The collection includes papers relating to: Norris' work in physiology including his research relating to blood and physiological physics and his teaching work at Queen's College, Birmingham; his research into photographic plates; his experiments with iron and steel wires; and his interest in spiritualism. This includes notes; articles; drafts and proofs of articles; correspondence; and ephemera and other printed items collected by Norris.

In addition the collection includes business records (including accounts, correspondence and reports) of the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company Ltd and Birmingham Collodion Plate Company which produced Norris' photographic plates; and personal and other general papers such as educational certificates, visiting cards and photographs.

Some papers of Norris' family are also included: papers relating to some of his children (Arthur Kingsley Norris, Benjamin Stuart Norris and Nelly Pratt Norris); papers of his grandson Stuart Wallace Kingsley Norris; papers of Henry James Ley and Richard Ley (the husband and father-in-law of Nelly Pratt Norris); and a diploma of Frederick Walter Norris (relationship unknown).

The majority of items appear to date approximately between the 1860s and 1900s.

**Administrative history:** Dr Richard Hill Norris (1830-1916) was Professor of Physiology, Queen's College Birmingham, 1862-1891.

Norris' first areas of research as a physiologist appear to have been in the field of physiological physics (the physics of living organisms). One of his first papers was a study of the 'phenomena of attraction and adhesion' in solid bodies, films, vesicles, liquid globules and blood corpuscles which was published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society of London in 1862. His research later concentrated on researching the physics of blood, with a paper entitled "On the Laws and Principles concerned in the Aggregation of Blood-corpuscles..." published in 1869 and a paper 'On the Physical Principles Concerned in the Passage of Blood-Corpuscles Through the Walls of the Vessels" published in 1871.

During the late 1870s and the 1880s, his main work involved a proposed 'third corpuscular element of the
blood', a blood corpuscle additional to the red and white blood cells, which was colourless and normally invisible. This third element of the blood was proposed by Norris to explain the origin of the red disc and the formation of fibrin. This theory was published in 1878 in the Proceedings of the Birmingham Philosophical Society. Norris produced various other articles which discussed this theory. A book entitled 'The Physiology and Pathology of the Blood' was published in 1882, which discussed many topics relating to blood including this theory. Norris however had problems in getting his theory of the 'third corpuscle' accepted. His opponents included Professor Huxley whom Norris believed prevented the publication of his theory by the Royal Society, Mrs Ernest Hart who wrote a paper against Norris' theory and George St. Clair who wrote a paper in 1884 arguing there may have been an error in his method of photographing the blood corpuscles. Norris believed that his theories were plagiarized by Bizzozero in an article in the 'Centralblatt' in 1882, and Norris wrote a letter to the Lancet (Volume 119 - 8 April 1882) various articles in which he defended his theory. He received some support in this, including a note by Dr Heslop published in the Proceedings of the Birmingham Philosophical Society arguing that much of Bizzozero's paper echoed Norris' earlier work.

He also researched into other topics relating to blood and claimed to discover a new form of aggregation of blood corpuscles which he called 'the tessellate mode of aggregation'. Other studies of blood by Norris include "On Stasis of the Blood, and Exudation" published in 1862 and "On the extrusion of the morphological elements of the blood" published in 1871. He was a pioneer in the use of micro-photography to record his observations, and many of his works were heavily illustrated with microscopic images of blood.

Norris also carried out experiments he termed 'segment' research involving dissection (mainly of frogs). This included research into 'muscular irritability' (the contraction of muscular tissue under the influence of stimuli) after the death of animals. A paper on the topic of muscular irritability was published in 1867.

As a student, he invented the first dry collodion photographic plate to be produced on a commercial basis in 1856. At the time, wet collodion plates were commonly used, but using wet plates outside was inconvenient. Norris' plates were also the first plates to be produced
commercially on a large scale, and before him photographers were required to make their own plates. He founded the Patent Dry Collodion Plate Company in Birmingham and had forty retailers selling his plates by 1858 (Gernsheim 258-259). He later developed a new collodion dry plate which was more sensitive and was patented on 11 May 1888 (patent number 7044). By this time, collodion plates (both wet and dry) had greatly declined in use and it was the dry gelatine plate which was the dominant type of plate. It appears that Norris made a partnership with Harold William Southall of Edgbaston, Birmingham in 1890 to produce the plates and a company (the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company Ltd) was formed soon after. A factory was set up for the company at Yardley in Birmingham, on a site of approximately two acres near the Yardley Arms Hotel off Yardley Fields Road. It appears from Norris' notes that the company was founded in December 1890 and it started production in January 1893. The company however failed for reasons including difficulties in obtaining pure supplies of chemicals, delays in establishing the factory, delays in starting large-scale production and faults with the initial batches of plates (sources include US41/3/1/16 and US41/3/1/21). As a result, the company was in liquidation by 1895 and its works, land, and other property was auctioned on 27 May 1895 (see US41/3/4/1). However, many of the former company's assets were taken over by a new company, the Birmingham Collodion Plate Company, and Norris seems to have been involved in the management of this new company and appears to have been a part-owner of the company, as well as being involved in research and development work. Norris also experimented with microscopic photography, which he used to demonstrate and illustrate his works on blood.

Other research by Norris included research into the molecular changes occurring in iron and steel during heating and cooling, primarily investigating the 'kicks' or 'jerks' in iron and steel wire. This research was carried out following his physiological physics work, and was a follow-up of observations made by George Gore. Norris was also involved with Gore in the Institute of Scientific Research, at 67 Broad Street, Birmingham. This Institute contained laboratory facilities for scientific research used by Gore, Norris and others (Heslop 237; US41/8/4/3).

His main personal interest however appears to have been spiritualism and Norris carried out much work in documenting séances, spirit writing and other events.
which he thought were caused by spirits. Norris claims in his notes that he could himself communicate with 'spirits' and he carried out 'automatic writing' (writing where the hand was said to be controlled by a 'spirit'). He considered himself to be an 'amateur medium' (for example, see US41/6/8/14 page 110). This interest in spiritualism included 'allopsychism', 'mesmerism' and hypnotism. 'Allopsychism' was defined by Norris as "all operations and modifications that a foreign mind is capable of working on the mind and body of another" (US41/6/11/15). 'Mesmerism' was thought by Norris to be one of these 'allopsychic' powers in which animals (including humans) and spirits could influence the thoughts of another and he thought that spirits could hypnotise people into carrying out certain actions, and he studied cases of people with multiple personalities such as Christine Beauchamp which he thought was caused by a hypnotic influence of spirits.

Norris appears to have been reluctant to be involved in spiritualism in public by publishing his work on the topic, initially it seems because it was considered by him to be "a much tabooed subject" (US41/7/8/27) and later it appears from a draft letter (US41/6/3/40) that it was because he made a decision not to publish anything on spiritualism "till such time as I might have a reasonable grasp of the whole". He did however correspond with various people who also believed in spirits, such as Alfred Russel Wallace and William Crookes, and with spirit 'mediums' such as Emma Hardinge and Samuel Guppy, and he wrote lengthy papers and notes on spiritualism and mesmerism though it appears that these were not published.

Norris was also a member of the Birmingham Philosophical Society, having been the first person to read a paper before the Society and he was the Society's President for the 1883-1884 session. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

His wife was Anne, born 25 February 1827, married 25 July 1852, died 20 April 1901. Their children were: Richard Hill Norris, born 2 July 1853 died 1919; Mary L. Norris born 13 March 1855; Lillian Norris born 8 March 1857, died 11 March 1858; Nelly Pratt Norris born 2 June 1859 married Henry James Ley 17 February 1886 (source: Lancet 27 February 1886); Arthur Kingsley Norris, born 7 August 1861, died 18 November 1881; Kate K. Norris born 7 June 1863; and Benjamin Stuart Norris (known as Stuart) born 8 May 1866, died 1948.
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

Sources: various items in this collection; various published articles by Norris; Helmut Gernsheim, The History of Photography (1955); T.P. Heslop 'The Scientific Position in Birmingham' in 'Proceedings of the Birmingham Philosophical Society' Volume 2 (1880); The Lancet 27 February 1886 ('Births, Marriages and Deaths' column); Birmingham Post 18 November 1916 (Norris' obituary).

Arrangement: The papers are arranged in nine series according to the topic of the papers (except correspondence, which is kept together as one series). These series are: blood, general physiology and medicine, photography, physiological physics and wire research, segment and spinal cord research, spiritualism, correspondence, general papers, and family papers.

35 standard boxes and one outsized box

Access: Open

Access conditions: Access to parts of this collection is restricted. In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 some medical records (US41/9/4/2), which include personal data are closed for the lifetime of the individual where known, or 100 years.

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Language: English

Creator name: Norris, Richard (1830-1916) Physiologist

Custodial history: The Richard Hill Norris papers were donated to the University of Birmingham Library by his grandson, c. 1972-1973.

A paper handlist containing a basic summary of the collection was created in 1973, and the collection was divided into files which were numbered sequentially from 1 to 212 (with sub-numbers for correspondence). The collection was arranged by eight categories: Spiritualism,
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Blood, General Medicine, Photography, Accounts, Correspondence, Other Scientific Works, and Miscellaneous Papers. Within the categories it appears that mainly there was a random order (except correspondence parts of which were roughly sorted by year then by surname), and related items were often separated from each other. Additionally, many of the individual files appeared to contain papers randomly collected together, with a variety of items not all of which related to each other.

In 2008, a new catalogue with a new structure was completed. The new catalogue included many items from a series of boxes labelled 'Norris Addenda', which were unnumbered and had not previously been catalogued. Another box of uncatalogued items with the label 'Dr Norris Papers Deposited By Ian Hasell 8.1.73' was also catalogued. As part of the new structure, some of the former files were split into separate parts or merged with other files where this appeared necessary in order to keep related papers together, or where it was felt necessary to give part of a file an independent catalogue entry. It did not prove possible to sort out all the former files of loose items entirely due to the randomness of the files and a lack of titles and other evidence of context on many items, so various files of miscellaneous notes are included within most series. In most cases, each file of miscellaneous notes is comprised of the unidentified items from one of the former files.

A record of the old reference numbers with the corresponding new reference numbers has been placed in the deposit file.

**Related material:** Letter from Thomas Pretious Heslop to Richard Hill Norris (reference LAdd/6113)

**Associated material:** Norris and Hill Collection (reference D1913) at the William Salt Library (Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Archive Service).

**US41/1 Blood research papers**

Manuscript and printed proofs of papers, notes and printed material; relating to Norris' research in blood.

See also US41/7 which includes correspondence relating to Norris' blood research.

41 folders, 7 vols, 2 items, 10 articles, 4 bundles
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

Access: Open

US41/1/1
'The Physiology and Pathology of the Blood' drafts and other items

Drafts of Norris' book 'The Physiology and Pathology of the Blood' including printed proofs and manuscript drafts. Photographs which appear to have been used in the book and a translation of the book into French are also included.

The book was published in 1882 by Smith, Elder and Co. of London. It was Norris' major work on blood covering various areas including how blood develops, Norris' third corpuscle of blood, anaemia and leukaemia. Some parts of the book (including most of Section I and Section II) were based on previous papers (other parts of the book appear to have been newly published).

See also Norris' correspondence (especially 1882 and 1883, US41/7/24-25) which includes many letters relating to this book.

18 folders, 1 vol, 1 item

Access: Open

US41/1/1/1
Title page and frontispiece of 'The Physiology and Pathology of the Blood'

Title page and frontispiece of paper by Norris, 'The Physiology and Pathology of the Blood'.

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Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 130.

US41/1/1/2
Contents pages and 'List of Micro-Photographs, etc.'

Drafts of contents and photograph list.

/1: Printed galley proof of contents pages, with annotations.

/2: Printed galley proof of contents pages

/3: Printed page proof of contents pages and 'List of Micro-Photographs, etc', with annotations.
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Custodial history: /1 was formerly part of Norris 136; /3 was formerly part of Norris 127.

US41/1/1/3 Preface and Introduction [c 1882]

Proofs of preface and introduction to book.

/1: Printed Galley proof of table from preface.

/2: Printed proof of preface and introduction (part of), with annotations.

/3: Printed proof of introduction (part of), with annotations.

/4: Printed proof of page xxxvii

/5: Printed proof of page xlv

/6: Printed page proof of preface and first page of introduction, with annotations.

/7: Printed galley proof of part of introduction

/8: Manuscript draft of part of introduction

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Custodial history: /1 and /2 were formerly part of Norris 126; /3 to /5 were formerly part of Norris 129, /6 was formerly part of Norris 127, /7 was formerly part of Norris 128; /8 was formerly part of Norris 160.

US41/1/1/4 Section I [c 1882]

Manuscript drafts and printed proofs of Section I of the book.

Section I was made up of five parts: Part I 'On the existence in mammalian blood of a previously unknown corpuscle which explains the origin of the red disc and the formation of fibrin'; Part II 'On the origin of the colourless biconcave discs of mammalian blood'; Part III 'On the granule sphere (Kornerkugeln) of Semmer'; Part IV 'On the cause of the biconcave form of the mammalian blood corpuscle'; and Part V 'On the formation of fibrin'. Parts 1 to 3 were based on Norris' earlier paper 'On the
existence in Mammalian Blood of a new Morphological Element which explains the origin of the Red Disc, and the formation of Fibrin' (see also US41/1/2/6 for drafts of the original paper).

/1: Manuscript draft of Parts I, II and III.

/2: Galley proof of Parts I and II

/3-4: Manuscript drafts of Part IV

/5-6: Manuscript drafts of Part V

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Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 pages 1 and 3-17 were formerly part of Norris 159; /1 pages 2 and 18-25 were formerly part of Norris 140; /2 was formerly part of Norris 135; /3 was formerly part of Norris 140; /4 was formerly part of Norris 159; /5 was formerly part of Norris 145; /6 was formerly part of Norris 143.

US41/1/1/5 Section II. 'Further Researches on the Third Corpuscular Element of Mammalian Blood'.

Drafts of section. This section was originally published in the Proceedings of the Birmingham Philosophical Society Volume 2 (1879-1881) Pages 197 to 222, which was republished with some revisions as Section 2 of 'The Physiology and Pathology of the Blood'.

See also US41/1/2/8 for drafts of the original article.

/1: Original printed article annotated with revisions for republication.

/2: Printed galley proof (pages 61-65 only)

/3: Printed page draft (pages 55-58 only)

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Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly part of Norris 134; /2 was formerly part of Norris 125; /3 was formerly part of Norris 135.

US41/1/1/6 Section III. 'On the most Successful Methods of Staining the Corpuscles of the "Fugitive Group."

[c 1882]
Printed proof (with manuscript annotations and extra paragraphs) of Section III.

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Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 125.

US41/1/1/7 Section IV. 'An Examination of the Researches of M. Hayem on the Development of Mammalian Blood' [c 1882]

Proofs of Section 4.

/1: Proof print, with manuscript additional paragraphs and annotations

/2: Proof print (galley proof pages 1-3), with annotations

/3: Galley proof print (galley proof pages 1-6), with annotations

/4: Galley proof print (galley proof pages 4-6), without annotations

/5: Proof print, with minor annotations

/6: Proof print, with minor annotations (pages 71-85)

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Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly part of Norris 133; /2 was formerly part of Norris 134; /3 and /5 were formerly part of Norris 125; /4 and 6 were formerly part of Norris 136

US41/1/1/8 Section VI 'On the Origin, Development, and Destiny of the White Blood Corpuscle' [c 1882]

Drafts of Section 6.

/1: Manuscript draft

/2: Printed proof

/3: Printed galley proof

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Section VII. 'On the Identification of the Advanced Lymph Disc with the Colourless Disc of the Blood' [c 1882]

Manuscript draft and printed proofs of section.

1/1: Manuscript draft of section
1/2: Printed galley proof (annotated).
1/3: Printed galley proof (not annotated).

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Section VIII. 'On the Relation which the Bone-Marrow of the Adult Mammal bears to its Blood' [c 1882]

Manuscript drafts and printed proofs of section.

1/1-3: Manuscript drafts.
1/4-5: Printed galley proofs with annotations

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Section IX. 'On the Nature of Leukhaemia' [c 1882]

1/1: Manuscript draft of section.
1/2: Galley proof of section

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Custodial history: /1 was formerly part of Norris 145; /2-3 were formerly part of Norris 129.

Custodial history: /1 was formerly part of Norris 138; /2-3 were formerly part of Norris 129.

Custodial history: /1-2 was formerly numbered Norris 142; /3 was formerly part of Norris 138; /4 was formerly part of Norris 134; /5 was formerly part of Norris 136.

Custodial history: /1 was formerly part of Norris 145; /2 was formerly part of Norris 137.
Section X. 'On the Nature of Anaemia'.

Drafts of section.

/1: Manuscript draft.

/2-4: Printed galley proofs with annotations.

/5-6: Printed galley proofs (no annotations).

/7: Printed proof (pages 173-182) with annotations.

/8: Printed proof (pages 180-182) with annotation.

/9: Printed page proof (pages 157-172).

/10: Printed proof of tables.

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Access: Open

Physical description: /1 was formerly numbered Norris 161, /2 and /3 were formerly part of Norris 137; /4 was formerly part of Norris 126; /5 was formerly part of Norris 132; /6 was formerly part of Norris 127; /7 and /8 were formerly part of Norris 125; /9 and /10 were formerly part of Norris 135.

Section XI. 'On the Relation which the Products of the Bone-Marrow and of the Spleen of the Adult Ovipara bear to the Blood'

Printed proofs of section 11.

/1-2: Printed galley proofs with annotations (/2 also includes part of Section XII)

/3: Printed galley proof with annotations


/5-6: Printed page proofs with annotations

/7: Printed galley proof with annotations

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Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly part of Norris 144; /2 was formerly part of Norris 127; /3-4 were formerly part of Norris 125.
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Norris 125; /5-6 were formerly part of Norris 135; /7 was formerly part of Norris 146.

US41/1/1/14  Section XII. 'On the Analogy and Relation which subsist between the Development of Mammalian and Oviparous Blood', and 'General Conclusions'  [c 1882]
Manuscript drafts and printed proofs of Section XII and General Conclusions.

/1: Manuscript draft of 'General Conclusions'
/2: Printed proof of Section XII and 'General Conclusions'
/3: Printed proof of Section XII
/4-5: Printed proofs of Section XII tables.
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Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly part of Norris 141, /2, 3 and 4 were part of Norris 135, /5 was formerly part of Norris 144.

US41/1/1/15  Description of Plates  [c 1882]
Manuscript drafts and printed proofs of the description of plates.

/1: Manuscript draft of description of plates (Photographs 52 to 60 only).
/2: Printed galley proof of the description of plates, with annotations.
/3: Printed proof of the description of plates, with annotations (Plate 1 and 2 only).
/4: Printed page proof of the description of plates (Plates 6 to 16 only)
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Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly part of Norris 162; /2 was formerly part of Norris 136; /3 was formerly part of Norris 127; /4 was formerly part of Norris 131.
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US41/1/1/16  Plates  [c 1882]
Prints of plates (mainly micro-photographs of blood) used in the book.
1 folder
Access: Open
Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 146 and 148.

US41/1/1/17  Appendices  [c 1882]
Proof copies of the appendices.
/1: Printed galley proof of appendices, with annotations.
/2: Printed proof of appendices, without annotations.
1 folder
Access: Open
Custodial history: /1 was formerly part of Norris 128, /2 was formerly part of Norris 134.

US41/1/1/18  Index  [c 1882]
Drafts of index for book.
/1: Manuscript draft index
/2: Manuscript draft index (letters C-Z only)
/3: Printed galley proof of index (letters A-C, P-Z only)
/4: Printed proof of index (letters L-Z only)
1 folder
Access: Open
Physical description: Some pages are creased.
Custodial history: /1 was formerly part of Norris 146; /2 was formerly part of Norris 141; /3 was formerly part of Norris 129; /4 was formerly part of Norris 128.

US41/1/1/19  Microscopic photographs of blood  [c 1882]
Volume containing a large number (over 300) of microscopic photographs of blood. The main set of photographs (numbered 1 to 108 and 229 to 321) appear
to be the photographs used in 'The Pathology and Physiology of the Blood'.

Various other items are enclosed, mainly relating to the printing of photographs. Enclosed items are: a pamphlet by T. Bolton (agent), 17 Ann Street, Birmingham advertising the collography process of printing; and instructions for producing prints of photographs using the collographic process; various miscellaneous prints of photographs (possibly included as samples of printed photographs); an engraving; and a letter from Hawkes regarding the printing of the photographs.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Some of the photographs are mounted in lead frames.

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/1/1/20 French translation of 'The Physiology and Pathology of the Blood'  [c 1882]

Manuscript translation of the book into French, made for submission to the Royal Academy of Medicine in competition for the Riberi Prize. A draft or copy of a letter from Norris to Professor A. Gamba, President of the Royal Academy of Medicine relating to the translation is also included.

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Access: Open

**Language:** French

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 144.

US41/1/1/21 Draft advertisement for book  [1882]

Two drafts (one in pencil, one in ink) of advertisement for the book.

2 items

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 139.
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US41/1/2 Other papers by Norris on blood
Manuscript drafts and printed proofs of papers relating to blood other than 'The Physiology and Pathology of the Blood'. Most of the papers in this sub-series are articles published in various journals, although it appears that some of the papers were not published.

Some papers relating to blood are not included in this sub-series because no draft or proof copies were found. These are: 'On the Laws and Principles concerned in the Aggregation of Blood-corpuscles both within and without the vessels' published in the 'Proceedings of the Royal Society of London' Volume 17 (1868-1869); 'On the Physical Principles Concerned in the Passage of Blood-Corpuscles Through the Walls of the Vessels' published in the 'Proceedings of the Royal Society of London' Volume 19 (1870-1871); 'On the extrusion of the morphological elements of the blood' published in the Transactions of the St. Andrews Medical Graduates' Association (and also published as a pamphlet in 1871); .

Parts of some of these papers or notes used in drafting these papers may be included in the 'Miscellaneous notes and unidentified parts of papers' sub-series (US41/1/4) where the items were unlabelled.

9 folders, 1 article, 1 item, 1 vol
Access: Open

US41/1/2/1 'A review of our knowledge of the...with some original experiments and...'
Manuscript draft paper relating to blood. The full title is unknown, as the top right corner of the first page is missing. Not dated.

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Access: Open

Physical description: The first page is badly torn and partially missing.

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 211

US41/1/2/2 'Foetal Circulation'
Short manuscript paper on 'Foetal Circulation'. Not dated.

[mid-late 19th century]
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Access: Open

Physical description: Some pages are damaged.

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 152

US41/1/2/3 'Hayem & Bizzozero's descript of a smaller kind of colorless disc - Rindfleisch on bone marrow' [mid-late 19th century]

Volume of manuscript papers relating to blood. Comprises of article 'On the relation of the "Haematoblasts" of Hayem and the "Piastines" of Bizzozero to each other and to the "fugitive discs" of the blood'; article 'On the role of the bonemarrow in the formation of the Blood' relating to Rindfleisch's paper; and article '(Amoration?) of the blood by haematoipoietic organs' by [Georges] Hayem. Not dated.

1 vol
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 123.

US41/1/2/4 'Historical sketch of the origin and mode of development of the mammalian red blood corpuscle' [late 19th century]

Manuscript (except for two printed paragraphs) article by Norris.

1 article
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 158.

US41/1/2/5 'On the Corpuscular origin of Fibrin in relation to the Coagulation of the Blood' [mid-late 19th century]

Draft manuscript article, including several microscopic photographs of blood. Not dated.

1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 147

US41/1/2/6 'On the existence in mammalian blood of an invisible corpuscle which affords an anatomical basis for the [1878-1880]
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explanation of the development of the red blood disc and the formation of Fibrin' and 'On some results of certain methods of investigating the blood'

Manuscript drafts and printed proofs of article.

This article was Norris' first paper on the 'invisible corpuscle' or 'colourless disc' in blood. The paper was originally read at the Birmingham Philosophical Society on 14 November 1878 under the title 'On the existence in mammalian blood of an invisible corpuscle which affords an anatomical basis for the explanation of the development of the red blood disc and the formation of Fibrin'. It was published in the 'Proceedings of the Birmingham Philosophical Society' Volume 1 (1876-1879).

Later the article appears to have been revised as a shorter paper entitled 'On some results of certain methods of investigating the blood', and was submitted to the Royal Society in 1879. The paper was again revised as Section I Parts I to III of Norris' book 'The Physiology and Pathology of the Blood' (see US41/1/1/4) which was published in 1882.

/1: Manuscript draft of the 1878 paper.
/2: Manuscript draft of part of the 1878 paper.
/3: Manuscript draft of part two entitled 'On the origin of the colourless biconcave disc of mammalian blood'
/4: Manuscript draft of part of the paper entitled 'The granule sphere (Kornerkugeln)'
/5-6: Galley proofs of 1878 paper.
/7: Galley proof of part two of the 1878 paper.
/8: 'On the existence of an invisible corpuscle in mammalian blood' manuscript draft. Version of the paper which appears to have been intended to be sent to the Royal Society.
/9: 'On some results of certain methods of investigating the blood' manuscript draft.
/10: 'On some results of certain methods of investigating the blood' manuscript article, including photographs of blood. A letter from Walter White of the Royal Society dated 1880 is included, returning the paper.
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/11-16: Printed fragments of the paper.
1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly part of Norris 162; /2, 3, 4 and 9 were formerly part of Norris 151; /5-6 were formerly part of Norris 129; /7 was formerly part of Norris 132; /8 was formerly part of Norris 146; /10 was formerly unnumbered (found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'); /11-13 were formerly part of Norris 127; /14-16 were formerly part of Norris 135.

US41/1/2/7 'On the Origin and Mode of Development of the Morphological Elements of Mammalian Blood' 1879

Print of paper by Norris (uncut and unbound copy without cover). The paper was published as a pamphlet in 1879.
1 item
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 131.

US41/1/2/8 'Further Researches on the Third Corpuscular Element of Mammalian Blood' [1880]

Draft of article which was submitted to the Birmingham Philosophical Society in 1880 and published in the Proceedings of the Birmingham Philosophical Society Volume 2 (1879-1881) Pages 197 to 222. The article was also published as Section 2 of Norris' book 'The Physiology and Pathology of the Blood'.

/1-2: Drafts (mainly manuscript, partly printed) of article.

/3-4: Printed galley proofs with annotations.

See also US41/1/1/5 for drafts of version published in 'The Physiology and Pathology of the Blood'.

1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: /1-2 was formerly part of Norris 155; /3 was formerly part of Norris 137; /4 (first page) was formerly part of Norris 127; /4 (pages 2-4) was formerly part of Norris 137.
'On the Invisible Corpuscles of Mammalian & Oviparous Blood, & their relation to Fibrin formation & coagulation' [c 1882]

Drafts and printed proof copies of article. The article is written in response to a paper by Legge and a paper by Bizzozero. It was published in 'The Lancet' Volume 120 Issue 3081 (16 September 1882).

/1: Manuscript draft in Norris' hand with annotations.
/2: Manuscript copy of paper (not annotated).
/3-4: Printed galley proofs.

See also US41/1/3/7, for a copy of the paper by Legge referred to in the article.

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Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 is formerly part of Norris 148, /2 is formerly part of Norris 143; and /3-4 were unnumbered found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

'On the Development and Coagulation of the Blood' [1883]

Manuscript drafts and printed proof of article read before the Birmingham Philosophical Society on 12 April 1883 and published in the 'Proceedings of the Birmingham Philosophical Society' Volume 3 (1881-1883). It was also published in 'The Lancet' Volume 122, divided into five parts in issues 3126 to 3130 (1883). The article considers the 'various objections which have been made to [Norris'] views since the publication of... the "Physiology and Pathology of the Blood"'.

/1: Manuscript draft of section 'On the action of neutral salts'
/2: Manuscript draft of section 'On the relation of the colourless disc to free haemoglobin in the liquor sanguinis' (pages 479-497 in the published article)
/3: Manuscript draft of part of paper (pages 491-494 of published article)
/4: Manuscript draft of part of paper (pages 499-501 of published article)
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/5: Manuscript draft of part of paper (pages 503-506 of published article)

/6-7: Printed galley proofs of paper

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Access: Open

Custodial history: /1-2 were formerly numbered Norris 156B; /3-5 and 7 were formerly unnumbered (found in a box labelled 'Norris Addenda'); /6 was formerly part of Norris 155.

US41/1/2/11 'On a Mode of Demonstrating the Invisible Colourless Disc in the Living Vessels of the Mammal' [1884]

Draft and offprint from the Proceedings of the Birmingham Philosophical Society, Volume 4, Part 1, of article by Norris read before the Society on 8 May 1884. The article explains additional methods of demonstrating the 'colourless disc' in blood.

/1: Manuscript draft of article

/2: Offprint of article.

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Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly part of Norris 150; /2 was formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/1/2/12 'On the relation which the "haematoblasts" of Hayem and "the piastines or blutplattchen" of Bizzozero bear to each other and to the "fugitive discs" of the blood' 1884

Manuscript draft paper by Norris relating to blood, read on 10 August 1884 at the International Medical Congress at Copenhagen. The paper is marked 'unpublished'.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 151

US41/1/2/13 'On the microscopic aspects of the coagulation of the blood' (or 'On the coagulation of the blood') [1884]
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

Printed proofs of article by Norris read before the Birmingham Philosophical Society on 9 October 1884. The paper was published in the Proceedings of the Birmingham Philosophical Society Volume 4 (1883-1885) pages 457 to 481, and was the 'Presidential Address' read on Norris' retirement as President of the Society.

/1: Manuscript draft of pages 456 to 472
/2: Manuscript draft of pages 475 to 481
/3: Manuscript diagrams
/4: Annotated printed galley proof 'On the coagulation of the blood'.
/5: Printed proof 'On the microscopic aspects of the coagulation of the blood'

1 article
Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly part of Norris 150, /2 was formerly part of 152; /3 was formerly part of Norris 138; /4 was formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'; /5 was formerly part of Norris 155.

US41/1/3 Papers by other authors and related notes
Manuscript and printed copies of papers by other authors relating to blood.
9 articles, 1 vol, 1 folder
Access: Open

US41/1/3/1 Part of unknown article regarding Norris' work on blood
Manuscript copy of article (not by Norris), which is in support of Norris' theory of the 'invisible corpuscle'.
1 article
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 149

US41/1/3/2 'Blood Corpuscles'
Manuscript copy of brief article from the 'Lancet' 14 August 1875 which refers to Norris' work on blood. 1875
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|                  | Offprint of article (by Dr Heslop) from the 'Proceedings of the Birmingham
|                  | Philosophical Society' Volume 3, relating to Norris' work on blood.          | 1882        |            |
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'Observations on the blood of the salamanda & of the triton in relation to the plates (pristrino) of Bizzozero, & to the invisible corpuscles of Norris' by Professor F. Legge

Manuscript copy of paper by Legge from 'Bullettins Della Reale Accademia Medica di Roma', Anno 8, Number 5.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 155.

'Sur la richesse en hemoglobine des globules rouges du sang' by L. Malassez

Printed article relating to blood (extracted from a journal).

1 article

Access: Open

**Language:** French

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 129.

'On the subject of Bone marrow and the formation of the blood' by Dr G.E. Rindfleisch

Manuscript copy of article, with annotated notes by Norris.

1 article

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 152.

'Note on a Possible Source of Error in Photographing Blood Corpuscles' by George St. Clair

Article reprinted from the Proceedings of the Birmingham Philosophical Society Volume 4 Part 1 regarding a possible source of error in Norris' method of photographing blood corpuscles. Norris has annotated the paper with his criticisms of the paper, which he says 'will be a discredit to our Transactions'.

See also US41/7/26/25-30 for correspondence between St. Clair and Norris relating to this paper.

1 article
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Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

**US41/1/3/11**

‘On the subject of the relation of Coagulation of the Fibrin to the corporeal elements of the Blood’ by Professor Alexander Schmidt

Manuscript copy of paper (Parts I and II), with additional notes by Norris. Not dated.

1 volume

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Binding is in poor condition.

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 124.

**US41/1/4**

Miscellaneous notes and unidentified parts of papers

Manuscript notes relating to blood, and parts of papers which have not been identified.

13 folders, 4 vols, 4 bundles

Access: Open

**US41/1/4/1**

‘Coagulation’

Notebook containing various questions and answers relating to blood.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 153.

**US41/1/4/2**

‘Coagulation: - The sponge experiments’

Manuscript notes relating to blood.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 157.

**US41/1/4/3**

‘Experiments’

Notebook containing manuscript notes of experiments [1861]
with frogs for research into the blood and circulation.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 175.

US41/1/4/4 'Experiments in CO2 & Saline - Coagulation Jelly' 1885

Set of manuscript notes on experiments.

1 bundle

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 153.

US41/1/4/5 'Microscopic observations' [mid-late 19th century]

Set of manuscript notes relating to blood.

1 bundle

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 153.

US41/1/4/6 Miscellaneous notes [mid-late 19th century]

Manuscript notes relating to blood including notes, formulae and calculations relating to experiments.

1 bundle

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 155

US41/1/4/7 Miscellaneous notes [mid-late 19th century]

Manuscript notes relating to blood including notes on experiments.

1 bundle

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 153

US41/1/4/8 Miscellaneous notes [mid-late 19th century]

Manuscript notes relating to blood, including experiments
Notes and drafts and notes for articles. A printed brochure for 'The Haemacytometer' instrument for the numeration of blood corpuscles made by Hawksley of 300 Oxford Street, London and four printed cards with microscopic photographs of blood are also included. Most items are not dated.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 156A.

US41/1/4/9 Miscellaneous notes
Loose manuscript notes relating to blood. Includes notes on methods for experiments, notes containing questions and answers, and notes for articles. Most items are not dated.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 154.

US41/1/4/10 Miscellaneous notes and parts of papers
Manuscript notes and parts of papers relating to blood. Includes notes entitled 'Allegations of Mrs Hart in her first paper Med. Rec. Jan 15th 1880'; 'Bone Marrow (Ox)'; and 'Rindfleisch'.

1 folder

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Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 143.

US41/1/4/11 Miscellaneous notes and parts of papers
Manuscript notes or parts of papers relating to blood. Not dated.

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Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 149.

US41/1/4/12 Miscellaneous notes and parts of papers
Manuscript parts of papers and notes relating to blood

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including part of a paper entitled 'Theory of Rindfleisch as to the mode in which the mammalian biconcave disc is formed'.

1 folder

Access: Open

Physical description: Some pages are creased.

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 160.

US41/1/4/13 Miscellaneous notes and parts of papers [mid-late 19th century]

Manuscript notes and parts of papers relating to blood. Includes letter to the 'Centralblatt' regarding a 'preliminary notice' by Professor Bizzozero on 14 January 'on the new morphological element of mammalian blood', which Norris argues replicates his previous discovery; letter to the Editor of the British Medical Journal; and notes comparing Norris' work and Bizzozero's work.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 139.

US41/1/4/14 Miscellaneous notes and parts of papers [mid-late 19th century]

Manuscript notes or drafts of unidentified parts of papers relating to blood.

1 folder

Access: Open

Physical description: Some pages are heavily creased.

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 162.

US41/1/4/15 Miscellaneous notes and parts of papers [mid-late 19th century]

Manuscript notes and parts of papers relating to blood. Includes notes comparing Norris' papers with paper by Bizzozero. Not dated.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 145
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US41/1/4/16 Miscellaneous notes and parts of papers

Manuscript notes and printed parts of papers relating to blood. Includes notes entitled 'The beginning of coagulation in mammalian blood. Dr Karl Laker'; 'Method of preparing Plasmine'; 'Products found in the blood and bone marrow of the human foetus at the age of 6 months'. A printed notice regarding the Riberi Prize and a declaration relating to blood discs by an unknown person are also included.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly parts of Norris 126, Norris 146, Norris 157, Norris 159, Norris 160, Norris 176A and Norris 205; all of Norris 194/315 and some previously unnumbered items found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/1/4/17 Miscellaneous notes and parts of papers

Manuscript notes and parts of papers relating to blood including part of paper headed 'On the modern doctrines of the development of the blood from haemotoblasts and erythroblasts' (pages 64-72).

1 folder

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Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 158

US41/1/4/18 Miscellaneous parts of papers

Manuscript drafts and printed proofs of articles relating to blood.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 138.

US41/1/4/19 Miscellaneous parts of papers

Manuscript parts of paper or papers relating to blood. Not dated.

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Custodial history: Mid-late 19th century
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Some pages are creased.

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 157.

**US41/1/4/20**

Unidentified part of manuscript paper

Part of manuscript paper on blood including sections headed 'Histo-Chemical Characters', 'General Statement' and 'Fibrin'.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 148 (bundle beginning with 'Histo-Chemical Characters') and part of Norris 149 (bundle beginning with page 709 'Fibrin').

**US41/1/4/21**

Volume of notes on blood

Volume of notes relating to blood, possibly for lectures or for articles. Includes some loose enclosures. Not dated.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Binding is in poor condition.

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 122.

**US41/2**

General physiology and medicine papers

Documents relating to physiology and medicine in general. Includes notes of lectures on physiology given at Queen's College, Birmingham; indentures for medical apprentices to Norris; medical journals; and ephemera relating to medicine.

6 folders, 7 notebooks, 3 apprenticeship indentures

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**US41/2/1**

Lecture notes

Notes which appear to be for lectures on various physiological topics.

2 folders, 1 notebook

Notes on the nervous system and respiration

Set of manuscript notes relating to the nervous system and respiration. The notes appear to discuss the topics in a general manner rather than discussing new findings, so seem likely to be notes for lectures to physiology students. Not dated.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 176B.

'Microscopic specimens & subjects for Lectures' notebook

Notebook labelled 'Microscopic specimens & subjects for Lectures'; including a list of specimens and a list of subjects for lectures. Not dated.

1 notebook

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 165.

Miscellaneous notes on physiology

Notes (probably lecture notes for Norris' classes at Queen's College) including notes on digestion, respiration, and functions of nerve fibres. Not dated.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Dr Norris Papers Deposited By Ian Hasell 8.1.73'.

Lecture notes by students on the nervous system [1871]

Lecture notes made by students on Norris' course on the nervous system during the 1871 Winter Session at Queen's College, Birmingham. During this session (according to /1), Norris offered the prize of a microscope for the student who produced the best set of notes.

3 notebooks, 1 folder
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US41/2/3/1 'Book of Queries'
Notebook contained queries and answers relating to physiology.
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US41/2/3/2 Notes and papers mainly relating to diseases, germs and vaccination
Manuscript notes and draft papers mainly relating to diseases, germs and vaccination. Includes article or part of an article headed 'The nature of contagium'
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US41/2/3/3 Notebook
Notebook containing list of names and addresses; list of names of 'persons to whom copies of my paper on the Rouleaux have been sent'; and notes on Harley's lecture on respiration and other notes.
1 notebook
Access: Open
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US41/2/3/4 85. 'Physiological Scraps'
Folder of miscellaneous manuscript notes relating to physiology. Includes notes relating to the cerebellum; draft or copy of letter to the Editor of the Lancet; notes relating to respiration; notes relating to blood; 'Extracts & personal reflections on the muscular sense - Carpenter'; and notes relating to albumins.
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US41/2/4

Apprenticeship indentures 1872-1879

Apprenticeship indentures to Richard Norris.

3 apprenticeship indentures

Access: Open

US41/2/4/1

Apprenticeship indenture of Arthur Kingsley Norris to Dr Richard Norris 1879

Apprenticeship in medicine and surgery.

1 indenture

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/2/4/2

Apprenticeship indenture of Robert Leonard Rutherford to Dr Richard Norris 1872

Apprenticeship in medicine and pharmacy.

1 indenture

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Apprenticeship in medicine and surgery.

1 indenture

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Medical journals and ephemera [1877-1909]

2 folders

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/5: 'Extract from the New York Medical Record' by the Maltine Manufacturing Co. Ltd to promote Carnrick's Beef Peptonoids and Maltine, including article 'Feeding Per Rectum' by D.W. Bliss from the 'New York Medical Record'. [1882].


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Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 173 and 174.

US41/3

Photography company and personal papers

Manuscript notes and other papers relating to Norris' work in developing photographic plates; records of the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company (Limited) (the company set up to produce Norris' plates) and Birmingham Collodion Plate Company, including account books, notes and receipts.

The majority of items are not dated.

See also US41/7 which includes correspondence regarding Norris' photographic plate businesses.

Arrangement: No distinction is made between the company records and Norris' personal records, as the two were found to be mixed before re-cataloguing had taken place and it proved difficult or impossible to distinguish whether items were company or personal records.

13 folders, 20 vols, 1 draft agreement, 1 draft letters patent, 4 glass plate negatives

Access: Open

US41/3/1

Notes, articles and reports

Notes relating to Norris' experiments and methods of producing plates. Includes Norris' research notes and items relating to production at the Birmingham Dry
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

Collodion Plate and Film Company, and Birmingham Collodion Plate Company.

See also US41/6/8/11 for notes of experiments between 1894 and 1896; US41/6/1/3 for notes relating to the costs of production.

8 folders, 13 vols

Access: Open

US41/3/1/1 'Emulsion Formulae &c Nov 1907' notebook 1907

Notebook containing manuscript notes on formulae for use in photographic processes and plates.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 184.

US41/3/1/2 'Interim facts'

Set of manuscript notes relating to photographic plates.

1 fold

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 192.

US41/3/1/3 'Laboratory Book' [1907-1908]

Volume containing notes on photography experiments, including tables recording tests made on batches of plates and table recording details of the collodion made. Volume is labelled 'contains some later researches 1907, 8'. A note on the front says that 'These books contain secret of Collodion Plate'.

The contents of the volume (as listed on 'index' page) are: 'Blistening and slipping of films'; 'Record of batches of plates made of their testing'; 'Trials of batches of plates'; 'Tabular record of the varieties of collodion'; and 'Experiments with gelatine'.

Some loose notes and an unlabelled photograph of an unidentified man are enclosed.
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

1 vol
Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

**US41/3/1/4** 'Machines' notebook  
[c 1893]
Notebook labelled 'Machines' containing manuscript notes relating to producing photographic plates, including on the use of machinery in producing plates and relating to the collodion used.

1 vol
Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 182.

**US41/3/1/5** 'Miscellaneous recipes' notebook  
[c 1891]
Notebook containing the formula for 'Solution of gelatin for a vehicle or varnish' (for use on photographic plates) and formula for 'Artificial Caoutchouc'.

1 vol
Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 183.

**US41/3/1/6** 'Photographic Formula'  
[mid 19th century-early 20th century]
Volume containing formulae, notes and articles relating to photographic processes. Includes note at front "was told by my father (in 1916) Dr BS Norris that this book contained the secret of the emulsion for the Collodion Photo". A contents page is included at the front. Various loose notes are enclosed.

1 vol
Access: Open

**Physical description:** Binding is in poor condition.

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

US41/3/1/7  Articles relating to photographic plates


1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 189.

US41/3/1/8  Notebook mainly relating to photographic plates

Manuscript notes mainly relating to photography including experiment notes, notes on photographic processes and notes on making plates.

A small number of other notes not connected with photography are also contained in the notebook including: notes headed ‘Theological Inquiries’ and draft letters to the Dean of the Faculty of St Andrews and Mr Crookes.

Not dated.

1 vol

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 181.

US41/3/1/9  Notebook relating to photographic plates

Manuscript notebook containing formulae and other notes relating to photographic plates. Includes the formulae for the products of the Birmingham Collodion Plate Company: lantern slides; the ‘Tortoise’ and process plate; the ‘Eagle’ and positive plate; and the ‘Gazelle’ plate. Other notes include notes entitled ‘Pyroxylin formula’ and ‘Studies in pyroxylin’.

1 vol

Access: Open

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'Researches dating from Sept 15th 1890'; 'Study of the Iodide Plate'; and 'Studies in Emulsion and Orthochromatism May 1891'.

Several loose notes and three unidentified portrait photographs are also enclosed.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Physical description:** In poor condition. Most of the binding has been destroyed and front cover is missing.

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 192.

**US41/3/1/14** Notebook relating to photographic plates [c 1893]

Notebook containing manuscript notes on 'plate testing' and the results of 'trials of collodion with a view to the use of methyl alcohol'. Not dated.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 179.

**US41/3/1/15** Notebook relating to photographic plates 1893-1894

Notebook containing a table of batches of photographic plates made, with details of the date the batch was made, the collodion used, 'stech test', cracking, evenness and bubbles.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 185.

**US41/3/1/16** Notes relating to photographic plates [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Manuscript notes relating to photographic plates and film, and the company.

Includes notes relating to pyroxylin; notes on 'method of reduction'; notes 'Method of investigating a suspected bath'; notes 'Nitric acid series'; lecture or article on the background to the development of Norris' dry collodion plate; notes relating to the ownership and management of the photographic plate company, including a list of
shareholders; 'data for management of the silver bath'; and other notes. A draft letter from Norris requesting support for the company is also included.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 188.

US41/3/1/17 Notes relating to photographic plates

Manuscript notes relating to photographic plates. Includes notes regarding the production of plates, formulae, notes entitled 'data for frames', 'suggestions for a new mode of working', draft of declaration (for patent?).

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 190.

US41/3/1/18 Notes relating to photographic plates

Manuscript notes on photography including experiment notes, formulae and other notes.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Dr Norris Papers Deposited By Ian Hasell 8.1.73'.

US41/3/1/19 Notes relating to photographic plates

Manuscript notes relating to photographic plates.

Main headings in the notes include 'Remarks on previous discussions', 'Blackening', 'Remarks on Bromide Plates', 'A thorough consideration of plates prepared with iodide of lead may know how much light on this subject', 'On the changes which are produced by light on the sensitive compound', 'modifying coll'd [collodion] for intensity', 'On retention of the invisible image after fixing', 'Probabilities of double salts being formed of the Halord salts and ...nitrates', and 'Causes determining surface reduction'.

1 folder
Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 191.

**US41/3/1/20** Notes relating to photographic plates  
Set of manuscript notes relating to photography including 'A Chapter on Baths', 'Remarks on Blackening' and notes 'on the condition of sensitive material in the film'. Not dated.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 211.

**US41/3/1/21** Reports, notes and tables relating to the finances and operation of the company  
Manuscript reports, notes and tables relating to the finances and operation of the company. Includes estimates on the cost of production and for employing staff; a working plan for the operation of the factory; suggestions for the working of the factory; 'suggestions for carrying on the company on a retail basis only'; analysis of the output of the factory; notes regarding processes; balance sheets; and tables and analyses relating the company's accounts.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 193 and part of Norris 192.

**US41/3/2** Accounts and receipts 1880-1898
Account books and receipts relating to Norris' photographic plate businesses.

See also US41/6/8/3 for an account book between June 1895 and May 1899; and see US41/6/11/16 for an account book of wages between July 1892 and December 1894 and of petty cash expenses between the (opening of the factory) and May 1896.

5 vols, 1 folder

Access: Open
### Chemical stock, silver, alcohol and other materials account book

Account book detailing expenditure on chemicals, silver, alcohol and other materials, for use in producing photographic plates (for the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company).

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 193.

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### ‘Debts' account book

Account book detailing the debts owed by the Birmingham Dry Plate Company, arranged in date order, including supplies, wages, stationary, transport and other expenses. A list of 21 procedures for the factory is also included.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 193.

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### Supplies account book

Account book detailing expenditure on supplies for making photographic plates (presumed to be for the Birmingham Dry Plate Collodion and Film Company).

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 193.

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### ‘Wages' account book

Book detailing wages given to employees of the Birmingham Collodion Plate Company. Only two employees are included: Chris. Marlow and Pepperall.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 193.

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US41/3/2/5  Book containing receipts, patent renewal certificate and note

Receipts for the auction sale following the liquidation of the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company in 1895, certificate for patent renewal and note regarding duty for methylated spirits, pasted in the 1893 Annual Report for Mavisbank Asylum in Edinburgh.

See also US41/3/4/1 for the 1895 auction catalogue.

1 vol

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 207.

US41/3/2/6  Receipts

Receipts for the Birmingham Collodion Plate Company or for Norris relating to photography. Some receipts addressed to Richard Norris are also included, but these largely seem to relate to photography. Most items date 1895 to 1897.

See also US41/7 which includes receipts which were enclosed with correspondence.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda', except three items which were formerly numbered Norris 194/526, Norris 194/543 and Norris 194/547.

US41/3/3  Legal documents

Legal documents relating to photography including agreements and a draft patent for Norris' plates.

1 folder, 1 draft agreement, 1 draft letters patent

Access: Open

US41/3/3/1  Draft agreement for partnership to work a patent

Draft agreement between Richard Norris and Harold William Southall, of Edgbaston, Birmingham to become partners in a business 'The Collodion Dry Plate Company' for manufacturing Norris' patented photographic plates.

Access: Open
Under the agreement, Norris' patent ('Improvements in the production of Collodion Photographic films or surfaces of exalted sensitiveness', patent number 7044, 11 May 1888) was to become the joint property of the two partners, and Southall was to invest a sum of money to set up the business.

1 draft agreement

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 206.

**US41/3/3/2** Draft patent for dry collodion photographic process 1857

Draft letters patent for the invention of "Certain Improvements in Photography by the use of Collodion in a Dry Condition, and for a means of Transferring Photographic Films" by Richard Hill Norris.

1 draft letters patent

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

**US41/3/3/3** Platinotype Company agreement, instructions and leaflet [1880]

Agreement between the Platinotype Company and Richard Norris granting Richard Norris a licence to use the Platinotype photographic process (dated 1880), leaflet regarding Platinotype Process (not dated) and instructions for working the Platinotype Process (dated 1880).

1 folder

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

**US41/3/4** Miscellaneous [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Other items relating to Norris' photographic businesses and his plates.

2 vols, 1 folder, 4 glass plate negatives
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

Access: Open

**US41/3/4/1**  
Auction catalogue for sale of Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company  
1895

Auction catalogue for the sale of the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company (Limited) works at Yardley, plant and stock following the company’s liquidation. See US41/3/2/5 for receipts of items purchased by Norris and by Baker and Dugard (presumably for Norris or the successor company) at the auction.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 186.

**US41/3/4/2**  
Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company and Birmingham Collodion Plate Company publicity and instruction leaflets  
[late 19th century-early 20th century]

Publicity material to promote the company’s products and instruction leaflets for using the company’s plates.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 186 with some unnumbered items found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

**US41/3/4/3**  
‘Correspondents’  
[late 19th century]

Notebook containing a list of customers (only seven people are included).

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 207.

**US41/3/4/4**  
Glass plate negatives  
[mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Glass plate negatives of unidentified landscapes and buildings.
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

4 glass plate negatives
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 186.

US41/3/5 Collected printed material [1859-early 20th century]
Printed material relating to photography collected by Norris but produced by others including leaflets, catalogues and a report.

2 folders
Access: Open

US41/3/5/1 Publicity material [late 19th century-early 20th century]
Publicity material relating to photography.
The folder contains the following items:

/1-5: Publicity for Mawson and Swan's Photographic Plates (sold by Arnott, Halliday and Co).


/8: Leaflet detailing the products of The Britannia Works Co Ltd of Ilford, London.

/9: Fuerst Brothers photographic price list.

/10: Printed memorandum from Otto Scholzig advertising his photographic papers with enclosed print on "Otto" paper.

/11: Leaflet for 'Wellington Plates' by Wellington and Ward, of Elstree, Hertfordshire.


1 folder
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 187, except 'The New Auto-Carbons' leaflet which was formerly unnumbered and found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

**US41/3/5/2** 'Report of the Collodion Committee' and 'Mr Hardwich on Collodion for the Dry Processes' [1859]

Printed proof of a report by the Collodion Committee of the Photographic Society and printed proof of paper by Mr Hardwich read at the Photographic Society.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Physical description:** In poor condition.

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda' (except proof sheet containing pages 7-10 of Hardwich article which was part of Norris 189).

**US41/4** Physiological physics and wire research papers [mid-late 19th century]

Manuscript drafts of articles or essays and notes relating to physiological physics and wire research. Papers relating principally to the physiological physics of blood are not included - these are contained in the 'Blood research papers' series (US41/1).

Norris' initial research into physiological physics involved a study of attraction and adhesion. A paper on this topic was published in the 'Proceedings of the Royal Society of London' Volume 12 (1862-1863) entitled 'On the Causes of various Phenomena of Attraction and Adhesion, as exhibited in Solid Bodies, Films, Vesicles, Liquid Globules, and Blood-Corpuscles'. A further paper was published in 1876 in the 'Proceedings of the Birmingham Philosophical Society' entitled 'New Researches in Contractility and Elasticity' (this was in fact the first paper to be published in that journal).

Norris' research into wires involved studying the expansion and contraction of iron and steel wires when they were heated or cooled. He examined the temporary and permanent changes to wires including what he called the heating or cooling 'kicks' or 'jerks' (a temporary expansion during cooling and temporary contraction...
during heating) and looked at the circumstances in which these changes occurred. His conclusions included that crystallization and decrystallization was the cause of the 'kicks'. A paper on this topic was read at the Royal Society of London on 12 April 1877, and an abstract was published in the 'Proceedings of the Royal Society of London' Volume 26. Drafts of a much more substantial paper or papers on the topic are contained within this series.

15 folders, 3 items

Access: Open

US41/4/1 Draft papers [mid-late 19th century]

Draft papers by Norris on physiological physics and wire research including various papers or parts of a paper investigating the changes occurring in iron and steel wire with heating and cooling.

11 folders

Access: Open

US41/4/1/1 'On certain Molecular Changes which occur in Iron and Steel during the separate acts of Heating and Cooling' [1876]


1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 196.

US41/4/1/2 'On the Changes (apart from the kicks) which occur in iron & steel' [mid-late 19th century]

Manuscript draft of paper on the changes in iron and steel following heating, cooling and strain. Elasticity and contractility of other substances such as caoutchouc are also examined in the paper. Not dated.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 91.
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

US41/4/1/3  'On the diverse thermal effects which take place in different substances when apparently treated in the same manner'

Manuscript essay and notes relating to the effects such as stretching and extrusion caused by heating and cooling on substances such as steel wire and caoutchouc.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 196.

US41/4/1/4  'On The Influence of Momentum in displacing the true Positions of the Kicks'

Manuscript article originally contained in folder labelled, 'Manuscript withdrawn from wire researches as Doubtful or Untrue'.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 200

US41/4/1/5  Paper on elasticity

Unidentified paper by Norris relating to elasticity.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 139.

US41/4/1/6  Paper on the molecular constitution and behaviour of elastic and contractile substances

Unidentified paper by Norris (found in folder labelled 'Part I').

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 146.

US41/4/1/7  Paper on wire research

[c 1874]

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Manuscript draft of paper (or part of a paper, or multiple papers) relating to wire research. Includes section or article headed 'On the relation of annealing and hardening'.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Physical description:** The article is formed from a number of separate pieces of paper pasted on newsprint.

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 198

**US41/4/1/8** Paper on wire research [mid-late 19th century]

Manuscript draft of paper or part of a paper on wire research. Includes a chapter or section entitled 'General considerations as to the influence of the state of the wire exerts upon the position of the Heating Kicks'.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Physical description:** In poor condition. The paper is formed from various small pieces of paper pasted onto larger pieces of paper, folded like a book.

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 204

**US41/4/1/9** Paper on wire research [c 1874]

Manuscript paper or part of a paper on the effects of heating and cooling on iron and steel wire. Includes sections headed 'Headings for Studies'; 'Experiments'; 'Analysis of the Cast Iron Diagram (Stubbs)'; 'Nickel plated wire'; 'On the real dynamical expansion of iron and steel wires'; and 'Conditions which yield free carbon'.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Physical description:** The article is formed from a number of separate pieces of paper pasted on newsprint. Some pages are stuck together.

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 199
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

US41/4/1/10  Paper on wire research  [c 1874]
Manuscript draft paper (or part of a paper) relating to the changes resulting from the heating and cooling of iron and steel wires.
1 folder
Access: Open

Physical description: The article is formed from a number of separate pieces of paper pasted on newsprint. Some pages are stuck together.

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 200

US41/4/1/11  Paper on wire research  [c 1874]
Manuscript draft of paper or part of a paper relating to the effects of heating and cooling on wire. Includes a section headed 'On the influence of momentum in displacing the true position of the kicks'.
1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 201

US41/4/1/12  Paper on wire research  [mid-late 19th century]
Manuscript draft of paper or part of a paper relating to the effects of heating and cooling on iron and steel wire. Includes sections headed 'On Permanent Expansion and Kicks'; 'On the causes of the kicks'; 'On the chemistry and microscopy of iron and steel'; 'Tests for manganese'; 'Colours of manganese salts'; 'Carbon: C=12'; 'An examination of the deposits reveals certain peculiarities'; 'Matters to be done'; and 'On the relation which subsists between the first and second kicks'.
1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 202

US41/4/2  Notes  [mid-late 19th century]
3 folders
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

Access: Open

US41/4/2/1 Wire research notes 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 [c 1875]
Numbered sets of manuscript notes relating to the effects of heating and cooling on iron and steel wire. Includes notes of experiments, questions, and draft paragraphs (possibly for use in articles).
1 folder
Access: Open

Physical description: The notes are pasted on newsprint or other paper.

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 197 (notes 1-3), 203 (part of) (notes 6-8) and 202 (part of) (notes 11).

US41/4/2/2 Notes on wire research, contractility, elasticity and cohesion [mid-late 19th century]
Manuscript notes including notes of experiments, notes for articles, diagrams and graphs. Includes experiments using iron and steel wires, India rubber and soap solution.
1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 208.

US41/4/2/3 Notes on wire research and physiological physics [mid-late 19th century]
Manuscript notes. Four plates from an unidentified paper on cohesion are also included.
1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 196, 205, 206 and unnumbered items found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/4/3 Diagrams of experiments and apparatus [mid-late 19th century]
Includes diagrams which appear to show experiments with wires and soap bubbles, and experiments relating to elasticity and contractility. Not dated.

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Papers of Richard Hill Norris

1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 210.

US41/4/4 Papers by other authors [mid-late 19th century]
3 items
Access: Open

US41/4/4/1 'On the hardening, tempering, and annealing of steel' 1879
Report (printed) by the Sub-Committee of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers to the Research Committee. The report includes references to Norris' work on the expansion and contraction of steel and iron wire.
1 item
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 205.

Manuscript notes relating to article.
1 item
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 205.

Manuscript copy of pages 11 and 12 (section referring to elasticity of matter) from Galloway’s book or article.
1 item
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 196.

US41/5 Segment and spinal cord research papers [mid-late 19th century]
Draft articles and notes relating to experiments which Norris described as 'segment' experiments and
experiments on spinal cord. These experiments primarily involved the decapitation of frogs and other animals to analyse 'muscular irritability' (movement of the muscles). Notes on 'anaesthesia' experiments are also included, in which movement and other effects on animals to which poisonous gas had been applied were analysed.

Norris published an article relating to this work entitled 'Researches on muscular irritability and the relations which exist between muscle, nerve and blood' published in the Journal of Anatomy and Physiology, Volume 1 Number 2 (1867) pages 217-236. Norris' paper 'On Stasis of the Blood, and Exudation' published in the 'Proceedings of the Royal Society of London' Volume 12 (1862-1863) also relates to his segment experiments.

1 folder, 3 vols

Access: Open

**US41/5/1** Volume 'X' 'Functions of spinal cord'

Volume containing manuscript paper on the functions of spinal cord, also relating to segment experiments. Some loose notes are also enclosed. Not dated.

1 volume

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Binding is in poor condition.

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 169.

**US41/5/2** Volume 'Y' 'Experiments on Segments and on resuscitation'

Volume of manuscript notes on segment and 'anaesthesia' experiments with animals. Some loose notes are inserted.

1 volume

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Binding is in very poor condition.

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 170.

**US41/5/3** Volume 'Z' 'Apparatus Connected with Experiments on

[1897]
# Papers of Richard Hill Norris

## Segments &c’

Volume containing manuscript notes relating to apparatus for experiments; and notes on segment experiments entitled ‘New Series of Experiments April 1897’.

1 volume

**Access:** Open

**Physical description:** Binding is in poor condition.

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 171.

### US41/5/4

Diagrams relating to (segment) experiments

Six diagrams which appear to show segment experiments. Not dated.

1 folder

**Access:** Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 210.

## Spiritualism papers

Manuscript and typescript notes relating to Norris’ research into spiritualism, and related topics including ‘allopsychism’ (the idea that a foreign mind could influence another) and ‘mesmerism’.

This includes notes on seances, ‘spirit writing’, notes on case studies and draft paragraphs for articles or essays on spiritualism. Some material by others collected by Norris including periodicals relating to spiritualism is also included.

See also US41/7 which includes correspondence relating to spiritualism.

94 vols, 95 folders

**Access:** Open

### US41/6/1

General indexes

Indexes to Norris’ notes and papers on spiritualism. These mainly relate to the ‘English letter series’ and ‘Greek letter series’ of books (see US41/6/7-8).

3 vols
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

Access: Open

US41/6/1/1 'General index'

Manuscript subject indexes to articles on spiritualism and mesmerism. The volume contains indexes for: Book A; B; C; D; E; F; G; H; I; J; Rho; L; M; N and O; P and Q; the two Books I; Alpha; Beta; Gamma; Delta; Epsilon; Zeta and R; Eta and S; Theta 1, 2 and 3; Iota; Kappa; Lambda; Nu; Omicron; and Tau.

Some manuscript notes are also enclosed including notes entitled: 'The Argument' (notes on Braid's argument); 'Second Report S.P.R. [Society of Psychological Research?] On Mesmerism'; 'First Report S.P.R. [Society of Psychological Research?] On Mesmerism'; 'Titles of Gurney's fourth paper; Volume V'; 'Barrett's Paper; Abnormal Conditions of Mind Vol 1 S.P.R. [Society of Psychological Research?]'; 'Rapports'; 'Cross Headings'; 'Headings of Chapters'; and various other notes.

1 vol

Access: Open

Physical description: Binding is in poor condition.

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 1.

US41/6/1/2 'Contents of Manuscript Books'

Notebook containing a summary of the contents of 'Books' in the English letter series (A-Z) and Greek letter series (Alpha to Iota) and also a list of 'tabulation sheets'.

1 vol

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 61.

US41/6/1/3 'Summary of my writings & studies of Mesmerism, Spiritism and Cognate subjects from 1846'

Notebook containing a summary of the contents of: Norris' books in the 'English letter series' A to Z; books in the 'Greek letter series' (Alpha to Sigma); essays 'in brown paper covers' (Cases 1-133); tabulation sheets (numbered 1-8).

An 'Analysis of 3 1/2 years trading from June 1895 to December 1898 (inclusive)' relating to the costs of
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

production at Norris' photographic plate business; and a list of notable dates for Norris' family and when 'spirit communications were obtained' are also included.

1 vol

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 71.

US41/6/2

Lists of paragraph references, books and cases

Lists of references to paragraphs on particular topics relating to spiritualism, and lists of books and cases relating to spiritualism.

11 vols

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 73.

US41/6/2/1

'Allopsychism (afferent & efferent)' index notebook

Notebook containing a list of paragraphs on 'allopsychism' in books A to I.

1 vol

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 73.

US41/6/2/2

'Catalogue of Library Books'

A list of books relating to spiritualism, in his own library, London Spiritualist Alliance Library, Old Library Birmingham, Birmingham University Library and Society of Psychical Research Library.

1 vol

Access: Open

Physical description: Binding is in poor condition.

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Dr Norris Papers Deposited By Ian Hasell 8.1.73'

US41/6/2/3

'Headlines to Essay on Allopsychism'

Notebook containing a manuscript list of subjects covered in the essay on allopsychism US41/6/11/15, with the corresponding paragraph numbers.

[mid 19th century-early 20th century]
US41/6/2/4  'Preconscious area, subliminal self, subconsciousness' notebook

Notebook described inside as 'Reference book to paragraphs treating of the preconscious area, subliminal self, subconsciousness &c, subjective mind' containing three questions.

1 notebook

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 69.

US41/6/2/5  'Quotations, References &c'. 'Book of Facts, Cases, Illustrations, Examples &c' notebook

Notebook containing a list of references to articles and other publications (by other people) which include quotations, facts, cases, illustrations and examples relating to spiritualism and mesmerism.

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Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 68.

US41/6/2/6  'Reference Collecting Book' 'Mesmerism'

Volume containing references to articles and other papers on the subject of 'mesmerism', referring to works by Hudson and Liebault. Only a very small number of entries have been made in the book.

1 vol

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Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 90

US41/6/2/7  'References to cases for the formation of Appendices to the various Essays' notebook

Notebook containing references to cases (in order of paragraph number) for the formation of appendices.

[c 1908]
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Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 82.

US41/6/2/8 ‘Reference to Paragraphs in [Bk?] relating to an An inductive Enquiry into the Nature of Ultrasensuous or Spiritual Being’

Notebook containing an index to paragraphs in Book A and B relating to ‘An inductive Enquiry into the Nature of Ultrasensuous or Spiritual Being’.

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Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 76

US41/6/2/9 ‘Reference to paragraphs treating of Mesmerism Hypnotism & Cervellisation’

Notebook containing an index for Books A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H listing the paragraph numbers in each book relating to mesmerism, hypnotism and cervellisation.

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Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 66

US41/6/2/10 ‘Reference to Paragraphs treating of Telepathy’

Notebook containing an index to paragraphs (in books A, B, C, E, F, G, H and J) relating to ‘telepathy’.

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Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 79.

US41/6/2/11 ‘Titles of Books wanted for perusal’ notebook

Notebook containing a list of titles of books which Norris wished to read relating to spiritualism and hypnotism.

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US41/6/2/12 'Titles of cases for tabulation & analysis' [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Notebook containing a list of cases for analysis, and other notes relating to spiritualism including notes regarding 'rapport' between people and 'spirits'.

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Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 67.

US41/6/3 Case notes [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

A numbered series of folios containing essays, notes and other items relating to spiritualism, including various case studies of supposed spiritualist phenomena and mediums.

Some folios which were labelled but had no contents were found in the collection. These labels were removed, and have been collected together as US41/6/3/63. These empty folios account for some of the gaps in the numbering sequence, but for some other numbers in the sequence there was no folder present.

Case note file number 85 does not relate to spiritualism, see US41/2/3/4.

51 folders, 10 vols

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Printed photographs (most extracted from 'Light' periodical) of people connected with spiritualism.

The photographs are of: Mr Hudson Tuttle (medium and author), Charles Richet (President of the Society for Psychical Research), Mrs J. Stannard, Mrs Laura I. Finch (Editor of 'The Annals of Psychical Science'), Major-General Drayson (Vice-President of the London Spiritualist Alliance Ltd), Andrew Jackson Davis, Princess Karadja, Madame E. D'Esperance, The Hon. Alexander Aksakof, Mrs Annie Besant, and Rosamond Templeton (Mrs Laurence Oliphant); and a cabinet print of...
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US41/6/3/2 21. 'Mrs Thompson's Mediumship'  [c 1900]

Manuscript essay relating to Mrs Thompson, a medium (born in 1868), including seances with Mr Myers, Mrs Verrall, and Norris.

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Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 2

US41/6/3/3 22. 'Spirit Photography'  [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Manuscript essay relating to photography of 'spirits'.

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 2

US41/6/3/4 23. 'Mediumship of Mrs Haughton. From Book 2'  [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Manuscript essay relating to Mrs Haughton, a medium.

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US41/6/3/5 24. 'Trail trackings of human beings by spirits while controlling media'  [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Page of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism.

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25. 'Claughton Case'

Manuscript essay of the case of Mrs Claughton, a psychic.

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26. 'Conscious Telepathy & Spontaneous Spirit Telepathy'

Manuscript essay relating to 'telepathy'.

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27. 'Mesmeric Notes'

Manuscript notes relating to 'mesmerism'. Index at front lists the following subjects: 'cervellization; suggestion; sympathetic visualisation (clairvoyance); sympathetic audition (clairaudience); sympathetic gestation (taste); sympathetic olfaction (smell); sympathetic tactility (touch); sympathetic motions (neuro-muscular action); somnambulation; lucid somnambulation; rapport; magnets, metals &c; phreno-mesmerism; subjects feelings; hypnotism & natural sleep; Liebeault & Bernheim; physical effluence'. A press cutting 'Can we communicate with the Dead?' from 'Answers' 11 December 1909 is also included.

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28. 'An Inquiry into the laws which govern spirit intercourse with man'

Manuscript article relating to spiritualism. Includes case studies of 'Dr Dexter's Daughter'; John Lacy; Jane Keyes; and 'Analysis of Dr Dexter's Mediumship'. See also US41/6/6.
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US41/6/3/10 29. 'Sex relations in the spirit world or state' [c 1902]
Manuscript notes relating to sexual relationships between 'spirits'.
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US41/6/3/11 30. 'Mediumship of Andrew Jackson Davis. From Book 2' [mid 19th century-early 20th century]
Manuscript notes relating to Andrew Jackson Davis, a medium and clairvoyant, with photographic copies of a printed article.
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US41/6/3/12 31. 'The Indian Yoga' [mid 19th century-early 20th century]
Manuscript notes (one page) relating to 'The Indian Yoga'.
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US41/6/3/13 32. [Miss Kate's Book] [1901-1905]
Manuscript notes relating to spiritualism including notes on the experiences of Norris' daughter Kate. This file is named 'Miss Kate's Book' on the contents list of the original box.
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Manuscript essay relating to Mrs Mary Hollis, a medium studied by Dr Napoleon Bonaparte Wolfe of Cincinnati.
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Manuscript essay relating to David Duguid, a medium.
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US41/6/3/22 40. Telepathy; Class 1. Simple distant allopsychism'
Manuscript notes relating to six cases of 'telepathy'.
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41. 'The Bach Case'
Manuscript essay on the case of Monsieur N.G. Bach relating to spiritualism.
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42. 'Personal statements of spirits as to the nature of the world they inhabit'
Manuscript notes on the 'personal statements of spirits'.
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Manuscript essay relating to spiritualism.
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44. 'The Rotterdam Case; The Survey Demoniac'
Manuscript essay on the case of Mr (Noorwych?) of Rotterdam; and case of 'The Surrey Demoniach, or an account of Satan's strange and dreadful actings in and about the body of Richard Dugdale, of Surrey, near Whalley, in Lancashire'.
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45. 'On the phenomena of proximity & contact in relation to the physiological basis of "rapports"'
Manuscript essay relating to spiritualism including notes relating to the mediums David Dugard and Helene Smith.
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US41/6/3/37 69. 'Personal sensory allopsychic experiences' [c 1906]

Manuscript notes on Norris' 'allopsychic experiences' between 1867 and 1906. Notes on Swedenborg's experiences are also included for comparison.

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US41/6/3/38 70. 'Mediumship & Identity' [c 1901]

Manuscript and typescript essays and notes relating to spiritualism.

Includes essay 'An Inquiry into the question as to whether any reliable information can be obtained through mediumship of the continued existence of our own dead & of their condition & mode of life in the infra sensuous or so called spirit state'; essay on seance by medium Mrs Lydia Marks of 6 F Bickenhall Mansion, near Baker Street Station, London visited by Norris on 9 May 1901; and essay on seance by medium Von Bourg attended by Norris on 10 May 1901.

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US41/6/3/39 71. 'Authors Personal Rapports' [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Manuscript essay on 'personal rapports' with 'spirits'.

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72. 'Psychical Society'

Manuscript drafts or copies of letters from Norris relating to spiritualism including a letter to R. Hodgson; a letter to F.W.H. Myers dated 14 December 1897 (which includes explanation of why he had not published his material on spiritualism); and a letter to Dr Simons dated 22 October 1904.

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73. 'Early Experiences'

Manuscript essay on Norris' early experiences of spiritualism and mesmerism including information on seances attended by Norris and works read by Norris.

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74. [Short typed essays & notes]

Typescript essays relating to spiritualism.

The folder contains essays entitled: 'The Percy Linpott Foxwell Case' (regarding a man found drowned in the Thames near the water-works at Thames Ditton, discovered by a 'clairvoyant'); 'Some laws of secondary neural life'; 'Spiritualistic Sociology'; 'Dr. Norris and Mr. Glover'; 'On Consciousness'; 'An experimental attempt to convey the thoughts of sitters to a spirit through a medium (self) in the normal state'; 'Advantages of Association in the Study of Spiritism'; 'Merging of Dreams into the Actual Waking Life'; 'Thoughts on Spirit Intercourse'; 'On intercourse with spirit friends & relatives'; 'Psychology. Reality'; 'Relation of Place and State to Men and Spirits'; 'Mrs. Emma Hardinge and Vaudooism'; and 'Mediumship among spirits'.

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US41/6/3/47 79. 'On The relations of Earth, Hell & the Mid-Region or Complemental World'

Manuscript essay relating to spiritualism.

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US41/6/3/48 80. 'Letter on subject of spiritism'

Manuscript letter relating to spiritism, 'to men of science'.

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US41/6/3/49 81. 'Notes for Essay on autopsychism, allopsychism & peripheralism'

Notebook including index to paragraphs on auto and allopsychism in Books A (US41/6/7/1) and Nu (US41/6/8/12) and other manuscript notes relating to spiritualism. Two pages of notes relating to blood are also included.

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US41/6/3/50 83. 'Incident in the mediumship of J. Murray Spear'

Manuscript notes relating to John Murray Spear, a medium.

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US41/6/3/51 89. 'Marquis De Puyssegur & Victor' [late 19th century-early 20th century]

Typescript notes relating to the case of Count Puyssegur and Victor, 'the earliest recorded case of artificially induced somnambulism'.

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US41/6/3/52 91. 'Mediumship of Madame Desperance'; 'Cryptic agencies & Mme Desperance' [late 19th century-early 20th century]

Typescript essays (and some manuscript notes) relating to spiritualism.

Includes essays entitled 'The French Lady'; 'Sven Stromberg'; 'Madam D'Esperance and Automatic Writing, Advent of Walter Tracey and Humnur Stafford'; 'Automatic Writing'; 'Shall I be "Anna" or "Anna" be I?'; 'Materialisation of Emanuel Lynch'; and 'A spirit in afferency merely, seeks and finds an efferent outlet'. A printed photograph of (Guspu...?) from supplement to 'Light' 16 March 1912.

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Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 8

US41/6/3/53 94. 'Fanny Westoby & Stainton Moses' [c 1874]

Typescript and manuscript notes relating to the communication of a 'spirit' named Fanny Westoby with Mr Stainton Moses on 8 April 1874, from Proceedings of the Society of Psychical Research Volume 11, with an analysis of the case.

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Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 8

US41/6/3/54 96. 'The case of Miss Lute and of Mr Heaphy' [late 19th century-early 20th century]

Typescript notes with manuscript annotations relating to
the case of Thomas Heaphy, a portrait painter who 'met' a 'spirit lady' named 'Miss Lute'.

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Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 8

US41/6/3/55 97. 'Mediumship of Andrew Jackson Davis; vide also Folio 30, 1st series'

Typescript essay on Andrew Jackson Davis 'The Pough-keepsie Seer', a medium.

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Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 8

US41/6/3/56 '113. Esdaile & Blind Subject'

Typescript notes relating to Esdaile's 'imagination theory'.

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Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 10

US41/6/3/57 '114. Human mesmerist & N. Dunscombe'

Typescript notes relating to a mesmerist and Mr N. Dunscombe, J.P.

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Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 10

US41/6/3/58 '115. H.S. Thompson & Mrs Thornton'

Typescript notes relating to mesmerism.

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US41/6/3/59  ‘116. H.S. Thompson & Miss Crowther’
Typescript notes relating to ‘thought-reading’.
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Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 10

US41/6/3/60  ‘119. Miss Barr & Sister’
Typescript notes relating to ‘will-power’.
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Access: Open
Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 10

US41/6/3/61  ‘120. Mr Lewis Jun. & E.C.’
Typescript notes relating to ‘magnetising’.
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Access: Open
Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 10

US41/6/3/62  ‘122. G A Smith & Mrs W
Typescript notes relating to hypnotism and Mr G.A. Smith and Mrs W in Brighton.
1 folder
Access: Open
Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 10

US41/6/3/63  Labels from empty case notes folders and boxes
Labels removed from empty folders for case note files and from the boxes containing the case notes.
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Access: Open
Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 2 to 10 (except 6) and all of Norris 6 and 11 to 13 (these numbers only contained empty folders), and the box label

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from Norris 16 (the box was empty).

US41/6/4 'Mona' series of brown paper folios
Numbered series of typescript and manuscripts essays or notes relating to spiritualism and mesmerism. Fifty-one 'Mona' folios are listed in the contents list (US41/6/4/1), but only nine folios and the contents list have been found.

10 folders
Access: Open

US41/6/4/1 0. 'Index of Mona series of brown paper folios'
A list of the titles of the 'Mona' series of 51 folios.

1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 15.

US41/6/4/2 1. 'Protoplasm, Bioplasm, Germ Plasm; Heredity & hereditary tendencies'
Typescript article relating to heredity in cells and to protoplasm, bioplasm and germ plasm, and on the 'psychical' aspect of these.

1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 15.

US41/6/4/3 4. 'Modern views of Matter and Force'
Manuscript and typescript notes relating to matter, force and spiritualism.

1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 15.

US41/6/4/4 6. 'The primary and secondary neural worlds and the non-neural worlds'
Manuscript notes relating to spiritualism.

[mid 19th century-early 20th century]
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**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 15.

**US41/6/4/5**

9. Index to paragraphs on energy, physical force, physiological force and physical force in the English letter series of books [late 19th century-early 20th century]


1 folder
Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 95.

**US41/6/4/6**

11. 'Notes on facts and theories relating to Psychometry' [1887-1906]

Manuscript notes relating to 'psychometry' including notes on a seance with Mrs Lord involving J.D. Featherstonehaugh.

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Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 15.

**US41/6/4/7**

17. 'Cases indicating precognition' [c 1902]

Typescript notes relating to the cases of Mrs Drake (in St Louis, 1902) and Mrs Lord (in Leadville, 1881).

1 folder
Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 14.

**US41/6/4/8**

21. 'Use of photographs in determining identity' [late 19th century-early 20th century]

Typescript notes relating to taking photographs at Mrs Lord's seances.

1 folder
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**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 14.

US41/6/4/9 23. 'Physical manifestations in apparent absence of mediumship'

Typescript notes relating to Mrs Maud E. Lord's seances (in Chicago) in 1886.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 14.

US41/6/4/10 24. 'Multiple mediumship disadvantageous'

Typescript notes relating to a seance attended by Mrs Lord, Mr Robert Cooper, Mr J.J. Morse and others.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 14.

US41/6/5 Other case notes

Notes on case studies of spiritualist phenomena. The notes look at the cases of Christina Beauchamp, Blanche Wittmann, 'M' and Mrs Thompson.

5 folders, 2 vols

Access: Open

US41/6/5/1 'Analysis of cases of "mental rapport"'

Book of notes analysing various case studies of 'rapport' with spirits including 'the Moseley incident'; 'the Brothers Norway'; and 'Mr Wood's Cash Box'.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, in box 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/6/5/2 'Folio 104'. 'Blanche Wittman & Profess. Janet'

Manuscript notes relating to the case of Blanche Wittman, a woman with multiple personalities.

[C 1888]
Manuscript and typescript notes relating to spiritualism on the cases of 'M' (which Norris argued was a case of hypnotism by spirits) and of Christine L. Beauchamp (who had multiple personalities, which Norris argued was caused by spirits).

Typescript notes entitled 'Consults Dr Morton Prince' relating to the work of Morton Prince (an American physician) on the case of Miss Beauchamp, a woman with multiple personalities.

Notebook containing notes regarding the case of Miss Beauchamp.

Typescript notes relating to the work of Morton Prince (an American physician) on the case of Miss Beauchamp, a woman with multiple personalities.
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Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 118

**US41/6/5/7** 'Thompson Mrs.' notebook  
[c  1907]

Notebook containing notes relating to the case of Mrs [Rosina] Thompson, a medium studied by [Frederik] Van Eeden. A loose enclosure containing notes on 'Bergson's Hypothesis' is also included.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 83.

**US41/6/6** 'An Inquiry Into The Laws Which Govern Spirit Intercourse with Man'  
[late 19th century-early 20th century]

Series of typescript and manuscript volumes examining spiritualist topics. The volumes contain a note that they were forwarded to the Psychical Research Society by John Hall-Edwards at the instigation of Sir Oliver Lodge in 1925. According to the note in the volumes, there should be seven volumes, but only six volumes have been found. No evidence was found to suggest these volumes were published.

See also US41/6/3/9.

6 vols

Access: Open

**US41/6/6/1** Book 'j'; 'An inquiry into The Laws which govern Spirit intercourse with Man'  
[Late 19th century-early 20th century]

One of seven volumes of the series 'An inquiry into The Laws which govern Spirit intercourse with Man'. This volume was originally 'Book J' (part of the 'English letter series' of books) containing paragraphs numbered 2441 to 2589.

The contents page lists the following sections in the volume: 'The genesis or initiative of Spirit intercourse with man'; 'Intercourse of spirits with each other'; 'Relation of spirits to Allopsychism and Telepathy'; 'Reciprocal telepathy and allopsychism'; 'Moseley incident'; 'Case of John Lacy'; 'Jane Keyes'; 'Dr Dexter'; 'Conscious
telepathy'; 'Preconscious telepathy'; 'Spirit telepathy'; 'Experimental spirit telepathy'; 'Spontaneous spirit telepathy'; 'Simple spirit telepathy'; 'Rev P H Newnham and Wife'; 'Home and Uncle Tilden'; 'Home and Mrs Elmer'; 'Case of the Rev C C Wanbey'; 'Post conscious or memory telepathy'; 'Personal rapports'; 'Mediumship of Mrs Piper'; 'Consciousness'; 'General propositions'; 'Rapports'; 'Mrs H S Thompson and Miss Crowther'; 'Mr Joseph Norris and Dr Norris'; 'Mr Dugard and Dr Norris'; 'Mesmerist and N Dunscombe J P'; 'Mr and Rev Stainton Moses'; 'Mr G A Smith and Mrs W'; 'Marcella and others and Alex Didia'; 'Colonel Llewellyn and the Didier control'; 'Mr H S B and L S V and L C V'; 'Dr Costello and the Dideir control'; 'The Beasley incident'; 'Mr H S Thompson and Mrs Thornton'; 'Eesdailes Blind Subject'; 'Mr H S Thompson and two friends'; 'Dr Norris and Robert May'; 'Rev Lawson Sisson and Miss Cook'; 'Miss Alice Baker and Dr Norris'; 'Mr S H B and Miss Verity'; 'Examples of delayed or arrested telepathy'; 'Mr S H B and Mrs L'; 'General remarks'; 'Foxwill Case'; 'Mr Glover and Dr Norris'; and 'Merging of dreams'.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume (listed as Book J).

1 vol

Access: Open

Physical description: Binding is damaged.

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 29.
18) of the ‘English letter series’.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 31

**US41/6/6/4** 'An inquiry into The Laws which govern Spirit intercourse with Man'

[late 19th century-early 20th century]

One of the volumes of the series 'An inquiry into The Laws which govern Spirit intercourse with Man'. This volume includes notes entitled 'Researches in Psycho-Physiology'; and 'Catechism of Spiritism', and contains paragraphs extracted from the 'English letter series' and 'Greek letter series' of books (US41/6/7-8).

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 33.

**US41/6/6/5** 'An inquiry into The Laws which govern Spirit intercourse with Man'

[early 20th century]

One of the volumes of the series 'An inquiry into The Laws which govern Spirit intercourse with Man'. This volume contains a study of 'The case of Mary Roff and Mary Lurancy Vennum' studied by Dr E.W. Stevens, a case of 'secondary personality'.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 34

**US41/6/6/6** 'An inquiry into The Laws which govern Spirit intercourse with Man'

[early 20th century]

One of the volumes of the series 'An inquiry into The Laws which govern Spirit intercourse with Man'. This volume examines a case which was recorded in Volume 49 Number 207 of the Journal of Mental Science entitled 'A Case of Double Consciousness'.

1 vol

Access: Open
Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 35

'Spanish letter series' of books

Series of volumes labelled A to W (described by Norris as the 'Spanish letter series'), containing notes relating to spiritualism and mesmerism. The 'books' appear to be unpublished. Additional typed copies of the books or parts of the books and a 'Complemental' book to Book S are also included in this series. Books labelled X, Y and Z by Norris are not included in this sub-series because they do not relate to spiritualism.

Books A to J and M are described in US41/6/1/1 as 'written notes made at the time thought of during several years'; N and O as 'confined to hypnotism'; P as 'an analysis of Mrs Piper'; Q as 'a diagrammatic book of rapports'; R as 'on insanity'; S as 'prop: auto, allopsychic and peripheral'; T as 'life and consciousness'; U as 'religious mediumship'; V as 'series of early reflections'; W as 'materialization'; X, Y and Z as 'physiological (segments etc)'.

US41/6/1/2-3 contain brief summaries of the contents of these volumes, and US41/6/1/1 provides an index of most of these volumes.

See also US41/6/2 and US41/6/4/9 which includes lists of paragraphs contained in the 'Spanish letter series' on particular topics. For book J see US41/6/6/1, and for books X to Z (which do not relate to spiritualism) see US41/5/1-3. See US41/6/9 for some of the original notes used in creating some of the 'Spanish letter series' of books.

6 folders, 21 vols

Access: Open

US41/6/7/1 'A' [1886]

Volume of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism. Contains paragraphs numbered 1 to 282.

US41/6/1/3 describes the book as 'slips copied by Mrs Kenyon from 1-282'.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 18

US41/6/7/2 'B' [1885-1887]

Volume of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism. Contains paragraphs numbered 283 to 710.

US41/6/1/3 describes the book as 'slips copied by Mrs K[enyon] from 283-710'.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 19

US41/6/7/3 'C' [1887]

Volume of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism. Contains paragraphs numbered 710 to 909.

US41/6/1/3 describes the volume as 'slips copied by Mrs K[enyon] from 711 1001 also type writing': 'On the nature of mind'; 'On the psychical entity'; 'On protoplasm'; 'On consciousness'; 'On subpsychic force'; 'On molecular motion'; 'On cervellisation'; 'On allopsychism'; 'On volition'; 'On passes'; On effortizing (Newton)'; 'On memory'; 'On suggestion'; 'On hysteria and hypnotism'; 'On effluences'; 'On mesmerism'; 'On circles, medium etc'; and 'Andrew Jackson Davies'.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 20

US41/6/7/4 'Book D. 1049-1238' [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Volume of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism. Contains paragraphs numbered 1049 to 1238.

Described in US41/6/1/3 as "original slips arranged under definite headings as follows 'relation of spirits to each other' 1-4; 'The spirit world and its inhabitants' 4-130; 'The
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moral deadlock' 130-140; 'Source of Religious' 140-154; 'Insanity' 158-190''.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 21

US41/6/7/5

'D'

Folder labelled 'D' containing typescript notes relating to spiritualism. The notes in this folder are a typescript copy of paragraphs 1059 to 1238 from 'Book D' (US41/6/7/4).

Described in US41/6/1/3 as 'original slips arranged under definite headings as follows: 'relation of spirits to each other' 1-4; 'The spirit world and its inhabitants' 4-130; 'The moral deadlock' 130-140; 'Source of Religious' 140-154; 'Insanity' 158-190'.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this folder.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 106.

US41/6/7/6

'Book E, 1239-1592'

Volume of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism.

The contents of the volume are listed as: 'Study of the nature of ultraspinous personalities'; 'Preconscious & post conscious areas'; 'Braidism or hypnotism & allopsychism or mesmerism'; 'Meaning of suggestion'; 'Organic auto & allopsychism'; 'Hypnotism & mesmerism'; 'Physiology & psychology of Trance'; 'Reincarnation of spirits by afferent rapport'; 'Autopsychic and allopsychic dreaming'; 'Personal experiences'; 'Nature of death'; 'Physical mediumship'; 'Friends in spirit life'; and 'Scraps'.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume. A typescript copy of paragraphs 1239 to 1290 is included in US41/6/7/7.

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Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 22.

**US41/6/7/7**

'E'

Folder labelled 'E' containing a typescript copy of paragraphs numbered 1239 to 1290 from 'Book E' (US41/6/7/6).

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of the paragraphs in this folder.

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Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 104

**US41/6/7/8**

'Book F' 'Paragraphs 1592-1772'

Manuscript notes relating to spiritualism. Includes paragraphs numbered 1592 to 1772, 1810 and 1811.

US41/6/1/3 describes the contents as: 'Discussion of rapports and rapport stuff' 1-21; 'Consciousness, energy, mind, matter, force' 21-75; 'Allopsychism human & spirit'; 'Afferent & efferent rapports' 75-233; and 'Telepathy' 233-245.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

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Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 24.

**US41/6/7/9**

'F'

Folder containing typescript notes relating to spiritualism. The folder contains paragraphs numbered 1592 to 1772, which formed 'Book F'.

US41/6/1/3 describes the contents as: 'Discussion of rapports and rapport stuff'; 'Consciousness, energy, mind, matter, force'; 'Allopsychism human & spirit'; 'Afferent & efferent rapports'; and 'Telepathy'.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

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Manuscript and typescript notes relating to spiritualism. Contains typescript paragraphs numbered 1773 to 1807 and manuscript paragraphs numbered 1773 to 1853 (some notes appear to be missing within these sequences). These paragraphs are part of Book G, according to US41/6/1/3.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of these paragraphs (indexed with volume F).

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Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 105.

US41/6/7/10 [G] [late 19th century-early 20th century]

Manuscript notes relating to spiritualism. These notes are the content of 'Book G'. Contains paragraphs numbered 1854 to 2123.

US41/6/1/3 describes the contents as: 'Exorcism & supercession' 1-6, 9-14; 'General reflections on various aspects of the subject' 17-134. US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this folder.

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Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 120

US41/6/7/11 [G] [late 19th century]

Volume of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism described as 'notes on all aspects of the subject' in US41/6/1/3 containing paragraphs numbered 2124 to 2320'.

Titles of notes include: 'Dr Gore'; 'death'; 'pangenesis'; 'preliminary state'; 'thought a radiant force', 'reality', 'spirit percipiency'; 'experimental thought transfer'; 'human allopsychism', 'general interest of spirits no mediumship; 'man as a cause'; 'mechanisms for aiding communication'; 'interpsychic medium'; 'antipsychism';
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‘theology’; ‘mesmeric fluid’; ‘paucity of communication’; ‘affinity of forces with each other’; and ‘choice of an agent or allpsychist’.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 25.

US41/6/7/13 'Book I. Paragraphs 2321-2440. Mesmerism' [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Volume labelled inside ‘Tentative Essay on Mesmerism’ containing manuscript notes relating to spiritualism, including notes on ‘peripheral excitation’ and ‘cervellisation’. Volume contains paragraphs numbered 2321 to 2440.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 26

US41/6/7/14 'Book K par: 2589-2087' [1866-1903]

Volume containing manuscript notes of seances. Volume contains paragraphs numbered 2590 to 3087. Some pages of ‘automatic writing’ are also enclosed.

US41/6/1/3 describes the contents as: ‘Automatic or allopsychic writing or messages’.

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 27

US41/6/7/15 'L. Reflections' [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Volume of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism. The volume contains paragraphs numbered 3073 to 3387.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume
Access: Open

Physical description: Binding is in poor condition.

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 28

US41/6/7/16

'm'. 'Notes & Questions on all aspects of the subject' [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Volume of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism including questions and answers; and various other notes. Contains paragraphs numbered 3355 to 3561.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

Physical description: Binding is in poor condition.

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 60.

US41/6/7/17

'n'. 'First Book on Mesmerism' [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Volume containing manuscript notes relating to mesmerism and spiritualism. Contains paragraphs numbered 3561 to 3985. Some loose notes are also enclosed.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 59.

US41/6/7/18

'o'. 'Second Book on Mesmerism' [late 19th century-early 20th century]

Volume containing manuscript notes relating to mesmerism. Contains paragraphs 3985 to 4087.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

Physical description: Binding is in poor condition.

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 58
'p'. 'Mrs Piper's Mediumship'

Volume containing manuscript notes relating to Mrs [Leonore] Piper, a medium.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 57

'q'. 'Diagrammatic Book of Rapports'

Volume of manuscript notes relating to 'rapport' (the connection) between people and 'spirits', including diagrams of 'rapport'. Notes entitled 'An attempt by Dr Norris to critically analyse some of his own supernormal experiences' are also included.

Some unrelated notes on the French language are also included.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 56

'r'. 'Analysis of Cases of Insanity showing their relation to autopsychic & allopsychic hypnotism, Human & spiritistic, Questions for diagnosis, vide Tabulation Sheet 3 & Index Zeta'

Volume of manuscript notes relating to insanity and spiritualism. Includes 'Questions for the examination of presumed cases of insanity'; notes on 'Motor, Emotional & Ideo-Motor Insanity'; notes on two case studies 'The Alton Murderer' and 'Esquirol'.

US41/6/1/1 (pages 713-739, entries with red numbers) contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 55
'Questions to be applied in the analysis of presumed cases of Allopsychism'

Volume of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism. Includes notes on 'Researches in Psycho-Physiology'; list of questions for presumed cases of 'allopsychism'; notes on 'Subdivisions of Telepathy made by Edmund Gurney'; and 'Analysis of examples of supernormal activities from a work of Camille Flammarion entitled "L'Incounu" Harper & Brothers 1900 London & New York'.

Various case studies are also included: Tabulation number 8 'Rene Kraemer & his aunt Bloch'; 9 'M. D.Kerkhove'; 10 'L'incommu Dr Vogler & his grandmother'; 50 'Wilmot & wife & Mr Lait'; 51 'Robert Browning and Count Guinasi of Ravenna'; 52 'The Clockmaker & Miss Caroline B Morse Vermont'; 5 'Mrs Harris and her Uncle William'; 33 'Costello and Didier'; 34 'Colonel Llewellyn & Didier'; 35 'The Reverend C.H. Townshend & Didier'; 36 'Marcillet & Didier'; 77 'Cryptic agency & Monsieur Vergniat'; and 'Case of Mlle. Sara Adele Benjanie N... & Emile Deschamp'.

US41/6/1/1 (pages 741-766), entries with red numbers) contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 54

'Questions & Notes. S. A. Complemental Book to S.'

'Question Book'

Volume containing a series of questions relating to spiritualism. The volume includes questions relating to 'telepathy'; a 'series of questions to be applied to cases of insanity'; and 'a series of questions designed to facilitate the analysis of obscure forms of telepathy of proximate allopsychism during the state of sleep or of normal conscious alertness'.

1 volume

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 84
Volume containing manuscript notes relating to spiritualism. Some notes relating to blood, bone marrow and the chemistry of gems are also included.

US41/6/1/1 (pages 523-547, entries with paragraph numbers in black ink) contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 53

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Volume containing manuscript notes relating to spiritualism.

US41/6/1/1 (pages 523-547, entries with paragraph numbers in red ink) contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 52.

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Volume of manuscript notes relating to 'religious mediumship' and notes entitled 'Fundamental notions or hints towards the construction of a rational religion which shall have science or exact knowledge as its basis'.

1 volume

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Binding is in poor condition.

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 51

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Volume of manuscript notes relating to 'materialization' (the appearance of a spirit in bodily form) and 'volition' (the will of animals to carry out an action).

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 52.
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1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 50

US41/6/8 'Greek letter series' of books

Series of volumes containing notes relating to spiritualism.

A summary of the contents of these volumes is contained in US41/6/1/2-3. Most of the volumes in the series are indexed in US41/6/1/1.

1 folder, 15 vols

Access: Open

US41/6/8/1 'Alpha'. 'Cervellic Question Book'

Volume containing manuscript questions and answers relating to hypnotism, sleep, catalepsy, lethargy, somnambulism [sleep walking] and 'cervillization', and related topics. Not dated.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 43

US41/6/8/2 'Beta'. 'General Psychological Question Book'

Volume of manuscript questions and answers relating to spiritualism.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 42

US41/6/8/3 'Gamma'. 'Materialization Question Bk; Catechism of Spiritism Page 100' (and account book)

Volume initially used as an account book (for the Birmingham Collodion Plate Company) detailing expenditure in date order. The volume was later used as...


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Book ‘Gamma’ containing questions and answers on ‘materialization’ and ‘catechism of spiritism’.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of book ‘Gamma’.

1 volume

Access: Open

Physical description: Binding has been damaged.

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 41

US41/6/8/4 'Delta'. 'Personal Question Book'

Volume of manuscript questions and answers relating to spiritualism, including 'conversations' with 'spirits' and Norris' personal experiences of 'spirits'.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 40

US41/6/8/5 'Epsilon'. 'Hypnotism of Animals'. 'Cervellization of animals lower than man - Question book' (and prescription records for May 1891)

Volume originally used to contain records of prescriptions given to patients in May 1891. The volume was later used as Book 'Epsilon' containing questions and answers relating to hypnotism or 'cervellization' of animals.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 39

US41/6/8/6 'Zeta' 'Insanity Facts, propositions & phenomena.'

Volume containing various 'facts', propositions and notes on phenomena relating to insanity and spiritualism.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Binding has been damaged.

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 38

US41/6/8/7

'Eta Proposition Book' 'Propositions &c. Autopsychic, allopsychic & peripheral'

Volume containing 'propositions educed from the study of psychical experiences & phenomena'.

US41/6/1/1 (pages 741-766) contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Binding is in poor condition.

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 37

US41/6/8/8

'Theta (1)' notebook

Notebook containing manuscript note relating to spiritualism. Paragraphs on pages 1 to 51 are noted as having been typed into Book C.

The three 'Theta' notebooks are described in US41/6/1/3 as 'general notes, stenographic & pocket book & reporting book'.

US41/6/1/1 (pages 768-794) contains a subject index of this volume.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Binding is in poor condition.

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 49

US41/6/8/9

'Theta (2)' notebook

Notebook containing manuscript notes relating to spiritualism. The three 'Theta' notebooks are described in US41/6/1/3 as 'general notes, stenographic & pocket book & reporting book'.

US41/6/1/3 [mid 19th century-early 20th century]
US41/6/1/1 (pages 768-794) contains a subject index of this volume.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 48

US41/6/8/10 'Theta (3)' notebook

Notebook containing manuscript notes relating to spiritualism. The three 'Theta' notebooks are described in US41/6/1/3 as 'general notes, stenographic & pocket book & reporting book'. Not dated.

US41/6/1/1 (pages 768-794) contains a subject index of this volume.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 47

US41/6/8/11 'Iota' 'General Book 1903-4' (also including notes of photography experiments) [1894-1904]

Volume initially used to record a summary of results from photography experiments between 1894 and 1896. The volume was later re-used as Book 'Iota' containing manuscript notes relating to spiritualism.

US41/6/1/1 (pages 796-820) contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 46

US41/6/8/12 'Nu' 'General Book 1904, 5, 6' [1904-1906]

Volume of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism.

US41/6/1/1 (pages 882-907) contains a subject index of this volume.

1 volume

Access: Open
Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 45

US41/6/8/13 'Paragraphs copied by Mrs. Kenyon from Book Nu'
Folder containing manuscript and typescript draft paragraphs of notes relating to spiritualism.
1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 98

US41/6/8/14 'Rho. Analysis of cases of allopyschism and telepathy also headings under which these subjects may be treated' and 'Headings under which the subjects may be presented'
Volume of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism. Includes an index of slips (of notes); a list of headings; notes of 'facts' and 'inferences' relating to spiritualism; and an 'analysis of some cases accepted by the Society of Psychical Research in their work on phantasms of the living and in the Journal and Proceedings of the Society also of some of my own'.
Includes a series of case studies including 'Esdaile's Blind Subject'; 'The Reverend Lawson Sisson and Miss Cook'; 'H. Dunscombe Esq. J.P.'; 'Mr H.S. Thompson and Mrs Thornton', 'Mr H.S. Thompson and Miss Crowther'; 'Mr H.S. Thompson and L.F.C.', 'Mr J.H.B. and Miss Verity'; 'Mr J.A. Smith and Mrs W.'; 'Mr H.S. Thompson and Two Friends'; 'Mr and Reverend Stainton Moses'; 'Mr Dugard and Dr Norris (own experience)'; 'Mr Joseph Norris and Dr Norris (personal experience)'; 'Mr H.S.B. and Miss L.S.V. and E.C.V.'; 'Mr S.H.B. and Mrs L.; 'Miss Alice Baker (my niece) and Dr Norris (personal experience)'; 'The Beasley incident (a telepathic dream - personal experience)'; 'Robert May and Dr Norris (personal experience)'; and 'Case of George Marlow [Junior]'.

US41/6/1/1 contains a subject index of this volume.
1 volume
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 64
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

US41/6/8/15 'Sigma' 'General Book 1907, 8, 9, 10' [1907-1910]
Volume of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism.
1 volume
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 44

US41/6/8/16 'Book Tau No. 1' notebook [c 1904]
Notebook containing a manuscript list of topics, questions, hypotheses or observations relating to spiritualism.
Described in US41/6/1/1 as 'written paragraphs in various books'.
US41/6/1/1 (pages 1023-1049) contains a subject index of this volume, and also of a second 'Tau' book (this has not been found).
1 vol
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 81

US41/6/8/17 'Upsilon' 'Book Upsilon Recent Notes' [1900s]
Folder of typescript notes relating to spiritualism. Includes notes on seances and supposed spirit communications, and other notes relating to spiritualism.
1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 103.

US41/6/9 Loose numbered paragraphs [late 19th century]
Manuscript notes relating to spiritualism. Each note is individually numbered. The numbers used match with the paragraph numbers used in the 'English letter series' of books, into which these notes have been copied into.
6 folders
Access: Open
'Allopsychism Chiefly from the aspects of Human Mesmerism'

Manuscript notes relating to 'allopsychism' and hypnotism.

'Allopsychism' is defined by Norris as 'all operations and modifications that a foreign mind is capable of working on the mind and body of another' (US41/6/11/15, paragraph 182).

1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 94

'Consciousness, Memory, Mind, Matter & Force. 21-75'

Manuscript notes relating to spiritualism.

1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 93.

'Redundant Paragraphs'

Folder containing paragraphs of notes relating to spiritualism. Includes paragraphs on: 'Physical Mediumship'; 'Nature of death'; 'Dreaming'; 'Reincarnation partial'; 'Antipsychism'; 'Braidism & Suggestion'; 'Physical Entity & Preconscious area'; 'Personal Experiences'; 'Heat & Cold'.

1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 100

'Spirit Allopsychism'

Folder of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism.

'Allopsychism' is defined by Norris as 'all operations and modifications that a foreign mind is capable of working on the mind and body of another' (US41/6/11/15, paragraph 182).

1 folder
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

Access: Open

Physical description: Formerly numbered Norris 107.

US41/6/9/5 'Supercession - Exorcism' [late 19th century]

Folder of manuscript notes relating to spiritualism.

Includes notes under the headings 'Rapport'; 'The spirit world and its inhabitants'; 'Reaction of spirits to each'; 'Locomotion of spirits'; 'Insanity'; 'Exorcism or annulment rapports - supercession'; 'Supercession of allopsychic, exorcism &c'; 'General reflections'; 'Friends. Special difficulties of reach...'; 'Early history of man and his...'; and 'Source of religious ideas'. Sub-headings include 'Swedenborg's notions of birth and death'; 'Initial physical symptoms of insanity (Maudsley) General paralysis'; 'Pure emotional rapport'; 'Feelings-emotions'; and 'My burial service'.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 102.

US41/6/9/6 'Telepathy 223-End' [late 19th century]

Folder of manuscript notes relating to telepathy.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 96.

US41/6/10 Seance notes [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Notes of seances attended by Norris, including notes of supposed conversations with spirits and 'automatic writing'.

3 folders, 1 vol

Access: Open

US41/6/10/1 'Conversation Book' [1902-1913]

Volume of 'Short conversations with spirits at various times', containing manuscript notes of 'conversations' with 'spirits'.

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Papers of Richard Hill Norris

1 volume

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 63.

US41/6/10/2 Seance notes [1865-1871]
Manuscript notes on seances, including supposed spirit writings.
1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Dr Norris Papers Deposited By Ian Hasell 8.1.73'.

US41/6/10/3 Seance notes [c 1865]
Manuscript notes of seances. A draft letter to Benjamin Coleman relating to spiritualism is also included.
1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 36.

US41/6/10/4 Seance notes [mid 19th century-early 20th century]
Notes of seances, including supposed spirit writing.
1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 117.

US41/6/11 Miscellaneous spiritualism notes and essays [mid 19th century-early 20th century]
12 folders, 11 vols

Access: Open

US41/6/11/1 'Addresses of Mediums etc.' [mid 19th century-early 20th century]
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

1 vol
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 72.

US41/6/11/2 'Appendix to Essay on Hypnotism' notebook
Notebook containing a list of three items planned to be included in the appendix an essay on hypnotism. The three entries listed are from The Transactions of the Psycho-Medical Society Volume 1 Part 4 (see US41/6/12/2).

1 vol
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 80.

US41/6/11/3 Book on Norris' spiritualist experiences
'Book' described as containing 'a record of the principal facts connected with the earlier personal experiences of Dr Richard Norris with Invisible Beings who claimed to be the Immortal Thinking Souls or Spirits of Individuals who had once lived on this Earth...'

1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/6/11/4 'Copy of Human Cervellisation Book'
Loose pages of typescript notes containing questions and answers relating to hypnotism and the work of [Jean-Martin] Charcot. It appears that part of the notes is missing (after page 34).

See also US41/6/11/5 for another version of this paper.

1 folder
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 113.

US41/6/11/5 'Copy of Human Cervellisation Book' and 'Examination of Mr Myers Essay on Hypnotism'

[late 19th century-early 20th century]
Typescript notes entitled 'Copy of Human Cervellisation Book' and 'Examination of Mr Myers Essay on Hypnotism' containing questions and answers on the work of Charcot and Myers relating to hypnotism, catalepsy, lethargy, somnambulism and 'cervellisation'.

See also US41/6/11/4 for another version of the 'Copy of Human Cervellisation Book'; and see US41/6/11/6 for another version of the 'Examination of Mr Myers Essay on Hypnotism'.

1 vol

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 92.

US41/6/11/6 'Examination of Mr Myer's Essay on Hypnotism' [late 19th century-early 20th century]

Typescript questions and answers on Mr Myer's [Arthur Thomas Myers?] essay.

See also US41/6/11/5, for another version of these notes.

1 folder

Access: Open

Physical description: Formerly numbered Norris 112.

US41/6/11/7 'Facts & Inferences, Titles &c., Fundamental facts' notebook [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Notebook (manuscript) containing various 'facts', inferences and titles relating to spiritualism.

1 vol

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 75.

US41/6/11/8 'Glossary' [mid 19th century-early 20th century]

Notebook containing a glossary of terms relating to spiritualism.

1 vol

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 74.
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US41/6/11/9  'Index to Human Personality, Myers'
Manuscript index to the book 'Human Personality and its survival of bodily death' by F.W.H. Myers.
1 vol
Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 65.

US41/6/11/10  'Old Note Book 1867-8. Copied by Mr. Hitch'
Notebook containing manuscript notes relating to spiritualism and mesmerism.
1 vol
Access: Open

**Physical description:** Missing back cover.

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 85.

US41/6/11/11  'On the existence of a super-sensuous or dynamical within the visible material organism as a 'causa vera''
Manuscript article relating to spiritualism.
1 folder
Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Dr Norris Papers Deposited By Ian Hasell 8.1.73'.

US41/6/11/12  'Preconscious Area'
Typescript essay on the 'Preconscious Area' relating to spiritualism, including a case study relating to the 'spirit' 'Mary Roff'. The essay is formed from the paragraphs of notes in the 'English letter series' and 'Greek letter series' of books.
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spiritualism. This includes notes entitled 'Janet on the psychological states of the advanced hysteric'; 'ii 217 Case of Lucy R. The Burnt Pudding Case'; 'Analysis of the case of Dr Bruer, Franlem O, 218.ii'; and a 'Catechistical Examination of Mr Myers' Essay on Hypnotism Syllabus Page XXXIV Chapter V Page 500'. Some loose notes are also enclosed.

1 vol

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 62.

US41/6/11/17 'Socratic analysis of the methods, facts & problems of mesmerism'

Volume containing one typescript page of notes on the 'Method employed by Liebeault to induce the primary cervellisation'.

1 folder

Access: Open

Physical description: Formerly numbered Norris 99.

US41/6/11/18 'Unplaced Written Paragraphs'

Folder containing manuscript and typescript notes relating to spiritualism.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 97.

US41/6/11/19 Notebook on spiritualism

Notebook containing manuscript notes relating to spiritualism, including notes of seances in 1865 and 1866.

1 vol

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 86.
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US41/6/12 Collected printed material
External material relating to spiritualism, allopsychism and religion including journals, ephemera and press cuttings.
1 folder, 14 vols
Access: Open

US41/6/12/1 Journal of the Society for Psychical Research 1909-1911
Various issues of journal.
/1: Volume 14 number 263 (November 1909)
/2: Volume 14 number 264 (December 1909)
/3: Volume 14 number 265 (January 1910)
/4: Volume 14 number 268 (April 1910)
/5: Volume 14 number 269 (May 1910)
/6: Volume 14 number 270 (June 1910)
/7: Volume 14 number 271 (July 1910)
/8: Volume 15 number 279 (May 1911)
/9: Volume 15 number 280 (June 1911)
/10: Volume 15 number 281 (July 1911).
10 vols
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 114, except /7 which was unnumbered and found in box labelled 'Dr Norris Papers Deposited By Ian Hasell 8.1.73'.

US41/6/12/2 Transactions of the Psycho-Medical Society (formerly Medical Society for the Study of Suggestive Therapeutics) 1909-1910
Journal of a society relating to hypnotism. Norris was a member of the Society.
/1: Volume 1 Part 2 (Transactions of the Medical Society for the Study of Suggestive Therapeutics)
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/2: Volume 1 Part 3 (Transactions of the Medical Society for the Study of Suggestive Therapeutics)

/3: Volume 1 Part 4 (Transactions of the Medical Society for the Study of Suggestive Therapeutics)

/4: Volume 2 Part 1 (Transactions of the Psycho-Medical Society)

4 vols

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 174.

US41/6/12/3 Other collected material relating to spiritualism and religion

Leaflets, pamphlets, press cuttings and other external items collected by Norris relating to spiritualism and religion.

The following items are included in the folder:

/1-6: leaflets advertising publications and tarot cards

/7-12: newspaper cuttings

/13: 'The Two Witnesses' periodical (number 13)

/14: 'Hear All Sides. Lord Beauchamp's Attack' article reprinted from Daily Argus

/15: 'Evermore!' chant

/16: 'An Inspiration' tract

/17: 'A Great Thinker' offprint of articles on Emanuel Swedenborg published in the 'New York Sun', 1909

/18: Part of catalogue of C. Kegan Paul and Co's publications


/21-23: Theosophical Publishing Society leaflets 2 'Theosophy', 3 'Karma' and 4 'Reincarnation'

/24: 'Comptes Rendus Hebdomadaires Des Seances De L'Academie des Sciences' number 6, 1883 (in French)
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

/25: Article regarding seance with Dr Monck.

1 folder

Access: Open

Physical description: Some items are in poor condition.

Language: EnglishFrench

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 115 and 116 (except /25, which was unnumbered).

US41/7 Personal and business correspondence

Correspondence received by Norris, the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company and the Birmingham Collodion Plate Company, and copies or drafts of letters written by Norris. Items enclosed with correspondence such as receipts, visiting cards and leaflets are also included.

The correspondence relates to a variety of topics and includes letters from many important figures in physiology and medicine, plus letters from local doctors and scientists in the Birmingham area. In particular there are many letters thanking Norris for sending copies of books or papers (some with comments on the book or paper), several letters relating to Norris' theories on blood including letters from supporters and opponents and letters relating to Norris publishing papers or delivering lectures and demonstrations. There are also various letters relating to his photographic plate businesses between 1890 and 1909 such as letters from suppliers and letters from photographers who have used Norris' plates. Much correspondence relating to spiritualism is included, with letters from mediums such as Emma Hardinge Britten and Samuel Guppy, and letters from people who believed in spiritualism including a large number of letters from Alfred Russel Wallace.

See also US41/9 for letters received by Norris' family.

Arrangement: The letters are arranged firstly by year, then by surname or company name of the sender (for letters to Norris) or the surname or company name of the recipient (for letters from Norris).

767 letters, 1 leaflet, 5 receipts, 3 visiting cards, 1 business card, 2 account sheets, 1 credit note, 1 price list, 2 lists of questions
Access: Open

Notes: Additional information about some of the correspondents (including full name, occupation, date of birth and death) has been mainly sourced from the online version of the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (www.oxforddnb.com), accessed various dates in 2008.

US41/7/1 1856 correspondence

Letters from J.G.H. Brown, of Walker Street, Sneinton, Nottingham. Relating to spiritualism.

3 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 194/1-3.

US41/7/2 1858 correspondence

Letter from Gerald Dalton, Secretary, Association of Physicians and Surgeons Ld. relating to diploma from Apothecaries Hall and medical titles.

1 letter

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled ‘Norris Addenda’.

US41/7/3 1860 correspondence

Correspondence dated 1860.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: anonymous. Note relating to seance with Mr Spear.

/2: Richard [Norris] to Father. Notifying his father on his admission to the College of Surgeons, and his health. 30 May.


3 letters

Access: Open
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

Custodial history: /1 was formerly Norris 194/4; /2-3 were formerly part of Norris 195/a.

US41/7/4 1862 correspondence

Correspondence dated 1862.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: Francis T. Bond, of Warren Corner House, near Farnham, Surrey. Relating to the reading of Norris' paper at the Royal Society.

/2-5: W. Sharpey [William Sharpey (1802-1880), physiologist], of The Royal Society, London; and drafts or copies of two letters from Norris to Sharpey. Relating to Norris' essay on inflammation.

/6: C. Piazzi Smyth [Charles Piazzi Smyth (1819-1900), astronomer], of The Royal Observatory, Edinburgh.

6 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly numbered Norris 194/265; /2-3 was formerly numbered Norris 194/5-6; /4 was formerly unnumbered; /5 was formerly part of Norris 195/d; /6 was formerly numbered Norris 194/7.

US41/7/5 1863 correspondence

Correspondence dated 1863.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: (Draft or copy?) of letter from Norris to unknown person relating to spiritualism.

/2: J. Hughes Bennett [John Hughes Bennett (1812-1875), physician and physiologist], of 1 Glenfinlas Street, Edinburgh.

/3-6: George Gulliver [1804-1882, anatomist and physiologist], of Edenbridge, Kent, with (draft or copy?) of reply from Norris. Relating to Norris' work on blood.

/7: William Howitt [writer], of West Hill Lodge, Highgate. Relating to spiritualism.

7 letters
Access: Open

**Custodial history:** /1 was formerly unnumbered; /2-3 was formerly numbered Norris 194/8-9; /4 was formerly part of Norris 195/d; /5-6 was formerly numbered Norris 194/10-11; /7 was formerly numbered Norris 194/13.

**US41/7/6** 1864 correspondence

Letter from Norris to the Committee of the Small Arms Provident Sick Society applying for the office of Surgeon.

1 letter

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 194/14.

**US41/7/7** 1865 correspondence

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1865.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: (unknown), of 23 Parsonage Street, Oldfield Road, Salford, Manchester. Relates to the Victoria Society [Victoria Institute] (also known as the Philosophical Society of Great Britain), a speech made by Lord Shaftesbury at the first dinner of the Institute and other matters. Part of the letter appears to be missing. [circa 1865].

/2-3: J. Lockhart Clarke [Jacob Augustus Lockhart Clarke (1817-1880), anatomist], of 60 Warwick Street, Belgravia. Letters are marked ‘1865?’ in pencil.

/4: Letter in Norris' hand to Mrs Norton, addressed to 22 Northampton Street, Nottingham, regarding miners lamp brackets. An envelope found with the letter appears to indicate the address was invalid and it appears it was returned to Norris.

/5: James Russell. Letter relating to a question by Norris regarding a disease.


/7: William Turner [Sir William Turner (1832-1916), anatomist and university administrator], Honorary Secretary. Relating to a grant for Norris' research on rigor
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mortis. Found in envelope labelled 'Sir Wm Turner British Ass. Grant 1865'. [1865].

5 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly numbered Norris 194/557; /2-4 were formerly numbered Norris 194/15-17; /5 was formerly numbered Norris 194/459; /6 was formerly numbered Norris 194/18; /7 was formerly numbered Norris 194/250.

US41/7/8 1866 correspondence

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1866. Most of the correspondence relates to spiritualism.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: (Draft or copy?) of letter from Norris to unidentified person. Relates to spiritualism, including a reference to communicating with Norris' brother, and asking whether the recipient can persuade Miss Hardinge to give him advice and assistance. Some notes relating to a proposal for the establishment of a spiritualist society are also included. [circa 1866].

/2: Notes or copy of letter in Norris' hand. [circa 1866].

/3-4: Mrs Ackworth, of Elfinsward, Hayward's Heath, Cuckfield, with draft or copy of letter from Norris. Letter forwarded to Norris by Emma Hardinge (see /32). Relating to spiritualism and Norris' illness.

/5: R. Lewis (on behalf of Mrs Ackworth), of Elfinsward, Hayward's Heath, Cuckfield. Informs Norris that Mrs Ackworth is unable to answer Norris' letter at present due to her illness. [1866].

/6-11: Benjamin Coleman, of 51 Pembridge Villas, Bayswater, London, with drafts or copies of replies from Norris. Relating to spiritualism and Miss Hardinge (a famous medium, and spiritualist), and the death of Norris' brother. See also US41/6/10/3.

/12-25: Correspondence and notes relating to spiritualism, which appear to have been sent by Josiah Glover (a medium), of 14 Cock Street, Wolverhampton to Norris. Includes letters supposedly by 'Benjamin Vale', a 'spirit' of the 'Spirit Dictation Hall Melo Magnetic
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Association’. Not all items are dated [1866].

/26: [Norris] to [Dr Gully] [James Manby Gully (1808-1883), physician and hydropath] (draft or copy of letter). Requesting an interview relating to spiritualism with Mr Home, a medium. See also /35.

/27: Letter in Norris' hand (writing anonymously) addressed to Miss Hardinge. The letter was not signed as the writer (presumably Norris) had not 'yet taken any steps publicly in connection with this much tabooed subject' and was afraid the letter may not reach Hardinge. [circa 1866]

/28-33: Emma Hardinge, of Manor House, 7 Cheque Walk, Chelsea, and drafts or copies of letters from Norris to Hardinge. Relating to spiritualism.


/35: Edward Mackey, of The Dispensary, with letter sent by Norris on reverse side. Relates to Norris' request for an interview regarding the matters seen in connection with Mr Home. See also /26.

/36: Draft or copy of letter from Norris to G.M. Wilkinson.

/37: J.J. Garth Wilkinson [(James John) Garth Wilkinson (1812-1899), Swedenborgian writer and homeopath], of 76 Wimpole Street, Cavendish Square, London to William Wilkinson (his brother). Relates to spiritualism (including a 'spiritual pathology'), homeopathy, and Tom Morton (former doctor at Newcastle Infirmary and University College Hospital), and refers to Norris.

/38-41: W.M. Wilkinson, of New West End, Frankley Road, West Hampstead, and drafts or copies of letters from Norris to Wilkinson. Relating to spiritualism and regarding Norris staying with Wilkinson.

41 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: Details of former reference numbers are included in the deposit file.

US41/7/9 1867 correspondence [1867]

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1867. Most of the correspondence relates to spiritualism or to
segment research/muscular irritability.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: (Copy?) of letter from Norris to unknown person. Relating to spiritualism, referring to Norris' 'possession' by a spirit and to the death of his brother [in 1866]. [circa 1867]

/2-3: George Dawson, of Photographic Department, King's College, London. Relating to photography.

/4: William Howitt [writer], of West Hill Lodge, Highgate. Relating to spiritualism.

/5-9: G.M. Humphry [Sir George Murray Humphry (1820-1896), surgeon], of Cambridge. Relating to Norris' article, including his 'segment' research. Not all items are dated. [1867].


/13: B.W. Richardson [Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson (1828-1896), physician], of Hinde Street, London.


15 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly numbered Norris 194/22b; /2 was formerly unnumbered; /3 was formerly numbered Norris 194/24; /4 was formerly numbered Norris 194/12; /5-15 were formerly numbered Norris 194/25-35

US41/7/10 1868 correspondence 1868

Correspondence dated 1868.
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Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: Norris to unknown man. Relating to spiritualism.

/2: Norris to Mrs Hardinge. Relating to spiritualism, and failure of Mrs Ackworth to reply to his letter.

/3: Lyon Playfair [(1818-1898), politician and chemist], of Dr Lyon Playfair's Committee, of 5 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh.

3 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly numbered Norris 194/36; /2 was formerly unnumbered; /3 was formerly numbered Norris 194/37.

US41/7/11 1869 correspondence

Correspondence dated 1869. The letters mainly relate to physiology including research into blood.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: R.G. Anderson, of 21 St Mary's Road, Westbourne Park, London. Inviting Norris to tea.

/2: (J. Welch?), of London Street, Reading. Requesting a copy of Norris' paper.


/5-6: E. Ray Lankester, of Melton House, New West End, Hampstead, with reply from Norris. Lankester offers to publish Norris' paper on 'The mode of formation of Rouleaux in the Blood' in the 'Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science'.

/7: J.D. Massingham, of St Paul's Vicarage, Warrington. Requesting advice regarding his son regarding a medical career.

Norris' paper and candidature for the Fellowship of the Royal Society.

/10: G.G. Stokes, Secretary of the Royal Society, London. Requesting Norris to read his paper on 'the Laws and Principles concerned in the Aggregation of Blood Corpuscles' at a meeting of the Royal Society.

/11: W.M. Wilkinson, of 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London. Thanking Norris for his donation and inviting him to visit.

11 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: /1-4 were formerly numbered Norris 194/38-41; /5 was formerly numbered Norris 194/573; /6 was formerly part of Norris 195/d; /7-9 were formerly numbered Norris 194/42-44; /10 was formerly part of Norris 222; /11 was formerly numbered Norris 194/45

US41/7/12 1870 correspondence [1870]

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1870. The letters mainly relate to a paper by Norris on blood corpuscles.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:


/2: (W.J.F.?) Broadbent, of 44 Seymour Street. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on the aggregation of blood corpuscles.

/3: on behalf of Dr Chambers, of 64 Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London. Thanking Norris for sending a copy of his paper on the coagulation of the blood.

/4: John (Cleland?), of Vicarscroft, Galway. Relating to (Cleland's?) paper relating to nerves.

/5: (Frank?). Relates to a demonstration of blood corpuscles. Marked ‘1870?’ in pencil. [1870].

/6: Thomas R. Fraser [Sir Thomas Richard Fraser (1841-1920), pharmacologist], of 3 Grosvenor Street, Edinburgh. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on the aggregation of blood corpuscles.
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/7: S.S. for Dr Gull, of 74 Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on the aggregation of blood corpuscles.

/8: Caesar H. Hawkins [Caesar Henry Hawkins (1798-1884), surgeon], of 26 Grosvenor Street, London. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on the blood corpuscles.

/9: Edward Kenyon, of 14 Clarges Street, Mayfair. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on the aggregation of blood corpuscles.

/10: W. Moxon [Walter Moxon (1836-1886), physician], of 6 Finsbury Circus, London. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on the aggregation of blood corpuscles.

/11: Richard Owen, of the British Museum. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on blood.

/12: James Paget, of 1 Harewood Place, Hanover Square, London. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on the aggregation of blood corpuscles.


/14: William Rutherford [1839-1899, physiologist], of 28 Davies Street, Grosvenor Square, London. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on the aggregation of blood corpuscles.

/15: (L.N.S.?). Postcard. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper and offering a grant towards illustration. Postmarked 1870.

/16: Hyde Salter, of 14 Harley Street, Cavendish Square, [London]. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on the aggregation of blood corpuscles. Marked ‘1870?’ in pencil. [1870]

/17: Edward H. Sieveking, of 17 Manchester Square. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on the aggregation of blood corpuscles.

/18: Norris to Tarleton. 19 March. Enclosing a note to the warden, regarding restoration of Tarleton’s college privileges.

/19: Alfred R. Wallace [Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913), naturalist, evolutionary theorist and social critic], of
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9 St Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, London. Relating to the post-mortem examination of the 'Welsh fasting girl'.


/21: W. Bathurst Woodman, of 6 Christopher Street, Finsbury Square, London. Letter containing questions relating to Norris' experiments on blood corpuscles. Marked '1870?' in pencil. [1870]

/22: C.J. Woodward, of Midland Institute, Birmingham. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on the blood corpuscles.

22 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: Details of former reference numbers are included in the deposit file.

US41/7/13 1871 correspondence

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1874. The letters mainly relate to Norris' research into blood.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: Norris to unnamed person (possibly Guppy). Long letter relating to spiritualism.

/2: W. Morrant Baker, of The College, St Bartholomew's Hospital [London]. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on the extrusion of the morphological elements of the blood.

/3: T.H Bartleet, of 8 Old Square [Birmingham?].


/5: Emma H. Britten [formerly Emma Hardinge], care of Mr R. Filton, 48 (Banke Street?), Cheatham Hill, Manchester.

/6: Lionel S. Beale [Lionel Smith Beale (1828-1906), physician and microscopist], of 61 Grosvenor Street [London]. Thanks Norris for agreeing to help on 14 June.
/7: J.A. Bindley, of 60 Harborne Road, Edgbaston, [Birmingham]. Inviting Norris to deliver a lecture for the Midland Medical Society on extrusion of blood corpuscles.

/8: William Crookes [1832-1919, chemist and science journalist], of 20 Mornington Road, London. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper, and asking questions.

/9: Letter from Norris to Dr Dixon. Relating to spiritualism.

/10-23: Letters from Samuel Guppy and letters from Norris to Guppy. Letters relating to spiritualism. [1871]

/24: Draft or copy of letter to Mr Shorter and to Samuel Guppy. [1871]


/26: James Johnston, of 9 Easy Row, Birmingham. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper.

/27: George Jones, of 12 New Hall Street. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper and relating to his lecture.

/28: (J. Malps?), of Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on blood.

/29: W.S. Mann, Honorary Secretary of the Midland Medical Society, 22 Broad Street, Birmingham. Invitation to deliver a lecture for the Society.

/30-31: Medical Times and Gazette Office, of 11 New Burlington Street, London, and draft or copy of letter from Norris to the Editor of the Medical Times and Gazette. Letter from Norris responding "to a paragraph...ascribing the aggregation of the blood corpuscles to gravitation", with reply stating that the Medical Times and Gazette is unable to publish his letter.

/32: Odell and Ives, printers of 18 Princes Street, (Cavendish Square?), London. Relating to paper on extrusion of blood corpuscles.

/33: Henry Power, of 45 Seymour Street, Portman Square, London. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper.

/34: James Sawyer, of 92 Newhall Street [Birmingham]. Thanking Norris for his brochure.
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/38: G. Wynne Thomas, of Paradise Street. Thanking Norris for a copy of his essays.

/39: A.S. Underhill, of Queen's Hospital, Birmingham. Thanking Norris for a copy of his pamphlet on blood.


/44: Samuel Wilks [Sir Samuel Wilks (1824-1911), physician], of 77 Grosvenor Street, London. Relating to Norris' pamphlet on blood corpuscles.


/46: C.J. Woodward, of Midland Institute, Birmingham. Request for Norris to demonstrate his soap film experiments.

/47: Charles J. Wright, of 2 Park Square, Leeds. Relating to practical teaching of physiology.

47 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: Details of former reference numbers are included in the deposit file.

US41/7/14 1872 correspondence 1872

Correspondence dated 1872.
Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: Arthur Gamgee [1841-1909, physiologist], of 27 Alva Street, Edinburgh. Sending a pamphlet to Norris.


/4: James Sawyer, of 92 Newhall Street, Birmingham. Sending a copy of the Birmingham Medical Review and requesting a contribution by Norris for the next issue.

/5: (G.N.?) Stirling, of Piershill, Edinburgh. Relating to a request by Norris for a copy of 'Protoplasm'.

/6: (Draft or copy?) of letter from Norris to Mr Warden. Regarding resolution that all students in the physiology class should have a microscope.

/7: E.R. Williams, of 27 Bennetts Hill, Birmingham. Relating to the apprenticeship of Norris' son to W.F.J. Sims, with receipt.

7 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly numbered Norris 194/108; /2-3 were formerly numbered Norris 194/110-111; /4-5 were formerly numbered Norris 194/115-116; /6-7 were formerly unnumbered (found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda').

US41/7/15 1873 correspondence

Correspondence dated 1873.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: J. Crichton Browne [Sir James Crichton Browne (1840-1938), physician and psychiatrist], of West Riding Asylum, Wakefield. Relating to a conversazione to be held.

/2: John G. McKendrick [John Gray McKendrick (1841-1926), physiologist], of Physiological Laboratory of the University of Edinburgh. Request for a paper for the British Medical Association meeting.

/3: B.W. Richardson [Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson (1828-1889), physician], of 12 Hinde Street, London.
Appears to relate to an application to join a society.

3 letters

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** /1 was formerly numbered Norris 194/119; /2-3 were formerly numbered Norris 194/117-118.

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Correspondence dated 1874.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: William Banister, Honorary Secretary of Liverpool Naturalists' Field Club, St James' Mount, Liverpool. Requesting Norris to deliver a lecture at the Club's soiree.

/2-3: George Gore, of Edgbaston [Birmingham]. Relating to visit of Professor Barratt from Dublin.

/4-6: Walter White [1811-1893, librarian and writer], of Royal Society, London. Relating to Norris' demonstration of 'experiments on cohesive attraction' and Norris' certificate.

6 letters

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** /1-6 were formerly numbered Norris 194/120-125

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Correspondence dated 1875. A draft speech by Norris relating to Queen's College is also included with one of the letters.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: James Edmund, of 5 Savile Row, London. Relating to a paper on iron and steel, and a book 'Pyrology'.

/2: Printed letter from William Hinds, Honorary Secretary of Queen's College, regarding meeting of the Professors and Tutors on 1 April 1875. The letter also has manuscript notes written on it in Norris' hand which
appears to be a speech by Norris to be read at the meeting.

/3: William N. Johnson, of 27 Dale Street, Manchester. Relating to supplying purer iron for use in Norris' wire experiments.

3 letters

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** /1-3 were formerly numbered Norris 194/126-128.

US41/7/18 1876 correspondence

Correspondence dated 1876.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: T. Spencer Cobbold [Thomas Spencer Cobbold (1828-1886), helminthologist], of 42 Harley Street, Cavendish Square, London.

/2: J. Glover, of 62 Snow Hill, Wolverhampton.

/3-4: J. (Hofneuison?), of Woodlea, Beech Lanes, Birmingham; and Lighthouse Department, Glass Works, near Birmingham. Relating to the first meeting of the Philosophical Society and asking Norris to deliver a paper or 'introduce something of interest'.


/6: G.J. Johnson, of Johnson, Barclay and Johnson Solicitors, 36 Waterloo Street, Birmingham. Relating to Mason's Scientific College, regarding trust funds and requesting suggestions for assisting original scientific research.


/8-9: G.G. Stokes [Sir George Gabriel Stokes (1819-1903), physicist], at Cai Derwen, College Road, Upper Bangor; and at Cambridge.
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9 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: /1-2 were formerly numbered Norris 194/136-137; /3-6 were formerly numbered Norris 194/132-135; /7-9 were formerly numbered Norris 194/129-131.

US41/7/19 1877 correspondence

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1877.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: J.A. Balfour, of University of Edinburgh. Thanking Norris for a copy of his papers.

/2: W.F. Barrett, of Royal College of Science, Dublin. Relating to Barrett's visit to Birmingham.

/3: George St. Clair, of 108 Wheeley's Road, Edgbaston. Relating to St. Clair feeling unwell, and going on holiday.

/4-5: Thomas R. Fraser, of Knutsford, Cheshire, with draft or copy of letter from Norris. Request for Fraser to sign the paper sent by McKendrick (see also /6).

/6: John G. McKendrick [John Gray McKendrick (1841-1926), physiologist], of Glasgow College. Asking Norris to sign a form (see also /4-5).

/7: Mary S.G. Nichols, of 72 Abingdon Road, Kensington, London. Relating to spiritualism.

/8-13: G.G. Stokes [Sir George Gabriel Stokes (1819-1903), physicist], at Athenaeum Club, Pall Mall, London; and at Cambridge; with drafts or copies of letters from Norris to Stokes.


/15: Hannah Williams, of Cae Derwen, Upper Bangor, North Wales. Informing Norris that Professor Stokes had left from Bangor.

13 letters

Access: Open
Custodial history: Details of former reference numbers are included in the deposit file.

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1878. The letters mainly relate to Norris’ research into blood.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: List of correspondence relating to Norris’ paper ‘On the existence of an invisible corpuscle...’ between February 1878 and July 1879.

/2-8: M. Foster [Sir Michael Foster (1836-1907), university teacher], of Trinity College, Cambridge; New Museums, Cambridge; and Shelford, Cambridgeshire, with drafts or copies of letters from Norris. Letters relating to the presenting of Norris’ paper to the Royal Society and relating to Norris meeting with Foster.

/9: Hopkin and Williams, Operative Chemists, sent to P. Harris and Co. Relating to osmic acid.

/10: Norris to Dr Humphry. Regarding Norris visiting Cambridge, and asks to meet with Humphry to explain his discoveries in the blood. 14 March.


/14: Draft or copy of letter from Norris to Dr McKendrick. Regarding McKendrick’s illness, meeting Dr Foster, Norris’ paper (including Foster’s critical views of the paper), and Norris’ criticisms of the Royal Society. [circa 1878]

/15-16: W.J. Sanderson, of (49 Queen Anne Avenue?), and draft or copy of letter from Norris. Relating to Norris’ work on blood.

/17-19: W. Sharpey [William Sharpey, physiologist], of 50 Torrington Square, [London], and draft or copy of letters from Norris. Relating to Norris’ paper on blood, and presenting the paper to the Royal Society.
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23 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: Details of former reference numbers are included in the deposit file.

US41/7/21 1879 correspondence

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1879. The letters mainly relate to Norris' research into blood.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: (C. Binf?), of Bonn. Relating to Norris' paper on blood.

/2: Walter R. Browne, Secretary of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers addressed to Professor Gore, 50 Islington Row, Birmingham. Relating to the discovery of a phenomenon.


/6-7: J. Lardner Green, of Harcourt Terrace, Salisbury. Relating mainly to the illness and death of Green's wife.

/8: George Gulliver [anatomist and physiologist 1804-1882], of Canterbury. Relating to Norris' work on blood.
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/9: (John Harden?), of King Street, Lancaster. Requesting a copy of Norris' paper.

/10: Alice M. Hart [Alice Marian Hart], of 38 Wimpole Street, [London]. Relating to blood. This series of correspondence continues in 1880 (see US41/7/22/33-38)


/12: (J.E. He...thwaite?), of Bawtry, Yorkshire. Regarding Miss Wood of Hodsock Grange near Worksop.


/16: Herbert Rix, Clerk of the Royal Society, London. Acknowledgement of receipt of paper by Norris. The letter is addressed to Dr G. Gore.


/19: James Wakley [James Goodchild Wakley], Editor of 'The Lancet', 423 Strand, London. Regarding contributions to the 'Lancet'.

/20: Alfred R. Wallace [Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913), naturalist, evolutionary theorist and social critic], of Waldrow Edge, Duppers Hill, Croydon. Relating to jobs at Mason's College, and other matters. See also US41/7/22/1 and 40.

/21-22: S. Wilks [Sir Samuel Wilks (1824-1911), physician], of 77 Grosvenor Street, and draft letter from Norris to Wilks. Relating to Wilks' address at the College of Physicians and meeting before a soiree.

22 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: Details of former reference numbers are included in the deposit file.
Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1880. The majority of letters relate to Norris' research into blood, although various letters relating to other topics are also included.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: Part of (draft?) letter in Norris' hand to unknown person. Relates to George Gore and regarding positions for Alfred Russel Wallace and George Gore at Mason College. See also /32, /40 and US41/7/21/20. [circa 1880]


/30: (H.C. Fulford?), of Clopton House, Birchfield. Enclosed cheque to Autotype Co. Not dated. [1880]

/31: S.E. Gladstone [Stephen Edward Gladstone, rector], of Hawarden Rectory, Chester. Enclosing cheque for kindness to Mr Connor at the Walsall College Hospital.

/32: G. Gore [George Gore (1826-1908), electrochemist and scientific writer], of 67 Broad Street. Regarding Mason College and Gore's new laboratory.

/33-38: Alice M. Hart [Alice Marian Hart], of 38 Wimpole Street, [London] and 6 Rue de la Sorbonne, Paris, and draft or copy of letter from Norris to Mrs Hart. Letters relating to blood. Continuation of correspondence from 1879 (see US41/7/21/10).
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/39: John Harden, of King Street, Lancaster. Relating to Norris' pamphlet on blood.

/40: Thomas P. Heslop [Thomas Pretious Heslop (1823-1885), physician], of Birmingham regarding Alfred Russel Wallace's enquiry regarding Mason's College (see US41/7/21/20).

/41: George Hookham, of Brueton Street, Birmingham. Regarding council meeting [possibly of the Birmingham Philosophical Society?].


/43-44: Henry R. Hutton, Demonstrator of Physiology, of Physiological Laboratory, St Thomas's Hospital, London. Regarding Norris' paper on blood.

/45: (... Cha...?), of 1 St James's Mount, Liverpool. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on blood.


/52-53: Dr Theodor Schuchardt, of Goerlitz sent to Messrs Philip Harris and Co, Wholesale Chemists. Relating to osmic acid, with enclosed printed leaflet regarding a 'solution for preservation'.

/54-55: Edwin A. Sterling, of The Reading Room, Guy's Hospital. Regarding Norris' article on blood.

/56: William Stirling, of The University, Aberdeen. Thanking Norris for a copy of his paper on blood.
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/57: C. Piazzi Smyth [Charles Piazzi Smyth (1819-1900), astronomer], of the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh.

/58-62: Alfred R. Wallace [Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913), naturalist, evolutionary theorist and social critic], of Pen-y-bryn, St Peters Road, Croydon; and Waldron Edge, Duppas Hill, Croydon. 1880. Letters regarding various topics including Wallace's visit to Birmingham, and spiritualism.


62 letters, 1 leaflet

Access: Open

Custodial history: Details of former reference numbers are included in the deposit file.

US41/7/23 1881 correspondence

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1881. The majority of letters relate to Norris' research into blood, although various letters relating to other topics are also included.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: Arthur Adams, of Broomfield Place, Smethwick. Relating to blood.

/2-3: Richard John Anderson, of 58 Willington Park, Belfast. Letter requesting a testimonial for Anderson’s application for the Linacre Professorship of Physiology with enclosed printed letter from Anderson applying for the position.

/4-6: David Archibald, of 71 South Street, St Andrews. Letter asking Norris to join the Committee of Management for the 'Fund for the Better Endowment of the Chandos Chair of Medicine and Anatomy in the University of St Andrews', letter thanking him for joining the committee, and receipt for donation.

/7: F.C. Arkwright, of Ardoch Lodge, Strathyre, Stirling. Granting permission to fish on Arkwright’s side of the River Derwent near Matlock [Derbyshire].
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/14-15: Henry W. Crosskey [Henry William Crosskey (1826-1893), Unitarian minister, social reformer and geologist], Secretary of Birmingham Philosophical Society, 28 George Road, [Birmingham]. Letter regarding copies of Dr Heslop's note on Norris' papers, and letter requesting Norris to chair a meeting of the Society.


/17: George Gulliver [anatomist and physiologist 1804-1882], of Canterbury (postcard). Relating to Norris' research on blood.

/18: W. Hinds [William Hinds], Honorary Secretary of Queen's College, Birmingham. Requesting Norris to join the test examining board in physiology.

/19-20: Edmund H. Howlett, of Manchester Royal Infirmary. Discussing the findings of Howlett's experiments on blood relating to Norris' research on 'the third corpuscular element'.


/22: Joseph Lewis, Secretary of Queen's College, of 21 Paradise Street, Birmingham. Request to deliver a series of lectures for students on practical physiology and physiology.

/23-25: (Charles A. MacMillan?), of Waterloo Road South, Wolverhampton. Relating to the spleen, the absorption band of serum, blood etc.

/26-31: Dr L. Malassez, of Laboratoire d' Histologie du College de France, Paris; and 168 Boulevard St-Germain, with drafts or copies of letters from Norris, an English translation of one of the letters, and a visiting card. Relating to blood.
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/32: A.K. Norris, of 3 Birchfield Road, Birmingham. Telegram regarding Marlow.

/33: W. North, of Reading Room, University College, London. References to Osler's and Schultze's works on blood.

/34: Lyon Playfair [politician and chemist], of 68 Onslow Gardens, South Kensington, London. Inviting Norris to join a committee to promote Playfair's re-election for the universities of Edinburgh and St Andrew's.

/35: Henry Power (postcard).

/36: (Dr D.W. Simeon?), of Moseley. It is unclear as to what the letter refers, but it states that it is 'a case of imminent peril' and greatly stresses the urgency of Norris carrying out some unidentified action. The letter is marked 'Burn when read'.

/37-38: (Marcus M. Starkey?), of Fallowfield, Manchester. Note of agreement and letter relating to the translation of Norris' work on blood into French.

/39: Samuel Timmins of Elvetham Lodge, Birmingham. Memorandum providing notice of a seance to be held.

36 letters, 2 receipts, 1 visiting card

Access: Open

Custodial history: Details of former reference numbers are included in the deposit file.

US41/7/24 1882 correspondence [1882]

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1882. Most of the correspondence relates to Norris' book 'The Physiology and Pathology of the Blood'.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:


/2: Henry W. Acland [Sir Henry Wentworth Acland (1815-1900), physician].
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/4-5: T.H. Bartleet [Professor of Physiology at Queen's College, Birmingham], of 27 Newhall Street, Birmingham. One is marked ‘1882’ in pencil, one is dated 1882.


/7: James Risdon Bennett [Sir James Risdon Bennett (1809-1891), physician], of 22 Cavendish Square, [London]. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood.

/8-10: C. Binz, of Bonn, Germany. Postcard relating to a periodical sent to Norris, letter relating to periodicals and death of Norris' child, and postcard (in German) thanking Norris for his book.

/11: J. Gibbs Blake, of Highfield Gate, Harborne Road, Edgbaston, [Birmingham]. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood.

/12: Alex Bottle, of 8 Easy Row, Birmingham. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood.


/15: (... Charles?), of 3 Rockspring Terrace, St Sulle's, Cork, [Ireland]. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood.


/18: Henry W. Crosskey [Henry William Crosskey (1826-1893), Unitarian minister, social reformer and geologist],
of 28 George Road, [Birmingham]. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood.


/21: Herbert Davies [1818-1885, physician], of 23 Finsbury Square, [London]. Relating to a 'conversazione' proposed to be held at Davies' house.

/22-23: James T.R. Davison, of Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool. Relating to blood and a paper by Davison.

/24: Professor Donders (card). Postmarked 1882.


/26-27: S. Dyer for Ballantyne Hanson and Co [printers], of 4 Chandos Street, Charing Cross, London. Relating to printing Norris' pamphlet, with a printed page of an article (sample page sent with letter?).


/34-37: Sampson Gamgee, of 22 Broad Street, [Birmingham], with draft or copy of letter from Norris to Gamgee. Relating to Norris’ work on blood.


/41: George Gulliver (junior), of Old Dover Road, Canterbury. Relating to the death of his father [George Gulliver (senior)]. [1882]


/43: Thomas P. Heslop [Thomas Pretious Heslop (1823-1885), physician]. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood and a copy sent to Mason College.


/50: W. Jenner [Sir William Jenner, physician], of 63 Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London. Thanking Norris for a copy of his work on mammalian blood.


/52: James P. Joule [James Prescott Joule, physicist], of 12 Wardle Road, Sale, near Manchester. Thanking Norris for a copy of 'The Physiology and Pathology of the Blood'.


/54: Kuhne, of Heidelberg, Germany. Postcard in German, with annotated translation, thanking Norris for a copy of his book.

/55-57: Sophia F.M. Legge, of Whittington, Lichfield, with copy or draft of letter from Norris and notes regarding the case of Lilla Bates. Relating to homeopathy.

/58: Professor R. Lepine, of Place gensoe, Lyon. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood. Envelope containing letter is postmarked 1882.


/60: Joseph Lewis, Secretary of Queen's College, of 21 Paradise Street, Birmingham. Informing Norris of resolution passed to appoint him as a governor of the college.


/64: Edward Malins, of 8 Old Square, Birmingham. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood.
/65: Francis Mason [surgeon], of 5 Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood presented to the Medical Society.

/66: George H. Morley, Secretary of Sir Josiah Mason's Science College (Mason College), Birmingham. Informing Norris of resolution passed to allow him to use the college's library.


/70-71: Letter from Dr Heslop [Thomas Pretious Heslop (1823-1885), physician], forwarding to Norris a letter from Richard Owen [Sir Richard Owen (1804–1892), comparative anatomist and palaeontologist] (of Shaw Lodge, Mortlake, Richmond Park) to Dr Heslop. A copy of Owen's letter in Norris' hand is included (Heslop requested that Owen's original letter should be returned to him). The letter from Owen relates to Norris' book and other matters.


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/86: Draft or copy of letter from Norris to Royal Academy of Medicine, Turin. Regarding the Riberi Prize and his work on the physiology and pathology of the blood. [1882]


/89-91: George St. Clair, of 127 Bristol Road, Edgbaston, [Birmingham]. Relating to Dr Woollcombe's theory on the rotation of the red blood corpuscles. See also /118.


/93: George Shaw, of 37 Temple Street, Birmingham. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood.


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/100-103: (Marcus M. Starkey?), of Fallowfield, Manchester. Relating to the copying and translation into French of Norris' book.


/112-114: C.G. Wheelhouse, President of the Council of the British Medical Association, of Hillary Place, Leeds, with drafts or copies (two versions) of reply from Norris. Invitation for Norris to be Vice President of the Anatomy and Physiology Section at the British Medical Association Annual Meeting in 1883.
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/118: R.W. Woollcombe, of 14 Acre Place, Stoke Devonport. Letter presumably sent to St Clair and enclosed with /91, regarding Woollcombe’s theories on blood.

117 letters, 1 visiting card

Access: Open

Custodial history: Details of former reference numbers are included in the deposit file.

US41/7/25 1883 correspondence

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1883, including several letters relating to his work ‘The Physiology and Pathology of the Blood’.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1-2: R.J. Anderson [Richard John Anderson], of 58 Wellington Park, Belfast. Requesting a testimonial for his application for the Professorship of Anatomy and Physiology at Queen’s College, Belfast; and thanking Norris for his testimonial.


/4: James E. Bagnall, of 84 Witton Road, Aston, Birmingham. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood.

/5: James Barr, for British Medical Association Annual Meeting at Liverpool. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book and pamphlet on blood, and regarding an exhibition of Norris’ photographs at the Annual Meeting.

7-8: (A.?) Charles, of Royal University, Dublin. Regarding a testimonial to support Charles.

9: F. de Chaumont, of Laboratory Army Medical School, Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood and two pamphlets.


11-13: Envelope labelled 'Correspondence with Dr Corke on the Emma Davies Case' containing two letters from Cecil A. Corke, of Prescott, Baschurch, Shropshire, (16?) and 19 November 1883; and a postcard addressed to Mr E. Milbourne, of 26 Temple Street, Birmingham dated 15 November 1883.

14: Alfred J.H. Crespi, of Wimborne. Relating to a friend of Crespi's working with the microscope and spectrum analysis.


18: James T.R. Davison, of Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool. Relating to Norris' work on blood.


/26: Thad. S. Up de Graff, surgeon and proprietor of Elmira Surgical Institute, 111 and 113 Hudson Street, Elmira, New York. Relating to Norris' book on blood and asking whether it is possible to restore dried blood and identify whether it came from animal or man.


/30: Alfred Harrison, of Failand Lodge, Guthrie Road, Clifton. Relating to the proposed reading at the Microscopical Society of a paper on the blood corpuscles by Harrison.


/34-35: J. Kenward, of Eddystone House, Harborne. Letter relating to a report on blood parasites, and letter
regarding the Birmingham Philosophical Society dinner at which a toast was to be given to Norris.

/36: Sub-editor of the Lancet. Regarding publication of Norris' paper on blood in the journal.


/40: William Matthews, of 60 Harborne Road, Birmingham. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood.

/41-43: Professor Dr P.L. Panum, of Bredgade 62, Copenhagen, President of the organizing committee of the Physiological Section of the International Medical Congress in 1884. Letter and printed circular letters.


/45: W.H. Raper, of Great Wakering. Relating to questions relating to microscopy from Mr Gifford (see also /24) referred to Raper by Norris, about Raper's local area and family, and other personal matters.


/52: Herbert Spencer [1820-1903, philosopher, social theorist and sociologist], of 38 Queen's Gardens,

/53-54: John K. Spender, of 17 Circus, Bath. Regarding Mrs Hickman of Birmingham, who had rheumatoid arthritis; and thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood.


/56: Dr Strange, of Foregate Street, Worcester. Relating to Norris' book on blood.


/64-65: Charles J. Wright, of Lynton Villa, Virginia Road, Leeds. Relating to Queens College and Mason's College, and to Norris' book on blood.


65 letters, 1 account sheet

Access: Open
Custodial history: Details of former reference numbers are included in the deposit file.

US41/7/26 1884 correspondence

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1884. Most letters relate to Norris' research into blood.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: Norris to unknown person (draft or copy of letter) regarding paper read at the [International Medical] Congress. [circa 1884].

/2: (not signed) of 21 The Grove, Villa Road, Birmingham. Letter thanking Norris for a book, and providing details of the titles of various books that the sender believed 'every truth seeking earnest soul should become acquainted'.

/3: George W. Chapman, of 136 South Lambeth Road, London. Relates to Chapman staying with Mr Miller (possibly Chapman was an apprentice to Miller?).

/4-5: John Cleland, of 2 The College, Glasgow. Regarding Dr Allen, and the post of Professor of Anatomy at the Birmingham College, and relating to Norris' book on blood.

/6: Norris to Dr Crosskey.


/9: Copy of letter from Falbe (Legation of Denmark) on behalf of the King of Denmark to Sir James Paget. Relates to an address presented to the King of Denmark in sympathy of the destruction of the Palace of Christiansborg. See also /20.

/10: H.C. Fulford, (on headed paper from Clopton House, Birchfield but with address crossed out). Regrets that Norris was unsatisfied with the 'result of the publication'.

/11-12: Dr H. Handford, of 8 Regent Street, Nottingham. Regarding a paper on blood to be read by Handford at the Nottingham Naturalists' Society, requesting a slide showing the 'third corpuscle' and letter thanking Norris for a copy of his book.
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/13-15: Alfred James Harrison, of Failand Lodge, Guthrie Road, Clifton. Relating to Norris’ work on blood, and regarding Harrison’s paper read at the Bristol Microscopical Society.

/16-17: Norris to Professor Hayen. Two versions of a letter regarding discussions on blood at the International Medical Congress at Copenhagen.


/19: J. Morley, of Birmingham Natural History and Microscopical Society, and of 24 Sherborne Road. Informs Norris that he has been appointed as delegate for the Society to the meeting of the British Association, to try to persuade the Association to have its meeting in Birmingham in 1886.

/20: Henry Morris of 2 Mansfield Street, Portland Place, London. Regarding an address to be send by members of the Copenhagen Congress in regret of the fire at the palace of Christenborg. See also /9.

/21: Ernest Morton, of Wilson Road. Relating to the translation of Bizzozero’s pamphlet, and Morton having considered giving up his work in the electro-plate trade and becoming a full-time translator of foreign texts.

/22-23: P.L. Panum for the Organizing Committee of the Physiological Section of the International Medical Congress at Copenhagen in 1884, with draft letter from Norris to Panum. Relating to the International Medical Congress.

/24: J.H. Poynting [John Henry Poynting (1852-1914), physicist], of 385 Hagley Road, Edgbaston. Regarding Norris’ address to be read at the Birmingham Philosophical Society.

/25-30: George St Clair, of 127 Bristol Road, Edgbaston and at 50 Gordon Square, London. Regarding St Clair’s paper to be read at a meeting of the Birmingham Philosophical Society, suggesting a possible error in Norris’ method of photographing blood corpuscles. See also US41/1/3/10 for St Clair’s paper.

/31-32: Dr Robert Saundby, of 71 Newhall Street, Birmingham and Birmingham Medical Institute, Edmund
Street. Letter relating to Strauss's Report on Cholera and Koch's 5th Report; and letter relating to a proposed 'conversazione' for the Pathological Section, and asking Norris if he could show something at the meeting.


/36: C.J. Woodward, of Birmingham and Midland Institute. Relating to a meeting of the Physical Society of London to be held in Birmingham, and asking if Norris would like to entertain a member of the Society attending the meeting.

36 letters, 1 account sheet

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Details of former reference numbers are included in the deposit file.

US41/7/27 1885 correspondence [1885]

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1885.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:


/5-6: L.L. Fyffe, of 113 (Hac...?) Road, Chicago, staying at the Stork Hotel. Letter thanking Norris for a book; and Mrs Fyffe's visiting card.

/7: Norris to Wharton Jones [Thomas Wharton Jones (1808-1891), physiologist and ophthalmic surgeon]. Relating to Norris' paper on blood and agreeing with Jones' criticism of the Royal Society.

/8: W. Richard Old, of Buckingham Villas, Hall Road, Handsworth. Thanking Norris for his book and relating to an annual meeting.
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/9: Panum [Professor P.L. Panum], of Copenhagen, Bredgade 62. Requesting Norris' photograph of the Medical Congress at Copenhagen.

/10: James Russell. Letter in envelope marked by Norris 'Dr Russell, a few lines inscribed with a pencil a few days before his death'.

/11: Mary E. Russell, of 59 Calthorpe Road. Letter written following her husband's death.

/12: (Tapetus Sleemtrup?), of K. Frederiksberggade 18, Copenhagen, Denmark. Thanking Norris for his paper 'On the microscopic aspects of the coagulation of the blood'.

/13-15: Francis Troup, of 1 Minto Street, Edinburgh. Letters relating to Norris' work on blood, with a question by Troup asking where he could find a description of the process and apparatus needed for the photographs used in Norris' paper.

/16: Augustus Waller [Augustus Desire Waller (1856-1922), physiologist], of Lynden House, 29 Abbey Road. Regarding micro-photography.

13 letters, 1 receipt, 1 credit note, 1 visiting card

Access: Open

Custodial history: Details of former reference numbers are included in the deposit file.

US41/7/28 1886 correspondence

Correspondence dated 1886.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1-2: J.W. Russell, of 59 Calthorpe Road, Edgbaston. Relating to donation of books to Mason College Physiological Society.

/3: Francis Troup, of 1 Minto Street, Edinburgh. Relating to microphotography.

3 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly numbered Norris 194/465; /2 was formerly numbered Norris 194/466; /3
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was formerly numbered Norris 194/467.

US41/7/29 1887 correspondence 1887

Correspondence dated 1887.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:


/2-3: Arthur Holden, of Darley, Knowle. Relating to illness of Mrs Holden, suspension of seances while she is ill and Theobald's book 'Spiritualism at Home'.


/5-6: Prof. S.J. Schwarz, of Dessau, Germany. Thanking Norris for a copy of his book on blood.

/7: Doctor Schwarz, of Queen's College, Birmingham. Printed circular letter (enclosed with /6), regarding his move to Dessau.


7 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: /1-3 were formerly numbered Norris 194/468-470; /4 was formerly numbered Norris 194/474; /5-6 were formerly numbered Norris 194/471-472; /7 was formerly unnumbered (found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'); /8 was formerly numbered Norris 194/473.

US41/7/30 1888 correspondence 1888

Correspondence dated 1888.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: (David Ferrier?) [possibly Sir David Ferrier (1843-1928), neurologist] of 34 Cavendish Square, London.
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/2: George St. Clair, of 127 Bristol Road, Edgbaston. Relating to a photograph taken by St Clair which appeared to show colourless discs in blood.


3 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly numbered Norris 194/455; /2-3 were formerly numbered Norris 194/475-476.

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Letter from John Gamgee regarding the translation of Hayem's notes and regarding a book.

1 letter

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 162.

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1890.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1-24: John Gamgee [1831-1894, veterinary surgeon and inventor], of 6 Lingfield Road, Wimbledon and The Laboratory, 3 Church Street, Millbank Street, Westminster, London; and drafts or copies of letters from Norris to Gamgee. An extensive series of correspondence mainly relating to a book which was being written by Gamgee 'On the principle of work in man' for which Norris appears to have been contributed regarding blood. The letters also refer extensively to Gamgee's experiments on thermodynamics and his efforts in attempting to develop a new engine, and includes copies of letters regarding the engine from Gamgee to Lady Jane Taylor, from S.Z. de Ferranti Ltd to Gamgee, and from Gamgee to The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres. The letters also relate to Norris' earlier work on blood including a copy of a letter from John Cleland to Gamgee regarding Norris' work on blood, and including a draft letter from Norris giving an account of the reception.
that his theories and work on blood received. Some of the
letters also discuss Norris' new photographic plates.

/24: Adeline Gamgee [wife of John Gamgee], of 6
Lingfield Road, Wimbledon.

Park Station and Gladstone Road, London. Letter relating
to specification for an iron shed 50 feet long by 27 feet
wide, and copy of specification.

/27: Draft letter from Norris to Southall Brothers and
Barclay.

/28: Southall Brothers and Barclay, manufacturing
analytical and pharmaceutical chemists of Birmingham.
Regarding proposal to work Norris' patent.

/29-33: Harold W. Southall, of Almeley. Regarding
proposal to work Norris' patent. Southall's business card
is also included.

31 letters, 1 specification, 1 business card

Access: Open

Custodial history: Details of former reference numbers
are included in the deposit file.

US41/7/33 1891 correspondence 1891

Letter from Gust. and Heinr. Beneke, of Lobau i Sachsen,
paper manufacturers. Addressed to Mr W. Tylar. Offers
samples of paper. 28 October.

1 letter

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly numbered Norris 194/492.

US41/7/34 1892 correspondence 1892

Correspondence dated 1892.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: Memorandum from Philip Harris & Co. Ltd, Wholesale
Chemists, Birmingham. Quotation for flourescine.
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2 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/7/35 1893 correspondence

Correspondence dated 1893.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:


/3-7: C. Piazzi Smyth [Charles Piazzi Smyth (1819-1900), astronomer], of Clova, Ripon. Addressed to Dry Collodion Plate Company, or to Norris. Relating to photographic plates, and personal matters.

7 letters

Access: Open


US41/7/36 1894 correspondence

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1894. Most correspondence relates to the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1-5: W.G. Blagden, of 4 Fenchurch Avenue, London, agent for the Gas Light and Coke Co. Addressed to Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company. Relating to benzole sent to the company.

/6-8: Board and Son, of Bartholomew Close, London, distillery. Addressed to Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate
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and Film Company. Relating to methylated spirits for the company.


/14-16: A.E. Purry for the Gas Light and Coke Company, Beckton, North Woolwich. Addressed to Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company. Memoranda relating to benzole sent to the company, with receipt.

/17: H. Gottstein and Co, of 59 Mark Lane, London to the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate Company. Relating to photographic papers.


/21: David Ireland, of David Ireland and Son, Coal Exporters, Dundee. Relating to Norris' photographic plates.

/22: John S. Jamieson, of Stamford Lodge, St John's, Sevenoaks. Relating to photography.

/23: 'Uncle Richard' [Norris] to Lally Kenyon. Letter regarding the future of the [Birmingham Dry Plate Company], and asking for her opinion on whether it may be necessary to liquidate the company as a result of large debts.


Collodion Plate and Film Company. Letter regarding glycerine with enclosed price list.


36 letters, 1 receipt, 1 price list

Access: Open

Custodial history: Details of former reference numbers are included in the deposit file.

US41/7/37 1895 correspondence

Correspondence dated 1895. Most correspondence relates to the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: William G. Blagden, Agent for the Gas Lighting and Coke Company, of 4 Fenchurch Avenue, London to the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company. Relating to order for pure benzole.

/3-4: Chance Brothers and Co. Ltd, glass works near Birmingham to Mrs Kenyon. Receipt and quotation for plates of glass.

/5: Henry A.V. Coles, of Walmer Lodge, Malvern. Relating to photographic plates.


/7: A. Trapp and Co to the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company. Quotation for absolute alcohol.

/8: W. Tylar to Mr H. Hannay, Pawn Croley, 41 High Street, Aston. Advising Hannay's sister and 'the Doctors' to see Mrs Andre, a 'trance hypnotic clairvoyant' at Stafford or Leamington. Postmarked 1895.

/9: Alfred White and Sons, manufacturing chemists of Castle Street, Saffron Hill, London to Mrs Kenyon, 12 Church Street, Kensington, London. Recommendation of a supplier of methylated spirit.

/10: Norman, of W.C. Williams (hosier, glover and shirt maker), of 107 Regent Street, London. Relating to photographic plates. Part of the letter appears to be missing.

9 letters, 1 receipt

Access: Open

Custodial history: Details of former reference numbers are included in the deposit file.
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/3: (C.M. Gruby?), of (Bulkess?), Hungary to the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate Company. Regarding the company’s photographic plates.

/4: Martin Cohn (Managing Director) for the Heliochrome Company Ltd, of 122 Elgin Crescent, Notting Hill, London. Regarding a concentrated solution used for bathing photographic plates.

4 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly unnumbered; /2 was formerly numbered Norris 194/539; /3 was formerly part of Norris 206; /4 was formerly numbered Norris 194/540.

US41/7/39 1897 correspondence

Correspondence dated 1897. Most correspondence relates to the Birmingham Collodion Plate Company. See also US41/6/3/40 for a draft letter from Norris to F.W.H. Myers dated 14 December 1897 relating to spiritualism.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: F.W. Dyson on behalf of the Astronomer Royal, of Royal Observatory, Greenwich, London to the Manager of the Birmingham Collodion Plate Company. Relating to photographic plates.

/2: R. & J. Beck Ltd, manufacturers of optical, mathematical and physical instruments, of 68 Cornhill, London to the Birmingham Collodion Plate Co. Relating to the company’s cameras, and enclosing a copy of their catalogue (see US41/3/5/1).


/5: A. Trapp and Co, of 9-10 Fenchurch Street, London to the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company. Quotation for absolute alcohol.
/6: William Tylar, of High Street, Aston, Birmingham to Collodion Plate Company. Regarding advertising in Tylar's catalogue.

6 letters

Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly numbered Norris 194/542; /2 was formerly numbered Norris 194/541; /3 was formerly unnumbered (in a box labelled 'Norris Addenda'; /4-6 were formerly numbered Norris 194/544-546

US41/7/40 1898 correspondence

Correspondence dated 1898.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: Mrs Dudley, of 32 Frances Road, Handsworth. Asks Dr Norris to see Mr Dudley on his round.

/2: Vitzy, of 23 rue des (Commerce?), Paris to the Birmingham Collodion Plate Company. In French.

2 letters

Access: Open

Language: EnglishFrench

Custodial history: /1 was formerly unnumbered; /2 was formerly numbered Norris 194/548.

US41/7/41 1900 correspondence

Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1900.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1-2: Arthur R. Jones, of Glen Stuart, near Uitenhage, South Africa, and draft or copy of letter from Norris. Personal letter including reminiscences from 1872 to 1874, information on Jones' life and work in South Africa and regarding illness of Jones' father.

/3: (?) Tallerman, of P & M.D. Co. Ltd 'The Tallerman Treatment', 50 Welbeck Street, Cavendish Square, London. Regarding the treatment of Mrs Hickman's knee.
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3 letters
Access: Open

Custodial history: /1 was formerly numbered Norris 194/549; /2 was formerly unnumbered found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'; /3 was formerly numbered Norris 194/550.

US41/7/42 1901 correspondence
Correspondence dated or appearing to date to 1901.
Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: Norris to Reverend (unknown) (draft or copy of letter). Relating to spiritualism and regarding the health of Mrs Norris.

/2: Norris to Dr [Alfred Russel] Wallace (draft or copy of letter). Relating to spiritualism.

2 letters
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'

US41/7/43 1902 correspondence
Draft or copy of letter from Norris to unknown person relating to spiritualism.

1 letter
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/7/44 1903 correspondence
Letter from Annie, of 45 Edgware Road, London to Norris (her uncle). Regarding Lilo, who had a dream (of being attacked by a small furry animal) which became true, and asking whether it should be reported to the S.P.R. [the Society for Psychical Research?].

1 letter
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**Custodial history:** Formerly part of Norris 206.

**US41/7/45**

1904 correspondence 1904

Letter from D.W. Simon, of United College, Bradford on various topics including illness of Mrs Hickman and regarding Dr Gore.

1 letter

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 194/551.

**US41/7/46**

1906 correspondence 1906

Correspondence dated 1906.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

1: Letter from Norris 'Uncle Richard' to 'Dear Sister'. Relates to spiritualism.

2: Waters and Co. Ltd, of 7-10 Batemans Row, Shoreditch, London to the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate Co. Ltd. Prices for methylated spirit and resin finish.

2 letters

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** /1 was formerly unnumbered; /2 was formerly numbered Norris 194/552

**US41/7/47**

1909 correspondence 1909

Correspondence dated 1909.

Letters from the following correspondents are included:

1: E. Webster of the Inland Revenue, Water Orton. Regarding enquiry for the use of duty free spirits (methylated spirits) for experimental purposes.

2-3: Arthur R. Jones, of Glen Stuart, Uitenhage, [Cape of Good Hope, South Africa]. Personal letters relating to spiritualism, Jones' health, about his family, politics in South Africa, and other topics.

3 letters

Access: Open
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Letters from the following correspondents are included:

/1: [Norris] to unidentified person. Part of draft or copy of letter, giving career advice to the recipient's brother, who was interesting in entering the medical profession.

/2: [Norris] to unidentified person. Part of draft or copy of letter relates to exhibiting at the conversazione (for the Royal Society?) and other matters.

/3: Norris to unidentified man. Draft or copy of part of letter, relating to rooms in a college.

/4: [Norris] to Professor (...?). Draft or copy of letter relating to Norris' paper on blood.

/5: [Norris] to unidentified man. Draft or copy of letter relating to a meeting him and his daughter at the Cork meeting of the British Medical Association, sending a copy of Norris' paper and regarding Dr Wade.

/6: [Norris] to unidentified man. Draft or copy of letter relating to Norris' work on blood. Written on the back of a printed notice for the 1863 Annual Meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association.

/7: [Norris] to unidentified man. Draft or copy of letter relating to the rejection of his application to the Royal Society, and regarding the medical profession.
8: Norris to unidentified man. Thanking the recipient for sending a copy of his book of 'Tablets'.

9: Norris to unidentified company. Relating to printing of photographs, for illustrating Norris' paper in the Birmingham Philosophical Society's journal.

10: [Norris] to unidentified man. Part of letter relating to Norris’ experiments on iron and steel wire.

11: [Norris] to unidentified man. Draft or copy of letter relating to wire research. Found in envelope marked 'Iron Correspondence' and 'Letters to and from Mechanical Institute of Engineers and the Royal Soc re RN's experiments on expanses of Steel Wire'.

12: Norris to unidentified man. Draft or copy of letter relating to the use of dry collodion photographic plates for solar and stellar photography.

13: Norris to unidentified man. Draft or copy of letter relating to photographic plates.

14: [Norris] to unidentified man. Letter asking the recipient to second Norris’ application to join the Psychical Society [Society for Psychical Research?] and relating to a medium called Read.

15: Norris to unidentified man. Draft or copy of letter relating to spiritualism.

16: Norris to unidentified man. Draft or copy of letter relating to spiritualism and requesting an interview.

17: (unsigned), of 51 Newhall Street, Birmingham. Relates to exhibiting of microphotographs, microscopical specimens etc at Dr Foster's Conversatzone on 3 June.

18: Edmund (...?), (of Framlingham Church, Suffolk?). Relates to sending a pair of snakes to Norris and other matters.

19: (?) of 8 Great Ormond Street, London. Relating to a hallucinating woman and relating to spiritualism.

20: [Norris] to Dr Allchin. Regarding giving a demonstration illustrated by micro-photographs of the blood.

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of London office for the supply of Mawson and Swan's Dry Plates. [early 20th century].

/22: T.H. Bartleet [Professor of Physiology at Queen's College, Birmingham], of Calthorpe Road. Relates to teaching physiology at Queens College.

/23: George William Baskett, makers of 'apparatus in sound, light, heat, electricity, chemistry, photography', of North Station Road, Colchester. Addressed to 'Gentlemen' (the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company?). Relates to collodion dry lantern plates.

/24: [Norris] to Miss Bates. Draft or copy of letter relating to spiritualism.


/26: [Norris] to Dr (Binz?). Relating to Bizzozero's reply in the Centralblatt to Norris' letter in the Lancet regarding blood.

/27: William Sands Cox [1802-1875, surgeon and a founder of Queen's College, Birmingham], of 27 Lansdowne Place. Regarding illness of Mrs Shailer.


/29: Norris to Mr Crookes. Requesting Crookes to give a lecture for a society.

/30: Norris to Dr Edmonds. Draft or copy of letter relating to experiments with iron and steel.

/31: Norris to Dr Hall Edwards. Relating to photography.

/32: Elliott Brothers, of 101-102 St Martins Lane, London. Letter sent to Dr G. Gore of 67 Broad Street, Birmingham regarding coil of silver wire and electro-dynamometer.

/33: M.A. Elvis, 322 Birchfield Road, Perry Barr, [Birmingham]. Asks Dr Norris to see his or her father who is ill.

/34: J. Everitt, of 26 Penton Street, Pentonville, London to M. Spears.

/35-36: M. Foster [Sir Michael Foster (1836-1907), university teacher], of Huntingdon, and at New Club, 9
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/37: P. Frank, of Minley, Farnborough Station. Relates to Norris' paper on mammalian blood.

/38: Norris to Henry [Fulford]. Relating to Norris' suggestion for Mr and Mrs Fulford to buy shares in Norris' company for producing photographic plates, with Norris offering to provide political help to Fulford.

/39: G.A. Glasgow, of 359 Strand, corner of Burleigh Street, [London]. Offering accommodation. Some notes by Norris are written on the back.

/40: (M?) Gull. Relating to spiritualism.

/41: Dr Gull, of 74 Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London. Thanking Norris for a copy of his pamphlet on 'Extrusion of the Morphological Elements of the Blood'.

/42: Emma Hardinge [later Emma Hardinge Britten], of 6 Walsall Terrace, Kensington, London to Mr Harrison. Informs Harrison that she cannot help him at the present time.

/43: Hickinbotham, of Park Road, Nechells. Thanking Norris for a pamphlet.

/44: [Norris] to Mrs Hickman. Draft or copy of letter relating to religion and Norris' philosophies.

/45: Frances E. Hoggan [Frances Elizabeth Hoggan, physician and social reformer], of 7 Trevor Terrace, Rutland Gate, London. Advising Norris of a possible translator (Madame Schmahl) for Norris' paper or book.


/47: Sallie Kenyon, of 12 Church Street, Kensington, London, addressed to her uncle (her uncle does not appear to be Norris, as 'Norris' is referred to in the letter). Relates to arguments with Mr Marlow (presumably at the Birmingham Dry Collodion Plate and Film Company or its successor) regarding a letter and Norris' testing of plates and personal matters.

/48-51: [Norris] to Mr Mansfield, of 102 West 15th Street, New York, United States of America. Letter (two versions) with list of questions (2 copies) relating to spiritualism.
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/52: Norris to Sir Josiah Mason; and Professor Johnson, with appended proposal for the establishment of a Chair of Physiology and Original Investigation at Mason's College.


/54: James W. Ogle, of 13 Upper Brook Street. Thanking Norris for a copy of his pamphlet on blood.

/55: Norris to Professor Poynting (draft or copy of letter). Requesting an introduction to Principal [Oliver] Lodge, and inviting Poynting to visit Norris in his bungalow.

/56: Copy of memorandum by Professor G.G. Stokes on Norris' paper.

/57-59: Norris to Professor Stokes. Two drafts or copies of letter regarding Norris' paper 'On certain molecular changes which occur in Iron & Steel during the separate acts of Heating & Cooling'; and letter relating to an application to the [Royal Society] Grant Fund and Norris' paper on iron and steel.

/60: Alfred R. Wallace [Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913), naturalist, evolutionary theorist and social critic], of 9 St Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, London.

/61: [Norris] to Mr Wallace. Draft or copy of a lengthy letter relating to spiritualism. The letter criticizes Huxley and other scientists who ignored spiritualism, provides an account of seances with Mr and Mrs Guppy, and discusses other points relating to spiritualism.

/62: H. Woodruff, of 336 Kingsland Road, London to Dry Collodion Plate Company. Letter requesting six dozen Hill Norris Lantern Plates and commenting on previous plates sent.

/63: Frederick Worcester, of 18 1/2 Haymarket, Leicester. Asking (Norris?) to see a gentleman in Coventry with a diseased tongue. Some notes in Norris' hand are annotated to the letter.

61 letters, 2 lists of questions

Access: Open

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Papers of Richard Hill Norris

US41/8/2/2 Queen's College, Birmingham 'Certificate of Honor' 1858
Certificate awarded to Richard Norris for receiving first prize during the 1858 session of the anatomy class.
1 certificate
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'

US41/8/2/3 Diploma of membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of England 1860
Diploma granted to Richard Norris.
1 diploma
Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/8/2/4 Queen's College, Birmingham 'Certificate of Honor' 1860
Certificate awarded to Richard Norris for being first in the medicine class during the 1859-1860 session.
1 certificate
Access: Open

US41/8/2/5 University of St Andrews diploma 1862
Diploma awarding doctorate of medicine to Richard Norris.
1 diploma
Access: Open

US41/8/2/6 Testimonials for application for post at Birmingham Children's Hospital 1862-1863
Testimonial letters in support of Dr Norris' job application.

Letters are from: Oliver Pemberton (Eye Surgeon, Birmingham General Hospital); James West (Surgeon, Queen's Hospital); John Clay (Professor of Midwifery, Queens College); John Wilders (Assistant Surgeon, Queens Hospital); Willoughby F. Wade (Senior Physician, Queens Hospital and Professor of Medicine, Queens
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College); Alexander Fleming (Physician, Queen's Hospital); George Gulliver (Lecturer on Physiology, Royal College of Surgeons, London); Thomas James Walker (Surgeon to the Peterborough Infirmary and Dispensary); Furneaux Jordan (Queens Hospital and Queens College) J. Sampson Gamgee (Queen's Hospital); John B. Melson; David Bolton (General Hospital); and William Sands Cox (Queens Hospital and Queens College).

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/8/2/7 Diploma of Norris' election as Associate of Mason College, Birmingham

Diploma granted to Richard Norris.

1 diploma

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/8/2/8 Miscellaneous education and employment records

Folder containing Queen's College matriculated student card, fees receipts and terminal report; medical registration certificate (certified copy of entry in Medical Register); and Society of Apothecaries paper for examination.

1 folder

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/8/3 Invitations and cards

Invitations and visiting cards including set of cards in envelope labelled 'Cards given me at Presidents (Dinner?)', also containing notes (possibly for a speech). Also included is a membership card for the Congres Perodique International des Sciences Medicales in 1884.

1872-1884
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

1 folder

Access: Open

Language: English

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/8/4 Miscellaneous notes and other items

Notes relating to various subjects and other miscellaneous items.

2 vols, 1 folder

Access: Open

US41/8/4/1 'Book 6 (alpha)' 'Varieties'

Volume containing a variety of manuscript notes, lectures or essays including a journal between 1 May 1862 to 31 May 1862, 1 October 1866 and 2 September 1867 to 14 September 1867.

Includes notes on his thoughts, drafts of letters, and notes on other people's theories. Notes relate to various topics including blood, spinal cord and other physiological topics and spiritualism.

Includes a copy of a letter from Dr Sharpey (of the Royal Society, 25 June 1862), letter to Dr Sharpey (27 June 1862 and 26 August 1862); letter to W.B. Richardson MD FRSA, letter to Professor Sharpey (Secretary of the Royal Society), letter to S. Guppy (dated August 1871), and a letter to Mr Wallace.

Titles of notes, lectures or essays include 'Extract from Mrs Somerville'; 'Extract from Pouillet'; 'Parallel experiments to my own and their points of difference if any'; 'Vitality &c'; 'Generation'; 'Glass'; 'Summary of the views contained in the first lecture of Dr Blant Radcliffe at the Royal College of Physicians 1863'; 'M Du Bois Reymond's theory'; 'Molecular physiology &c Dr Bennett's 3rd Lecture Lancet 1863'; 'Effects of irritants on muscles'; 'Viechow's views on the origin & development of tissues'; 'Various theories of the origin of Physiological tissues'; 'Dr Radcliff's II & III Lecture on the nervous system'; 'Functions of spinal cord & medulla oblong'; 'Centipetal or sensory impressions'; 'Tentative thoughts as to the nature of volition'; 'Views of Lewis on the functions of the anterior and posterior roots'; 'Scrap thoughts on light'; and

[1860s-1870s]
‘Thoughts relating to the true function of the spinal cord in animals lower in the scale than man’. 

1 vol

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Binding is in poor condition

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 212.

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**US41/8/4/2**

**Notebook**

Manuscript notes on topics including photography and blood. Brief notes relating to various other topics are also included such as philosophical and religious notes, notes on midwifery and notes on the diamond. Most notes are not dated.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly numbered Norris 209

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**US41/8/4/3**

**Miscellaneous notes and other items**

Notes on various subjects and other miscellaneous items.

Examples of items included are: receipt for printing 'Invisible Corpuscles'; note regarding physiological teaching; a list of apparatus, with prices; note of resolution to form the Institute of Scientific Research; note from 'The Life and Letters of Louis Agassiz'; note 'Mr Dale on M. Renan'; carte de logement for the International Medical Congress in 1884; and a note from the German Vice Consulate in Birmingham requesting that Norris' luggage is not opened on his journey to the International Medical Congress as it contained delicate scientific instruments.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Items were formerly unnumbered found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda' except some notes which were part of Norris 205 and 206, the note from the German Vice Consulate which was numbered Norris 194/436 and the carte de logement which was numbered Norris 194/443.
## Papers of Richard Hill Norris

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US41/8/8/1 Catalogues for equipment
Catalogues (or parts of catalogues) relating to equipment.
/1: anonymous (laundry stoves)
/2: Doulton and Co., of High Street, Lambeth (chemical apparatus catalogue, 1890)
/3: Doulton and Watts of High Street, Lambeth (general stoneware catalogue, 1889)
/4: A. Kenrick and Sons Ltd of West Bromwich (enamelled sanitary ware)
/5-7: William Powell and Sons, Bristol (stoneware)
1 folder
Access: Open
Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 206.

US41/8/8/2 Miscellaneous collected printed material
Ephemera and other miscellaneous external printed items.
Comprises:
/1: Advertisement for poetry book 'The Songs of Christine' by E.M. Holden (not dated).
/3: Printed open letter relating to Professor Bickerton's theory of 'Constructive Impact' (not dated).
/4: Part of the report for the annual meeting of a hospital in Birmingham (not dated).
/5: Synopsis of Professor Bickerton's theory of 'Constructive Impact' (not dated).
/6: Fleming, Reid and Co., leaflet advertising wool and hosiery (not dated).
/7: Abstract of the Explosives Act (1875).
Papers of Richard Hill Norris


/10: Corporation of Birmingham Water Department, list of minimum quarterly charges for supplies of water through meters of a larger size than ordinary (dated 1886).

/11: Rules and regulations for employees at the Cadbury chocolate factory in Bournville (dated 1896), Birmingham.

/12: Printed verse 'B.P. Who kept the Old Flag Flying' to be delivered at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth on 25 May 1900.


1 folder

Access: Open

Physical description: Formerly part of Norris 205, 206, 207.

US41/9
Family papers [1835-1953]

Papers of members of the Norris family, including documents of Henry James Ley (husband of Norris' daughter), and Richard Ley (Henry James Ley's father).

The items include medical and general educational certificates, medical notebooks of Richard Ley and Benjamin Stuart Norris, and some other items.

1 folder, 4 vols, 8 diplomas, 3 certificates, 1 item, 3 letters

Access: Open

Access conditions: In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 some medical records (US41/9/4/2), which include personal data are closed for the lifetime of the individuals where known, or 100 years.

US41/9/1

A.K. Norris' school exercise book, mainly containing notes from mathematics classes.

Arthur Kingsley Norris was Richard Norris' son born 7
August 1861, died 18 November 1881.

1 vol

Access: Open

**Physical description:** Binding in poor condition.

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

**US41/9/2**

Henry James Ley 1883-1900

Diplomas awarded to Henry James Ley, the husband of Nelly Pratt Norris (Richard Norris' daughter) and son of Richard Ley.

4 diplomas, 1 item

Access: Open

**US41/9/2/1**

University of Edinburgh Bachelor of Medicine diploma 1883

Diploma awarded to Henry James Ley

1 diploma

Access: Open

**Language:** Latin

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

**US41/9/2/2**

University of Edinburgh Master of Surgery diploma 1883

Diploma awarded to Henry James Ley.

1 diploma

Access: Open

**Language:** Latin

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

**US41/9/2/3**

Diploma of Royal College of Surgeons of England 1884

Diploma awarded to Henry James Ley, admitting him as member of the College.
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

1 diploma

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/9/2/4 University of Edinburgh doctorate 1900

Diploma awarding a doctorate of medicine to Henry James Ley (in Latin), with enclosed certified copy of Henry James Ley's entry in the Medical Register (in English).

1 diploma, 1 item

Access: Open

**Language:** EnglishLatin

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/9/3 Richard Ley's notebook [1835-1879]

Notebook, labelled "Richard Ley. Die 12 Februarii /35. London" on the inside, including notes of: formulas of medicines and remedies for various illnesses, drawings of plants, notes and diagrams relating to anatomy. A letter from Richard Ley addressed to Harry dated 1879 is enclosed.

Richard Ley, of Ringmore, Teignmouth was Henry James Ley's father - the father-in-law of Nelly Pratt Norris (Richard Norris' daughter).

1 vol

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/9/4 Benjamin Stuart Norris [1885-1948]

Diplomas, certificates and papers relating to Benjamin Stuart Norris, including papers relating to his medical career.

Benjamin Stuart Norris (who appears to have been known as Stuart) was Richard Norris' son, and was born 8 May 1866 and died 1948. He was a doctor practicing in
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

Aston, Birmingham.

2 vols, 2 certificates, 2 diplomas, 1 letter

Access: Open

Access conditions: In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 some medical records (US41/9/4/2), which include personal data are closed for the lifetime of the individual where known, or 100 years.


Book containing details of formulas for medicines and remedies to relieve various illnesses. A note inside the book describes it as the book of Dr B.S. Norris, who was in practice between 1890 and 1948.

1 vol

Access: Open

Physical description: Original book is in poor condition and is unfit for production. A photocopy of the book is available for consultation (stored with the original).

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled ‘Norris Addenda’.

US41/9/4/2 'Patients old prescriptions' [1920s-1930s]

Book containing details of prescriptions for individual patients, and other notes and copies of articles (by other people). The street name or full address is listed for some patients. Labelled inside as the ‘Prescription book of Dr B. Stuart Norris circa 1920’.

1 vol

Access: Closed

Closed until: 01/01/2035

Access conditions: In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 this volume which includes personal data is closed for the lifetime of the individuals where known, or 100 years.

Physical description: In poor condition.

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/9/4/3 University of London matriculation certificate 1885
Certificate awarded to Benjamin Stuart Norris.
1 certificate
Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/9/4/4 Queens College, Birmingham 'Certificate of Honor' 1886
Certificate awarded to B. Norris for obtaining first place at the sessional examination of the Practical Chemistry class.
1 certificate
Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/9/4/5 Diploma of the Society of Apothecaries of London 1890
Diploma awarded to Benjamin Stuart Norris, admitting him a licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries, permitting him to practice medicine, surgery and midwifery. A printed note relating to the diploma is also included.
1 diploma, 1 printed note
Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/9/4/6 Diploma of Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery of the Society of Apothecaries London 1907
Diploma awarded to Benjamin Stuart Norris.
1 diploma
Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/9/4/7 Letter from Society of Apothecaries, London to B.S. 1891
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Papers of Richard Hill Norris

Norris
Letter regarding medical titles and qualifications.
1 letter
Access: Open
Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 195/b.

US41/9/4/8
Benjamin Stuart Norris’ medical certificates 1885-1925
Includes registration certificates; letter from Norman C. King (General Council of Medical Education and Registration) regarding practicing dentistry; Medical Benevolent Society, Birmingham membership certificate; and an examination certificate from the Examining Board in England of the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Surgeons of England.
1 folder
Access: Open
Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled ‘Norris Addenda’.

US41/9/4/9
Letter from Dorothy Amatt to Dr Norris 1918
The letter does not identify which Dr Norris is referred to, but it seems likely to be Benjamin Stuart Norris.
1 letter
Access: Open
Custodial history: Formerly part of Norris 195/b.

US41/9/5
Nelly Pratt Norris baptism certificate 1859
Baptism certificate for Nelly Pratt Norris, daughter of Richard and Anne Norris.
1 certificate
Access: Open
Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled ‘Norris Addenda’.

US41/9/6
Stuart Wallace Kingsley Norris [1917-1953]
Items relating to Stuart Wallace Kingsley Norris (who
appears to have been known as Wallace), the son of Benjamin Stuart Norris. Includes medical and general educational certificates and letters.

1 folder, 2 diplomas, 1 letter

Access: Open

US41/9/6/1 Stuart Wallace Kingsley Norris miscellaneous certificates, correspondence and ephemera

Miscellaneous medical and general educational certificates, and other miscellaneous items relating to Stuart Wallace Kingsley Norris.

Includes: medical registration certificate; certificate of registration as a medical student; printed notices from the General Medical Council; notice of award of Science Prize from King Edward's School; letter from King Edward's School regarding scholarship; letter from University of Birmingham regarding B. Com degree; University of Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Sheffield and Birmingham Joint Matriculation Board matriculation certificate and list of successful candidates; Oxford Senior Local Examination results; business card; visiting card of Mrs Stuart Norris; statement of amounts collected by W.E. Caldicott on behalf of Dr Stuart Norris; letter from unknown person to 'Wal' [Wallace?]; letter from (Arnold?), of 12 Kensington Church Street to Wallace relating to the 'Norris Book' and family history. Not all items are dated.

1 folder

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** The letters (except the one from King Edward's School) were formerly part of Norris 195/b; other items were formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.

US41/9/6/2 Royal College of Surgeons of England diploma

Diploma awarded to Stuart Wallace Kingsley Norris, admitting him as member of the college.

1 diploma

Access: Open

**Custodial history:** Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled 'Norris Addenda'.
Papers of Richard Hill Norris

US41/9/6/3 ‘Qualification to practice medicine, surgery and midwifery’ 1929

Diploma granted to Stuart Wallace Kingsley Norris by the Royal College of Physicians of London, with printed letter requesting receipt for diploma.

1 diploma, 1 letter

Access: Open

Custodial history: Formerly unnumbered, found in box labelled ‘Norris Addenda’.

US41/9/7 Frederick Walter Norris diploma 1922

Diploma awarded by the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London to Frederick Walter Norris for a course of research in biochemistry.

1 diploma

Access: Open