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## Finding Aid - James Lind fonds (RBSC-ARC-1802)

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# James Lind fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	James Lind fonds
<b>ID:</b>	RBSC-ARC-1802
<b>Date:</b>	1707 - 1817 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	2 cm of textual records (1 volume)
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	The fonds was arranged and described by Claire Williams in January 2019.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

James Lind was a professionally trained physician in Scotland during the mid 18th century, where he co-founded the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Lind was born the 17th of May 1736 to Alexander and Helen Lind. He graduated from Edinburgh University in 1765 with an undergraduate degree in medicine. He next worked as a surgeon for the East India Company, sailing to China in 1766. By 1768 he received his doctorate degree, and on the 6th of November 1770 he became an official Fellow of the College of Physicians in Edinburgh. In 1772 Lind accompanied botanist Joseph Banks on a voyage to Iceland, and in 1777 he became a Fellow of the Royal Society of London. He settled in Windsor and became physician to the royal household. He married Ann Elizabeth Mealy and together they had four children; three daughters, Dorothy, Anne, Lucy and one son, Alexander. Lind died on the 17th of October 1812 in London.

### Custodial history

The fonds was transferred to Rare Books and Special Collections and originally was a part of the Charles Woodward Memorial Library Collection. It was originally purchased from Hugh M. Sinclair.

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## Scope and content

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The fonds consists of one volume of correspondence. The volume includes 31 autographed letters to and from various correspondents, including Dr. James Lind. Bound with the letters are prints of the writers and brief biographical statements. The letters cover various topics ranging from scientific and medical topics to current events of the time and personal inquiries.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
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## Access points

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- Textual record (documentary form)
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## Series descriptions

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Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC- ARC-1802-01-01	File - [Letters to Dr. James Lind and others]	1707 - 1817		