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## RCSI/IP/Colles

**Abraham Colles Papers**

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# ARCHIVE CATALOGUE

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RCSI/IP/Colles

**Collection**

15 September 1790 -  
15 June 1979

*Abraham Colles Papers*

6 volumes, 122 folios, 2 artefacts, 1 medal, 6  
photographs, 1 negative

This collection comprises of medical certificates, personal items, correspondence, photographs and lecture notes that are related to Abraham Colles' life and medical career. It also includes documents relating to the family history and genealogy of the Colles family.

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| RCSI/IP/Colles/1     | <b>Section</b><br><br><i>Abraham Colles: Lecture notes</i><br><br>3 volumes<br><br>Manuscript lecture notes related to surgery written by Colles and others.<br><br>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections   | 1830 - 1836                            |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/2     | <b>Section</b><br><br><i>Abraham Colles: Correspondence</i><br><br>103 folios<br><br>Manuscript correspondence from Abraham Colles to his family and the RCSI. The following issues are discussed family matters, medical advice, politics, tenants, property purchases, Colles' work in the RCSI, financial matters and Colles' lecture series.<br><br>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections | 30 November 1795 -<br>28 July 1837     |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/3     | <b>Section</b><br><br><i>Abraham Colles: Certificates</i><br><br>4 folios<br><br>Certificates awarded, presented and belonging to Abraham Colles from a variety of institutes and individuals.<br><br>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections   | 15 September 1790 - 2<br>November 1811 |

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| <b>Catalogue No.</b> | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Date</b>                        |
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| RCSI/IP/Colles/4     | <b>Section</b><br><br><i>Abraham Colles: Personal artefacts</i><br><br>2 artefacts, 1 medal<br><br>A collection of personal items that belonged to Abraham Colles.<br><br>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections  | 1868                               |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/5     | <b>Section</b><br><br><i>Abraham Colles: Photographs</i><br><br>6 photographs, 1 negative<br><br>Black and white photographs Abraham Colles, his father William and their residence in Millmount, Co. Kilkenny.<br><br>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections | 1910                               |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/6     | <b>Section</b><br><br><i>Abraham Colles: Family History</i><br><br>3 volumes, 15 folios<br><br>Manuscript and typescript notes, correspondence and family trees relating to the Colles family history.<br><br>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections          | 15 December 1900 -<br>15 June 1979 |

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| RCSI/IP/Colles/1   | <b>Section</b><br><br><i>Abraham Colles: Lecture notes</i><br><br>3 volumes<br><br>Manuscript lecture notes related to surgery written by Colles and others.<br><br>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections   | 1830 - 1836 |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/1/1 | <b>Item</b><br><br><i>'Colles' Lectures on Surgery'</i><br><br>1 volume<br><br>'Colles' Lectures on Surgery'. Large hardback book containing manuscript lecture notes on surgery by Abraham Colles. There have been numerous additions and corrections made. The pages are numbered 1 to 265. An appendix immediately follows and is numbered 401 to 426. On the inside of the back cover there is 'Index to Mr. Colles's (sic) Lecture's on Surgery. College of Surgeons'. The front board is detached and the spine is broken in a number of places.<br><br>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections | ND          |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/1/2 | <b>Item</b><br><br><i>'Notes of a Course of Lectures on Surgery delivered by Professrs. Collis [sic] &amp; Wilmot'</i><br><br>1 volume<br><br>'Notes of a Course of Lectures on Surgery delivered by Professrs. Collis [sic] & Wilmot'. Hardback book containing manuscript lecture notes on surgery by Abraham Colles. The pages are numbered 1 to 269. The book was   | 1830        |

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published by Fannin & Co. Medical Booksellers, 41 Grafton Street, Dublin. The manuscript notes at the back run backwards and upside down. The book was donated to the College by Professor W.I.N Kessel of The Medical School in University of Manchester. Provenance note in Donations Folder.

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RCSI/IP/Colles/1/3

**Item**

1835 - 1836

*'Mr. Collis [sic] lectures on surgery delivered at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland 1835 + 6'*

1 volume

'Mr. Collis [sic] lectures on surgery delivered at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland 1835 + 6'. Hardback book containing manuscript lecture notes on surgery transcribed by Simon Sheil whose name can be seen at the end of the text. The name 'Colles' is written on the front cover. The pages are numbered 1 to 239. There are additional notes about Simon Sheil on the inside of the front cover.

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| RCSI/IP/Colles/2     | <p><b>Section</b></p> <p><i>Abraham Colles: Correspondence</i></p> <p>103 folios</p> <p>Manuscript correspondence from Abraham Colles to his family and the RCSI. The following issues are discussed family matters, medical advice, politics, tenants, property purchases, Colles' work in the RCSI, financial matters and Colles' lecture series.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p>  | 30 November 1795 -<br>28 July 1837    |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/2/1   | <p><b>SubSection</b></p> <p><i>Correspondence to Mother</i></p> <p>12 folios</p> <p>Correspondence from Abraham Colles to his mother in Millmount House, Co. Kilkenny.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p>   | 30 November 1795 -<br>28 July 1837    |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/2/1/1 | <p><b>SubSection</b></p> <p><i>Correspondence from the 1790s</i></p> <p>8 folios</p> <p>Manuscript correspondence from Abraham Colles while studying in Edinburgh to his mother in Millmount House, Co. Kilkenny. The following issues are discussed women in Edinburgh selling delivery of their children to medical students, the 'Two Acts' (Seditious Meetings Act 1795; Treason Act 1795) passed by the government, medical advice for ailments, family members, moving lodgings, the General Assembly of the Kirk of Scotland sitting in Edinburgh, his brother William</p> | 30 November 1795 -<br>17 January 1797 |



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coming to visit, weather, the French invasions,  
Scottish nobility and his thoughts on why older  
men marry. Numbers run from  
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RSCI/IP/Colles/2/1/1/4

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RCSI/IP/Colles/2/1/2

## SubSection

18 June 1832 - 28 July  
1837

### *Correspondence from the 1830s*

4 folios

Manuscript correspondence from Abraham  
Colles while living in Dublin and teaching in  
the RCSI to his mother in Millmount House,  
Co. Kilkenny. The following issues are  
discussed Colles family medical ailments,  
family members and a new newspaper called  
'Plain Dealer'. Numbers run from  
RSCI/IP/Colles/2/1/2/1 to  
RSCI/IP/Colles/2/1/2/2.

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RCSI/IP/Colles/2/2

## SubSection

13 July 1802 - 3  
December 1834

### *Correspondence to William Esq.*

74 folios

Correspondence from Abraham Colles to  
William Esq., his brother, in Millmount House,  
Co. Kilkenny.

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| Catalogue No.        | Description  | Date                            |
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| RCSI/IP/Colles/2/2/1 | <p><b>SubSection</b></p> <p><i>Correspondence from 1800 - 1809</i></p> <p>45 folios</p> <p>Manuscript correspondence from Abraham Colles while living in Dublin to William Esq., his brother, in Millmount House, Co. Kilkenny. The following issues are discussed family friends, financial matters, medical advice, the paper industry, the Court of Examiners in the RCSI, Colles' own nomination to the position of Professor of Anatomy, Colles' introductory lecture series, Colles' work load in the College and the possibility of publishing plates and explanatory notes of the principal arteries in the body. Numbers run from RSCI/IP/Colles/2/2/1/1 to RCSI/IP/Colles/2/2/1/23.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p> | 13 July 1802 - 20 December 1809 |
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| RCSI/IP/Colles/2/2/3 | <p><b>SubSection</b></p> <p><i>Correspondence from 1820 - 1828</i></p> <p>10 folios</p> <p>Manuscript correspondence from Abraham Colles while living in Dublin to William Esq., his brother, in Millmount House, Co. Kilkenny. The following issues are discussed family matters, financial matters, medical advice, tenants, property purchases and William's running for election. Numbers run from RSCI/IP/Colles/2/2/3/1 to RCSI/IP/Colles/2/2/3/5.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p> | 3 April 1826 - 17 December 1828  |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/2/2/4 | <p><b>SubSection</b></p> <p><i>Correspondence from 1830 - 1834</i></p> <p>5 folios</p> <p>Manuscript correspondence from Abraham Colles while living in Dublin to William Esq., his brother, in Millmount House, Co. Kilkenny. The following issues are discussed family matters, financial matters and medical advice. Numbers run from RSCI/IP/Colles/2/2/4/1 to RCSI/IP/Colles/2/2/4/3.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p>   | 7 January 1832 - 3 December 1834 |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/2/2/5 | <p><b>Item</b></p> <p><i>Undated correspondence</i></p> <p>2 folios</p> <p>Manuscript correspondence from Abraham Colles while living in Dublin to William Esq.,</p>  | ND                               |

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his brother, in Millmount House, Co. Kilkenny. He discusses the benefits of sea bathing.

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RCSI/IP/Colles/2/3

## SubSection

2 April 1830 - 17  
April 1832

### *Correspondence to Richard*

4 folios

Manuscript correspondence from Abraham Colles while living in Dublin to Richard, his brother, in Riverview, Co. Kilkenny. The following issues are discussed family matters, financial matters and tenants. Numbers run from RSCI/IP/Colles/2/2/3/1 to RCSI/IP/Colles/2/2/3/2.

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RCSI/IP/Colles/2/4

## Item

2 March 1801

### *Correspondence to Aunt*

2 folios

Manuscript correspondence from Abraham Colles while living in Dublin to Miss. Bate, his aunt, in Millmount, Co. Kilkenny. Colles explains that he is very busy with his lectures and asks if she will postpone her visit to see him.

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| RCSI/IP/Colles/2/5   | <p><b>Item</b></p> <p><i>Correspondence to Dr. Todd</i></p> <p>2 folios</p> <p>Manuscript correspondence from Abraham Colles to Dr. Todd. Colles explains that Mr. Ed Lochran wants to receive his certificates of attendance for lectures and dissections he attended in 1811 - 1812.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p>  | 7 May 1814  |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/2/6   | <p><b>SubSection</b></p> <p><i>Correspondence to Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland</i></p> <p>6 folios</p> <p>Correspondence from Abraham Colles to the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p>  | 8 June 1827 |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/2/6/1 | <p><b>Item</b></p> <p><i>Letter to the RCSI President and Court of Censors</i></p> <p>2 folios</p> <p>Manuscript letter from Abraham Colles and Samuel Wilmot to the President and Court of Censors of the RCSI. They express their joint opinion that Anatomy, Physiology and Surgery cannot be taught by the same professor. They propose that 2 professors be elected for Anatomy and Physiology and 2 for Theory and Practise of Surgery. If this proposal is passed by the College they would put themselves forward for the Surgical</p> | 8 June 1827 |

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Chairs.

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Collections

RCSI/IP/Colles/2/6/2

**Item**

8 June 1827

*Letter to the RCSI President and Court of  
Censors*

2 folios

Manuscript letter from Abraham Colles to the President and Court of Censors of the RCSI. He does not seek to put his name forward for the position of Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology. Instead he wishes to be considered for Professor of the Theory and Practise of Surgery.

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Collections

RCSI/IP/Colles/2/6/3

**Item**

ND

*Answer to question of RCSI funding*

2 folios

Manuscript answer by Abraham Colles to the question 'The funds of the College are not adequate to the undertaking'.

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Collections

RCSI/IP/Colles/2/7

**Item**

22 - 26 December  
1829

*Correspondence between Phillip Crampton  
and the Lord Lieutenant*

3 folios

Manuscript correspondence between Phillip

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Crampton, RCSI, and Archdeacon Singleton, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland's assistant. The Lord Lieutenant is impressed with how the College has been established and conducted. He wishes to offer the College the purchase for £500 of a collection of 'Anatomical Preparations in Wax'. Crampton is honoured with this suggestion and will convene the College to inform them of this honour.

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| RCSI/IP/Colles/3     | <p><b>Section</b></p> <p><i>Abraham Colles: Certificates</i></p> <p>4 folios</p> <p>Certificates awarded, presented and belonging to Abraham Colles from a variety of institutes and individuals.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p>   | 15 September 1790 - 2 November 1811 |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/3/1   | <p><b>Item</b></p> <p><i>Indenture certificate</i></p> <p>1 folio</p> <p>Certificate of Abraham Colles' indenture to Phillip Woodroffe. It is signed by both gentlemen and dated 15 September 1790. A manuscript note on the back reads '15 Sept. 1790 Abraham Colles's (sic) indenture to Mr. Woodroffe. Presented to the RCS by Sir Charles A. Cameron 15 Feb. 1899'.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p> | 15 September 1790                   |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/3/2   | <p><b>Item</b></p> <p><i>Trinity College Dublin Arts certificate</i></p> <p>1 folio</p> <p>Certificate of admission to Arts written in Latin. The certificate is signed by the Vice Provost and Bursar of Trinity College Dublin. It is dated 20 September 1790.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p>  | 20 September 1790                   |



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| RCSI/IP/Colles/3/3 | <p><b>Item</b></p> <p><i>RCSI License to Practice Surgery</i></p> <p>1 folio</p> <p>RCSI License to Practise Surgery dated 24 September 1795. There is a wax seal in a metal tin attached to the certificate by a green ribbon. The certificate is signed by Clement Archer, President, Francis Le Strange, William Dease, Francis McEvoy (?), James Williams (?), William Hartigan and James Henthorn, Secretary. A manuscript note on the back reads 'Abraham Colles' Diploma RCSI 1795'.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p> | 24 September 1795 |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/3/4 | <p><b>Item</b></p> <p><i>Indenture certificate of Henry O'Neill</i></p> <p>1 folio</p> <p>Certificate of indenture of Henry O'Neill (?) to Abraham Colles dated 2 November 1811. A manuscript note on the back reads 'Henry O'Neill (?) A. Colles Nov. 2 1811'.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p>   | 2 November 1811   |

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| RCSI/IP/Colles/4     | <b>Section</b><br><br><i>Abraham Colles: Personal artefacts</i><br><br>2 artefacts, 1 medal<br><br>A collection of personal items that belonged to Abraham Colles.<br><br>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections   | 1868        |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/4/1   | <b>Item</b><br><br><i>Wax seal and metal tin</i><br><br>2 artefacts<br><br>Wax seal and metal tin. The image on the wax seal consists of a castle with four turrets. Two figures stand on top of two turrets. The inscription reads<br>'communitatis.burgi.de.edinburgh.ad.cannis'.<br>Numbering runs RCSI/IP/Colles/4/1a and RCSI/IP/Colles/4/1b.<br><br>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections | ND          |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/4/2   | <b>Item</b><br><br><i>RCSI Silver medal</i><br><br>1 medal<br><br>RCSI silver medal. The inscription on the front reads 'Presented to C. (?)ibthorp by Dr. Hewett 1868'. The inscription on the back reads 'Junior Surgical Society of Ireland Clinical Cases'.<br><br>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections  | 1868        |

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| RCSI/IP/Colles/5     | <b>Section</b>     | 1910        |

***Abraham Colles: Photographs***

6 photographs, 1 negative

Black and white photographs Abraham Colles, his father William and their residence in Millmount, Co. Kilkenny.

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| RCSI/IP/Colles/5/1 | <b>Item</b> | ND |
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***Photograph of William Colles***

1 photograph

Photograph of a black and white sketch of William Colles (1745-1779), father of Abraham Colles. A manuscript note on the back reads 'William Colles of Millmount (1746-1779) Eldest son of William of Abbeyvale and Rachel. Father of Dr. Abraham Colles'.

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| RCSI/IP/Colles/5/2 | <b>Item</b> | ND |
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***Photograph of Abraham Colles***

1 photograph

Framed photograph of a black and white miniature of young Abraham Colles. A manuscript note on the front reads 'Abraham Colles as a young man (from a miniature)'.

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| RCSI/IP/Colles/5/3 | Item        | ND   |

*Photographs of Abraham Colles*

2 photographs

Photographs of black and white sketches of Abraham Colles. Numbers run RCSI/IP/Colles/5/3a and RCSI/IP/Colles/5/3b. The first sketch is signed 'A. Colles. Etched by J. Kirkwood'. The second is signed 'A. Colles. By G.J. Stodant'.

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| RCSI/IP/Colles/5/4 | Item | 1910 |
|--------------------|------|------|

*Photograph of Millmount*

1 photograph

Black and white photograph of the house and land belonging to William Colles in Millmount, Co. Kilkenny. A manuscript note on the back reads 'Millmount House was built in 1770 by William Colles, son of William of Abbeyvale and father of Dr. Abraham Colles. Millmount and the Middle Mill (River Nore) Beyond - building round the stable yard (Date about 1910)'.

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| RCSI/IP/Colles/5/5 | Item | ND |
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*Photograph of Millmount House*

1 photograph, 1 negative

Black and white photograph and negative of the facade of Millmount House, Co. Kilkenny. Numbers run RCSI/IP/Colles/5/5a and RCSI/IP/Colles/5/5b.

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| RCSI/IP/Colles/6     | <p><b>Section</b></p> <p><i>Abraham Colles: Family History</i></p> <p>3 volumes, 15 folios</p> <p>Manuscript and typescript notes, correspondence and family trees relating to the Colles family history.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p>  | 15 December 1900 -<br>15 June 1979 |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/6/1   | <p><b>Item</b></p> <p><i>'The Pedigree of the Family of Colles in Ireland'</i></p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>'The Pedigree of the Family of Colles in Ireland' by J.H. Glascott and Rev. W. Morris Colles, London 1886. Loosely bound book with pages inserted.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p>               | 1886                               |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/6/2   | <p><b>Item</b></p> <p><i>'Some Notes on the Colles Family'</i></p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Bound manuscript notes entitled 'Some Notes on the Colles Family' by Richard Colles dated 1923. The pages are numbered 1 to 72 and some newspaper cuttings are loosely inserted.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p> | 1923                               |

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| RCSI/IP/Colles/6/3   | <p><b>Item</b></p> <p><i>'Notes on the Family of Colles'</i></p> <p>1 volume</p> <p>Bound typescript notes entitled 'Notes on the Family of Colles compiled by Richard Colles' dated January 1927. The pages are numbered 1 to 59 followed by additional unnumbered pages.</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p>  | January 1927                       |
| RCSI/IP/Colles/6/4   | <p><b>Item</b></p> <p><i>Correspondence relating to family history</i></p> <p>15 folios</p> <p>Correspondence relating to Colles family history including photocopies of family trees, biographies of family members. Includes the following people and institutes</p> <p>Edmund Bewley<br/>Martin Fallon<br/>Donald Carid (?)<br/>Stanley<br/>Dept. of Manuscripts, British Museum</p> <p>By appointment with RCSI Heritage Collections</p> | 15 December 1900 -<br>15 June 1979 |