



# Pearce (Louise) papers

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Rockefeller Archive Center                           |
| <b>Creator - aut:</b>            | Pearce, Louise, b. 1886                              |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Louise Pearce papers, Rockefeller University Faculty |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | FA188  |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1913-1959  |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 1 Cubic Feet 1 box and 5 volumes                     |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 1 box 5 volumes, circa 1½ feet                       |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English  |

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical/Historical note

Louise Pearce, 1885-1959 physician and medical researcher was connected with The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research from 1913 when she came as a fellow. She remained at the Institute and advanced to Associate Member from which position she retired in 1951. She was a key figure in developing the drug tryparsamide to control African sleeping sickness for which she received the King Leopold II prize of \$10,000 and was made an officer of the Royal Order of the Lion. She worked closely with Dr. Wade Brown and their accomplishments included the discovery of the Brown-Pearce carcinoma a rabbit cancer and also the virus cause of rabbit pox. In 1935 she moved her laboratory to the Department of Plant and Animal Pathology at Princeton where after Dr. Brown's death she finished up the work he had started on constitution.

Additional biographical material about Louise Pearce is located in a folder in the Archives office bio file.

### Biographical note

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| 1885      | Born March 5, Winchester, Massachusetts                              |
| 1900-1903 | Girls' Collegiate School, Los Angeles, Calif.                        |
| 1907      | A.B. Stanford University   |
| 1907-1909 | Boston University  |
| 1912      | M.D. The Johns Hopkins Medical School                                |
| 1912-1913 | Medical House Officer, The Johns Hopkins Hospital                    |
| 1913-1914 | Fellow, The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research               |
| 1914-1915 | Assistant, RIMR  |
| 1915-1923 | Associate, RIMR  |
| 1920-1921 | African sleeping sickness mission, Belgian Congo                     |
| 1923-1935 | Associate Member, RIMR   |
| 1931-1932 | Visiting Professor of Medicine, Peiping Union Medical College, China |
| 1935-1950 | Associate Member RIMR Department Animal Pathology, Princeton         |
| 1951      | Retired  |
| 1959      | Died August 10, New York Hospital, New York City                     |

**Served on:**

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|-----------|--|
| 1921-1920 | New York Infirmary for Women and Children (Trustee)          |
| 1925-1944 | American Social Hygiene Association General Advisory Council |

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|-----------|--|
| 1931-1933 | National Research Council  |
| 1940-1946 | Princeton Hospital   |
| 1941-     | Women's Medical College, Philadelphia<br>Member Board of Corporators (President 1946-1951) |

### Honorary degrees

|      |  |
|------|--|
| 1947 | Sc. D. Wilson College                    |
| 1948 | Litt. D. Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa. |
| 1950 | Sc. D. Bucknell University               |
| 1950 | LL. D. Skidmore College                  |
| 1952 | D.M.S. Women's Medical College           |

### Honors

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|----------|--|
| 1921 (?) | Order of the Crown (Belgium)                     |
| 1951     | Elizabeth Blackwell Citation. New York Infirmary |
| 1952     | Women's Medical College Citation                 |
| 1953     | Leopold II Award                                 |
|          | Officer of Royal Order of the Lion               |

Member of: American Medical Women's Association (Member of Executive Board), AAAS member, New York Academy of Medicine, Harvey Society, American Society for Experimental Pathology, American Association of University Women (1945-1951 Director), American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists, Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, American Association for Cancer Research, New York Society of Tropical Medicine, Johns Hopkins Surgical and Medical Association, American Society of Tropical Medicine, College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Pathology Society (Great Britain and Ireland), Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, British Society for Study of Venereal Disease (honorary),

Société belge de médecine tropicale (corresponding) , Peiping Society of Natural History Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Alpha Omega Alpha, Order of the Crown (Belgium — honorary), Cosmopolitan Club

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## Scope and Contents note

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This collection consists primarily of administrative correspondence, a folder of scattered biographical material and photographs, bibliography and five volumes of Collected Reprints.

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## Arrangement

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As received.

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## File Plan note

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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## Revision Description

Paper finding aid converted to EAD/XML by AureXus in 2010. Imported into the Archivists' Toolkit by Becky Robbins. 2010 September 24

## Immediate Source of Acquisition note

The papers of Louise Pearce Were deposited with the Rockefeller University Archives on her death by the administration.

Box 1, Folders 4-6 were added to the collection in June 1980 by the Rockefeller University Faculty Records Office.

Box 1, Folders 7-10 were added to the collection in February 1987 by Lila J. Magie.

## Processing Information

Ruth Sternfeld processed box 1, folders 1-3, and 5 volumes in April, 1979.

## Conditions Governing Access note

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

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Trypanosomiasis
- Africa
- Tumors in animals
- Animals -- Diseases
- Life sciences
- African trypanosomiasis
- Medical research
- Medical education
- Medical sciences
- Biochemistry
- Pathology
- Cell and biomolecular sciences
- Biology -- Research
- Diseases
- Rockefeller University

- Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
- Flexner, Simon

## Collection Inventory

| Title/Description   | Instances |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Who's Who photocopy   | box 1     | folder 1 |
| Excerpt from Minutes of Board of Scientific Directors, 1947 April 19  | box 1     | folder 1 |
| Newspaper clippings   | box 1     | folder 1 |
| Correspondence, photographs and "Extraits" du Bulletin de l'Institut Royal Colonial Belge dealing with award of Leopold II and conferring of Officer of the Royal Order of the Lion | box 1     | folder 1 |
| Copy of news article and letter from grateful patient Newspaper obituaries  | box 1     | folder 1 |
| RIMR News release for obituaries  | box 1     | folder 1 |
| Photographs   | box 1     | folder 1 |
| Correspondence, 1913-1931   | box 1     | folder 2 |

### Scope and Contents note

Correspondence dealing with application as a fellow at The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research which includes handwritten letters from Louise Pearce as well as recommendations from W.H. Howell and Lewellys F. Barker and letter concurring in appointment from Theodore Janeway. Also included is 1920-21 correspondence regarding maps prepared by the National Research Council on tropical diseases and sanitation in the African colonies.

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| Reports on progress in use of tryparsamide, 1925 October 1926 October            | box 1 | folder 2 |
| Letter of evaluation (handwritten) by W.H. Brown to Simon Flexner, 1929 April 21 | box 1 | folder 2 |
| Administrative correspondence, 1931-1932   | box 1 | folder 2 |

### Scope and Contents note

Dealing with leave of absence Mar.-Oct. 1931 to visit European Universities and plans for year, 1931-1932 at Peking Union Medical College and the work to be carried on while there.



Includes correspondence dealing with tryparsamide supplied to certain clinics in Germany under the direction of specific clinicians.

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Correspondence and employed record of Margaret Dunham, 1932-1954

box 1

folder 3

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Pottier, R. and van den Branden, F. Note on sujet du tryparsamide ou tryponarsyl. "Annales de la Société belge de médecine tropicale." 13 (1933), 1933

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Correspondence between Simon Flexner and Louise Pearce during time at Peking Union Medical College. Also includes correspondence dealing with space and budgets on return and bills for animals shipped to Institute from China, 1932 January 11-October 21

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Correspondence regarding the rental of a house in Princeton and routine administrative correspondence dealing with budgetary arrangements and completion of Wade Brown work on constitution, 1935

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Employed record of Margaret Dunham who returned to New York City laboratories

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Collected Reprints, 1915-1920 1921-1924 1925-1928 1929-1931 1932-1950

Processing Information note:

**Processing Information note**

Relocated to RAC library 8/9/88

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Correspondence and article, 1953-1963

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Additions to the papers by Faculty Records Office June 1980.

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Correspondence, 1953-1963

box 1

folder 4

**Scope and Contents note**

Consists mainly of correspondence with Margaret Dunham after the death of Dr. Pearce in 1959, and correspondence Dr. Paul A. Rosahn regarding an analysis of the material on malignancy which had been collected by Dr. Pearce and not evaluated at the time of her death.

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Article, 1960

box 1

folder 5

**Scope and Contents note**

box 1

folder 6

Carbon copy of the two part article left incomplete at the time of Dr. Pearce's death but which was revised enough so

that it was published in JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL  
MEDICINE, 111 (1960) 810-830.

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Simon Flexner/Pearce administrative correspondence, 1918-1929

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

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Addition to the collection, found in inactive files of the RU  
Corporate Secretary/Faculty Administrator, rec'd Feb 1987  
from Lila J. Magie.

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| 1918-1923 | box 1 | folder 7  |
| 1924-1925 | box 1 | folder 8  |
| 1926-1929 | box 1 | folder 9  |
| undated   | box 1 | folder 10 |

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