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Published Resources on the History of the Hospital and its Founders

Robert Jones

- Watson, Frederick. The life of Sir Robert Jones. London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1934. *Biography written by Robert Jones' son-in-law, and published the year after his death.*
- Robert Jones 1857-1933. Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery Vol 39B No 2 May 1957, p 179-217
Tribute to Robert Jones on the centenary of his birth by 17 contributors from the world of orthopaedic surgery. Contains personal memories and a chronological list of books and articles written by or about Robert Jones.

Agnes Hunt

- Hunt, Agnes. This is my life. London: Blackie, 1938. Reprinted by the League of Friends to the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic and District Hospital NHS Trust, 2000.
Agnes Hunt's autobiography written, according to her own words: "to amuse Sir Robert in his last illness". Original edition out of print, but reprint available from the League of Friends shop at the Hospital, or download postal order form.
- Hunt, Agnes. Reminiscences. Oswestry: Derwen Cripples Training College, 1935.
Earlier version of 'This is my life' containing broadly the same material but lacking the final chapter. Special leather-bound edition of 150 copies signed by the author also produced.
- Wrenn, Dorothy. Shropshire history makers. Wakefield: EP Publishing, 1975.
Chapter 12, p 89-96 in entitled 'Agnes Hunt 1867-1948'.
- Brown, Yoland. Boreatton Park: from Dame Agnes Hunt to PGL Adventure Holidays. Privately published, 1989.
History of the country house where Agnes Hunt was born and brought up, including details of her life.
- Watson-Jones, Reginald. Dame Agnes Hunt. Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery Vol 30B No 4 November 1948, p 579-80; 708-13
Tribute to Agnes Hunt following her death, by a consultant surgeon at the hospital who knew her well. He was editor of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, the leading journal for orthopaedic surgeons.

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic and District Hospital

- Hunt, A.G. The story of Baschurch. Oswestry: Caxton Press, [1925].
Agnes Hunt's own account of the Baschurch Home, from its foundation in 1900 to the move to a new site in Oswestry, and subsequent developments up to 1925. Contains personal memories of Baschurch by seven members of staff from that time, including Robert Jones. Originally written in four parts for the Cripples' Journal in 1924/ 1925.
- The Heritage of Oswestry: the origin and development of the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry 1900-1975. 3rd ed. Oswestry: The Hospital, 1975.
Originally published in 1961, this work was compiled by successive hospital administrators from published resources and the personal memories of hospital staff.

- Carter, Marie. Healing & hope: 100 years of 'The Orthopaedic'. Oswestry: The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic and District Hospital NHS Trust, 2000.
Written by the hospital's Health Sciences Librarian, this is a pictorial history with 10 photographs for each decade of the hospital's history. Available from the League of Friends shop at the hospital, or download postal order form.
- Shropshire Routes to Roots Project. Compiled 2004. The web address is www.shropshireroots.org.uk Then click on Module 7. Medicine and health.
This online learning package for use in the National Curriculum was produced by the hospital in collaboration with Shropshire Archives. It relates aspects of the history of medicine to the treatment of a child patient at Baschurch, and the care of military patients at Oswestry during the Second World War.
- Carter, Marie. The early days of orthopaedic nursing in the UK: Agnes Hunt and Baschurch. Journal of Orthopaedic Nursing Vol 4 2000, p 55-8
Article written by the Health Sciences Librarian with emphasis on the development of orthopaedic nursing.
- Carter, Marie. From open air to high-tech care: orthopaedic nursing at Oswestry 1921-2000. Journal of Orthopaedic Nursing Vol 4 2000, p 175-8
Part two of the above. Both articles were reprinted in the American journal 'Orthopaedic Nursing'.
- Tidswell, Marian. Adversity the spur: the history of physiotherapy education at Oswestry. London: Athena Press, 2009
Comprehensive account of the School of Physiotherapy from 1910 to 1994, by its last Principal.

Several of the above resources are out of print, but should be obtainable through public libraries.