



Carrel (Alexis) papers

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Summary Information

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

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Biographical/Historical note

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

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| 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 |

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| 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

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

Correspondence arranged in chronological order.

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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 Archivists' 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

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

- 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 |

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| 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> Processing Information Folder 28 was not assigned. | | |
| Household insurance policies, 1916-1918 | box 1 | folder 29 |
| <u>Processing Information:</u> Processing Information Folder 28 was not assigned. | | |
| Motor vehicle registration, 1914 | box 1 | folder 29 |
| <u>Processing Information:</u> Processing Information Folder 28 was not assigned. | | |
| Administrative correspondence, 1906-1946 | box 2 | |
| Scope and Contents note Items of special interest listed. Arrangement note 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 | | |

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| 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 | | |
| Scope and Contents note | | |
| 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 | | |

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| 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.

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| 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).

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| 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.

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| 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]

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| 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].

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| 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.

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| 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:

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

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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Removed to RAC library 8/9/1988.

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:

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift of Sonya W. Mirsky, 22 October 1984.

Processing Information note:

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Removed to RAC library 8/9/1988