



# Osterhout (Winthrop J.V.) papers

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## Summary Information

<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller University
<b>Creator - aut:</b>	Osterhout, W. J. V. (Winthrop John Van Leuven)
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
<b>Title:</b>	Winthrop J. V. Osterhout papers, Rockefeller University Faculty
<b>ID:</b>	FA186
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	undated
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.32 Cubic Feet 3 boxes and 5 volumes.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

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

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

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Bibliography, photographs, illustrations, Collected reprints.

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## Arrangement note

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Arranged by subject.

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## File Plan note

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## Administrative Information

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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 23

## Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is open for research.

## 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

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- Mathematics
- Physiology
- Biology -- Research
- Medical research
- Life sciences
- Rockefeller University
- Osterhout, W. J. V. (Winthrop John Van Leuven)
- Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research

## 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
Biographical material, photographs and bibliography	box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>  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)	
Film strips with explanatory notes	box 1
Illustrations used in publications	box 1
Notes	box 1
<b>Scope and Contents</b>  Probably made by Marian Irwin Osterhout. Dealing with published works and first mentions of important developments contributed by W.J.V. Osterhout.	
Marian Irwin Osterhout	box 1
<b>Biographical / Historical</b>  (1888-1973)	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>  Bibliography, photograph; Half a Hundred Radcliffe Women.	

Several manuscripts which may not have been published.

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Correspondence, 1925-1935

box 1

### **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.

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Collected Reprints

Processing Information note:

### **Processing Information note**

removed to RAC library.

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Collected Reprints

Processing Information:

### **Processing Information**

Relocated to RAC library 8/9/1988.

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Correspondence

box 2 and 3

### **Scope and Contents note**

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	box 2
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### Scope and Contents

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

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1933-1940	box 3
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1941-1950	box 3
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1951-1973	box 3
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### Scope and Contents note

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