



# Webster (Leslie T.) papers

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## Summary Information

<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator - aut:</b>	Webster, Leslie Tillotson
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller University
<b>Title:</b>	Leslie T. Webster papers, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research Scientific Staff
<b>ID:</b>	FA204
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1919-1943, undated
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.38 Cubic Feet 1 box and 1 volume
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical/Historical note

Leslie Tillotson Webster, 1894-1943, physician and researcher worked in epidemiology and bacteriology at The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research from 1920 until his death in 1943. He was a pioneer in the investigation of the importance of natural resistance to disease and the experimental facts on the basis of which the spread of epidemics can be explained. Author of book "Rabies" published in 1942.

Biographical note	
1894	Born July 23 New York, N.Y.
1915	A.B. Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.

1919	M.D. Johns Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore, Md.
1919-1920	Assistant Resident Pathologist, Johns Hopkins Hospital
1919-1920	Assistant in Pathology, Johns Hopkins Medical School
1920-1923	Assistant (Pathology and Bacteriology) Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York, N.Y.
1923-1927	Associate, RIMR
1927-1934	Associate Member, RIMR
1934-1943	Member RIMR
1935	Sc. D. (Honorary) Amherst College
1935	Prize of 1000 francs Univ. of Berne Medical Faculty (Research in encephalitis)
1943	Annual Award from Dog Writers' Association (Outstanding service to dogs in field of medical research)
1943	Died July 12, Scarsdale, New York

Member of: Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine, American Society for Experimental Pathology, American Epidemiological Society, American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists, Harvey Society, Society of American Bacteriologists, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Public Health Association, Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Omega Alpha, Phi Beta Kappa

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## Scope and Contents note

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Administrative correspondence; biographical information; bibliography; diary; film.

Consists primarily of administrative correspondence, copy of diary (1929-1943), notes on "Experimental Epidemiology" and silent film left to The Rockefeller University by Mrs. Webster.

Also includes Leslie T. Webster's 1919 diary.

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## Arrangement

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## Conditions Governing Access note

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Medicine, Preventive
- Biochemistry
- Biology -- Research
- Medical research
- Diseases
- Medical sciences
- Epidemiology
- Bacteria
- Bacteriology
- Epidemics
- Life sciences
- Cell and biomolecular sciences

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Biographical material	box 1	folder 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>  Bibliography; photographs; some newspaper clippings; Memorial Minute.		
Reprint: Archives of Pathology 36 (1943) 536-537, 1943	box 1	folder 1
Obituary note written by Peter K. Olitsky	box 1	folder 1
Diary, 1929-1943 May	box 1	folder 2
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>  Reproduced typed copy.		

Includes thoughts on family life as well as on progress of laboratory activities and world affairs.

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Administrative correspondence, 1920-1943

box 1

folder 3

### **Scope and Contents note**

Primarily with Simon Flexner and Business Manager and deals with budgetary matters, laboratory workers and assistants; laboratory equipment, supplies, animals and projected research plans.

Includes original application for appointment and recommendation by Dr. W.G. MacCallum of Johns Hopkins University, (holograph).

Items of special interest.

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To Simon Flexner from L.T. Webster stating he will not accept offer in pediatrics made by Dr. Park of Johns Hopkins Hospital, 1927 March 31

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Poliomyelitis epidemic in Los Angeles, 1934

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Experimental epidemiology, 1926-1940 1946

box 1

folder 4

### **Scope and Contents note**

Headed: "Older notes 1926-1940 (about 40 pages)" Photocopy assembled from handwritten notes; tables and reprints. [Maybe draft of 1946 posthumous publication].

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Experimental epidemiology film

box 1

### **Scope and Contents note**

Study of epidemic patterns in a rabbit colony.

#### Immediate Source of Acquisition:

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Film left to the Rockefeller University by Mrs. Webster.

### **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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Diary by Leslie T. Webster in Labrador, 1919

## **Biographical/Historical note**

In May 1919 Dr. Leslie T. Webster graduated from Johns Hopkins Medical School second in his class and left for Labrador with his classmate Dr. Charles Parsons.

## **Scope and Contents note**

Printed by his widow, Emily de Forest White.

### Processing Information note:

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Relocated to RAC library 8/9/88

### Conditions Governing Use:

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No quotations from the Webster diary are allowed without prior consent from the Webster family.