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MAYO, family

PRG 127  
Series List

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This group contains papers of Helen Mary, George Elton, Herbert, John Christopher and Mary Penelope Mayo, who were the children of George Gibbes Mayo and Henrietta Mary Mayo.

Helen Mary Mayo was born on 1 October 1878 in Adelaide <sup>1</sup>.

She attended two private schools, and the Advanced School for Girls, matriculating in 1895 <sup>2</sup>. She enrolled in the Faculty of Arts at Adelaide University in 1896, but discontinued this course after two years and commenced medicine <sup>3</sup>. In her fourth year Dr. Mayo won the Davies Thomas Scholarship, and in her final year the Everard Scholarship, graduating in 1902<sup>4</sup>. Dr. Mayo was awarded an M.D. in 1926 <sup>5</sup>.

After a year as Resident at Adelaide Hospital she went to England in 1904 and worked as a Clinical Clerk at the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital <sup>6</sup>. In December 1904 Dr. Mayo went to the Coombe Hospital in Dublin, and later spent twelve months at St. Stephen's Hospital in Delhi <sup>7</sup>.

Dr. Mayo returned to Adelaide in 1906 and commenced private practice <sup>8</sup>. In the same year she was appointed Honorary Anaesthetist at the Adelaide Children's Hospital, and in 1911 she was given an appointment at Adelaide Hospital as Clinical Bacteriologist, and established a Vaccine Department <sup>9</sup>.

During World War I Dr. Mayo was a Demonstrator in Pathology to Medical Students <sup>10</sup>.

In 1909 together with Miss Harriet Stirling, Dr. Mayo set up a small clinic to attend and give advice to mothers, which was the beginning of the Mothers and Babies Health Association <sup>11</sup>. She held the position of Honorary Chief Medical Officer of this organization as well as Patroness, and was President from 1949 to 1953 <sup>12</sup>.

In 1919 Dr. Mayo was appointed Honorary Assistant Physician in charge of out patients at the Adelaide Children's Hospital, and in 1926 Physician in inpatients. She retired from this position in 1938, and was made Honorary Consulting Physician. In 1940 Dr. Mayo returned to the Adelaide Children's Hospital as Senior Paediatric Physician to supervise the care of babies during the war years <sup>13</sup>. Also during World War II she organised the Red Cross donor transfusion service, and became a Demonstrator in Infant Feeding to medical students <sup>14</sup>.

Dr. Mayo held the position of Honorary Physician at Mareeba Babies Hospital, and in 1921 became Honorary Responsible Medical Officer, a post she held until 1946 <sup>15</sup>,

She went to England in 1920, and again in 1933 to attend a Paediatric Congress in London <sup>16</sup>.

In 1935 Dr. Mayo received an O.B.E. for her work with mothers and children <sup>17</sup>.

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She was a member of the South Australian Branch of the British Medical Association from 1905, and a life member from 1955<sup>18</sup>; joined the Australian Paediatric Society in 1951, and became an Honorary Member in 1953<sup>19</sup>. She was a Foundation Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians<sup>20</sup>.

In 1943 Dr. Mayo joined the State Government Advisory Committee on Health and Medical Services<sup>21</sup>.

She was elected a member of the University of Adelaide Council in 1914, and held this position until 1960<sup>22</sup>.

Dr. Mayo was an original member of the committee formed in 1939 to organise the establishment of St. Ann's College and was Chairman until 1959<sup>23</sup>.

Helen Mayo died on 13 November 1967<sup>24</sup>.

George Elton Mayo was born on 26 December 1880 in Adelaide<sup>25</sup>.

He attended St. Peter's College, gained a Westminster Classical Scholarship, and matriculated in 1897<sup>26</sup>. He studied medicine at the Universities of Adelaide, Edinburgh and London between 1898 and 1910. At the University of Adelaide Elton Mayo won the Roby Fletcher Prize for Psychology in 1906, and was made the Murray Research Scholar in 1911<sup>27</sup>. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts with first class honours in Philosophy in 1911, from the University of Adelaide, and obtained a Master of Arts, in 1926<sup>28</sup>. Elton Mayo receive an Honorary Master of Arts from Harvard University in 1942<sup>29</sup>.

He was appointed a lecturer in Logic, Ethics and Psychology at the University of Queensland in 1911, and held the Chair of Philosophy from its establishment in 1919 to 1923<sup>30</sup>.

From 1923 to 1926 Elton Mayo was a Research Associate at the University of Pennsylvania under a grant financed by the Carnegie Foundation<sup>31</sup>. In 1926 he joined the Harvard Business School, and in 1929 was appointed Professor of Industrial Research, a position he held until his retirement in 1947<sup>32</sup>.

He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts<sup>33</sup>.

Elton Mayo died at Guildford, Surrey on 1 September 1949<sup>34</sup>.

Series 16 consists of letters written by Elton Mayo to his wife, Dorothea and his two Daughters between 1915-1947, and previously comprised PRG 347. The letters are on microfilm, and were obtained from the University of Southampton, England. The originals are in the possession of Elton Mayo's daughter Mrs. P.E. Curtis, Pembryn Hall, Montgomery, Wales.

The Hon. Sir Herbert Mayo was born in Adelaide on 3 June 1885<sup>35</sup>

He was educated at St. Peter's College, Adelaide University and the University of Melbourne<sup>36</sup>. He graduated in law in 1909, and was admitted to the Bar in the same year<sup>37</sup>.

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Sir Herbert practised seven years at Pinnaroo and Lameroo, then returned to Adelaide and became a member of the firm of Symon, Mayo, Murray and Cudmore, and later entered the partnership of Finlayson, Mayo, Astley and Hayward <sup>38</sup>.

He was made a K.C. in 1930, and was Knighted in 1948 <sup>39</sup>.

In 1942 Sir Herbert was made Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court of South Australia <sup>40</sup>.

He lectured in Jurisprudence and Commercial Law II at the University of Adelaide, and in 1934 was an examiner in Jurisprudence at the University of Tasmania <sup>41</sup>.

Sir Herbert Mayo was the original joint editor for South Australia of the Australian Law Journal <sup>42</sup>.

He was a Chancellor of the Diocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Willochra; President of the Law Council of Australia 1933-34, and Vice President 1940-42; President of the Law Society of South Australia 1932-35 and 1939-41 <sup>43</sup>.

Sir Herbert Mayo died on 1 October 1972 <sup>44</sup>.

John Christian Mayo, was born on 4 October 1891 in Adelaide <sup>45</sup>.

He was educated at St. Peter's College and the University of Adelaide where he graduated as a Bachelor of Medicine, and a Bachelor of Surgery in 1913. He gained a F.R.C.S. in Edinburgh in 1931, and a F.R.A.C.S. three years later <sup>46</sup>.

During World War I he served overseas from 1915 to 1919 with the AIF as a medical officer <sup>47</sup>. After the war he practiced at Lameroo, Moonta and Glen Osmond before specialising in X-ray radiology and cancer treatment <sup>48</sup>.

Dr. Mayo was Honorary Surgeon for outpatients at Adelaide Children's Hospital in 1926, Assistant Surgeon from 1929 to 1935, and Honorary Surgeon Between 1936 and 1939 <sup>49</sup>.

He was on the staff of the Department of Radium Therapy and Research at Middlesex Hospital from 1931 to 1933 <sup>50</sup>.

Dr. Mayo was Honorary Associate Radium Therapist at the Royal Adelaide Hospital from 1940 to 1947; between 1943 and 1946 Acting Honorary Assistant Radiologist and from 1947 to 1951 Honorary Radiotherapist <sup>50</sup>.

He was a Councillor of the South Australian Branch of the British Medical Association from 1942 to 1944, and a Councillor of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Radiologists in 1949 <sup>52</sup>. He joined the Anti-Cancer Campaign Committee of the University of Adelaide in 1934, and was chairman from 1951 to his death <sup>53</sup>.

Dr. Mayo died on 27 September 1955 <sup>54</sup>.

Mary Penelope Mayo was born on 21 March 189 in Adelaide.

Penelope Mayo wrote *The Life and Letters of Colonel William Light*, published by F.W. Preece and Sons, Adelaide, 1937; and compiled an *Index to Miscellaneous Information and Advertisements contained in South Australian Almanacs and Directories 1839-72*. This index is not published but is used as a finding aid in the Archives.

Series 41 was donated by Miss Mayo in 1959 and comprised D3731/1-4(L).

These papers, with exception of the series noted above, were presented to the Archives by Dr. Helen Mayo in 1964/65 and in 1967 by Dr. Mayo's executor Miss I.H. Ptiman.

Series 3, comprising letters from Lady Galway to Helen Mayo written between 1919 and 1959, is **RESTRICTED** until 1984.

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## Papers of Dr. Helen Mary Mayo

- Letters received by Dr. Mayo. 1  
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- Letters written by Dr. Mayo to her parents. 2  
29 July 1904 - 10 February 1906. 1cm.
- Letters from Lady Galway. 3  
c.1919 - c.1959. 2cm.
- Letters written by Dr. Mayo to Penelope and John Mayo. 4  
23 May 1920 - 16 November 1933. 2cm.
- Letters written by Dr. Mayo to friends. 5  
c. March 1933 - 14 November 1933. 4cm.
- Biographical notes. 6  
1878 - 1967. 3cm.  
Includes autobiographical notes prepared by Helen Mayo,  
an article in *The South Australian Journal of Nursing* Vol. 2,  
No. 1, March 1967 entitled 'A Tribute to Dr. Helen Mayo and  
an article in the *Adelaide University Graduates' Union Gazette*,  
Vol. 3, No. 2, December 1960 and Vol. 3, No. 3, March 1961  
entitled 'After Sixty-Four Years'.
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1949 - c.1965. 6cm. See Special List.
- Papers relating to St. Ann's College. 8  
1926 - 1965. 4cm. See Special List.
- Papers relating to Australian Federation of University Women. 9  
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Comprises the report of the Federal Council of the AFUW  
1938 - 1944, presented to the Melbourne Conference;  
Newspaper report of the Conference; copy of Dr. Mayo's  
speech as retiring President, and a Report of the Ninth  
Congress, Melbourne, Bulletin No. 7, 1945.
- Paper entitled 'Adelaide Children's Hospital Dr. Mayo Out-Patient  
Clinic 1923-26: The first days of the Hospital School and  
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Dr. George Mayo the Grandfather of Helen, Elton, Herbert,  
John and Penelope Mayo, married Maria Gandy the  
housekeeper of Col. William Light.
- Copy of Col. William Light's correspondence and papers used in 41  
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William Light* published by F.W. Preece & Sons, Adelaide.  
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This copy includes passages that were not printed in the book.