



Opie (Eugene L.) papers

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Summary Information

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Creator:	Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
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Biographical/Historical note

Eugene Lindsay Opie, 1873-1971, was a physician, pathologist and medical administrator. He was a pioneer in investigating the cause of diabetes and was the first person to observe that injury to the cells of the Island of Langerhans caused the disease. Except for the effects of chemicals, he contributed much to the knowledge of tuberculosis and he is credited with pioneer findings in fundamentals aspects of inflammation, necrosis, liver pathology and in pneumonia and influenza epidemics in military camps. The book he wrote on the pancreas was for many years the classic textbook in the field.

Biographical note	
1873	Born July 5 Staunton, Va.
1893	A.B. Johns Hopkins University

1897	M.D. Johns Hopkins University Medical School
1897-1898	Medical House Officer, Johns Hopkins Hospital
1898-1904	Assistant Instructor and Associate in Pathology Johns Hopkins University
1898-1904	Pathologist Bay View Asylum
1904-1906	Associate The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
1906-1910	Member RIMR
1907-1910	Visiting pathologist Presbyterian Hospital
1910-1923	Professor of pathology, Washington University, ST. Louis
1912-1915,	Dean of the Medical School, Washington University, ST. Louis
1923-1932	Professor of Pathology University of Pennsylvania; Director Dept. of Pathology University of Pennsylvania; Director of Henry Phipps Institute
1929-1932	Board of Scientific Director of RIMR
1932-1941	Professor of Pathology Cornell Medical School; Pathologist New York Hospital
1935-1938	Scientific Director International Health Board Rockefeller Foundation
1939	Visiting Prof. Peiping Union Medical College
1941-1970	Retired to laboratory at The Rockefeller Institute
1942-1946	Acting Director Henry Phipps Institute

1971	Died March 12 Bryn Mawn (PA) Hospital. Buried Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore, Md.
1917	Army service: Member Hospital Unit #21 (Washington University) Captain in Medical Reserve Corps in France
1918	Army service: Major in Trench Fever Commission, France Lt. Col. Pneumonia Commission
1919	Army service: Col. Medical Reserve Corps
1904-1910	Co-editor Journal Of Experimental Medicine

Honors and Honorary Degrees

1929	Trudeau Medal National Tuberculosis Association
1929	Gerhard Medal Philadelphia Pathology Society
1931	Sc.D. Yale University
1938	Medal of Society of Puertorriquena de Tisiologia
1940	LL.D, Washington University, St. Louis
1945	Wever-Parkes Prize Royal College of Physicians, London
1946	Banting Medal, American Diabetes Association
1947	LL.D. Johns Hopkins University
1959	Jesse Stevenson Kovalenko Medal, National Academy of Sciences
1960	Gold Headed Cane, American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists

1965	T. Duckett Jones Memorial Award, Helen Hay Whitney Foundation
1966	Sc.D. The Rockefeller University

Member of: National Academy of Sciences, Association of American Physicians, American Medical Association American Physiological Society, American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists (President 1918), Society of Experimental Biology (Secretary 1909; President 1923), American Society of Experimental Pathology, National Tuberculosis Association (Vice President?), Association of Immunologists, Harvey Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science

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Scope and Contents note

This collection consists, primarily, of administrative correspondence from 1904 to 1970, but it is in discreet portions covering only the years during which Dr. Opie was actively involved with The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

Included are groups of photographs covering various activities and a group of portraits.

Included with this collection are seven letter from Wm. Gies for The Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine to Simon Flexner (1907-1908) in which he suggests Dr. Opie as a secretary of the Society to succeed Wm. Gies.

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File Plan note

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

The papers of Eugene Lindsay Opie were deposited with the Rockefeller University archives - on June 1980 by Office of Faculty and Student Records.

Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is open for research.

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

See also: Dr. Opie's papers are at the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Medical sciences

- Medical education
- Medical research
- Opie, Eugene Lindsay
- Rockefeller University
- 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	
Miscellaneous, 1901-1911, undated	box 1	folder 1
Scope and Contents note Contains photographs; biographical articles; letters between Wm. Gies and Simon Flexner; a listing from RIMR Minutes of Scientific Directors' Board Meetings (1901-1911) prepared by Dr. Opie, RIMR employment record for Dr. Opie, some newspaper articles.		
Correspondence, 1910-1912, 1929-1932, 1941-1949	box 1	folder 2
Scope and Contents note This correspondence deals primarily with the grants from The Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund for Medical Research for support of Dr. Opie's research. A letter, dated June 10, 1941 signed by J.D. Rockefeller, Jr. expresses his willingness to accept such grants provided the Board of Trustees so votes.		
Correspondence, 1950-1971	box 1	folder 3
Scope and Contents note Includes additional financial support for Dr. Opie, arranged with RIMR by Dr. Rivers. 1970 correspondence is with Dr.		

Opie's family members who are anxious that he discontinue living in New York City and coming to the laboratory.

Reprints, 1970, undated

box 1

folder 4

Scope and Contents note

Some scattered reprints including 1970 from PERSPECTIVES IN BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE: Adoption of standards of the best medical schools of western Europe by those of the United States.