

# Sabin (Florence) papers

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### **Summary Information**

**Repository:** Rockefeller Archive Center

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**Creator:** Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research

**Creator - aut:** Sabin, Florence Rena

**Title:** Florence R. Sabin papers, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research

Scientific Staff

**ID:** FA197

Date [inclusive]: undated

**Physical Description:** 2 Cubic Feet

**Physical Description:** 2 boxes, and assorted other materials

Language of the

**Material:** 

**English** 

#### **Preferred Citation**

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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 |

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| 1895-1896 | Substitute instructor in zoology, Smith College                          |
|-----------|--|
| 1900      | M.D. Johns Hopkins School of Medicine                                    |
| 1900-1901 | Intern Johns Hopkins Hospital  |
| 1902      | Assistant instructor Anatomy, Johns Hopkins<br>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<br>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<br>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,<br>Good Housekeeping magazine |
| 1932      | National achievement award, Chi Omega<br>Society                         |
| 1933      | Honorary Sc. D. New York University                                      |
| 1933      | Honorary Sc. D. Wilson College   |

| 1934      | Honorary Sc. D. Syracuse University                                   |
|-----------|---|
| 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<br>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<br>Dept. of Health and Welfare |
| 1948      | American Woman's Association Medal                                    |
| 1948      | President, Western Branch, American Public<br>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<br>Association |
|------|---|
| 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<br>Hopkins School of Medicine |
| 1924        | To become President of the American<br>Association of Anatomists               |
| 1925        | To become full Member at The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research        |

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### **Scope and Contents note**

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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### File Plan note

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### **Administrative Information**

#### **Publication Statement**

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### **Revision Description**

Paper finding aid converted to EAD/XML by AureXus in 2010. Imported into the Archvists' Toolkit by Becky Robbins. 2010 September 29

### **Conditions Governing Access note**

This collection is open for research.

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### **Related Materials**

#### **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
- Sabin, Florence Rena

### **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements**

Materials requiring specialized equipment for access (film, audio, video, slides) may be closed to research dependent on availability of the applicable equipment

Brittle or damaged items, or materials otherwise in need of preservation care, may be closed to researchers at the discretion of the RAC Head of Archival Services/Head of Reference.

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### **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 floculation test for detecting spontaneous tuberculosis, 1927 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.

"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

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|--|
| Biographical. L.S. Kubie article "Florence Rena Sabin" In: |
| D D. 1 136 11.1 4 (1061) 206 215 1061                      |

Perspectives in Biology and Medicine 4 (1961) 306-315., 1961

McMaster, Philip D. and Heidelberger, Michael, "Florence Rena Sabin, 1897-1953" NAS Biographical Memoirs 34 (1960) 271-319., 1960

Book Plate of Dr. Sabin's

Immediate Source of Acquisition: **Immediate Source of Acquisition** 

Given by Clara Lynch.

| Biographical. L.S. Kubie article "Florence Rena Sabin" In: | box 1 |
|--|-------|
| Perspectives in Biology and Medicine 4 (1961) 306-315 1961 |       |

box 1

box 1

folder 6

folder 4

folder 5

| 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,<br>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<br>Rena Sabin." Good Housekeeping June 1931 (magazine article),<br>1931 June | box 1 | folder 8 |  |
| Photographs  |       |          |  |
| Portrait by Louis Schmidt, 1927  | box 2 | folder 1 |  |
| Portrait, 1933-1934  | box 2 | folder 2 |  |
|  |       |          |  |

Physical Description: various sizes

Portraits, 1941 1946 box 2 folder 3

#### **Scope and Contents note**

1946 portrait signed by Dr. Sabin and taken by Windsor Studios, N.Y.C.

Portrait at Microscope box 2 folder 4

### **Scope and Contents note**

Used in George W. Corner's, "History...".

Portraits. Drawing and Paintings box 2 folder 5

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]

Copies of painting of Dr. Sabin., 1931

#### **Scope and Contents**

By Leon Gordon Information from same source as above.

| For Dr. Sabin's 30th birthday by Gleb Ilyin, 1951 |       |          |  |
|---|-------|----------|--|
| Portraits, undated                                | box 2 | folder 6 |  |
| Portraits. Lab Groups                             | box 2 | folder 7 |  |
| Lab groups, 1930 June 23                          |       |          |  |
| Lab group, undated                                |       |          |  |
| Mall, F.P.  | box 2 | folder 8 |  |
| F.P. Mall   |       |          |  |
| Dr. Mall's birthplace                             |       |          |  |
| Photos. Miscellaneous                             | box 2 | folder 9 |  |
| Passport photos, 1928 June 6                      |       |          |  |
| Florence R. Sabin at right of photo, 1933 June    |       |          |  |

Composite of various photographs of Florence R. Sabin

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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.

Presentation ceremony at Bryn Mawr College of M. Carey Thomas Award on November 2, 1935. Recorded by Station WEAF package 1

Collected Reprints

**Processing Information note:** 

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

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#### **Processing Information note**

Relocated to RAC library 8/9/88.

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

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