



# Sabin (Florence) papers

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## Summary Information

<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator - aut:</b>	Sabin, Florence Rena
<b>Title:</b>	Florence R. Sabin papers, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research Scientific Staff
<b>ID:</b>	FA197
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	undated
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Cubic Feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 boxes, and assorted other materials
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical/Historical note

Florence Rena Sabin (1871-1953) physician and scientist in pathology and bacteriology at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research from 1925 until retirement as Member Emeritus in 1938.

Biographical note	
1871	Born November 9, Central City, Colorado
1893	B.S. Smith College
1893-1895	Taught mathematics at Wolfe. Hall, Denver
1895-1896	Substitute instructor in zoology, Smith College

1900	M.D. Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
1900-1901	Intern Johns Hopkins Hospital
1902	Assistant instructor Anatomy, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
1903	Prize of the Naples Table Association
1903-1905	Associate in Anatomy, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
1905-1917	Associate Professor Anatomy, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
1910	Honorary Sc. D. Smith College
1917-1925	Professor of Histology, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
1925	Member, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York
1926	Honorary Sc. D. University of Michigan
1929	Annual Achievement Award, Pictorial Review
1929	Honorary Sc. D. Mt. Holyoke College
1931	Honorary LL. D. Goucher College
1931	Named one of 12 most eminent living women, Good Housekeeping magazine
1932	National achievement award, Chi Omega Society
1933	Honorary Sc. D. New York University
1933	Honorary Sc. D. Wilson College
1934	Honorary Sc. D. Syracuse University

1935	Honorary Sc. D. University of Colorado
1935	M. Carey Thomas Prize, Bryn Mawr College
1935	Named on Carrie Chapman Catt's annual list 10 outstanding women
1937	Honorary Sc. D. University of Pennsylvania
1937	Honorary Sc. D. Oberlin College
1938	Honorary Sc. D. Russell Sage College
1938	Member Emeritus, RI, Retired
1939	Honorary Sc. D. University of Denver
1945	Trudeau Medal, National Tuberculosis Association
1947	Jane Addams Medal
1947	Sc. D. (Honorary) Colorado State College of Medicine
1947	Achievement Medal, University of Colorado
1947-1951	Interim chairman and Manager of Denver Dept. of Health and Welfare
1948	American Woman's Association Medal
1948	President, Western Branch, American Public Health Association
1950	Sc. D. (Honorary) Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania
1951	Chairman, Denver Board of Health and Hospitals
1951	Lasker Award, American Public Health Association

1953	Distinguished Service Award, University of Colorado
1953	Died October 3, Denver Colorado

First woman...	
1917	To be elected to full professorship at The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
1924	To become President of the American Association of Anatomists
1925	To become full Member at The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research

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## Scope and Contents note

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Papers, Biography; photographs, selected reprints.

Consists primarily of photographs and newspaper items and articles about Florence Sabin.

Includes biography by Elinor Bluemel and National Academy of Sciences Biographical Memoir written by Philip McMaster and Michael Heidelberger.

Includes:.

Mary Kay Phelan, Probing the Unknown.

Acceptance of the Statue of Florence Rena Sabin by U.S. Congress.

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## Arrangement

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### Conditions Governing Access note

Open for research. Brittle or damaged items are available at the discretion of RAC.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials note

The bulk of the Florence Rena Sabin Papers are to be found at The American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Inventory of boxes 1-6 "A-D" in box.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Biology -- Research
- Cell and biomolecular sciences
- Medical sciences
- Medicine, Preventive
- Biochemistry
- Pathology
- Bacteria
- Bacteriology
- Diseases
- Medical research
- Life sciences
- Rockefeller University
- Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
American Philosophical Society. Guide to Papers 1978. "A-D" only	box 1	folder 1
Bibliographies	box 1	folder 2
1897-1952		
1897-1941		
Biographical. General, 1897-1941	box 1	folder 3
F.R. Sabin/W.J. MacNeal re Dr. Baylis' work in the use of the flocculation test for detecting spontaneous tuberculosis, 1927 October 19		
H.C. Urey/F.R. Sabin re election of Josiah Willard Gibbs to Hall of Fame (Dr. Sabin elected to), 1935 July 3		
The Pueblo Star-Journal, "Dr. Florence Sabin Speaks to Lions Thursday on Health", 1947?		

### Scope and Contents note

[Pencilled note on top of copy "Copies from material sent by Dr. Lawrence Kubie."].



Carbon copies of typescript from news clips.

"Conference Center Cites, Singer, Scientist" re Florence Sabin and Kate Smith recipients of the 1947 arts and science citation of The National Conference of Christians and Jews in Chicago, 1947 May 17		
Biographical. L.S. Kubie article "Florence Rena Sabin" In: Perspectives in Biology and Medicine 4 (1961) 306-315., 1961	box 1	folder 4
McMaster, Philip D. and Heidelberger, Michael, "Florence Rena Sabin, 1897-1953" NAS Biographical Memoirs 34 (1960) 271-319., 1960	box 1	folder 5
Book Plate of Dr. Sabin's	box 1	folder 6
<u>Immediate Source of Acquisition:</u> <b>Immediate Source of Acquisition</b> Given by Clara Lynch.		
Clippings. Photocopies of	box 1	
Getts, John, "Florence Rena Sabin Was a Great Lady". Free Press, Colorado Springs, Colo, 1969 August 31	box 1	folder 7
"MD Remembers: Dr. Florence Sabin." MD, 1971 December	box 1	folder 7
"Dr. Florence Sabin Was Pioneer of Public Health". Times-Call, Longmont, Colo, 1975 December 22	box 1	folder 7
M.J. Zambo, "Skills Were Sum of Rare Person". News-Sun, Springfield, Ohio, 1979 June 3	box 1	folder 7
Booth, Alice. "America's Twelve Greatest Women - Dr. Florence Rena Sabin." Good Housekeeping June 1931 (magazine article), 1931 June	box 1	folder 8
Photographs		
Portrait by Louis Schmidt, 1927	box 2	folder 1
Portrait, 1933-1934	box 2	folder 2
<u>Physical Description:</u> various sizes		
Portraits, 1941 1946	box 2	folder 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> 1946 portrait signed by Dr. Sabin and taken by Windsor Studios, N.Y.C.		
Portrait at Microscope	box 2	folder 4
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> Used in George W. Corner's, "History...".		
Portraits. Drawing and Paintings		

box 2

folder 5

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Drawing of Dr. Sabin by R. Kastor?, Date?

**Scope and Contents**

[of painting by Geoffrey Coale. Information from: Elinor Bluemel, "Florence Sabin, Colorado Woman of the Century," 1959. University of Colorado Press]

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Copies of painting of Dr. Sabin., 1931

**Scope and Contents**

By Leon Gordon Information from same source as above.

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For Dr. Sabin's 30th birthday by Gleb Ilyin, 1951

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Portraits, undated

box 2

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Portraits. Lab Groups

box 2

folder 7

Lab groups, 1930 June 23

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Lab group, undated

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Mall, F.P.

box 2

folder 8

F.P. Mall

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Dr. Mall's birthplace

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Photos. Miscellaneous

box 2

folder 9

Passport photos, 1928 June 6

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Florence R. Sabin at right of photo, 1933 June

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Composite of various photographs of Florence R. Sabin

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes 1 from New York Times, Nov 10, 1935 at 50th anniversary of founding of Bryn Mawr College. Dr. Sabin, President Emeritus of College receiving M. Carey Thomas prize w/ Dr. Marion Parks (president) and Simon Flexner.

Includes other photos, some at Colorado State Board of Health.

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Presentation ceremony at Bryn Mawr College of M. Carey Thomas Award on November 2, 1935. Recorded by Station WEA

package 1

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Collected Reprints

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Elinor Bluemel, "Florence Sabin, Colorado Woman of the Century"  
University of Colorado Press, 1959

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Mary Kay Phelan, "Probing the Unknown, The Story of Dr.  
Florence Sabin" New York, Thomas Y. Crowell Co., 1969

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