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Elizabeth Kenny Collection

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5 boxes, 4 parcels

Contents
Correspondence; file of testimonials from medical practitioners and others in the United States and Canada; reports on her treatment method and summarised lecture notes; some patient case histories; biographical papers and newspaper clippings.

Biography
Sister Kenny served as a bush nurse on the Darling Downs in Queensland, but became famous for her clinical management and teaching about the best treatment for paralysed children. In the great poliomyelitis epidemics of the 1930s and 1940s, her controversial methods of movement, warmth and passive physiotherapy proved to be the best treatment. She became an international cult figure in Australia, North and South America and Europe, prior to her death in Toowoomba in 1952.

Notes
Open access, except 1 restricted file

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Journals

Correspondence and 3 Attached Reviews
Correspondence, incoming and outgoing for the period 1939 to 1951. Includes correspondence between hospital superintendents and others concerning the Kenny treatment and management of the Kenny clinics.

Kenneth Starr to Aubrey E. Pye, 15.5.39
Elizabeth Kenny Clinic, Royal North Shore Hospital of Sydney (patient form), n.d.
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N. Stringer to Medical Superintendent, General Hospital, Brisbane (telegram), 19.3.39
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Letter (unsigned) to Dr. H. Crawford, 30.6.39
E. Kenny to L.T. Jones Chairman Brisbane and South Coast Hospitals Board, Brisbane, 30.6.39
E. Kenny to Secretary, General Hospital, Brisbane, 30.6.39
J.R. Radcliff to A. Pye, 4.7.39
Attached clipping “Paralysis”, n.d.
General Superintendent to Dr. K. Starr, Newcastle Hospital, Newcastle, 7.7.39
General Superintendent to J.R. Radcliff, 7.7.39
H. Bolton to General Superintendent, Brisbane Hospital, 8.7.39
C. E. Chuter to Manager, Brisbane and South Coast Hospitals Board, Brisbane, 22.6.39
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E. Kenny to A. Pye, 7.3.42
Baines G.J. “Observations on the Kenny Treatment”, reprint from the January issue of *The Delaware State Medical Journal*, ???.1.42

**Folder 2**

Correspondence, incoming for the period 1942-1947. Mainly letters of appreciation from doctors and others in the US and Canada who attended or visited the Kenny Clinic in Minneapolis, MN.

- H. Theodore Simon to E. Kenny, 12.4.43
- S.R.[Dan]? To E. Kenny, 18.11.42
- L. Fernold Foster to E. Kenny, 30.8.42
- Miles G. [Shun]? To E. Kenny, 20.11.42
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Robert L. Bennett to E. Kenny, 11.3.43
L.H. Fredricks to J.F. Pohl, 19.6.43

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Folder 4
My report on conference with the medical profession in fourteen foreign counties [1947].
Folder 5
Patients’ reports 1938 – 1941 giving condition and progress under treatment, prepared by Elizabeth Kenny or Medical Superintendents.

Folder 6
Report dated 10 November 1947 sent to her medical sponsors in Queensland, in anticipation of a meeting called by the Director of Health and Medical Services which they are invited to attend, summarising public statements, 1937 – 1947 on her methods, by medical authorities; with conclusions drawn by herself.

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Folder 8
Summary of lectures given at the Brisbane General Hospital at the invitation of the General Medical Superintendent of the Brisbane and South Coast Hospitals Board, 1939 – 1940.
Box 2
Biographical papers (birth certificate, will, etc.)
Correspondence relating to Sister Kenny Foundation
“My battle and victory” by Sister Elizabeth Kenny (typescript draft)
File relating to Sister Kenny dahlia (includes photograph)

Box 3
Papers, 1942 to 1956

Mostly print material: journals and reports (including papers relating to Sister Kenny Institute, Minnesota and Sister Kenny Foundation, California; *Kenny News*, 1956)

Box 4
Papers, 1934 to 2001
Newspaper clippings, reports, Internet printouts
Correspondence of Mary and Stewart McCracken relating to Sister Kenny
2 photographs: Sister Kenny; Mary McCracken

Box 5
Papers, 1940 to 2000
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Binder labelled “Sister Kenny Memorial Fund”, containing newspaper and magazine clippings, correspondence of Mary and Stewart McCracken; date range 1993 – 2000

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Parcel 7
Papers, 1992 to 1998
Binder of clippings and correspondence, mainly relating to an ethics complaint by Mr and Mrs McCracken against a journalist

Parcel 8
Papers, 1992 to 1998
Binder of correspondence, notes and reports (labelled “RCNA and JCU”)

Parcel 9

Binder of correspondence, notes and reports (labelled “Channel 7 and ABC; USQ; Army records”)