

INVENTORY WORK SHEET

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RECORD GROUP 450	BOX NO.
SUB GROUP (OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL) Av37 UNIVERSITY	RECORD SERIES
FACULTY TITLE Oswald Theodore Avery	Papers: correspondence, photographs memorabilia; reprints; bibliography
DATE 1913-1955	DATE RECEIVED OR INVENTORIED Nov. 1971; June 1977
SIZE 2 linear feet: 1 box (2 1/2 in.) 1 box 1 1/2 ft.; 3 vol. 1 package	ARRANGEMENT

DESCRIPTION (Type of material, subjects covered, names of people, important events)

Oswald Theodore Avery, 1877-1955, physician and bacteriologist with The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, 1913-1949. Foremost researcher on pneumonia and one of the founders of the science of immunochemistry and discoverer of the transforming nature of DNA.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

1877 Born October 21, Halifax, Nova Scotia
 1887 Moved to New York City
 1893 Graduated New York City Male Grammar School
 1893-1900 Colgate Academy
 1900 A.B. Colgate University
 1904 M.D. College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York City
 1904-1906 Interne, City Hospital, New York City
 1906-1907 Commission for the Investigation of Acute Respiratory Diseases, Bacteriological Laboratory, College of Physicians and Surgeons
 1907-1913 Hoagland Laboratory, Department of Bacteriology, Brooklyn Associate Director
 1913 Assistant, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, NYC
 1915 Associate, RIMR
 1918 Naturalized citizen of the United States
 1919 Associate Member, RIMR
 1923 Member, RIMR
 1943- Member Emeritus, RIMR
 1949 Retired to Nashville, Tenn.
 1955 Died February 20, Nashville, Tenn.
 Buried Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Served:

1918-1919 U.S. Army Medical Corps
 1942 Member of Board for the Study and Control of Epidemic Diseases
 Consultant to Secretary of War
 1942 National Research Council
 Subcommittee on Infectious Diseases

INDEXES, FINDING AIDS OR FILE GUIDES

Additional items, duplicates and discard material may be listed on reverse side

Honorary degrees:

1921 Sc. D. Colgate University
1935 LL. D. McGill University
1947 Sc. D. New York University
1950 Sc. D. University of Chicago
1954 Sc. D. Rutgers University

Awards:

1931 John Mather Smith Prize. Columbia University
(?) Value about \$200. Presented to a graduate for
an essay on medical research
1932 John Phillips Memorial Award. American College of
Physicians. Value of \$1500. For discovery of
method to pierce the protective coat of Pneumo-
coccus. See #80 in bibliography
1932 Paul Ehrlich Gold Medal. See #81 in bibliography
1944 Gold Medal of New York Academy of Medicine
1945 Copley Medal. Royal Society of London
1945 Kober Medal. Association of American Physicians
1946 Charles Mickle Fellowship. University of Toronto
1947 Lasker Award. American Public Health Association
Value \$1,000.
1949 Passanao Foundation Award
Value \$5,000.
1950 Pasteur Gold Medal. Swedish Medical Society, Stockholm

Memberships:

Society of American Bacteriologists (Pres. 1942)
Association of American Physicians
American Society for Clinical Investigations
American Society of Pathologists and Bacteriologists (Pres. 1934)
American Society for Experimental Pathology
New York Academy of Medicine
American Academy of Arts and Sciences
National Academy of Sciences (elected 1933)
Harvey Society
American Public Health Association
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association of Immunologists (Pres. 1923)
1 American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists (Pres. 1934)
1 New York Academy of Sciences, 1944
1 Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine
1 Society of General Microbiology (Eng.)
1 Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland
2 Royal Danish Academy of Science, 1951
2 Der Norske Videnskaps Akademi (Oslo), 1932
2 Academi Royale de Medecine de Belgique, 1933
2 Societe Philomathique de Paris
2 The Royal Society (London), 1944

¹ Honorary Member
² Foreign Member

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

This collection of papers of about 2 1/2 linear feet consists primarily of memorabilia (honorary capes; medals; musical instrument) which was given to the Rockefeller University Archives by Dr. Avery's sister-in-law. It includes a small amount of administrative correspondence, photographs, bibliography and complete collection of reprints, many obituary articles and several articles about DNA.

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1	Administrative correspondence 1913-1952 (ca. 1/2 inch) 1913 letters between Rufus Cole and Simon Flexner with O.T.Avery application for appointment and approvals from Board Members, L. Emmett Holt and T.M.Prudden. The balance of the correspondence is primarily with the Busi- ness Manager on matters of budgeting, laboratory changes and personnel.
2		Bibliography Photocopies of reprints lacking in bound volumes: #2 Potter, N.B. and Avery, O.T. Opsonins and vaccine therapy In: Hare, H.A., ed. Modern treatment #3 White, B. and Avery, O.T. Observations on certain lactic acid bacteria of the so-called Bulgaricus type. #4 Ager, L.C. and Avery, O.T. A case of influenza meningitis #25 Avery, O.T., Dochez, A.R., and Lancefield, R. C. Bacteriology of streptococcus hemolyticus Reports to the Board of Scientific Directors or the Corporation 1932 Jan. 16 Typescript signed, 2 pp. 1941 Duplicated copy, 7pp. 1942 Duplicated copy, 1 1/2 pp. 1943 Duplicated copy, 5 1/2 pp. Congratulatory message 12/20/32 from F. Neufeld on winning Ehrlich medal Citation on American College of Physicians, 1932 award of John Phillips Memorial Prize <u>Science</u> 1944 Oct. 13, p.329 Citation on award of Gold Medal of The New York Academy of Medicine <u>Nature</u> 1945 Dec. 8, p. 694. Citation on award of Copley Medal. 1932-1940 Newspaper articles on awards 1947 correspondence (4) requests for publicity material to be used on winning of Lasker Award, American Public Health Association 1949 News release material on \$5,000 award of Passano Foundation 1950 Nov. 27 Letter, Avery to Am. Ambassador to Sweden on acceptance of Pasteur Medal in Avery's behalf.

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Summaries of work; obituaries; articles
1952 Jan. 16 Summary of work on transformation prepared for H. S. Gasser by F. L. Horsfall, R. D. Hotchkiss, and Rene Dubos. typescript 9 pp.
1955 Memorial Minute. Duplicated copy 5 pp.
1955 Feb. 21 News release prepared by T. M. Rivers for newspaper obituary notices. Duplicated copy 2 1/2 pp.
1955 Feb. 22 NEW YORK HERALD obituary
1955 May 27 Lomholt, A. (Danish Academy) to E.B. Smith verifying obituary notice
Record of floral sprays sent for funeral by RI people

Obituary articles:

Chesney, Alan M. IN MEMORIUM. Journal of pathology and bacteriology 74 (1957) 451-460.

Hotchkiss, Rollin D. OSWALD T. AVERY, 1877-1955 Genetics 51 (1965) 1-10.

Dubos, R. J. OSWALD THEODORE AVERY, 1877-1955 Biographical memoirs of the Fellows of The Royal Society 2 (1956) 35-48.

MacLeod, Colin. OBITUARY ARTICLE, OSWALD THEODORE AVERY, 1877-1955. Journal of general microbiology 17 (1957) 539-549

Articles:

Stanley, Wendell M. The "undiscovered" discovery. Archives of environmental health 21 (1970) 256-262.

Wyatt, H.V. How history has blended. Nature 249 (1974) 803-805.

Cohen, Jack. Chapet VII: Genetic transformation by DNA in: A GENERATION OF DNA. Unpublished. Rec'd for publication permission Jan. 1976.

M. D. Remembers: A pioneer in DNA research. Medical news magazine, March 1977, 72.

1977 April 18 Letter from Harold C. Anderson to Rene Dubos on personal recollection. Photocopy, 2 pp.

Tennessee State Library and Archives

Inventory of Avery papers in the Manuscript Unit. 600 items and two volumes. Includes vita and bibliography as per record.

Folder includes two photocopies of letter written 13 May 1943 to brother Roy (Original with Tenn. State Library papers) detailing work on transformation factor and recognition of importance. One photocopy supplied by Dr. M. McCarty with typescript translation of handwritten letter.

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1 cont'd	4	<p>Photographs:</p> <p>Includes official RIMR portraits by Louis Schmidt; snap shots by Dr. W. Goebel in laboratory and including colleagues; a number of family photographs supplied by Mrs. Roy Avery to Rene Dubos for book "The Professor, the Institute and DNA" and given to the archives by Dr. Dubos. Also negatives with prints of exhibit prepared to commemorate 100th anniversary of O.T.Avery birth.</p>
2 (1 1/2 linear feet)		<p>Memorabilia</p> <p>Honorary hoods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Colgate Univ. 1921McGill University 1935New York University 1947University of Chicago 1950Rutgers University 1954 <p>Medals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1932 American College of Physicians1932 Paul Ehrlich Gold Medal1944 Gold Medal New York Academy of Medicine1945 Copley Medal. Royal Society of London1945 Kober Medal. Association of American Physicians1950 Pasteu Gold Medal <p>Assorted items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity pinPhi Beta Kappa key 1900Caduceus (pair) U.S.ArmySilver encased thermometer (engraved: 1906 New York City Training School)Pince nez in caseSilver cornet (engraved with name and date)
Package		<p>Photograph by O.T.Avery (1930's) Sunset on Deer Island, Maine</p> <p>Water color by O.T.Avery (after Cook) Aug. 1932</p>
3 volumes		<p>COLLECTED REPRINTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">v. 1 1909-1918v. 2 1919-1924v. 3 1925-1946