



Osterhout (Winthrop J.V.) papers

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Rockefeller Archive Center |
| Creator: | Rockefeller University |
| Creator - aut: | Osterhout, W. J. V. (Winthrop John Van Leuven) |
| Creator: | Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research |
| Title: | Winthrop J. V. Osterhout papers, Rockefeller University Faculty |
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| Date: | undated |
| Physical Description: | 0.95 Cubic Feet 3 boxes and 5 volumes. |
| Language of the Material: | English |

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Biographical/Historical note

Winthrop John Vanleuven Osterhout, physiologist, succeeded Jacques Loeb as head of the Division of General Physiology at The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in 1925. His influence upon students, colleagues, and the biological audience in general was exerted toward quantitative data and mathematical analysis of biological processes. He was an editor of The Journal of General Physiology for 45 years, beginning with its founding in 1919.

| Biographical note | |
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| 1871 | Born August 2, Brooklyn, New York |
| 1893 | A.B. Brown University |

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| 1894 | A.M. Brown University |
| 1893-1895 | Instructor in Botany; Brown University |
| 1894-1895 | Wood's Hole, Massachusetts |
| 1895-1896 | University of Bonn (student with Eduard Strasburger) |
| 1896-1901 | Instructor in Botany; University of California |
| 1899 | Ph. D. University of California |
| 1901-1908 | Assistant Professor University of California |
| 1908-1909 | Associate Professor University of California |
| 1909-1913 | Assistant Professor Harvard University |
| 1913-1925 | Professor Harvard University |
| 1920-1926 | Member Board of Scientific Directors Rockefeller Institute |
| 1925 | Sc. D. (honorary) Harvard |
| 1926 | Ph. D. Brown University |
| 1925-1939 | Member, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research |
| 1939- | Member Emeritus RIMR |
| 1964 | Died April 9 in New York, NY. Ashes buried in cemetery of St. James the Less, Philadelphia, Pa. |
| 1910- | Trustee Marine Biological Lab., Wood's Hole, Mass. |
| 1919-1964 | Co-Editor The Journal of General Physiology |

Member of: A.A.A.S. Fellow, National Academy of Sciences of America, American Philosophical Society, Botanical Society of America, American Society of Naturalists, Academy of Arts and Sciences, NY Academy of Sciences, Botanical Society, Edinburgh, American Physiological Society, Society of Experimental Biology & Medicine, American Chemical Society, Century Club, Kungliga Fysiog. Sallskapet, Lund, Leopold-Carolin Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher (Halle).

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Scope and Contents note

Bibliography, photographs, illustrations, Collected reprints.

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Arrangement note

Arranged by subject.

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File Plan note

Former Classification: I 450 OS7

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access note

Access to this collection is restricted pending permission from Rockefeller University.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Box 1 received or inventoried: September, 1974. Box 2 and Box 3 added to collection May 1980 from the Office of Faculty Records.

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Related Materials

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The Osterhout papers which consist of about 750 items are at the American Philosophical Society. An inventory of these papers are in box 1.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Mathematics
- Physiology
- Biology -- Research
- Medical research
- Life sciences

Collection Inventory

| Title/Description | Instances |
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| Biographical material, photographs and bibliography | box 1 |

Scope and Contents note

Includes correspondence 1933-1940 with copies of correspondence 1924 on his appointment as Member of RIMR. Correspondence deals with retirement provisions and allowance for widow.

Includes reprint from "The Development of Harvard University" 1869-1929, Chapter xxii: Botany; Biographical memoir. National Academy of Sciences, v. (1947)

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| Film strips with explanatory notes | box 1 |
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| Illustrations used in publications | box 1 |
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| Notes | box 1 |
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Scope and Contents

Probably made by Marian Irwin Osterhout. Dealing with published works and first mentions of important developments contributed by W.J.V. Osterhout.

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| Marian Irwin Osterhout | box 1 |
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Biographical / Historical

(1888-1973)

Scope and Contents note

Bibliography, photograph; Half a Hundred Radcliffe Women.

Several manuscripts which may not have been published.

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| Correspondence, 1925-1935 | box 1 |
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Scope and Contents

28 letters between Marian Irwin (later Marian Irwin Osterhout) Simon Flexner and Edric Smith. The letters consist, primarily of administrative matters but includes letter of resignation 27 March 1933. The letters of Marian Osterhout are all handwritten.

Collected Reprints

Processing Information note:

Processing Information note

removed to RAC library.

Collected Reprints

Processing Information:

Processing Information

Relocated to RAC library 8/9/1988.

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| Correspondence, 1920-11-1973 | box 2 |
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| Scope and Contents note | box 3 |
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Consists primarily of administrative correspondence between Dr. Osterhout, Simon Flexner, and Business Manager. When Dr. Osterhout lost his sight the correspondence was carried on for him by his wife, Marian Irwin Osterhout.

1 folder in Box 2 contains one photograph, reprint of "Physiological studies of single plant cells" from BIOLOGICAL REVIEWS 4 (1931) ; an outline of the history of The JOURNAL OF GENERAL PHYSIOLOGY; duplicate copies of WHO'S WHO information; 3 1939-1939 news clippings; copy of minute adopted by Board of Scientific Directors in 1939; bibliography 1925-1956; obituary from BROWN ALUMNI MONTHLY.

Separated Materials note:

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Added to the collection May 1980, from the Office of Faculty records.

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| Letter concerning the naming of Tryparsamide, 1920 November | box 2 |
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Scope and Contents note

(while a Member of the Board of Scientific Directors, December, 1919-1923)

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| Correspondence at the time of Jacques Loeb's death, 1924 | box 2 |
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Scope and Contents note

February 11: arrangements regarding the editorship of JGP and later an invitation to become member of RIMR scientific staff.

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| Appointed to RIMR scientific staff, 1925 | box 2 |
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| January 1, 1926 resignation from Board of Scientific Directors, 1926-1927 | box 2 |
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| 1928-1929 | box 2 |
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| 1930-1933 | |
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Scope and Contents

box 2

Includes closing of Bermuda Station and February 28 marriage to Marian Irwin.

1933-1940

box 3

1941-1950

box 3

1951-1973

box 3

Scope and Contents note

Includes 1961 reconsideration of pension provisions and additional annuity for Mrs. O at Dr. O's death