



# Sabin (Florence) papers

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Rockefeller Archive Center  |
| <b>Creator - aut:</b>            | Sabin, Florence Rena  |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Florence R. Sabin papers, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research Scientific Staff |
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| <b>Date:</b>                     | undated   |
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| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 2 boxes, and assorted other materials   |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English   |

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## Biographical/Historical note

Florence Rena Sabin (1871-1953) physician and scientist in pathology and bacteriology at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research from 1925 until retirement as Member Emeritus in 1938.

| Biographical note |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 1871              | Born November 9, Central City, Colorado         |
| 1893              | B.S. Smith College                              |
| 1893-1895         | Taught mathematics at Wolfe. Hall, Denver       |
| 1895-1896         | Substitute instructor in zoology, Smith College |

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|-----------|---|
| 1900      | M.D. Johns Hopkins School of Medicine                                 |
| 1900-1901 | Intern Johns Hopkins Hospital   |
| 1902      | Assistant instructor Anatomy, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine        |
| 1903      | Prize of the Naples Table Association                                 |
| 1903-1905 | Associate in Anatomy, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine                |
| 1905-1917 | Associate Professor Anatomy, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine         |
| 1910      | Honorary Sc. D. Smith College   |
| 1917-1925 | Professor of Histology, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine              |
| 1925      | Member, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York          |
| 1926      | Honorary Sc. D. University of Michigan                                |
| 1929      | Annual Achievement Award, Pictorial Review                            |
| 1929      | Honorary Sc. D. Mt. Holyoke College                                   |
| 1931      | Honorary LL. D. Goucher College                                       |
| 1931      | Named one of 12 most eminent living women, Good Housekeeping magazine |
| 1932      | National achievement award, Chi Omega Society                         |
| 1933      | Honorary Sc. D. New York University                                   |
| 1933      | Honorary Sc. D. Wilson College  |
| 1934      | Honorary Sc. D. Syracuse University                                   |

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| 1935      | Honorary Sc. D. University of Colorado                             |
| 1935      | M. Carey Thomas Prize, Bryn Mawr College                           |
| 1935      | Named on Carrie Chapman Catt's annual list 10 outstanding women    |
| 1937      | Honorary Sc. D. University of Pennsylvania                         |
| 1937      | Honorary Sc. D. Oberlin College                                    |
| 1938      | Honorary Sc. D. Russell Sage College                               |
| 1938      | Member Emeritus, RI, Retired                                       |
| 1939      | Honorary Sc. D. University of Denver                               |
| 1945      | Trudeau Medal, National Tuberculosis Association                   |
| 1947      | Jane Addams Medal  |
| 1947      | Sc. D. (Honorary) Colorado State College of Medicine               |
| 1947      | Achievement Medal, University of Colorado                          |
| 1947-1951 | Interim chairman and Manager of Denver Dept. of Health and Welfare |
| 1948      | American Woman's Association Medal                                 |
| 1948      | President, Western Branch, American Public Health Association      |
| 1950      | Sc. D. (Honorary) Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania          |
| 1951      | Chairman, Denver Board of Health and Hospitals                     |
| 1951      | Lasker Award, American Public Health Association                   |

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|------|---|
| 1953 | Distinguished Service Award, University of Colorado |
| 1953 | Died October 3, Denver Colorado                     |

| First woman... |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1917           | To be elected to full professorship at The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine |
| 1924           | To become President of the American Association of Anatomists               |
| 1925           | To become full Member at The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research     |

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## Scope and Contents note

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Papers, Biography; photographs, selected reprints.

Consists primarily of photographs and newspaper items and articles about Florence Sabin.

Includes biography by Elinor Bluemel and National Academy of Sciences Biographical Memoir written by Philip McMaster and Michael Heidelberger.

Includes:.

Mary Kay Phelan, Probing the Unknown.

Acceptance of the Statue of Florence Rena Sabin by U.S. Congress.

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## Arrangement

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials note

The bulk of the Florence Rena Sabin Papers are to be found at The American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Inventory of boxes 1-6 "A-D" in box.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Biology -- Research
- Cell and biomolecular sciences
- Medical sciences
- Medicine, Preventive
- Biochemistry
- Pathology
- Bacteria
- Bacteriology
- Diseases
- Medical research
- Life sciences
- Rockefeller University
- Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research

## Collection Inventory

| Title/Description  | Instances |          |
|--|-----------|----------|
| American Philosophical Society. Guide to Papers 1978. "A-D" only   | box 1     | folder 1 |
| Bibliographies   | box 1     | folder 2 |
| 1897-1952  |           |          |
| 1897-1941  |           |          |
| Biographical. General, 1897-1941   | box 1     | folder 3 |
| F.R. Sabin/W.J. MacNeal re Dr. Baylis' work in the use of the flocculation test for detecting spontaneous tuberculosis, 1927<br>October 19 |           |          |
| H.C. Urey/F.R. Sabin re election of Josiah Willard Gibbs to Hall of Fame (Dr. Sabin elected to), 1935 July 3                               |           |          |
| The Pueblo Star-Journal, "Dr. Florence Sabin Speaks to Lions Thursday on Health", 1947?  |           |          |

### Scope and Contents note

[Pencilled note on top of copy "Copies from material sent by Dr. Lawrence Kubie."].



Carbon copies of typescript from news clips.

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| "Conference Center Cites, Singer, Scientist" re Florence Sabin and Kate Smith recipients of the 1947 arts and science citation of The National Conference of Christians and Jews in Chicago, 1947 May 17 |       |          |
| Biographical. L.S. Kubie article "Florence Rena Sabin" In: Perspectives in Biology and Medicine 4 (1961) 306-315., 1961  | box 1 | folder 4 |
| McMaster, Philip D. and Heidelberger, Michael, "Florence Rena Sabin, 1897-1953" NAS Biographical Memoirs 34 (1960) 271-319., 1960  | box 1 | folder 5 |
| Book Plate of Dr. Sabin's  | box 1 | folder 6 |
| <u>Immediate Source of Acquisition:</u><br><b>Immediate Source of Acquisition</b><br><br>Given by Clara Lynch.   |       |          |
| Clippings. Photocopies of  | box 1 |          |
| Getts, John, "Florence Rena Sabin Was a Great Lady". Free Press, Colorado Springs, Colo, 1969 August 31  | box 1 | folder 7 |
| "MD Remembers: Dr. Florence Sabin." MD, 1971 December  | box 1 | folder 7 |
| "Dr. Florence Sabin Was Pioneer of Public Health". Times-Call, Longmont, Colo, 1975 December 22  | box 1 | folder 7 |
| M.J. Zambo, "Skills Were Sum of Rare Person". News-Sun, Springfield, Ohio, 1979 June 3   | box 1 | folder 7 |
| Booth, Alice. "America's Twelve Greatest Women - Dr. Florence Rena Sabin." Good Housekeeping June 1931 (magazine article), 1931 June   | box 1 | folder 8 |
| Photographs  |       |          |
| Portrait by Louis Schmidt, 1927  | box 2 | folder 1 |
| Portrait, 1933-1934  | box 2 | folder 2 |
| <u>Physical Description:</u> various sizes   |       |          |
| Portraits, 1941 1946   | box 2 | folder 3 |
| <b>Scope and Contents note</b><br><br>1946 portrait signed by Dr. Sabin and taken by Windsor Studios, N.Y.C.   |       |          |
| Portrait at Microscope   | box 2 | folder 4 |
| <b>Scope and Contents note</b><br><br>Used in George W. Corner's, "History...".  |       |          |
| Portraits. Drawing and Paintings   |       |          |

box 2

folder 5

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Drawing of Dr. Sabin by R. Kastor?, Date?

**Scope and Contents**

[of painting by Geoffrey Coale. Information from: Elinor Bluemel, "Florence Sabin, Colorado Woman of the Century," 1959. University of Colorado Press]

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Copies of painting of Dr. Sabin., 1931

**Scope and Contents**

By Leon Gordon Information from same source as above.

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For Dr. Sabin's 30th birthday by Gleb Ilyin, 1951

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Portraits, undated

box 2

folder 6

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Portraits. Lab Groups

box 2

folder 7

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Lab groups, 1930 June 23

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Lab group, undated

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Mall, F.P.

box 2

folder 8

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F.P. Mall

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Dr. Mall's birthplace

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Photos. Miscellaneous

box 2

folder 9

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Passport photos, 1928 June 6

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Florence R. Sabin at right of photo, 1933 June

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Composite of various photographs of Florence R. Sabin

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes 1 from New York Times, Nov 10, 1935 at 50th anniversary of founding of Bryn Mawr College. Dr. Sabin, President Emeritus of College receiving M. Carey Thomas prize w/ Dr. Marion Parks (president) and Simon Flexner.

Includes other photos, some at Colorado State Board of Health.

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Presentation ceremony at Bryn Mawr College of M. Carey Thomas Award on November 2, 1935. Recorded by Station WEA

package 1

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Collected Reprints

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Elinor Bluemel, "Florence Sabin, Colorado Woman of the Century"  
University of Colorado Press, 1959

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Mary Kay Phelan, "Probing the Unknown, The Story of Dr.  
Florence Sabin" New York, Thomas Y. Crowell Co., 1969

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