

# UQFL354 Rae W Dungan Collection

Size 1 box

**Contents** Correspondence, medical reports and articles, case notes, and newspaper

cuttings pertaining to Dr. Rae W. Dungan's clinical work with polio sufferers in the 1930s and the 1940s and his collaboration with Sister Elizabeth Kenny.

**Date range** 1928 to 1956

**Biography** Dr Rae W Dungan, throughout the 1930s and the 1940s, was involved

clinically in the assessment of children with infantile paralysis and collaborated

with Sister Elizabeth Kenny in evolving methods of treatment.

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# Box 1

## Folder 1

Letter to Dr Rae W Dungan (Sedden, Victoria) from Sir Raphael Cilento, Kt., M.D (Director-General of Health and Medical Services) 11 May 1939 (1 p)

Letter to The Officer in Charge Ernabella Mission (Melbourne) from Sir Raphael Cilento, Kt., M.D (Director-General of Health and Medical Services), 11 May 1939. The letter concerns the growing of dates in Western Queensland and Central Australia. (1 p)

Letter to Dungan from unknown correspondent 10 July 1941 (1p)

Treatment of patient in Acute Stage, in Dr R.W, Dungan's handwriting. (5 p)

## Folder 2

Development of Muscular Spasms notes (15 p)

Brief discussion of the view of various investigators in relation to striated and smooth muscle (3 p)

Brief discussion of the view of various investigators in relation to striated and smooth muscle from Special Cytology Ed.SV Cowdry Vol 2, 781 (3 p)

Segmental Innervation of Muscles (anterior) (1 p)

Notes concerning spinal cord (hand written) (2 p)



Thesis extracts and Letters from the Medical Journal of Australia 1938

- November 30, 1935
- January 29, 1938
- August 20, 1938
- February 25, 1939
- March 18, 1939
- April 8, 1939

## Folder 4

Starr, W, Kenneth. A Report to the minister for health, NSW on Sister Kenny's Method of Treatment of Infantile Paralysis, May, 1939

1941 'Sister Kenny's Treatment: Experience in America' (1p) source unknown.

Townsville Evening Star, 'Patients Transported by Aeroplane: Sydney to Townsville in 9 ¾ Hours'. (nd) (1p)

The Argus, 28 October 1937, 'Paralysis Cases: Sister Kenny supported' (1p)

? *Townsville Daily Bulletin*, March 20 (year unknown) Medical Conference: Incidence of Tropical Ills, Treatise on Weil's disease. Article includes a picture of Dr Dungan.

Letter addressed to Dr R.W.Dungan (Seddon) from C.L. McVilly concerning Sister Kenny's method of treating infantile paralysis patients – letter is in favour of treatment. 1 March 1939 (1 p)

## Folder 5

Six handwritten letters to Dr Dungan from unidentified correspondent.

- 02/05/41
- 01/07/41
- 30/08/36
- Three undated letters

Four typed letters to Dr Dungan from unidentified correspondent, dated:

- 17/11/41
- 22/11/35
- 27/02/39
- 03/09/37



Letter to Dr R.W.Dungan from Sister Kenny regarding chapters from her book. Chapter Seven entitled 'Remedial Exercises for Individual Muscles: the lower extremities'. (11 p)

Typed papers entitled 'Necessity for close Medical Supervision: Observation by J.V.Guinane, F.R.C.S.' (Eng) (16 p)

Report from Sister Kenny concerning her visit to America and the results of that visit. (6 p)

Preliminary Report from Sister Kenny concerning her visit to America and the results of that visit. Contains two appendixes:

Appendix No.1: 'The Kenny treatment of infantile paralysis' (5 p)

Appendix No.2: 'Hennepin County Medical Society, official organ of the Hennepin County medical society, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Poliomyelitis in 1941'. (9 p)

Typed notes of sister Kenny's entitled 'Muscle Spasm' (5 p).

Notes entitled 'Poliomyelitis: Treatment of patient in acute stage' (3 p)

## Folder 7

Medicine Magazine Article entitled 'Victim of Spastic Paralysis Helps Rehabilitate others' (date unknown)

Typewritten notes entitled 'Salvaging the Spastics' (4 p)

Typewritten notes entitled 'Salvaging the Spastics' (4 p) handwritten copyright and date October 1939.

### Folder 8

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Report of the Australian Conference of Crippled Children, Commonwealth Department of Health, 6-8 of April 1936.

Various sets of typewritten notes concerning Sister Kenny's work – contain method, procedures, and recommendations.

Typewritten notes entitled Reason for the use of exercises in Infantile Paralysis (19 p)

Various articles from the British Medical Journal:

- August 23, 1947. 'Acute Poliomyelitis', p293, 295
- August 23, 1947. 'Measures Against Poliomyelitis', (1 p)
- August 30 1947. Seddon, H.J. 'The Early Treatment of Poliomyelitis', p319-321
- August 30, 1947. 'The Management of Poliomyelitis', (2 p)
- September 6, 1947. 'Correspondence: Poliomyelitis', p397 (1 p)
- September 6, 1947. 'Any Questions?: Notes and comments' p404.
- Date unknown 'Some Clinical Observations on the Present outbreak of Acute Poliomyelitis' by W. Howlett Kellher, M.M. D.P.H. Date unknown (1 p)



Letter to Mr Chunter from Mr Rae W Dungan 8 April, 1935 (1 p)

Letter to Mr Hanlon from Mrs F Krieger 1 May, 1935 (2 p)

Letter to Mr Schuster from G.W.Rainnie 4 December, 1934 (1 p)

Letter to Dr J.V. Guinane from Mr C.E.Chuter 16 of October, 1934 (1 p)

Notes regarding method of examination (5 p)

Handwritten notes (20 p)

Copy of Sister Kenny's report to The Honourable Home Secretary E.M.Hanlon, Esq, M.L.A. for the 5<sup>th</sup> of September, 1934. (9 p)

Copy of Report of the methods and results of the clinic and Townsville, NQ. (29 p).

Copy of Sister Kenny's report, 'Doctor Dungan's Report', 7 September, 1934 (3 p)

Sister Kenny's report 'Report of conduct and efficiency of staff', 28 June 1934. (4 p)

Report by Dr Dungan, 'Addendum A: Report of observations on work done by Sister Kenny at the muscle re-education clinic', Townsville (nd) (7 p)

Report by Dr Dungan, 'Addendum B: Report of observations on work done by Sister Kenny at the muscle re-education clinic, Townsville' (nd) (19 p)

#### Folder 10

Report by Dr Dungan on Elizabeth Kenny clinic at George St, Brisbane and Kenny wards general hospital Brisbane, (nd) (14 p).

Report entitled 'Report of work at Elizabeth Kenny clinic for month ending May 1941' (1 p)

Report to Department of Health and Home Affairs from Dr Dungan, 17 June 1941, (3 p)

## Folder 11

Notes on clinical discussion at a meeting of the British Medical Association (Queensland Branch) Poliomyelitis Sub-Committee. 6 May 1941. (8 p)

One p of notes entitled 'Tests'. Concerns patient exercises.

Notes entitled 'Memorandum' (4 p)

#### Folder 12

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The Australian Women's Weekly magazine article entitled 'Sister Kenny's Treatment for Infantile Paralysis: Children's Florence Nightingale and Her Struggle for Recognition'. 27 November 1937. (2 p)

Letter to Dr Dungan from unknown correspondent. 17 January 1936. (1 p)

Letter to Dr Dungan from Elizabeth Kenny. 23 December 1936. (1 p)

Letter to Dr Dungan from the Royal Commission on the Investigation of Paralysis. 17 March 1937. (1 p)



Letter to Dr Dungan from Minister for Health and Home Affairs. 9 March 1939. (1 p)

Letter to Dr Dungan from C.E. Smith. 22 January 1938. (1 p)

Letter to Dr Dungan from Elizabeth Kenny. 3 May 1939. (1 p)

Letter to Dr Dungan from Elizabeth Kenny 6 February 1940. (1 p)

Letter addressed to Brisbane Hospital from Aubrey D.D.Pye. 31 January 1940. (1 p)

Letter to The Minister for Health (name unknown) from Alan Fletcher. 18 December 1939. (1 p)

Letter to Dr Dungan from unknown correspondent (Elizabeth Kenny Clinic). 5 April 1940. (1 p)

Telegram for Dr Dungan from Elizabeth Kenny clinic. No date (1 p)

Letter to Dr Dungan from Elizabeth Kenny 15 February 1937. (1 p)

Letter to Dr Dungan from Elizabeth Kenny Clinic. 15 March 1940. (1 p)

Letter to Dr Dungan from Victor Cohn (Minneapolis Tribune). 13 March. 1956 (1p)

Letter to Dr Dungan from R.V.Graham. 16 May 1934. (1p)

Typewritten excerpt on Sister Kenny's autobiography 'And they shall walk' (1p)

Two pages of handwritten notes on Dr R.W.Dungan's letterhead.

Notes regarding Sister Kenny's treatment (3p) nd

Typewritten notes, untitled (9p)

Typewritten notes entitled 'Relation of Vitamin B Deficiency to Heart Disease' (2p)

Handwritten notes (9p)

Report of Observations by Dr.R.W.Dungan on work done by Sister Kenny at the Muscle Re-Educational Clinic Townsville. 3 copies (25 p)

#### Folder 13

Letters to Dr Dungan from unknown correspondent, dated:

- 2 May 1941. (1p)
- 17 July 1941. (4p)
- 18 July 1941 (2p)
- 22 July 1941 (2p)
- 24 July 1941 (1p)
- nd. (2p)

*Minneapolis Daily Times*, 19 March 1941, 'Sister Kenny's Polio Method Succeeds in Hospital Test'. *Minneapolis Star Journal*, 5 June 1941, 'Foundation Ok's Fund for Polio Clinic at 'U'. (1p)



Article from the *Townsville Daily Bulletin* entitled 'Infantile paralysis sister Kenny methods' 1 April 1935.

Report on the 'The muscle re-education clinic, Townsville (Sister E Kenny), and its work', written by R.W.Cilento 12 December 1934.

#### Folder 15

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Newspaper photograph of three paralysis children being flown to Sister Kenny's clinic in Townsville from Sydney. No date (1p)

Article entitled 'Sister Kenny to continue Townsville Clinic' no date or source (1p)

Article from *The Argus* entitled 'Infantile paralysis and after-care: what is Sister Kenny's Treatment?' December 6, 1937. (1p)

Article from *The Argus* entitled 'Infantile Paralysis Treatment Defended: Sister Kenny's Claims'. (nd)(1p)

Article entitled 'Paralysis patients: shortage of doctor's allegation by medical man'. No date or source (1p)

Article entitled 'Minister's reply to B.M.A.: Mr Hughes on Paralysis sister Kenny defended', No source or date (1p)

Article entitled 'Paralysis and After Care: The Kenny Method'. No date or source (1p)

Article entitled 'Report on Clinic Referred to by minister: Favours Kenny Treatment'. No date or source (1p)

Article from *The Argus* entitled 'Paralysis Care: sister Kenny's methods statement by Council', 9 November, year unknown. (1p)

Article from *The Argus* entitled 'Paralysis Clinic, gift home at Bendigo: inspection by Premier' 12 November 1937. (1p)

Article entitled 'Sister Kenny's Work to aid paralysis Victims', 18 December, year unknown (1p)

Article from *The Age* 'Poliomyelitis Treatment Sister Kenny Method: BMA on 'unbridled publicity' 16 November 1937. (1p)

Article from *The Age* 'Infantile Paralysis: Premiers statement in Parliament' 11 November 1937 (1p)

Article from *The Age* 'Offer of Fortuna for clinic: Mr Dyason Explains', 12 November 1937. (1p)

Cartoon drawing – concerned with Infantile Paralysis and Science, 20 November 1937. No source or date (1p)

Article entitled 'Infantile Paralysis: After-Care Facilities, Premier says he is satisfied'. No date or source (1p)

Article from *The Argus* entitled 'Sister Kenny's After-care Treatment of Paralysis Patients', 11 November, (1p)

Article from *The Herald* entitled (year)? 'Kenny Method nurses may go to Sydney to learn', 12 November 1937.

Article entitled 'Sister Kenny's Treatment Here not Orthodox'. No date or source (1p).

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Blank Victorian society for Crippled Children medical report, two sets (2p)

Typed notes entitled 'Some typical examples of cases confidential report', (4p)

Typed notes entitled 'Victorian society for crippled children; Second newsletter' May 1937 (2p)

Typed notes entitled 'Tests given by Rev. A.R. Magnell' (1p)

Letter to Dr Dungan from Mrs J.G. Norris (Victorian Society for Crippled Children), 10 March 1937. (1p)

*Georgii Quinti Regis*, Victorian Acts pamphlet of 1928, concerns an act to consolidate the Law with respect to the Training Qualifications and Registration of Masseurs. (6p)

Report, 'An investigation of 23 cases of Poliomyelitis treated by the 'Kenny System" at the children's hospital, convalescent branch, Hampton', written by W.R.Forster & E.E.Price. nd (14p)

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