

recently been made the first Professor of Surgery to Trinity College, Dublin, identified the ulcers that sometimes developed in the scars left by burns, floggings and severe lacerations, with the 'warty ulcers' of Marjolin. Such ulcers were locally destructive, frequently caused pathological fractures, and, in two cases, caused metastasis to lymphatic glands.

Smith died in 1873,<sup>6</sup> and Marjolin was again forgotten until thirty years later when John Chalmers DaCosta—Professor of Surgery at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and later the first Gross Professor of Surgery in that college<sup>7</sup>—described two cases of carcinomatous change in chronic varicose ulcers of the leg<sup>8</sup> as examples of Marjolin's ulcer. He wrote that: 'The two cases cited above are instances of chronic ulcers of the cutaneous surface which became carcinomatous. The characterization of this condition as Marjolin's ulcer I think to be proper, because it was first carefully studied and accurately described by Professor Marjolin, of Paris, over fifty years ago.'

This meaning of Marjolin's ulcer was used by Fordyce,<sup>9</sup> and DaCosta<sup>10</sup> extended the definition to include malignancy arising in sinuses as well as malignancy in scars and chronic ulcers. These two influential books appear to have established the modern meaning of Marjolin's ulcer, and to have recorded the name of Marjolin for posterity.

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#### ERRATUM

We apologise for the omission in the caption to Fig. 7, *bottom left*, of Dr. Mary Brazier's article on 'The History of the Electrical Activity of the Brain', in the July 1963 issue, opp. p. 206. Included in this issue is a slip with the corrected caption which may be attached over the original.