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Title: DACIE, John Vivian (1912-2005)

Date(s): [1930-1936]

Level of description: Collection (fonds)

Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk, or size): 2 boxes, 0.2 cubic metres

Context

Name of creator(s): Dacie, Sir, John Vivian, 1912-2005, Knight, Professor of Haematology

Administrative / Biographical history:

John Vivian Dacie was born on 20th July 1912 in Putney, London; educated at King's College School; attended King's College London Faculty of Medical Science, King's College Hospital, and qualified in medicine in 1935; became a member of the Royal College of Physicians, 1936; licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of London, 1935; Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, 1935 and a Reader in Haematology. After a year in the pathology department at King's College Hospital, Dacie took his first research post at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, at Hammersmith Hospital, London, to study haemolytic anaemia. He then moved to Manchester Royal Infirmary where he investigated a patient with paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria, a rare chronic haemolytic anaemia; this began his interest in the illness. In 1937, he spent 6 months working with Dame Janet Vaughan at the British Postgraduate School, Hammersmith Hospital.

During World War Two, Dacie served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Army Medical Corps (Emergency Medical Service), working as a pathologist, 1939-1942; Dacie found that injured troops, who had lost a lot of blood on the battleground, did better when given plasma rather than whole blood and he devised more effective blood-transfusion methods for field hospitals for the Royal Army Medical Corps, 1943-1946. After the war, he became Senior Lecturer in Haematology in the Department of Clinical Pathology at the Postgraduate Medical School (which later became the Royal Postgraduate Medical School of London), the only institution in the UK at that time devoted to clinical academic medicine.

Dacie was appointed the first Professor of Haematology in the United Kingdom, at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, 1956; pioneered the laboratory investigation of hemolytic anaemia; developed a remarkable expertise in the laboratory diagnosis of the leukaemias; wrote 180 scientific papers; founded the Leukaemia Research Fund, 1960; elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, 1967; knighted, 1976; President of the Royal College of Pathologists, 1973-1975, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1977; founder and editor of the British Journal of Haematology and retired in 1977. He died in 2005.


**Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:**
Gifted to King's College London College Archives by Lady Margaret Dacie in 2005.

**Content & structure**

**Scope and content:**
Papers of Sir John Vivian Dacie, [1930-1936], contain articles of clothing and photographs dating from Dacie's time on the King's College Hospital cricket team. The collection notably comprises a pair of wicket keeper’s gloves, [1930-1936]; cricket blazer, [1930-1936]; two cricket caps [1930-1936]; photograph of the cricket team [1930-1936]; King's College Hospital scarf [1930-1936] and black and white photographs of blood cells taken through a microscope.

**System of arrangement:**
The collection is currently uncatalogued and remains in its original order.

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English

**Finding aids:**
No additional finding aids exist.

**Allied materials**

**Existence and location of originals:**
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**Description control**

**Archivist’s Note:**

**Rules or conventions:**

**Date(s) of descriptions:**
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