, yeoman, of Wortley to John Lethwicke of Eckington. In Latin and dated 1616

/5: Bargain and Sale of Lane Head from John Lethwicke of Eckington to John Wainwright. In Latin and dated 1627

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as trustees should he predecease his wife, Anne,

daughter of John Swallow of Bradfield. Dated 23 May 1657

/7: Memorandum of queries to be put to Thomas Roper and William Sanderson asking whether they were feoffees [trustees] to the marriage settlement of John Wainwright and Anne Swallow and asking how the estate had been settled. [mid-late 17th century]

/8-9: Bonds between John and Ann Wainwright and Henry Cocke [Cock] relating to the conveyance of house and land. Part in Latin and dated 6 November 1680

/10: 16 year lease of tithes from land in Deacon Brook between Thomas Bramhall of Hoyland and Danyell [Daniel] Rich of Deacon Brook, Cawthorne. Dated 14 September 1686


/12: Lease dated 2 February 1692/3 between Henry Cocke of Gauberhall and Richard Moakeson of Cawthorne relating to the transfer of farmland in Landhead.

/13: Bond signed by Thomas Bramhall and dated 1703

/14: Probate copy of will of Nathaniel Shaw of Worsbrough, Yorkshire. Leaves bequests to his sons, William Thomas Shaw and Henry Shaw, and to his daughter, Elizabeth Shaw. The Shaw family were relations of Sarah Hammond West through her maternal grandfather. Will dated 17 February 1745/6.

Arrangement: Material has been arranged chronologically.

14 items

Access: Open

Language: EnglishLatin
Legacy documents

Material relating to release of legacies and monies due to members of the Shaw family. For the probate copy of the will of Nathaniel Shaw see MS804/1/3/1/1/14. Comprises:

/1: Release for legacies due under will of Nathaniel Shaw to Thomas Shaw. Dated 31 January 1748/9

/2: Release for legacies due under will of Nathaniel Shaw to Henry Shaw. Dated 12 October 1749

/3: Release for legacies due under will of Nathaniel Shaw to Elizabeth Shaw. Dated 6 December 1749

/4: Receipt written by Thomas Hill regarding the loan of twenty-five pounds from Sir William Wentworth. Dated 7 April 1750

/5: Note written by Thomas Hill concerning the loan of money from Sir William Wentworth. Dated 19 June 1750

/6: Affidavit of debt of £100 due to Joseph Shaw from the late George Goddard of Scholes, Yorkshire. Dated 28 July 1783

/7: Release of a legacy of £100 due under will of Joseph Shaw to Nathaniel Rhodes [nephew of Joseph Shaw]. Dated 15 March 1784

/8: Release of a legacy of £300 due under will of Joseph Shaw to Thomas Shaw [brother of Joseph Shaw]. Dated 17 March 1784

/9: List of monies due to Henry Shaw, executor of the late Joseph Shaw. Dated 29 May 1784

/10: Release of a legacy of £150 due under will of Joseph Shaw to Hannah Shaw [niece of Joseph Shaw]. Dated 29 May 1784

/11: Accounts of Henry Shaw, executor to Joseph Shaw, which were settled on 29 May 1784

**Arrangement**: Material has been arranged chronologically.
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11 items

Access: Open

**Physical description:** /1 is partially torn; /2 has been torn in half

MS804/1/3/1/3 Later deeds and probate records 1821-1910

Deeds and probate records of the Shaw, Hammond and Sellers families, dated between 1821 and 1910. Includes epitome of will of Sarah Sellers, mother of Sarah Hammond West, and an extract from the probate of the will of Ann Shaw, aunt of Sarah Hammond West. The records indicate that legacies to Sarah Hammond were to be 'free from the control of her husband'. Also includes Particulars of Estate of Sarah Hammond West drawn up by Nicholson & Co. on Sarah's death in 1910 which summarises the extent of her estate. This detailed statement is particularly useful in describing the Hammond legacy and terms of the wills of Sarah's ancestors, see /21.

Comprises:

/1: Case for opinion of counsel described by John Hodgson, Lincoln's Inn dated 12 July 1821. Concerns the will of William Shaw and his estate at Jump, Yorkshire which accounts some 60 acres including 50 acres 'is a valuable bed of coal'

/2: Copy of the will of George Hammond of Darfield, Yorkshire. Beneficiary being his niece, Elizabeth Hammond, spinster. Dated 22 February 1824

/3: Note detailing that Thomas, son of Thomas Shaw, was baptised on 30 June 1769; Henry, son of Thomas Shaw, was baptised on 8 March 1776. Copied 'from the Register of the Chapelry of Wentworth' by John Lowe, curate, dated 25 April 1825

/4: Letter addressed to Mr Shaw, Darfield dated 30 November 1840. Concerns a railway 'at the back of your homestead' and asks for Shaw's consent providing they make 'one, two or three ways over or under it [the railway] for the tenants convenience'. Addressed from Hemingfield

/5: Accounts and details of financial transactions of Mr John Sellers and Mrs Sarah Sellers. Covering August
/6: Valuation of the personal effects of John Sellers, deceased, of Great Houghton, Darfield. Dated 25 September 1859

/7: Accounts and details of financial transactions of Mrs Sellers and Miss Shaw. Covering November 1861 to October 1862

/8: Epitome of the will of Ann Shaw, aunt of Sarah Hammond West. The will lists George Pearson Nicholson and Samuel Rodgers as Executors and Trustees. Dated 6 December 1867

/9: Epitome of the will of Sarah Sellers, mother of Sarah Hammond West. The will lists Mr G. P. Nicholson and Samuel Rodgers as Executors and Trustees. Dated 6 December 1867

/10: Extract from the probate of the will of Ann Shaw of Darfield. Will dated 12 May 1870

/11: Letter to 'My dear Sarah' from 'Lizzie'. Dated July 1871

/12: Accounts of the trustees of Sarah Sellers and Ann Shaw. Includes details of monies requested to cover the cost of administering the estate. Covering April 1870 to August 1871

/13: Accounts of the trustees of Sarah Sellers and Ann Shaw. Includes details of monies requested to cover the cost of administering the estate. Covering January 1872 to December 1872

/14: Letter from Parry and Gamon, St Werburgh Chambers, Chester dated 15 September 1875. Concerns 'residuary legatees believe to the entitled in the year 1838'. Concerning the Hammond estates

/15: Copy of letters concerning 'Hammond deceased' from Newman and Sons. Concerns doubt surrounding the disposal of her property. Dated April to May 1879

/16: Letter to James Fitzjames Fraser West from Nicholson solicitors, Wath-upon-Dearne, near Rotherham. Concerns claimants to the Hammond legacy. Dated 2 May 1879
/17: Letter from Messrs Newman and Sons. Concerns the Hammond legacy. Dated 6 May 1879

/18: Letter from Singleton and Tattershall to Messrs Newman and Sons. Concerns claimants to the Hammond legacy. Dated 8 May 1879

/19: Letter to Mrs [Sarah Hammond] West from Samuel [Balden], 41 Waterloo Street, Birmingham. Concerns the Hammond legacy as dictated by her mother's will. Dated 1 May 1882

/20: Document detailing events of the life of George Hammond who died in 1827. [Late 19th century]

/21: Particulars of the estate of Sarah Hammond West. Typewritten details concerning the Hammond legacy. These were written following the death of Sarah Hammond West. It details the terms of the wills of William Shaw, Sarah Sellers [Sarah Hammond West's mother], Ann Shaw and Sarah Hammond West. Produced by Nicholson & Co., Wath-upon-Dearene. Dated 1910.

**Arrangement:** Material has been arranged chronologically.

21 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/3/1/4 Miscellaneous items 1857-1885

Comprises:

/1: Notice of sale of freehold estate at Great Houghton, near Barnsley. The document describes the estate as being in the occupation of Mr John Sellers, father of Sarah Hammond West, and Mr Jonathan White. Dated 12 October 1857.

/2: Letter from John Kershaw to Mrs West, dated 1885. Letter indicates Kershaw's growing concern over his treatment by Sarah's solicitors regarding a mortgage of £1,000 on Hope Lodge, London. See MS804/2/3/4/1 for a typed transcription used as part of Geraldine Goodman's research material.

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Personal papers of Sarah Hammond West which provides details of her ancestors; correspondence between Sarah and John Fraser concerning the paternity of James Fitzjames Fraser West; and material relating to her youngest child, Bertram Evelyn.

6 items

Document detailing the places of birth, baptism and marriage of members of Hammond and Shaw families. [Possibly written by John Hammond].

1 item

Consists of three letters relating to the parentage of James West. These letters appear to be responses by the brother of James Fraser to enquiries made by Sarah Hammond West regarding her late husband's paternity. Two of the letters are addressed from 16 High Street, Herne Bay. The final letter, addressed from 37 Castle Street, Canterbury, Kent, explicitly confirms James Fraser had a son named James West.

3 items

Final school report of Bertram Evelyn West, youngest child of James and Sarah West. The report is from King Edward's School for boys in Birmingham.

1 item
### MS804/1/3/2/4  Letter of condolence  30 July 1895

Letter addressed to Sarah from A. W. W. Dale of Trinity Hall, Cambridge following the death of her youngest child, Bertram Evelyn, in 1895.

1 item

Access: Open

### MS804/1/4  Papers of Conrad Kershaw West  1886-1930

Papers of, and relating to, Conrad Kershaw West (1867-1930), second child of James and Sarah West. Conrad worked as an auctioneer and estate agent for Henry Hendriks, Birmingham between 1883 and 1892; and then for Nock & Joseland, Wolverhampton between 1892 and 1894. He was the father of James West's last surviving descendant, Constance Margery West (1904-1991).

18 items

Access: Open

### MS804/1/4/1  Education papers  1887

Certificates relating to Conrad Kershaw West's education.

3 items

Access: Open

### MS804/1/4/1/1  Certificates and related material  1887

Certificate of passing preliminary examination with accompanying note confirming that Conrad Kershaw West's name appears in the list of successful candidates at his recent examination; and a letter of confirmation from The Surveyors' Institution.

3 items

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Conrad Kershaw West's application for the appointment of Registrar of Births and Deaths for the St Martin's sub-district of Birmingham. The document lists West's home address as 1 Reservoir Road, Birmingham and his work address as 71 Temple Row, Birmingham. The document includes copies of testimonials from Henry Hendricks, Frank Swift and S. D. Balden.

See MS804/1/8/3/5 for a newspaper article relating to S. D. Balden's arrest.

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| Notices of debt payable by L. Richardson to Conrad Kershaw West. Includes one 'I.O.U' note for eight pounds dated 12 November 1889; and one 'promise to pay Conrad K. West or order the sum of twenty three pounds and three shillings', payable at the
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offices of Coleman & Co., 77 Colmore Row, Birmingham dated 3 February 1890.

2 items
Access: Open

MS804/1/4/3/2 Letter concerning rental of rooms
17 November 1896
Sent by Price & Son Solicitors, Temple Row, Birmingham. Concerns the tenancy of rooms at Athenaeum Chambers, Birmingham which was at a rental of two pounds per month.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/4/3/3 Obituary of 'Tom' Tyler
25 January 1907
Newscutting from The Birmingham Owl. Contains the obituary of 'Tom' Tyler and annotated with 'best man at my wedding'.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/4/3/4 Comic poem: 'An 'Xmas Effusion'
1910
Read at Frank Swift's dinner. Includes a verse about Conrad Kershaw West.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/4/3/5 Certificate of shares in Edgbaston Church of England College for Girls
1886
Issued to Sarah Hammond West for two fully paid up five pound shares.

It appears that Conrad Kershaw West had these shares valued after his mother's death, thus the certificate of shares and the later valuation have been placed in Conrad Kershaw West's papers. See MS804/1/4/3/6 for valuation.

1 item
Access: Open
MS804/1/4/3/6  Letter concerning shares in Edgbaston Church of England School for Girls  1911

Letter to Conrad Kershaw West from F. C. [Gurzther] stating that the shares have no market value.

See MS804/1/4/3/5 for the original certificate of shares issued to Sarah Hammond West.

1 item

Access: Open

MS804/1/4/4  Central Edgbaston Bowling Club papers  1917-1930

Material relating to Conrad Kershaw West's involvement with the Central Edgbaston Bowling Club.

6 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/4/4/1  Papers relating to Committee Membership  1917-1930

Includes letters in response to resignation from the Committee, 1917 and 1930; and list of members for 1929 and 1930. These lists of members show that C. K. West was a Committee member.

6 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/5  Papers of Gertrude West  1919-1930s

Papers of, and relating to, Gertrude West (1872-1951), also known as Gerty. Gertrude was West's fourth child. She was a talented linguist who worked as a translator in the First World War, but was known as a painter of miniatures.

1 file and 9 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/5/1  War work  1919

Papers relating to Gertrude West's involvement in the work of postal censorship during the First World War.
The papers relate to the demobilisation of the Postal Censorship department following the cessation of fighting in 1918.

3 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/5/1/1 Letter 'to the Women of the Postal Censorship' 15 May 1919

Letter addressed 'to the Women of the Postal Censorship' from unidentified author, 20 Montpelier Square, Knightsbridge, SW7. Expresses appreciation for their 'great war-work'.

1 item

Access: Open

MS804/1/5/1/2 Certificate of Service 30 May 1919

Certificate of Service as Examiner in the Postal Censorship. The certificate provides Gertrude West's dates of employment in the War Department from 28 October 1918 to 21 June 1919. Describes Gertrude as 'a steady and methodical worker with a good knowledge of German'.

1 item

Access: Open

MS804/1/5/1/3 Letter from Chief Postal Censor 23 July 1919

Letter addressed to Miss West from the Chief Postal Censor, War Office, Whitehall, SW1. Concerns decommissioning war workers and offers appreciation for her hard work.

1 item

Access: Open

MS804/1/5/2 Career in Art 1920s-1930s

Comprises press cuttings, letters and a telegram relating to Gertrude West's artwork.

1 file and 6 items

Access: Open
Press cuttings relating to Gertrude West's first art exhibition

Newspaper cuttings referring to Gertrude West's first art exhibition at Gieves Art Gallery, Old Bond Street, London. Includes cuttings, identical in content, from: the Belfast Telegraph; Sheffield Mail; The Evening Herald, Dublin; The Yorkshire Evening Press; Evening Despatch, Birmingham; The Evening Star, Ipswich; Daily Herald, Ipswich and the Nottingham Evening News.

1 file

Access: Open

Physical description: The newspaper cuttings have been glued to A4 sheets of paper.

Press cutting referring to Gertrude West's miniatures

Unidentified newspaper cutting relating to relating to the 30th Annual Exhibition of the Royal Society of Miniature Painters. The cutting refers to Gertrude West's miniatures of sweet peas, violets and roses.

1 item

Access: Open

Letters from Mabel Hawkes, Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Marie Louise

Correspondence between Mabel Hawkes and Gertrude West concerning the prospective purchase of a miniature for the Royal Doll's House. Mabel Hawkes was Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig-Holstein (1872-1956), a granddaughter of Queen Victoria. These letters indicate that Gertrude's painting was too large for the Royal Doll's House but that the painting was offered as a gift and accepted.

See MS804/2/3/4/2 for transcriptions of letters which forms part of Geraldine Goodman's research material.

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**MS804/1/6/1/3** Certificate from the University of London 28 February 1894

John Frederick West's certificate of passing Preliminary Scientific Examination for Degree of Bachelor of Medicine.

1 item

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Item is rolled. Stored in large box.

**MS804/1/7** Papers of Constance Margery Fryer (nee West) 1941-1983

Papers of, and relating to, Constance Margery Fryer (1904-1991), only child of Conrad Kershaw West (1867-1930) and Ellen Ward (1872-1945). Constance Margery was James Fitzjames Fraser West's granddaughter and his last surviving descendant.

Also see MS804/1/5/2/4 for a letter addressed to Constance Margery Fryer concerning her aunt, Gertrude West's, artwork.

2 items

Access: Open

**MS804/1/7/1** Obituary of Samuel Henry Hollingsworth 1941

Newspaper cutting which includes annotation by Constance Margery Fryer stating 'grandfather brought his [Hollingsworth's] daughters into the world'.

1 item

Access: Open

**MS804/1/7/2** Letter of thanks 11 July 1983

Addressed to Mrs M. Fryer, 68 Rotton Park Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. From The University of Birmingham Dental School. Offers thanks for her donation of James Fitzjames Fraser West's dental text books.
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1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/8 Family material 1841-1940s
Material includes a collection of family photographs including some unidentified photographs; birth, baptism and marriage certificates; newspaper cuttings concerning Queen’s College and family associates; and two letters concerning the family vault and family-owned lands in the Birmingham area.

66 items
Access: Open

MS804/1/8/1 Photographs 1860s-1940s
Photographs of various members of the West family. Includes images of James Fitzjames Fraser West, his mother Mary, his wife Sarah and their eight children.

50 items
Access: Open

MS804/1/8/1/1 Mary West late 19th cent
Two identical images of Mary West, the mother of James Fitzjames Fraser West. She is seated, wearing a bonnet. Comprises:

/1: Mounted on rough card.

/2: Carte from photographer Charles Mole, New Street and Broad Street, Birmingham.

2 items
Access: Open

MS804/1/8/1/2 James Fitzjames Fraser West 1860s-1880s
Comprises:

/1: Seated, from waist up. Photography by R. W. Thrupp, Birmingham [c 1860s].

/2: At a writing desk. Photography by Robert Thrupp, Birmingham [c 1860s].
/3: Headshot. Photographer listed at 96 Gloucester Place, Portman Square, London [c 1870s-1880s].

/4: Seated. Photographer unknown.

4 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/8/1/3 Sarah Hammond West (nee Sellers) 1860s-1880s

Comprises:

/1-3: Three copies. One carte by James Sunderland photographers, Birmingham; two on rough card mount. Possibly taken around the time of her marriage in 1864.

/4: With three of her children, possibly John Frederick, Amy Valentine and Arthur Balden. Photography by H. J. Whitlock photographers, New Street, Birmingham [1880s].

4 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/8/1/4 Individual portraits of the West children late 19th century-early 20th century

Comprises:

/1-2: Conrad Kershaw West wearing a boater. Photography by Mace & Mase photographers. Two copies, one a poorer copy but annotated on reverse by Constance Margery Fryer [late 19th cent].

/3: Conrad Kershaw West [early 20th cent].

/4-5: Gertrude West. Two copies of the same picture but one a postcard showing full body and one a small picture from ID card, Societe des Artistes Francaises [late 19th cent-early 20th cent].

/6: Amy Valentine Redfern (nee West) with her daughter, Barbara Joyce, as a baby. Annotated on reverse by Constance Margery Fryer (nee West), 1906.
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/7: Amy Valentine Redfern during the First World War. Annotated on rear by Constance Margery Fryer [c 1917].

/8: Amy Valentine Redfern as Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) nurse during the First World War [c 1917].

/9-10: Bertram Evelyn West on a bicycle. Two copies, one annotated on reverse by Constance Margery Fryer [1890s].

10 items
Access: Open

MS804/1/8/1/5 West family groups 1890s-1930s

Comprises:

/1: Members of the West family with friends and relatives [1890s].

/2: Bertram and Arthur with bicycles [1890s].

/3: Arthur and John on bench [1890s].

/4: [Amy Valentine], Arthur and Gertrude in fancy dress [1890s].

/5: [Amy Valentine] and Gertrude [1890s].

/6: Conrad, [Amy Valentine], Gertrude and Arthur [1890s].

/7: John Frederick pictured with Ellen West, the wife of Conrad Kershaw West. Photograph annotated on reverse by Constance Margery Fryer.

7 items
Access: Open

MS804/1/8/1/6 Acquaintances of the West family late 19th century

Comprises:

/1: Charles Green, executor of James Fitzjames Fraser West. Photography by Robert W. Thrupp, 66 New Street, Birmingham [late 19th cent].
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/2: Elizabeth Silverwood Lorraine of Wakefield, Yorkshire, a friend of Sarah West. Photography by G & J. Hall, 26 Westgate, Wakefield [late 19th cent].

/3: Mrs Green. Photography by Edmund Baker, 82 Bristol Street, Birmingham. Annotated on reverse 'July 1886'.

3 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/8/1/7  West family home late 19th cent

Two copies of the West family home on Hagley Road, Edgbaston. Both copies mounted on card, one of which is annotated on the reverse by Constance Margery Fryer with 'home of my grandparents'. The house on Hagley Road was numbered 117 in James West's lifetime but was renumbered 247 shortly after his death.

2 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/8/1/8  West grandchildren c 1904-1940s

Images of James Fitzjames Fraser West's two grandchildren: Constance Margery Fryer, only child of Conrad Kershaw West; and Barbara Joyce Pollock, only child of Amy Valentine Redfern (nee West). Comprises:

/1: Constance Margery Fryer (nee West) as a baby. Very small and annotated on rear 'first photo of Constance Margery West'; with envelope addressed to Mrs C. K West, 1 Reservoir Road, Edgbaston [c1904].

/2: Constance Margery [aged about four]. In card frame and annotated on rear 'in the garden of Grannie West's house' [c 1908].

/3: Constance Margery and Barbara Joyce [possibly with Nanny, aged about four and two. Picture in card frame [c 1908].

/4: Constance Margery with her father Conrad Kershaw West [c 1910].
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/5: Barbara Joyce Pollock (nee Redfern) with Major Alan H. Pollock on her wedding day. Annotated on reverse by Constance Margery Fryer, 1932.

/6: Constance Margery. Photography by Joyce Hammond Limited, 21 High Street, Sutton, Surrey [1940s].

6 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/8/1/9 Unidentified photographs

Comprises:

/1: Unidentified members of West family in haymaking scene [c 1900].

/2: Small photo of unknown boy. Photography by Suffield photographers, 470 Moseley Road, Birmingham [late 19th cent].

/3: Boy in bowler hat, possibly Arthur or Bertram West [late 19th cent].

/4: Woman in Grecian dress, possibly Amy Valentine [late 19th cent].

/5: Group of four people. Includes one male, probably Arthur, and 3 unidentified females [late 19th cent].

/6: Woman in dark dress and bonnet. Photography by H. J. Whitlock, 11 New Street, Birmingham [late 19th cent].

/7: Girl, head and shoulders with flower garland round neck. Photography by W & D. Downey, 57 & 61 Ebury Street, London [late 19th cent].

/8: Woman in theatrical pose. Photography by Draycott photographers, Birmingham, Northampton and Walsall [late 19th cent].

/9: Two boys with rocking horse, possibly Arthur and Bertram West. Photography by John Collier, late Robert Thrupp photographers, 66 New Street, Birmingham [c 1880s].
West Family Papers

/10: Woman in white, possibly Marion Lucy. Photography by H. J. Whitlock, 11 New Street, Birmingham [late 19th cent].

/11: Woman and girl in park, probably friends of the West family [early 20th cent].

/12: Group of unidentified males, possibly including Major Alan Pollock, husband of Barbara Joyce Redfern, second from right [early 20th cent].

12 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/8/2  Birth, baptism and marriage certificates  1841-1894

These certificates are all copies of original entries. The internal date range of actual events to which the documents relate runs from 1811 to 1881. See item level records for details.

Arrangement: These papers have been arranged chronologically according to when they were produced not to the internal date range to which the records refer.

9 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/8/2/1  Baptism certificate of Mary West  24 February 1841

A later extract from the original parish register of Saint George the Martyr, Southwark. The certificate gives Mary’s date of birth as 7 July 1811 and date of baptism as 8 September 1811.

1 item

Access: Open

MS804/1/8/2/2  Baptism certificate of Conrad Kershaw West  9 January 1870

A later copy of the parish register of Acock’s Green. The certificate gives Conrad’s date of birth as 21 October 1867 and date of baptism as 26 April 1868.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/8/2/3  Baptism certificate of Marion Lucy West  9 January 1870
A later copy of the parish register of Acocks Green. The certificate gives Marion's date of birth as 31 October 1869 and date of baptism as 27 November 1869. The child's Christian name is given as Marian, not Marion.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/8/2/4  Birth certificate of John Frederick West  14 November 1887
A later copy of the original entry in the register of births. The certificate gives John's date of birth as 5 January 1875 and place of birth as 117 Hagley Road, Edgbaston.

1 item
Access: Open

**Physical description:** Certificate is torn in two.

MS804/1/8/2/5  Birth certificate of Arthur Balden  18 November 1887
A later copy of the original entry in the register of births. The certificate gives Arthur's date of birth as 20 February 1879 and place of birth as 117 Hagley Road, Edgbaston.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/8/2/6  Birth certificate of John Frederick West  7 May 1891
A later copy of the original entry in the register of births. The certificate gives John's date of birth as 5 January 1875 and place of birth as 117 Hagley Road, Edgbaston.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/8/2/7  Birth certificate of Arthur Balden West  15 June 1892
A later copy of the original entry in the register of
births. The certificate gives Arthur's date of birth as 20 February 1879 and place of birth as 117 Hagley Road, Edgbaston.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/8/2/8 Birth certificate of Bertram Evelyn West 15 June 1892

A later copy of the original entry in the register of births. The certificate gives Bertram's date of birth as 17 January 1881 and place of birth as 117 Hagley Road, Edgbaston.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/8/2/9 Marriage certificate of James Fitzjames Fraser West and Sarah Hammond Sellers 21 July 1894

A later extract from the original parish register of Darfield church, Yorkshire. The certificate gives the date of marriage as 6 October 1864.

1 item
Access: Open

MS804/1/8/3 Newspaper articles 1880s-early 20th cent

Comprises:

/1: Article concerning the Birmingham Dramatic Club Shakespeare anniversary dinner which was presided over by James Fitzjames Fraser West. Also includes an account of West's thoughts on Shakespeare from a surgeon's point of view and his belief in Shakespeare's knowledge of many of the phenomena of disease [West's paper 'Shakespeare from a Surgeon's Point of View' was published in 1881]. On the reverse is an article concerning the resignation of Mr Gamgee from Queen's Hospital [c 1881].

/2: The opening of Josiah Mason's Science College in 1880.

/3: The opening of the Winter Session of Queen's College, Birmingham.
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/4: 'The Mayor's Fancy Dress Ball', 22nd April 1881.

/5: The arrest of Birmingham solicitor Samuel Dinsdale Balden, associate of Conrad Kershaw West and for whom Balden provided a testimonial for West's application for post as Registrar of Births and Deaths in 1911. For further details see MS804/1/4/2/2.

5 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/8/4 Correspondence mid 19th cent-late 19th cent

2 items

Access: Open

MS804/1/8/4/1 Letter from Reverend Jones, Hall Green late 19th cent

From Reverend Jones, Hall Green Vicarage, Birmingham. Concerns fees for a new vault for the West family. Dated 7 August but no year is given.

1 item

Access: Open

MS804/1/8/4/2 Note concerning assessments of land mid 19th cent-late 19th cent

Concerns assessments of land at Yardley and Solihull. Author, date and recipient unknown.

1 item

Access: Open

MS804/2 Research material of Geraldine Goodman 1980-c 2007

Material collected and created in connection with Geraldine Goodman's research into the West family prior to the 2007 publication of her book: 'A Victorian Surgeon. A Biography of James Fitzjames Fraser West, 1833-83, Birmingham Surgeon'. These papers primarily copies of original materials including birth, marriage and death certificates; numerous photographs and maps of areas significant to the West family; and transcripts of original letters.

4 files and 229 items
West Family Papers

Access: Open

**Physical description:** All material in MS804/2 is stored in a large box.

**MS804/2/1**

Family papers  

Material includes birth, marriage and death certificates and a family tree.

1 file and 1 item  

Access: Open

**MS804/2/1/1**

Copies of birth, marriage and death certificates  

Folder entitled ‘GRO [General Record Office] Certificates of JFF [John Fitzjames Fraser] West's family’. The folder includes copies of the death certificates of Conrad Kershaw West; Sarah Hammond West; Arthur Balden West; Sarah Sellers; Henry Shaw; Elijah Hunwick, the husband of Harriet West; Mary Anna West; Constance Margery Fryer, nee West; Ellen West, nee Ward; Marion Lucy West; Bertram Evelyn West; Walter Sellers West; James Fitzjames Fraser West; Mary West; and Fanny de la Hunt, half-sister of James Fitzjames Fraser West. Also includes copies of the birth certificates of: Edward John Hunwick, son of Harriet Hunwick, nee West; and Sarah Hammond Sellers. The folder also includes copies of the marriage certificates of: Conrad Kershaw West and Ellen Ward; Edward John Hunwick and Joanna Bertha Nitschke; John Taylor Sellers and Sarah Shaw; and John Douglas Lorraine and Ellen Senior.

For a simplified family tree produced by Geraldine Goodman see MS804/2/1/2.

1 file  

Access: Open

**MS804/2/1/2**

Family tree  

A simplified family tree detailing the ancestors of James Fitzjames Fraser West and his wife, Sarah Hammond Sellers. The tree also lists the couple’s eight children and two grandchildren. The family connection between Constance Margery Fryer, nee West, and her step-daughter, Geraldine Mary
Goodman is also illustrated.

1 item

Access: Open

MS804/2/2 Images made by Geraldine Goodman c 2000-c 2007

Comprises photographs, digital images burned onto CDs and slides.

1 file and 165 items

Access: Open

MS804/2/2/1 Photographs c 2000

Various photographs, mostly of geographical locations, which relate to members of the West family. Also includes one file of negatives.

Arrangement: These photographs were arranged in envelopes by Geraldine Goodman. These divisions, and their titles, have been retained.

163 items

Access: Open

MS804/2/2/1/1 Photographs relating to the family home of Sarah Hammond West c 2000

Images of the family home of, and lands owned by, the family of Sarah Hammond West in Yorkshire. Images include the interior of Darfield church; the site of the quarry at Jump; images of Great Houghton; Highfield House, the school of Sarah Hammond West located in Wath-upon-Deane, near Barnsley; and the grave of John and Ann Sellers.

35 items

Access: Open

MS804/2/2/1/2 Graves of the Shaw and related families c 2000

Photographs of gravestones and churches in Yorkshire. The majority of photographs depict the gravestones of members of the Shaw family, the family of the mother of Sarah Hammond West.
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62 items
Access: Open

MS804/2/2/1/3 West family grave c 2000
Includes an image of the West family grave at the Church of the Ascension, Acock's Green, Birmingham; and two images of the Church of the Ascension.
3 items
Access: Open

MS804/2/2/1/4 Houses of Birmingham doctors c 2000
Photographs of the houses in Birmingham which Geraldine Goodman viewed as likely candidates to have been owned by Birmingham doctors. The doctors include Gilbert Barling, Robert Jolly, George Jordan Lloyd, Dickinson Crompton and Francis Brett Young.
17 items
Access: Open

MS804/2/2/1/5 Houses c 2000
Includes images of Roseneath, the home of Mary West and Fanny de la Tour on Reservoir Road, Edgbaston; Sarah Hammond West's home in Hagley Road where she lived following the death of James Fitzjames Fraser West; and the house of Charles Green, friend and executor of James Fitzjames Fraser West.
6 items
Access: Open

MS804/2/2/1/6 The West's house in Southwark c 2000
Images of the neighbourhood surrounding the house in Southwark where James Fitzjames Fraser West grew up.
12 items
Access: Open
Images of the Prince of Wales public house; Davidge Terrace; houses on Kennington Road; Walcote Square; West Square; St George's Road; and an image of a blue plaque erected in West Square, marking the birthplace of J. A. R. Newlands (1837-1898), chemist who discovered the Periodic Law for chemical elements.

25 items
Access: Open

Photograph of the statue of William Harvey (1578-1657) at Folkestone. This statue was unveiled after the International Medical Congress of 1881 which West attended.

William Harvey was an English physician who was the first to accurately describe systemic circulation of blood in the body.

1 item
Access: Open

Two sleeves of negatives. One sleeve is labelled 'Neighbourhood of West's birth, London'. The other sleeve contains negatives of gravestones.

2 items
Access: Open

Images used in Geraldine Goodman's biography of James Fitzjames Fraser West. The images have been burned onto two CDs and include West artefacts: a silver inkstand, sword-stick, and marble clock.

2 items
Access: Open
## West Family Papers

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/4: Buildings and famous alumni of St Thomas's Hospital, London. Copy of a colour lithograph by Benyon and Company

/5: Old St Thomas's Hospital. Process print from original wood engraving, 1840

/6: John Flint South, under whom West trained at St Thomas's Hospital, London. Copy of lithograph by T. H. Maguire, 1848.

6 items

Access: Open

MS804/2/3/1/2 Other modern copies c 2000

Nine photocopies and two photographs used by Geraldine Goodman in her research of James Fitzjames Fraser West. Includes images of a number of colleagues of James Fitzjames Fraser West. The majority of the photocopies have been reproduced from unidentified printed works. Comprises:

/1: Photocopy of an images of James Fitzjames Fraser West in middle age

/2-3: Photocopies of images of Sampson Gamgee in middle aged. Reproduced from 'The Remarkable Gamgees' by Ruth D'Arcy Thompson, 1974

/4: Photocopy of an image of Surgeon-Major George Yates

/5: Photocopy of an image of Lawson Tait

/6: Photocopy of an image of John Birt Davies. Reproduced from unidentified printed book

/7: Photocopy of an image of William Sands Cox


/9: Photocopy of an image of Jordan Lloyd. Reproduced from unidentified volume of 'Edgbastonia'
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/10-11: Photographs of an original image of unidentified house.

11 items

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West Family Papers

1823 as originally surveyed by John Walker.

1 item

Access: Open

Physical description: Item is rolled.

MS804/2/3/2/2 Maps of Southwark c 2000

Six photocopies of nineteenth century plans of Southwark, the area in which James Fitzjames Fraser West spent his childhood. Includes one enlarged photocopy which details the West family home.

6 items

Access: Open

Physical description: Items are rolled.

MS804/2/3/2/3 Maps of Edgbaston c 2000

Three photocopies of nineteenth century maps of Edgbaston, including the area surrounding the West family home, 117 Hagley Road.

3 items

Access: Open

Physical description: Items are rolled.

MS804/2/3/2/4 Maps of Jump, South Yorkshire c 2000

Three photocopies of maps of Jump, South Yorkshire, also detailing Wath-upon-Dearne and the surrounding area. This is the area where Sarah Hammond lived before her marriage to James Fitzjames Fraser West.

3 items

Access: Open

Physical description: Items are rolled.

MS804/2/3/2/5 'Olde Map of Worcestershire' 1991

A reproduction 'antiqued parchment replica' of the county of Worcestershire as original depicted by John Speede in 1610.
'Olde Map of Warwickshire'

A reproduction 'antiqued parchment replica' of the county of Warwickshire as original depicted by John Speede in 1610.

Map of Doncaster and Wakefield

A reprint of the first edition of the one-inch Ordnance Survey map for the area surrounding Doncaster and Wakefield. Published by David & Charles, Newton Abbot, Devon. The original map was produced in the early 1800s by Lieutenant-Colonel William Mudge and Captain Thomas Colby. The map includes the village of Jump, the family home of Sarah Hammond West.

Map of Lichfield

A reprint of the first edition of the one-inch Ordnance Survey map for the area surrounding Lichfield. The original map was produced in the early 1800s by Lieutenant-Colonel William Mudge and Captain Thomas Colby. The map covers a large area of the modern-day West Midlands and Staffordshire, including Lichfield, Birmingham and Wolverhampton.

Old Ordnance Survey Maps

Eight 'Old Ordnance Survey Maps' published by Alan Godfrey Maps. Depicting areas of London and Birmingham. Comprises:

/1: Westminster and Victoria, 1869. London Sheet 75
/2: Bermondsey and Wapping, 1872. London Sheet 77

/3: The Borough, 1872. London Sheet 7.85

/4: Holborn, The City and The Strand, 1873. London Sheet 62

/5: The West End, 1894. London Sheet 61

/6: Acock's Green 1902-1911. Warwickshire Sheet 14.15

/7: Birmingham 1902-1911. Warwickshire Sheet 14.05

/8: Kennington and Walworth 1914. London Sheet 89.

8 items

Access: Open

MS804/2/3/3

Published materials c 2000

A collection of miscellaneous articles collected by Geraldine Goodman during the course of her research into James Fitzjames Fraser West.

4 items

Access: Open

MS804/2/3/3/1

Articles c 2000

Comprises:

/1: Photocopy of a newspaper article entitled 'What's in a sheepskin?’ 1878. This article refers to the leather industry in Bermondsey in the late nineteenth-century.

/2: Photocopy of an article entitled 'Fraser's Magazine' from the journal 'Edgbastonia' 1883.

/3-4: Two enlarged images from /2, one annotated, of 'The Fraserians' including James Fitzjames Fraser West. Image reproduced in 'Edgbastonia' from 'The Maclise Gallery'.

4 items
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Access: Open

MS804/2/3/4

Transcripts of letters c 2000

Transcripts of letters made by Geraldine Goodman during the course of her research into James Fitzjames Fraser West. Copies of the original letters can be found in MS804/1, the finding number is provided alongside the description of each transcript.

1 file and 1 item

Access: Open

MS804/2/3/4/1

Transcript of a letter from John Kershaw to Sarah Hammond West c 2000

A typed transcript of a letter concerning the estate of James Fitzjames Fraser West and a mortgage of £1000 on Hope Lodge, London.

See MS804/1/3/1/4/2 for the original letter.

1 item

Access: Open

MS804/2/3/4/2

Transcript of letters from Mabel H. Hawkes to Gertrude West c 2000

Handwritten transcriptions of letters from Mabel H. Hawkes, Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Marie Louise concerning the purchase of a miniature for the Royal Doll's House.

See MS804/1/5/2/3 for the original letters.

1 file

Access: Open

MS804/2/4

Published materials 1982-c 2000

Published materials collected by Geraldine Goodman during the course of her research into James Fitzjames Fraser West.

1 file and 9 items

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home' concerning Wentworth Woodhouse, a Georgian house near Rotherham in South Yorkshire. From ‘The Times Weekend’.

1 item

Access: Open

MS804/2/4/3 Postcards c 2000

Comprises three postcards:

/1: Postcard depicting 'the old operating theatre' at St Thomas' Hospital, Southwark. Claimed to be the oldest operating theatre in Britain, being in use from 1822 to 1861.

/2: Postcard of Upper Westgate, Wakefield as depicted by the artist Louis Grimshaw (1870-1944) in 1896.

/3: Postcard of a scene from Naples in 1895.

3 items

Access: Open

MS804/2/4/4 Leisure map of Doncaster and surrounding area c 2000

A tourist map produced by Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council.

1 item

Access: Open