



Rockefeller University records, Department of Animal and Plant Pathology, Princeton, NJ, Correspondence

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Summary Information

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| General Physical Description note: | 5 boxes - 3 document boxes, 1 half-document box and 1 standard record storage box. |
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Scope and Contents

Collection of materials dealing with acquisition, building and development, decision to consolidate New York and Princeton Departments, inventories, appraisals, and sale.

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Arrangement

Correspondence in chronological order and by subject.

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File Plan note

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Controlled Access Headings

- Plant diseases
- Medicine, Preventive

- Diseases
- Pathology
- Biology -- Research
- Cell and biomolecular sciences
- Life sciences
- Animals -- Diseases
- Medical technology
- Technology
- Medical sciences
- Biochemistry
- Medical education
- Medical research

Other Finding Aids

FA835 Rockefeller University records, Department of Animal and Plant Pathology, Princeton, NJ, Subject Files.

FA968 Rockefeller University records, Department of Animal and Plant Pathology, Princeton, NJ, Carl TenBroeck papers.

FA969 Rockefeller University records, Department of Animal and Plant Pathology, Princeton, NJ, Publications.

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Collection Inventory

| Title/Description | Instances |
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| Correspondence | box 1 |
| Scope and Contents note | |
| Between Theobald Smith, T.M. Prudden, Simon Flexner, Business Manager and staff members regarding development and administration of Department at Princeton. Included are some items of correspondence with Theobald Smith. as a member of the Board of Scientific Directors. | |
| Correspondence, 1915 | box 1 |
| Scope and Contents note | |
| Correspondence deals with acquisition of parcels of land, Building plans, moving, temporary use of rooms at Princeton | |

and the hiring of various workers. Many holographs from Theobald Smith. Includes list of Books and periodicals ordered for Princeton library. Dec. 28 copy of letter from Henry James announcing Foundation Trustees' vote to make Department of Animal Pathology independent of Hill Bequest.

Correspondence, 1916

box 1

Scope and Contents note

Between Theobald Smith, Henry James and Bursar regarding details of Building, equipment, personnel and administrative routines and the partial occupation of the new Buildings at the end of October. Includes 1916 Mar. 4 Princeton Pictorial Review with story of the new department.

Correspondence, 1917

box 1

Scope and Contents note

Dealing with corrections and changes in Building plans; Buildings for residences; schedule for serum production and care of horses used. Includes copy of letter written to Dr. Amoss regarding problems with horses used for pneumonia serum production; used particularly heavily Because of war needs; other problems with horses used for serum production. Includes minutes of 1917 conferences held in Princeton and 1917 Report of Princeton Improvement Committee.

Correspondence, 1918

box 1

Scope and Contents note

dealing with continued development of property and residences; additional personnel and serum production.

Correspondence, 1919-1920

box 1

Scope and Contents note

Much of the correspondence is with T.M. Prudden dealing with development of physical plant and staff; disposition of serum production project for commercial purposes; need of Theobald Smith for assistance with administrative details. Appointment of Ernest W. Smillie as Superintendent.

Part of paper delivered before the National Academy of Sciences meeting held at Princeton

box 1

Routine administrative matters primarily with T.M. Prudden and Business Manager, 1921-1923

box 2

1924-1925

box 2

Scope and Contents note

Some correspondence regarding cooperative experiment in testing calves with a new remedy for treating tuberculosis

originating from Copenhagen. January 1924 presentation to Board "Suggestions concerning directions of growth of the Department of Animal Pathology in the near future" as written by Theobald Smith (2 copies). 1924 June 13 letter from Theobald Smith to Simon Flexner looking to 65th birthday.

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| Administrative correspondence primarily with E.B. Smith dealing with hiring of new employees, some expansion of facilities and possible land purchases, 1926-1927 | box 2 |
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| Some correspondence dealing with status of scientific work and the appointments of Lewis, Gowan, Stoll. Correspondence under 1929 April date indicating discussion at Executive Committee meeting of Welch suggestion that Stockard be appointed successor to Theobald Smith. 1929 April 25 extract from Minutes of Board of Scientific Directors appointing an Acting Director in absence of a suitable candidate. June handwritten letter and typed copy from Simon Flexner to Theobald Smith reporting TenBroeck's consent to become Acting Director, 1928-1929 | box 2 |
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| Deeds and leases | box 2 |
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Scope and Contents note

Acquisition of property at Princeton.

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| Correspondence, 1914-1915 | box 3 |
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Scope and Contents note

Collection of letters about hog cholera and suggestions arriving after announcement of plans for the new department. Publicity regarding the purchase of land in Princeton with correspondence on purchase and authorizations to commence building and leases on certain pieces of property and insurance matters.

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| Legal steps, 1913-1946 | box 3 |
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Scope and Contents note

Correspondence on necessary actions and legislation to insure that Department of Animal Pathology will have freedom for animal experimentation. Material is primarily 1913-1915 when legislation was originally enacted.

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| History | box 3 |
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Scope and Contents note

1910 January Report with special reference to permanent endowment when idea was to expand Institute farm at Clyde, N.J. Excerpts from Minutes listing various Resolutions 1902-1932. 1914 Mar. 6 letters from Theobald Smith on tentative plans. Early steps in establishment and budgeting. 1931 and later correspondence on Plant Pathology. Feb. 1947 report of H.S. Gasser (date and author supplied from internal evidence) suggesting a need to consolidate Princeton and New

York plants to meet budgetary constrictions as requested by
President of Board of Trustees. Mentioned in Minutes 1947
May 2.

1947-1950

box 3

Scope and Contents note

Excerpts from Minutes, correspondence, studies, press releases on decision to consolidate the two departments in New York City. Includes 1947 June 16 letter from Henry James on his resignation from Board of Trustees; acceptance of Board positions by Barklie Henry. Correspondence with John H. Northrop, Richard E. Shope, Harold W. Dodds (President of Princeton) and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. on announced move; letter signed by 61 employees at Princeton requesting clarification of provisions for employees. Includes charts and figures used in arriving at provisions for terminating or transferring employees.

Sale of property

box 3

Scope and Contents note

Two folders with collection of floor plans and photos (attic floor plan and plan no. 5 missing) with some material on the establishment of the James Forrester Research Center on the property and final sale arrangements.

Photos

box 4

Maps

box 4

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Review article from "Microbiology in New Jersey: Origins and Developments" by Selman A. Waksman, Robert L. Starkey and Richard Donovan. Edited by Robert A. Day for American Society for Microbiology, circa 1965 p. 27-34

box 4

Farm Reports

box 5

Blueprints of the Department of Plant and Animal Pathology facilities

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Geological survey maps of the Princeton area

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