



Enquiry and Research Services

Questions and research

We will always do our best to answer any questions you may have about Edward Jenner, his legacy and the science of immunology. We ask you to consult our website (www.jennermuseum.com) in the first instance as this is packed with information, however if you are still not able to find the answer you require then please do contact us. Sometimes we may have to ask an external expert in the subject, so we cannot always reply to questions straight away.

The day to day management of the museum collection is time consuming and so although we are happy to help out with specific questions, we cannot carry out detailed research on your behalf without charging a fee. If we believe your enquiry may be more time consuming, we will discuss this with you in advance and let you know the options. Of course, you are welcome to visit us in person to consult particular records yourself (see below).

Family history

Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to enable us to undertake family history research. Everything we know about Edward Jenner and his family is contained on one family tree which we will gladly make available to you. We do not, however, have any further information about the Jenner family. We also do not have any information about those vaccinated by Jenner, and only a limited number of vaccination records from further afield.

Those interested in ancestors from the Berkeley area may find the Scribe's Alcove website useful (www.scribes-alcove.co.uk). You are also advised to consult the websites of Gloucestershire Archives (www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives/familyhistory) and the Gloucestershire Family History Society (www.gfhs.org.uk).

School projects

Our website is packed with information and so we always ask that you start your research there, particularly the pages about Dr Jenner (www.jennermuseum.com/tag/jennerhistory/). We do not have any digitised copies of our documents, but a copy of Edward Jenner's *Inquiry* has been made available through Google Books (bit.ly/EJInquiry), along with a copy of John Baron's *Life of Edward Jenner* (bit.ly/EJBaron). We are able to email images of the museum and some of our objects and can also send out copies of our leaflets. As with general enquiries, we are able to answer specific questions but unfortunately do not have the resources to be interviewed or to answer lots of questions.

Access to museum objects

Only a very small number of objects from the museum's collection are on display at any one time, however anyone can request access to view objects from the museum's stored collection. Those interested in viewing objects from the collection should contact the museum office in the first instance to ensure that we have the objects you require and to make an appointment to view them. Again,

access to the stored collection is dependent on volunteer availability so you are advised to make an initial enquiry a number of weeks in advance of your intended visit.

To help you decide whether we are likely to hold the material you are interested in, please see the following list of the nature of the museum collection:

- Letters, medical documents, personal memorabilia and scientific equipment relating to the life, work and legacy of Edward Jenner;
- Archival material related to the spread and impact of smallpox;
- Archival material related to the development of smallpox vaccination and its impact, in Britain and abroad;
- Letters, papers and ephemera related to the World Health Organisation Smallpox Eradication Campaign.

The museum holds very limited copies of Edward Jenner's letters and papers. Those particularly interested in Edward Jenner are advised to consult the National Archive's list of holdings to see if another archive may be more suitable (bit.ly/EJArchive).

Access to the museum's collection is governed by our Collections Access Policy, copies of which are available upon request.

Contact us

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