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Collection: GB/2134/ **B ROS PERSONAL PAPERS - FRASER M ROSE**
(1951 to 1972)

Admin-biog history

Fraser Mackintosh Rose was born in Nova Scotia in 1897, the eighth child of the Rev John Rose. When he was 12, his parents, who came from near Inverness, moved to the Outer Hebrides, where he was educated at the Nicholson Institute, Stornaway. On the first day of the First World War, when he was 17, he joined the Ross Mountain Battery, Highland Territorial Division, and saw active service in Gallipoli and the Balkans. After the Armistice, he was invalided out with a back injury. In 1924 he graduated in medicine from Edinburgh University, where, with a flair for administration, he had been secretary and president of the Student's Representative Council. After house appointments at Bradford Royal Infirmary and elsewhere he entered general practice at Preston, remaining there until he retired in 1968.

For a long time he did a great deal for the British Medical Association, being Honorary Secretary of the Preston Division for 16 years, a member of the BMA Council for 10 years and serving on many BMA committees including the GMSC.

The work for which he is remembered best, was the part he played in the formation of the Royal College of General Practitioners. This included a memorandum he presented to the General Practice Review Committee at BMA House on 3 October 1951 where he argued for the need of a college for general practitioners [and where he met John Hunt for the first time], a letter he wrote later that month, together with Hunt, to the medical press asking for general practitioners to respond to the idea of their own college, membership of the Steering Committee and his signature on the memorandum and articles of association of the new college in November 1952.

He wrote later that "[it was] essential, indeed urgent, that additional and more personal efforts should be made by general practitioners to improve standards of practice. Coupled with this was the need to revive in general practitioners pride and confidence in their craft. The formation of a College of General Practice seemed the most appropriate means of achieving these ends" [Letter to John Horder

21st June 1964 – Fraser Rose papers]. He spoke at the College's first AGM and said that doctors had joined the College "not because we think we are good practitioners but because we want to be better ones".

He continued to be active within the College – he was Vice Chairman of the Foundation Council, Chairman of the Faculty Organisation Committee, Chairman of Council 1956-1959 and President 1962-64.

His administrative ability, his many contacts with the BMA, his patience and courtesy, sound common sense and judgment of character were of very great value to the College in the early days. He wrote well, was a great reader, debater and was well known to speak generously of those who held opposing views. Despite all his administrative and practice commitments he had very many interests, an extensive library of literature and poetry, he developed his own photographs, researched his family genealogy back over two hundred and fifty years, completed the first volume of his autobiography, remodelled his garden and completed the Guardian crossword every morning at breakfast.

He was married twice, firstly to Jean (1927), who died in 1937 and secondly to Catherine (1940). He had five children three of whom went on to become doctors after him.

Collection Description

Correspondence; diary extracts, committee and working party minutes; reports; lectures, speeches, and address notes; manuscripts of articles; personal notes; financial papers; photographs
Papers relating to Rose's part in founding of the College of General Practitioners in 1952, his time on College Committees and as President, as well as biographical material and copies of obituaries and appreciations

Biographic material includes personal notes, financial papers, and correspondence relating to his award of OBE and CBE, and photographs.

Name of creator

Fraser Mackintosh Rose (1897-1972)

Archival history

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