



# Carrel (Alexis) papers

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## Summary Information

<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator - aut:</b>	Carrel, Alexis
<b>Creator - ctb:</b>	Gasser, Herbert S. (Herbert Spencer)
<b>Creator - ctb:</b>	Flexner, Simon
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller University
<b>Title:</b>	Alexis Carrel papers, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research Scientific Staff
<b>ID:</b>	FA231
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1906-1957
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.64 Cubic Feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	Approximately 3 cubic feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical/Historical note

Biographical Note	
1873	Born June 28, Sainte-Foy-les-Lyon
1890	L.B. University of Lyon
1891	Sc.B. University of Dijon

1896-1900	Interne des hôpitaux de Lyon
1900	M.D. University of Lyon
1900-1902	Professeur à la faculté de médecine, Université de Lyon
1905	Came to the United States
1905-1906	University of Chicago, Hull Physiological Laboratory - (type of appointment not verified, but 21 papers published with Dr. Charles C. Guthrie
1906	Fellow, The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York
1907	Assistant, RIMR
1908	Associate, RIMR
1909	Associate Member, RIMR
1912	Nobel. Prize in Medicine
1912	Member, RIMR
1913	Sc.D. Columbia University
1919	M.D. (Honorary) Belfast
1920	Sc.D. Brown University
1920	Sc.D. Princeton University
1936	LL.D. University of California
1937	Phi Beta Kappa, Dartmouth College
1937	Sc.D. University of the State of New York
1938	Sc.D. Manhattan College

1939	Member Emeritus, RIMR, Retired
1944	Died November 5, Paris, France

Numerous medal and honors and membership in many societies.

Alexis Carrel, 1873-1944, physician worked in Experimental Surgery at The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research from 1906 until his retirement in 1939. The major portion of his papers were deposited by his widow, Madame Carrel, at Georgetown University Medical School.

Biography: Edwards, W. Sterling. Alexis Carrel, visionary surgeon by William Sterling Edwards and Peter D. Edwards, Springfield, Ill. Charles Thomas 1974.

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## Scope and Contents note

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The collection consists of photographs of Dr. Carrel and his laboratory; laboratory alterations and war activities; bibliography and bound volumes of collected reprints; newspaper clippings and box 2 which is primarily administrative correspondence between Alexis Carrel, Simon Flexner and the Business Manager. After 1934 some correspondence is with Herbert Gasser.

Includes material relating to the Rockefeller Institute hospital established in Compiègne, France, during World War I, courses for the treatment of wounds during the war at the Rockefeller Institute's War Demonstration Hospital, and the perfusion pump designed with Charles A. Lindbergh for work in tissue culture.

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## Arrangement note

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Correspondence arranged in chronological order.

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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 October 18

### Processing Information note

Boxes 3 and 4 contain material previously housed in Box 1.

### Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is open for research.

Box 6 (Original Clipping Book) is closed to scholarly research due to its brittle and fragile condition.

Box 5 Archival Copy of the Clipping Book is open and available as the access copy for researchers.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials note

See also War Demonstration Hospital records and Business Manager's Subject Files: LINDBERGH, CHARLES A.

### Related Materials

The Alexis Carrel papers collection is available at Georgetown University, Special Collections. Please consult an archivist for an inventory of the holdings at Georgetown.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Hospitals
- Biology -- Research
- Blood-vessels -- Surgery
- Biochemistry
- Medicine, Preventive
- Cell and biomolecular sciences
- Heart, Mechanical
- Blood
- World War I
- Life sciences
- Medical education
- Medical research
- Science -- Study and teaching
- Physiology
- Medical technology
- Medical sciences
- Carrel, Alexis
- Rockefeller Institute Hospital. (Compiègne, France)
- Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. War Demonstration Hospital
- Gasser, Herbert S. (Herbert Spencer)
- Flexner, Simon
- Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
- Rockefeller University

## 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	
Bibliographies	box 1	folder 1
Bibliography 1905-1914 (Compiled in Carrel Office), 1905-1914	box 1	folder 1
Bibliography 1916-1937 (Compiled from semi-annual lists), 1916-1937	box 1	folder 1
Biographical articles and sources		
Bing, R.J. JAMA, 1983	box 1	folder 2
Comroe, J.H., Jr. American Review of Respiratory Disease, 1978	box 1	folder 3
Dakin, H.D. "Notes" (ms), 1945	box 1	folder 4
Flexner, S. Memorial Minute, American Philosophical Society Yearbook, circa 1944-1945	box 1	folder 5
Georgetown University Centennial Conference booklet, 1973	box 1	folder 6
Georgetown University. Index to Carrel files	box 1	folder 7
Moseley, J. JAMA, 1980	box 1	folder 8
Shaw, R. and Stubenford, W.T. NY State J. Med 1980, 1980	box 1	folder 9
Wakler, L.C., Surgery, Gynecology, and Obstetrics. 1977, 1977	box 1	folder 10
Who Was Who	box 1	folder 11
Witkowski, J. Medical History, 1979-1980	box 1	folder 12
Biographical mss. and notes, miscellaneous	box 1	folder 13
Correspondence files		
Crutcher, Katherine G. Memos, correspondence, 1944-1965	box 1	folder 14



James, Henry		
Sherman, William O'Neill, re Carrel method	box 1	folder 15
Correspondence, Sherman ms. and reprint, circa 1916-1917	box 1	folder 16
Miscellaneous reprints, etc. re Carrel work, circa 1916-1917	box 1	folder 17
Smith E.B.		
Campo, A.J. re Keith Porter use of Optical Equipment from Carrel stock, 1950	box 1	folder 18
Chesley, Leon C. re loan of Carrel-Lindbergh pump, 1945-1951	box 1	folder 19
Georgetown University, re gift of Carrel papers, 1953	box 1	folder 20
van Herwerden, M.A. reprints, 1924 1926	box 1	folder 21
Clippings, 1916-1985	box 1	folder 22-26
Carrel Writings [extra copies]	box 1	folder 27
<u>Processing Information:</u> <b>Processing Information</b> Folder 28 was not assigned.		
Household insurance policies, 1916-1918	box 1	folder 29
<u>Processing Information:</u> <b>Processing Information</b> Folder 28 was not assigned.		
Motor vehicle registration, 1914	box 1	folder 29
<u>Processing Information:</u> <b>Processing Information</b> Folder 28 was not assigned.		
Administrative correspondence, 1906-1946	box 2	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> Items of special interest listed.		
<b>Arrangement note</b> Arranged in chronological order.		
1906-1916	box 2	folder 1
Letter to Dr. Holt requesting a grant, 1906-1916		
Letter accepting appointment as member of Rockefeller Institute, 1912		

Correspondence on arrangements to travel to Sweden to accept Nobel Prize and program honoring Carrel at Presidential reception, 1912		
Correspondence from France on serum needs of French government; details of hospital and laboratory at Compiègne		
Report of Harry Dakin on use of various antiseptic substances, 1915		
Carrel report: Traitement abortif de l'infection des plaies, 1915		
Correspondence on household matters		
Report by American Fund for French wounded, "A visit to Dr. Carrel's Hospital", 1916 June		
1917-1922	box 2	folder 2
"What can be done for improving present condition of War surgery?" Several reports, 1918 January 14		
Handwritten letter indication change of ideas as a result of working with wounded, 1918 August 9		
"Experimental Surgery", 1919 March 27		
Correspondence dealing with RI request to release Dr. Carrel to work at War Demonstration Hospital		
1923-1929	box 2	folder 3
Correspondence on development of microcinematography for study of cell physiology at Institute		
Resume of projected plans for Mousery in studies of environmental effects on incidence of cancer, 1929 May 8		
1930-1937	box 2	folder 4
Handwritten letter from George M. Kober to Simon Flexner announcing choice of Alexis Carrel as 1930 recipient of Nordhoff-Jung prize for cancer research, 1930 November 25		
Correspondence about use of Carrel's name in advertising		
Correspondence about construction of perfusion pump apparatus and its demonstration at Congress for Experimental Cytology and loan to Carlsberg Institute, 1936 August-1937 October		
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Includes drawings of various parts of the apparatus.		
1938-1946	box 2	folder 5
Assorted correspondence at time of retirement, 1938-1946		
Newspaper items reporting activities in Europe during World War II		

Reports from Carrel attorney	box 2	
Arrangements at Carrel death	box 2	

Correspondence, 1936-1970

### Scope and Contents note

Inquiries re Carrel and Carrel's work, some "crank." Replies primarily by secretarial/administrative staff, including Miss Crutcher, E.B. Smith, Douglas Whitaker, Mabel Bright.

1936 1939-1940	box 3	folder 1
1948-1955	box 3	folder 2
1957-1962	box 3	folder 3
1963-1964	box 3	folder 4
1965	box 3	folder 5
1966-1967	box 3	folder 6
1968-1970	box 3	folder 7
Guida Medica. Enciclopedia Medica per la Famiglia. 11-7-67. Vol. XII	box 3	folder 8

### Scope and Contents

Includes cover photo of Careel-Lindbergh pump, text and additional photos on inside front cover and back cover (both sides).

Photographs	box 4	
Portraits of Carrel		
Haulenbeek, J. photographer	box 4	folder 1
Schmidt, Louis photographer	box 4	folder 2
Miscellaneous I and II	box 4	folder 3-4
People (Individuals)	box 4	folder 5

### Scope and Contents note

Includes Mrs. Carrel, Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberger, Miss Crutcher, H.D. Dakin, Dr. Ebeling.

France World War I	box 4	folder 6
Group: Carrel and associates, undated	box 4	folder 7
Labs, and operating rooms, General	box 4	folder 8

## Scope and Contents note

[See also uncataloged Laboratory photos]

Operating room, War Demonstration Hospital. Carrel demonstration	box 4	folder 9
Miscellaneous prints	box 4	folder 10
Index to Carrel portraits in NY Acad. Med. Library Catalog, 1960	box 4	folder 11
Artwork: Print, "Carrel, Gallery Rockefeller Institute" by René Vincent, undated	box 4	folder 12

## Scope and Contents note

[See p. 66 for additional information and provenance].

Caricature of Carrel by René Vincent entitled, "Carrel' Gallery Rockefeller Institute"	box 4	folder 12
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### Custodial History note:

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Includes memo from J. Lederberg (10/12/1989) explaining that he acquired the print in Paris. Print forwarded to archives from S. Mirsky.

Experimental notes, circa 1919 April-June	box 4	folder 13
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## Scope and Contents note

Notecard attached to papers indicates that these notes were found with T. Mitchell Prudden material (probably found/identified by Ruth Sternfeld, Archivist). Observations on influence of various substances on 1) rate of wound healing 2) cicatrization of wounds, in dogs.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition note:

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Addition to Papers 3 February 1986.

## Clipping Book

Archival Copy of Clipping Book, 1912-1925

## Scope and Contents note

\* refers to the number on the back of the photocopies.

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1912 October-December	box 5	folder 1
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1912-1918	box 5	folder 2
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**Arrangement note**

No chronological order.

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1917-1925	box 5	folder 3
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**Arrangement note**

No chronological order.

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Original Clipping book, 1912-1922	box 6
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Collected Reprints

Processing Information note:

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Alexis Carrel, The Voyage to Lourdes. Translated by Virgilia Peterson, With a Preface by Charles A. Lindbergh. (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1950). 1st edition

Immediate Source of Acquisition note:

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Gift of Sonya W. Mirsky, 22 October 1984.

Processing Information note:

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