

Cosgrave Collection

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Collection of documents and slides mainly relating to Ephraim MacDowel Cosgrave's medical education and time as Professor of Biology in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

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**EMC
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**Collection
1875-1916**

Extent:

4 boxes

1 portrait

Creator:

Cosgrave, Ephraim MacDowel, 1853-1925

Description:

Collection of documents and slides mainly relating to Ephraim MacDowel Cosgrave's medical education and time as Professor of Biology in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. Collection also includes Cosgrave's certificate and insignia as a Knight of the Order of St John of Jerusalem, and his portrait.

Arrangement:

Items are arranged by date.

Administrative History:

Ephraim MacDowel Cosgrave was born in Dublin in 1853, studying medicine at Trinity College, Dublin, and graduating in 1876. Following a short time in England, Cosgrave returned to Dublin working at a number of hospitals in the city. In 1889 he was appointed Professor of Biology in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. He was elected a Fellow of RCPI in 1887, and President in 1914. Cosgrave published a handbook for the St John's Ambulance Association, *Hints and helps for home nursing and hygiene*, he was made a Knight of the Order of St John of Jerusalem in 1898. Outside of medicine Cosgrave was a keen antiquarian, a member of the Royal Zoological Society, a founding member of the Georgian Society and President of the Dublin Amateur Photographic Society. Cosgrave died at his home in Dublin in 1925.

Custodial History:

The collection was bequeathed to RCPI by Cosgrave on his death in 1925. The books received as part of the bequest were mixed into the main library collection, but are being identified as belonging to the Cosgrave Special Collection as part of the ongoing library cataloguing project. A microscope and reflector which were received in 1925 as part of the bequest are no longer in the collection.

References:

C J Woods, 'Ephraim MacDowel Cosgrave' in the Dictionary of Irish Biography.
Charles Cameron, A History of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

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EMC/1
University and medical education certificates

File
1875-1887

Extent:
13 items

Creator:
Cosgrave, Ephraim MacDowel, 1853-1925

Description:
University and medical education certificates of Ephraim MacDowel Cosgrave;

- [Logic examination] certificate from Trinity College, Dublin (1872)
- Bachelor of Arts from Trinity College, Dublin (1875)
- Certificate in Obstetrics from the Rotunda Hospital (1875)
- Licentiate in Surgery from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (1876)
- Licentiate in Midwifery from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (1876)
- Bachelor of Medicine from Trinity College, Dublin, (1876)
- Bachelor of Surgery from Trinity College, Dublin, (1876)
- Licentiate in Surgery from Trinity College, Dublin, (1876)
- Master of Medicine from Trinity College, Dublin (1878)
- Licentiate in Medicine from King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland (1882)
- Master of Surgery from Trinity College, Dublin (1883)
- Membership of the King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland (1886)
- Fellowship of the King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland (1887)

EMC/2
Biology lecture slides

Section
[1890s-1910s]

Extent:

334 slides in 14 slide boxes

Creator:

Cosgrave, Ephraim MacDowel, 1853-1925

Description:

Series of glass lantern slides used by Ephraim MacDowel Cosgrave as [Professor of Biology at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland].

The original order of the slides has been lost. Some of the slides were in old boxes labelled with the name and number of the lecture, however, the slides in the boxes no longer related to the lecture titles on the box. The names of the lectures were; II - Respiration, III - Evolution, IV - Protoplasm, VI - Amoeba, VI - Bacteria, VII - Yeast, VIII - Mucor, X - Paramecium, XI - Hydra, XII - Cell formation, XIII - Roots and leaves, XIV - Roots 1, XV - Leaves 1, XVII - Flowers, XXII - blood and circulation, XXIV - Chick, XXVIII - Excretory organs, XXIV - Connective tissues, XXV - Movement 1 and XXVII - Muscles.

EMC/3
Microscope slides

Section
[1890s-1910s]

Extent:

8 boxes

Creator:

Cosgrave, Ephraim MacDowel, 1853-1925

Description:

Eight wooden and cardboard boxes containing microscope slides, used by Ephraim MacDowel Cosgrave [as Professor of Biology in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland]. Some of the slides were made by Cosgrave, where as others have been ordered from suppliers as [teaching materials].

EMC/4
Photographic Society of Ireland medal

Item
1898

Extent:

1 medal

Creator:

Photographic Society of Ireland

Description:

Photographic Society of Ireland medal for lantern slides, awarded to E M Cosgrave in 1898.

EMC/5
Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem

File
1898

Extent:

7 item

Creator:

Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem

Description:

Certificate of admittance of Ephraim MacDowel Cosgrave as a Knight of Grace of the Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem dated 1 June 1898, in original metal holder.

Also insignia of the Order belonging to Cosgrave;

- enamel and silver Star of a Knight of Grace, on a pin
- enamel and silver Star of a Kinght of Grace, on a black ribbon
- [button] with the Star of a Knight of Grace
- [tie pin with the Star of a Knight of Grace]
- silver Star of a Member of the order, on a black ribbon

EMC/6
Portrait of Ephraim MacDowel Cosgrave

Item
1916

Extent:

1 item

Creator:

Dignam, Michael

Description:

Three quarter length portrait of Cosgrave, in the RCPI President's robe and insignia of the Order of St John of Jerusalem, by Michael Dignam, signed and dated

Dimensions:

44" x 34"

Materials:

Oil on canvas