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Collection: GB/2134/ **B WO W O WILLIAMS** (1958 to 1988)

Admin-biog history

William Owen Williams (1921-2002) served in general practice in Swansea 1950-1980 and was senior partner in his practice from 1968. He trained at the University College of North Wales, Bangor and the Welsh National School of Medicine, Cardiff. His MD thesis, 'A clinical and epidemiological study of Bornholm Disease', was submitted to the University of Wales in 1958. He later undertook a number of inquiries into the state of MDs by thesis in Britain and abroad; influenza and whooping cough are notable among his other research interests. The Swansea Research Unit of the RCGP was largely set up due to his activities and he served as Director from its inception in 1975, retiring in 1988. (The unit then ceased to be part of the RCGP and work was carried on by the Postgraduate School of Medicine at the University of Swansea.) Dr Williams has also written on the work of the general practitioner and undertaken research into medical education. He has worked as a lecturer, served on various training committees and has held various positions with the Royal College of General Practitioners and government medical advisory bodies. He was elected a Fellow of the RCGP in 1970 and awarded the OBE in 1975. He is widely referred to as 'W.O.'

Collection Description

Papers belonging to Dr. W. O. Williams

B WO A Williams committee papers

Records relating to Dr. W. O. Williams' membership of the Research Committee and the Academic Review Committee of the Royal College of General Practitioners

B WO B Williams Research Unit papers

Records relating to Dr. W. O. Williams' involvement with the Epidemic Observation Unit and the Swansea Research Unit of the Royal College of General Practitioners

B WO C Williams research and publications
Records relating to Dr. W. O. Williams' research projects and publications.

B WO D Williams miscellaneous papers
Miscellaneous records relating to Dr. W. O. Williams.

Name of creator

William Owen Williams 1921-2002

Associated material

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Archival history

Deposited by creator in 1989.

language

English

Accruals

None expected

Arrangement

Subject

Access

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21 September 1999

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12 February 2003

Initials

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Detailed Listing

A Williams committee papers -

Records relating to Dr. W. O. Williams' membership of the Research Committee and the Academic Review Committee of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

B WO A 1 Research Committee papers of Dr. W. O. Williams, 1966 - 1971

Papers of Dr W. O. Williams relating to his membership of the Research Committee (from 1966) of which he was Honorary Secretary (1967-70).

N.B. See also ACE G

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| B WO A 1 - 1 | Papers, mainly correspondence with Research Committee members regarding meetings, conferences etc., and some correspondence regarding Dr. W. O. Williams' own research. | January 1966
- November 1967 |
| B WO A 1 - 2 | Papers, mainly correspondence with Research Committee members regarding meetings, conferences and projects, especially the Oral Contraception Study, and some correspondence regarding Dr. W. O. Williams' own research. | November 1967
- August 1968 |

B WO A 1 - 3 Papers, mainly correspondence with Research Committee members regarding meetings and conferences, including visit by Australian College of General Practitioners (1970), and projects, especially the Oral Contraception Study, and some correspondence regarding Dr. W. O. Williams' own research. **August 1968 - January 1970**

B WO A 1 - 4 Papers, mainly correspondence with Research Committee members regarding meetings, conferences etc., including visit by the Australian College of General Practitioners (1970) and projects. **January 1970 - May 1971**

B WO A 1 - 5 Report by Dr. W. O. Williams evaluating the effectiveness of the consolidated comments system from 1957 to 1967, together with some of the responses to his questionnaire. **March 1967 - June 1967**

B WO A 2 *Academic Review Committee papers of Dr. W. O. Williams, 1969 - 1970*

Papers of Dr. W. O. Williams relating to his membership of the Academic Review Committee of which he was Honorary Secretary.

N.B. See also ACE H12-1

B WO A 2 - 1 Reports, including evidence presented to the Academic Review Working Party, and correspondence of Academic Review Committee, including some correspondence of Dr. W. O. Williams as Honorary Secretary. **March 1969 - August 1970**

B Williams Research Unit papers -

Records relating to Dr. W. O. Williams' involvement with the Epidemic Observation Unit and the Swansea Research Unit of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

B WO B 1 *Epidemic Observation Unit papers of Dr. W. O. Williams, 1972 - 1975*

Papers of Dr. W. O. Williams relating to the Epidemic Observation Unit where he served as Director.

B WO B 1 - 1 Correspondence and reports relating to the work of the Epidemic Observation Unit, with section arranged alphabetically by correspondent. Includes reference to proposed re-housing of the Unit at the University of Surrey and development of the Swansea Research Unit. **1972 - July 1975**

B WO B 2 *Swansea Research Unit papers of Dr. W. O. Williams, 1975 - 1988*

Papers of Dr. W. O. Williams relating to the Swansea Research Unit where he served as Director.

B WO B 2 - 1 Correspondence, mainly relating to negotiations between the College and the University of Swansea about the setting up of the Swansea Research Unit (1975), with a report from Dr. W. O. Williams to the university Principal (1980) and a letter regarding vaccination and morbidity rates (1988). **January 1975 - February 1988**

C Williams research and publications -

Records relating to Dr. W. O. Williams' research projects and publications.

B WO C 1 Research, 1954 - 1970

Papers of Dr. W. O. Williams relating to research studies.

- B WO C 1 - 1 Bornholm Disease** **June 1954**
- February 1965
Items (charts and questionnaire) reproduced in Dr. W. O. Williams' MD thesis, 'A clinical and epidemiological study of Bornholm Disease', (University of Wales, 1958); photograph of related display at British Medical Association AGM (1958); offprints of Williams' articles (1958 and 1961); article (1954) and letters from Dr. William Pickles (1959) regarding thesis; interview with Pickles in 'Medical News' (press cutting, 1965).
- B WO C 1 - 2 Death certification study** **October 1957**
Letter and data regarding Dr W. O. Williams' participation in this exercise in relation to the Registrar-General's Committee on the Classification of the Cardiovascular Disorders.
- B WO C 1 - 3 Cancer genetic study** **May 1963**
- May 1964
Example of circular letter and questionnaire sent out by Dr W. O. Williams (1963), two returns, some correspondence and related papers.
- B WO C 1 - 4 South Wales work load study** **1965**
- January 1970
Sample questionnaire, summary of doctor's comments, statistics, diagram, with published copy of 'A study of general practitioners' work load in South Wales 1965 - 1966' (Council of the Royal College of General Practitioners, 1970).

B WO C 2 Publications, 1963 - 1988

Papers of Dr. W. O. Williams relating to his publications.

- B WO C 2 - 1** Mainly typescript copies of published papers, lectures and reviews and related correspondence. **July 1963**
- 1974
Item: Speaking engagements include International Congress on General Practice, Salzberg (1967); South West England Faculty RCGP, (May 1969); Annual Pfizer Address, Belfast (March 1972). N.B. Some manuscript and duplicate texts (annotated with revisions).
- B WO C 2 - 2** Offprints of published articles, with list of research projects and publications and detailed curriculum vitae. **1964**
- 1988
N.B. Some duplicates.

D Williams miscellaneous papers -

Miscellaneous records relating to Dr. W. O. Williams.

B WO D 1 *Miscellaneous papers of Dr. W. O. Williams, 1958 - 1969*

Miscellaneous papers relating to Dr. W. O. Williams.

- B WO D 1 - 1** College of General Practitioners, Fifth Council Dinner menu (1958); letter from Lord Stephen Taylor following a visit to Swansea (1960); letter from Dr. Robin Pinsent regarding his recovery from an operation (1968); memorandum on the future policy of the South West Wales Faculty by Dr. W. O. Williams and programme for a South West Wales Faculty Symposium on the future of general practice (1969). **1958
- 1969**