



# Pearce (Louise) papers

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## Summary Information

<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller University
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
<b>Creator - aut:</b>	Pearce, Louise, b. 1886
<b>Creator - ctb:</b>	Flexner, Simon
<b>Title:</b>	Louise Pearce papers, Rockefeller University Faculty
<b>ID:</b>	FA188
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1913-1959
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Cubic Feet 1 box and 5 volumes
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 box 5 volumes, circa 1½ feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical/Historical note

Louise Pearce, 1885-1959 physician and medical researcher was connected with The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research from 1913 when she came as a fellow. She remained at the Institute and advanced to Associate Member from which position she retired in 1951. She was a key figure in developing the drug tryparsamide to control African sleeping sickness for which she received the King Leopold II prize of \$10,000 and was made an officer of the Royal Order of the Lion. She worked closely with Dr. Wade Brown and their accomplishments included the discovery of the Brown-Pearce carcinoma a rabbit cancer and also the virus cause of rabbit pox. In 1935 she moved her laboratory to the Department of Plant and Animal Pathology at Princeton where after Dr. Brown's death she finished up the work he had started on constitution.

Additional biographical material about Louise Pearce is located in a folder in the Archives office bio file.

<b>Biographical note</b>	
1885	Born March 5, Winchester, Massachusetts
1900-1903	Girls' Collegiate School, Los Angeles, Calif.
1907	A.B. Stanford University
1907-1909	Boston University
1912	M.D. The Johns Hopkins Medical School
1912-1913	Medical House Officer, The Johns Hopkins Hospital
1913-1914	Fellow, The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
1914-1915	Assistant, RIMR
1915-1923	Associate, RIMR
1920-1921	African sleeping sickness mission, Belgian Congo
1923-1935	Associate Member, RIMR
1931-1932	Visiting Professor of Medicine, Peiping Union Medical College, China
1935-1950	Associate Member RIMR Department Animal Pathology, Princeton
1951	Retired
1959	Died August 10, New York Hospital, New York City

**Served on:**

1921-1920	New York Infirmary for Women and Children (Trustee)
1925-1944	American Social Hygiene Association General Advisory Council
1931-1933	National Research Council
1940-1946	Princeton Hospital
1941-	Women's Medical College, Philadelphia Member Board of Corporators (President 1946-1951)

### Honorary degrees

1947	Sc. D. Wilson College
1948	Litt. D. Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa.
1950	Sc. D. Bucknell University
1950	LL. D. Skidmore College
1952	D.M.S. Women's Medical College

### Honors

1921 (?)	Order of the Crown (Belgium)
1951	Elizabeth Blackwell Citation. New York Infirmary
1952	Women's Medical College Citation
1953	Leopold II Award
	Officer of Royal Order of the Lion

Member of: American Medical Women's Association (Member of Executive Board), AAAS member, New York Academy of Medicine, Harvey Society, American Society for Experimental Pathology, American Association of University Women (1945-1951 Director), American Society for Pharmacology

and Experimental Therapeutics, American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists, Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, American Association for Cancer Research, New York Society of Tropical Medicine, Johns Hopkins Surgical and Medical Association, American Society of Tropical Medicine, College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Pathology Society (Great Britain and Ireland), Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, British Society for Study of Venereal Disease (honorary), Société belge de médecine tropicale (corresponding), Peiping Society of Natural History Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Alpha Omega Alpha, Order of the Crown (Belgium — honorary), Cosmopolitan Club

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## Scope and Contents note

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This collection consists primarily of administrative correspondence, a folder of scattered biographical material and photographs, bibliography and five volumes of Collected Reprints.

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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 Archivists' Toolkit by Becky Robbins. 2010 September 24

## Immediate Source of Acquisition note

The papers of Louise Pearce Were deposited with the Rockefeller University Archives on her death by the administration.

Box 1, Folders 4-6 were added to the collection in June 1980 by the Rockefeller University Faculty Records Office.

Box 1, Folders 7-10 were added to the collection in February 1987 by Lila J. Magie.

## Processing Information

Ruth Sternfeld processed box 1, folders 1-3, and 5 volumes in April, 1979.

## Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is open for research.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Trypanosomiasis
- Africa
- Tumors in animals
- Animals -- Diseases
- Life sciences
- African trypanosomiasis
- Medical research
- Medical education
- Medical sciences
- Biochemistry
- Pathology
- Cell and biomolecular sciences
- Biology -- Research
- Diseases
- Rockefeller University
- Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
- Pearce, Louise, b. 1886

- Flexner, Simon

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## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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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

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Title/Description	Instances	
Who's Who photocopy	box 1	folder 1
Excerpt from Minutes of Board of Scientific Directors, 1947 April 19	box 1	folder 1
Newspaper clippings	box 1	folder 1
Correspondence, photographs and "Extraits" du Bulletin de l'Institut Royal Colonial Belge dealing with award of Leopold II and conferring of Officer of the Royal Order of the Lion	box 1	folder 1
Copy of news article and letter from grateful patient Newspaper obituaries	box 1	folder 1
RIMR News release for obituaries	box 1	folder 1
Photographs	box 1	folder 1
Correspondence, 1913-1931	box 1	folder 2

### Scope and Contents note

Correspondence dealing with application as a fellow at The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research which includes handwritten letters from Louise Pearce as well as recommendations from W.H. Howell and Lewellys F. Barker and letter concurring in appointment from Theodore Janeway. Also included is 1920-21 correspondence regarding maps prepared by the National Research Council on tropical diseases and sanitation in the African colonies.

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Reports on progress in use of trypanamide, 1925 October 1926 October	box 1	folder 2
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Letter of evaluation (handwritten) by W.H. Brown to Simon Flexner, 1929 April 21	box 1	folder 2
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Administrative correspondence, 1931-1932	box 1	folder 2
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### Scope and Contents note

Dealing with leave of absence Mar.-Oct. 1931 to visit European Universities and plans for year, 1931-1932 at Peking Union Medical College and the work to be carried on while there.

Includes correspondence dealing with tryparsamide supplied to certain clinics in Germany under the direction of specific clinicians.

Correspondence and employed record of Margaret Dunham, 1932-1954	box 1	folder 3
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Pottier, R. and van den Branden, F. Note on sujet du tryparsamide ou tryponarsyl. "Annales de la Société belge de médecine tropicale." 13 (1933), 1933

Correspondence between Simon Flexner and Louise Pearce during time at Peking Union Medical College. Also includes correspondence dealing with space and budgets on return and bills for animals shipped to Institute from China, 1932 January 11-October 21

Correspondence regarding the rental of a house in Princeton and routine administrative correspondence dealing with budgetary arrangements and completion of Wade Brown work on constitution, 1935

Employed record of Margaret Dunham who returned to New York City laboratories

Collected Reprints, 1915-1920 1921-1924 1925-1928 1929-1931 1932-1950

### Processing Information note:

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Relocated to RAC library 8/9/88

Correspondence and article, 1953-1963

### Immediate Source of Acquisition:

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Additions to the papers by Faculty Records Office June 1980.

Correspondence, 1953-1963	box 1	folder 4
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### Scope and Contents note

Consists mainly of correspondence with Margaret Dunham after the death of Dr. Pearce in 1959, and correspondence Dr. Paul A. Rosahn regarding an analysis of the material on

malignancy which had been collected by Dr. Pearce and not evaluated at the time of her death.

Article, 1960	box 1	folder 5
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	box 1	folder 6
Carbon copy of the two part article left incomplete at the time of Dr. Pearce's death but which was revised enough so that it was published in JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE, 111 (1960) 810-830.		
Simon Flexner/Pearce administrative correspondence, 1918-1929		
<u>Immediate Source of Acquisition:</u>		
<b>Immediate Source of Acquisition</b>		
Addition to the collection, found in inactive files of the RU Corporate Secretary/Faculty Administrator, rec'd Feb 1987 from Lila J. Magie.		
1918-1923	box 1	folder 7
1924-1925	box 1	folder 8
1926-1929	box 1	folder 9
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