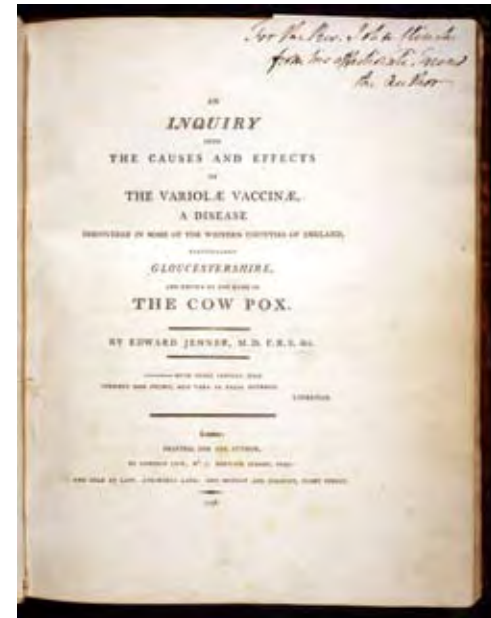


John Clinch and the History of Medicine at Memorial University

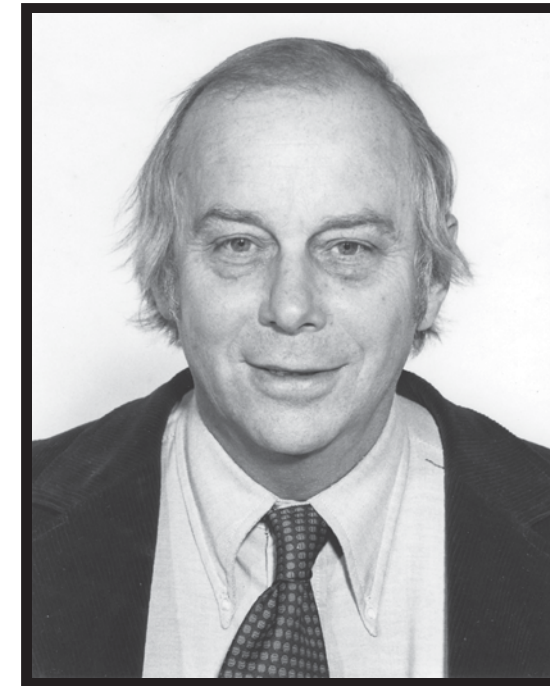
John Clinch

Born in 1749, John Clinch studied medicine and surgery in Gloucestershire and London before moving to Newfoundland in 1775. He was a classmate and friend of Edward Jenner, who developed the vaccination process for smallpox around the end of the eighteenth century. In 1796 Clinch wrote a letter to Jenner from Trinity, where he was living as a doctor and reader in the Anglican Church, looking for more information on Jenner's recent discoveries with cowpox as a vaccine against smallpox. Over the next few years, Jenner sent samples of the vaccine to Clinch, which he administered successfully around Trinity and other communities on Newfoundland's Avalon Peninsula. By the end of 1801 it is thought that he had vaccinated 700 people. John Clinch died in 1819, and is widely credited as being the first person to administer vaccines in North America. Clinch's historic medical contribution was recognized through the formation of the John Clinch professorship in history of medicine at Memorial's Faculty of Medicine in 1978, and the road that encircles the Health Sciences Centre is also named Clinch Crescent.

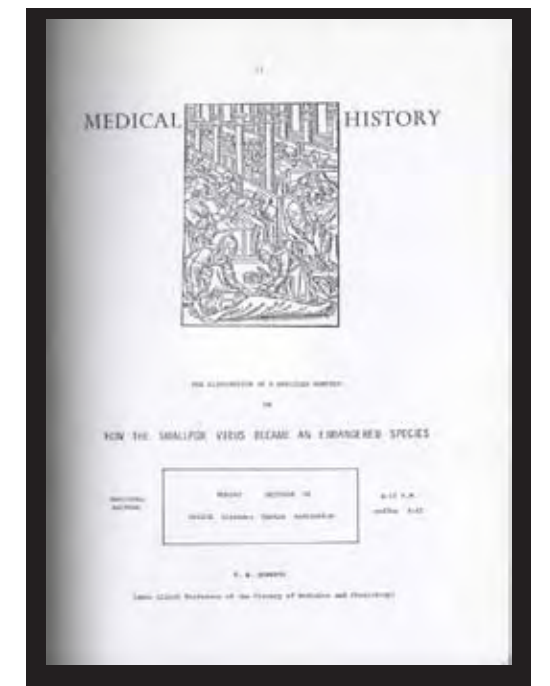


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The image reproduced to the left is the title page to Edward Jenner's publication on his smallpox vaccination. In the top right hand corner the dedication reads: "For the Rev. John Clinch, from his affectionate friend the author."

Kenneth Bryson Roberts



When Memorial University established the Faculty of Medicine in 1967, Dr. K.B. Roberts was the second faculty member to be appointed. He served as the associate dean of medicine and later as the associate dean of basic medical science. In 1978 Dr. Roberts was appointed the first John Clinch Professor of the History of Medicine, the first named chair in the faculty. Dr. Roberts was influential in the establishment of this chair, and continued as a professor of physiology until his retirement in 1988. Dr. Roberts gave the inaugural John Clinch Professorship lecture on Oct. 30, 1978. He also founded the Canadian Bulletin of the History of Medicine (CBMH) in 1984. Dr. Roberts' dedication to the history of medicine, with a particular interest in anatomical illustration, established not only the CBMH and a Clinch lecture series, but the Historical Collection of the Health Sciences Centre Library. This ever-expanding collection was moved into its own space in 1980, and is known as the K.B. Roberts Historical Collection.



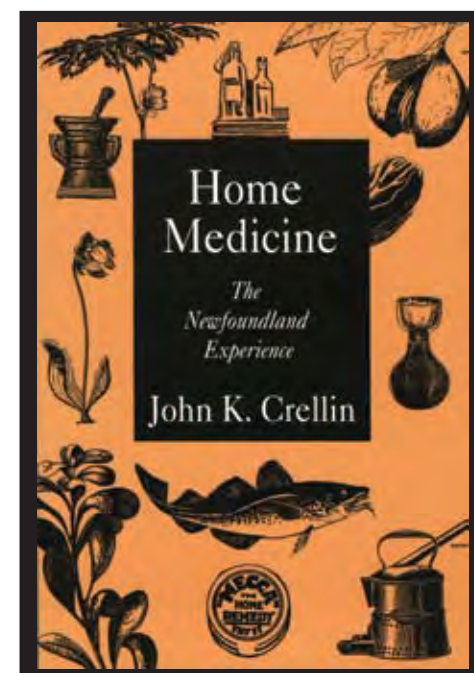
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J.K. Crellin



Dr. John Crellin was the successor to Dr. K.B Roberts and served as the second John Clinch Professor. Dr. Crellin's academic background is in the history of science, medicine, and pharmacy from the University of London. He spent time on staff at the notable Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine in England. Dr. Crellin came to Memorial University from Duke University in 1988, and served as the Clinch professor until 2002. During this time, more ethics, humanities and alternative medicine became incorporated into the curriculum and co-curricular activities such as informal discussion groups and Films in Medical Education. Dr. Crellin remains active at Memorial. He has a long list of publications on complementary medicine and other subjects, focusing on Newfoundland, Canada and the United States.



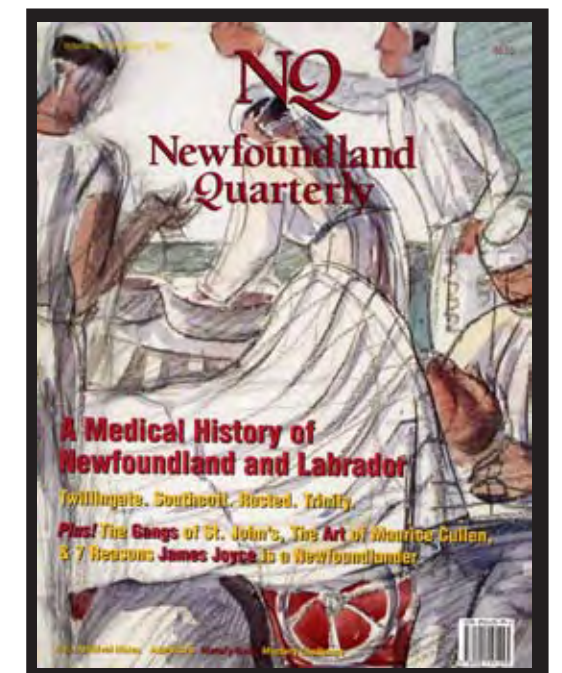
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Home Medicine: The Newfoundland Experience. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1994.

J.T.H. Connor



Dr. Jim Connor came to Memorial University in November, 2004. Prior to his appointment as the third John Clinch Professor of the History of Medicine, which expanded to include Medical Humanities, Dr. Connor was the assistant director of the National Museum of Health and Medicine at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Walter Reed Army Medical Centre in Washington, DC. Dr. Connor served as the senior editor at the Canadian Bulletin of Medical History, which was established by the first Clinch professor, K.B Roberts. Currently his research is focusing towards rural medical history in Newfoundland and Labrador. As the mandate of the Clinch professorship broadened to include medical humanities, Dr. Connor was instrumental in facilitating the Dr. Nigel Rusted Lectureship in the Humanities which commenced in 2004. He is also the faculty consultant for medical student-driven projects. Dr. Connor also holds a formal cross-appointment in the Department of History, and teaches both undergraduate and graduate history and medical students.



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