

**C DFHW    Records relating to Dr Hugh Webster of Hull    1885-c.2000s**

**Accession number:** 19/23

**Biographical Background:**

Hugh Webster was born in 1867 in Whitby where he spent his formative years. After training in Edinburgh, he qualified as a doctor in 1892 and initially practiced in Leeds. Webster came to Hull in around 1893 where he assisted a Mr Atkinson before setting up his own practice on Mytongate in 1897. Webster was an original member of the Independent Labour Party and a friend of Kier Hardy. In 1915 Webster was elected as a Socialist to Hull City Council for the South Newington Ward and was leader of the Labour group for many years, as well as being particularly involved in health and maternity services. He was made an alderman in 1928 but lost his seat in 1938. Although offered the post of Lord Mayor, he declined to accept the position.

He was also a Governor of Hymers College and on the Hull University Council. He was married to Rachel and had two children. He worked as a doctor right up until his death, in November 1952, just a few weeks before the Hugh Webster Home for Elderly Persons on St. Luke's Street in Hull opened.

**Custodial history:** Deposited with the History Centre by Patsy Hudson, granddaughter of Hugh Webster

**Description:** Certificates, letters, photographs and press cuttings

**Arrangement:**

C DFHW/1	Indentures and Certificates of Dr Hugh Webster	1682-1708
C DFHW/2	Letters of Dr Hugh Webster of Hull	1894-c.2000s
C DFHW/3	Photographs and press cuttings relating to Dr Hugh Webster of Hull	1900s-1950s

**Extent:** 13 items, 1 bundle

**Related material:** Details of the political career of Doctor Hugh Webster can be found by searching through the minutes of the Hull City Council, available in the search room. The Hull Daily Mail has an obituary of Dr Webster in the edition dated 11 November 1952, and there are some some general articles, which can be accessed by the cards in the biographical indexes in the library. The newspapers are held on microfilm in the library area. There is a brief entry for Webster in the volume, 'The Medical Profession in Hull' by Bickford and Bickford, reference L.610. Programmes for the laying of the foundation stone and the official opening of Hugh Webster House can be found at C SRL/E/2-3.

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DFHW/1	<b>Indentures and Certificates of Dr Hugh Webster</b> <b>7 items</b>	<b>1885-1940</b>
C DFHW/1/1	Apprentice Indenture in the name of Hugh Webster of Whitby Hugh Webster son of James Webster, of Whitby, cemetery superintendent to Johnson Herbert of Whitby, physician and surgeon. In the 49th year of the reign of Queen Victoria. 1 item	10 Nov 1885
C DFHW/1/2	Certificate in the name of Hugh Webster from the College of Perceptors Pupil of Mr W. Stoddart of Whitby 1 item	Dec 1885
C DFHW/1/3	Medical Student Registration Certificate in the name of Hugh Webster of Whitby Certificate number 15497 1 item	3 Oct 1886
C DFHW/1/4	Certificate of qualification in the name of Hugh Webster From the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeon of Glasgow. In Latin. 1 item	Jan 1892
C DFHW/1/5	Certificate in Midwifery in the name of Hugh Webster From the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeon of Glasgow 1 item	30 Jan 1892
C DFHW/1/6	Copy for the Medical Registration Certificate in the name of Hugh Webster of Whitby 1 item	10 Feb 1892
C DFHW/1/7	Certificate of Thanks in the name of Hugh Webster From the Labour Movement of Hull in recognition for his service to the city and the Labour movement 1 item	19 Dec 1940

<b>C DFHW/2</b>	<b>Letters of Dr Hugh Webster of Hull 3 items, 1 bundle</b>	<b>1894-c.2000s</b>
C DFHW/2/1	Letters regarding courses completed by Hugh Webster From the Health Department of Newcastle upon Tyne; Owens College, Manchester; University of Durham College of Medicine; Public Health Department, Salford and Victoria University, Manchester. 1 bundle	17 Jan 1894-30 Oct 1899
C DFHW/2/2	Letter from the Hull City Council Labour Group to Hugh Webster Thanking him for all his work after the loss of his seat in the council 1 item	9 Nov 1938
C DFHW/2/3	Circular letter from Clementine Churchill to Rachel and Carrie Webster of Hull Thanking them for their contributions to the 'Aid to Russia' Fund. Letter was then forwarded to Hugh Webster. 1 item	Nov 1941
C DFHW/2/4	Photocopy of a postcard addressed to Hugh Webster from Kier Hardy Indicating when Hardy was to arrive in Hull. Sent some time in the early 2000s. 1 item	c.2000s
<b>C DFHW/3</b>	<b>Photographs and press cuttings relating to Dr Hugh Webster of Hull 3 items</b>	<b>1900s-1950s</b>
C DFHW/3/1	Photograph of Dr Hugh Webster of Hull 1 item	c.1900s
C DFHW/3/2	Photograph of Rachel Webster, with Carrie Webster holding a photograph of Dr Hugh Webster 1 item	c.1950s
C DFHW/3/3	Press cuttings relating to Dr Hugh Webster of Hull Durrant's Press Cuttings from the Hull Daily Mail relating to the achievements and death of Dr Webster 1 item	Dec 1940-Nov 1952