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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES

Florence B. Seibert Papers An Inventory

- Creator:** Seibert, Florence B.
Title: Florence B. Seibert Papers
Dates: 1897-1991
Abstract: Papers, photographs, correspondence, medals, artifacts, awards, scrapbooks, and published works document the life of Florence B. Seibert, renowned research scientist. Seibert earned national recognition for her work on tuberculosis, setting the tuberculin standard for testing.
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Biographical Sketch

Florence Barbra Seibert, born in Easton, Pennsylvania 6 October 1897, contracted polio as a small child, but fortunately recovered. After graduation from Easton High School in 1914, Seibert earned a B.A. degree from Goucher College in 1918 and a Ph.D. from Yale University in 1923. Seibert dedicated her early research to finding a safe means of intravenous therapy. Later, her research focused on the identification and treatment of tuberculosis. Seibert set the tuberculin standard to test for tuberculosis for the U.S. Government and for the International Standard.

Over her long career, Seibert held fellowships at Yale University, University of Chicago, and University of Upsala, Sweden. She also served as an Associate Professor at the University of Pennsylvania in the Henry Phipps Institute. After her retirement from the University of Pennsylvania, Seibert moved to Florida and devoted herself to the study and treatment of cancer. Seibert received national awards and recognition for her advancements in science and medicine. Most notable was her induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1990. She died in St. Petersburg Florida 23 August 1991.

Scope and Contents

Florence B. Seibert Papers (1897-1991) include biographical material, scrapbooks, personal correspondence, writings and publications, and awards. The collection is arranged in five series. Each series is arranged chronologically. Series I includes biographical materials and comprehensive scrapbooks compiled by FBS (Seibert's own shorthand she used to describe herself). The scrapbooks contain memorabilia, photographs and papers that extensively document her personal and professional life, including her time at Goucher College, research at the Henry Phipps institute, the Guggenheim Fellowship and research on Tuberculosis. Scrapbook pages have been removed from binders, but described with their original titles and maintained in their original chronological order.

Series II, containing personal correspondence and other papers, consists of awards, clippings, personal correspondence, and photographs related to FBS. Documents primarily relate to awards and other recognitions received. Series III contains publications (1963-1991) which have been bound chronologically into five volumes. Publications include numerous articles on diabetes, cancer and tuberculosis, and also her autobiography *Pebbles on the Hill of a Scientist* (1968). Series IV contains the various medals and awards Seibert earned and Series V contains professional artifacts.

Organization of the Collection

Series I. Biographical Material and Scrapbooks
Series II. Personal Correspondence and Other Papers
Series III. Writings and Publications
Series IV. Medals and Awards
Series V. Professional Artifacts

Restrictions

Open for research.

Index Terms

People

Grace, Princess of Monaco, 1929-1982 (lcnaf)
Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962 (lcnaf)
Seibert, Florence B.

Organizations

American Association of Blood Banks (lcnaf)
American Association of University Women (lcnaf)
American Chemical Society (lcnaf)
Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania (lcnaf)
International Biochemical Congress
Goucher College (lcnaf)
Hammersley Paper Mill
Henry Phipps Institute (lcnaf)
Lafayette College (Easton, Pa.) (lcnaf)
Marine Biological Laboratory (Woods Hole, Mass.) (lcnaf)
National Tuberculosis Association (lcnaf)
Physiatric Institute (Morristown, N.J.) (lcnaf)
Stokes Publishing Company
University of Chicago (lcnaf)
Women's Medical College of Philadelphia (lcnaf)
World Health Organization (lcnaf)
Yale University (lcnaf)

Subjects

Biochemistry (lcsh)
Cancer—Research (lcsh)
Diabetes—Research (lcsh)
Medical Sciences (lcsh)
Professional education of women--United States (lcsh)
Tuberculosis—vaccination (lcsh)
Women Scientists (lcsh)
Women—Education (Higher) (lcsh)

Document Types

Awards (aat)
Letters (correspondence) (aat)
Papers (document genres) (aat)
Scrapbooks (aat)

Related Material

Florence Barbara Seibert Papers (1920-1977), American Philosophical Society Library

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Container List

Series I: Biographical Material and Scrapbooks

Container 1

Folder 1: Biographical information on Florence Seibert, undated.

Folder 2: Foreword and indexes to scrapbooks, compiled by FBS.

Folder 3: Scrapbook 1: "1897-1914, Childhood in Easton PA." Contains photos and clippings related to childhood and also on her siblings throughout their lifetime.

Folder 4: Scrapbook 1: "1914-1918 Baltimore, MD; Goucher College." Contains photos and correspondence from Seibert's years at Goucher, as well as pieces in the Goucher Quarterly written by Seibert following her graduation.

Folder 5: Scrapbook 1: "1917 Woods Hole, Mass; Summer Invertebrate Course at the Marine Biological Laboratory" Photos from summer course in Massachusetts.

Folder 6: Scrapbook 1: "1918-1920 Garfield, New Jersey; Hammersley Paper Mill." Photos from Seibert's time as a chemist at Hammersley Paper Mill during and after the War.

Folder 7: Scrapbook 1: “1920-1923 New Haven, Connecticut; Yale University.” Pictures, clippings and correspondence from time at Yale. Contains program for 1923 commencement.

Folder 8: Scrapbook 1: “1922 Morristown, New Jersey; Research on diabetes and nephritis under Dr. Allen.” Contains informational book on The Physiatrie Institute and the research carried out there.

Folder 9: Scrapbook 1: “1923 Lake Chocorua, NH; Mr. Reynolds’s host to Yale Graduate Women.” Photos of summer trip Mr. Reynolds lakeside home.

Folder 10: Scrapbook 1: “1923-32 Chicago, Illinois; University of Chicago.” Letters, photos and clippings from Seibert’s time as a fellow at U.C.

Folder 11: Scrapbook 1: “1930 Three Months in Europe.” Photos of summer holiday in Europe.

Folder 12: Scrapbook 2: “1937 Christmas Letters from Phipps in Sweden.” Contains Christmas letters to FBS, in Sweden, from colleagues and friends at the Henry Phipps Institute in PA.

Folder 13: Scrapbook 2: “1932-1937 Philadelphia.” Photos and clippings relating to the Henry Phipps Institute, FBS and other researchers.

Folder 14: Scrapbook 2: “1937 Upsala Sweden.” Photos, correspondence, and clippings related to Seibert’s Guggenheim Fellowship in Sweden.

Folder 15: Scrapbook 2: “1938 Trudeau Medal; National Tuberculosis Association.” Clippings and correspondence related to the awarding of the Trudeau Medal to FBS.

Folder 16: Scrapbook 2: “1938-1958 Henry Phipps Institute.” Photos of researchers at Phipps Institute.

Folder 17: Scrapbook 2: “1938 Goucher College; Hon. LLD.” Clippings related to Goucher’s 50th anniversary and the presentation of an honorary degree to FBS.

Folder 18: Scrapbook 2: “1941 University of Chicago; Hon. SC.D.” Clippings, pictures and correspondence related to UC’s 50th anniversary and the presentation of an honorary degree to FBS.

Folder 19: Scrapbook 2: “1942 Buffalo NY; American Chem. Soc; Garvan Award.” Clippings, pictures, correspondence and other documents relating to Seibert’s winning of the Garavan Award.

Folder 20: Scrapbook 3: “1943.” Contains Goucher Alumnae Quarterly 1943 and a letter from Stokes Publishing Company.

Folder 21: Scrapbook 3: “1943 First Achievement Award; Amer. Assoc. Univ. Women.” Relates to Seibert’s winning of the achievement award from American Association of University Women.

Folder 22: Scrapbook 3: “1944 Washington, D.C., White House; National Achievement Award.” Clippings, photos and correspondence relating to Seibert’s winning of the National Achievement Award.

Folder 23: Scrapbook 3: “1945 Philadelphia; Gimble Award.” Clippings related to Seibert’s winning of the Gimble Award.

Folder 24: Scrapbook 3: “1945 University of Pennsylvania; Hon. SC.D.” Correspondence and clippings relating to honorary degree awarded FBS by the University of Pennsylvania. Also includes Goucher Quarterly 1946 and information relating to Dr. Linda Lange.

Container 2

Folder 25: Scrapbook 3: “1947 City of Philadelphia Trust; John Scott Award”

Folder 26: Scrapbook 3: “1947 Easton, PA; Lafayette College; Hon SC.D.” Photos and clippings relating to honorary degree awarded Seibert by Lafayette College.

Folder 27: Scrapbook 3: “1950 Women’s Medical College; Hon. SC.D.” Documents related to honorary degree awarded Seibert by The Woman’s Medical College of Pennsylvania.

Folder 28: Scrapbook 3: “1950 Harrisburg PA; Distinguished Daughters of PA.” Documents related to Seibert’s induction into the Distinguished Daughters of PA.

Folder 29: Scrapbook 3: “1952 International Biochemical Congress, Paris; Fraday Symposium, Cambridge.” Documents related to the Biochemical Congress in Paris, lectures in England, and the scientific conference and dedication of the Hoffberger Science Building at Goucher College.

Folder 30: Scrapbook 3: “1956 Philadelphia PA; Emeritus Professor.”

Folder 31: Scrapbook 3: “1947 The White House when I was there.” Information about Eleanor Roosevelt and the White House.

Folder 32: Scrapbook 4: “1958-1964 Clearwater Fl.”

Folder 33: Scrapbook 4: “1962 Memphis, Tenn.; John Elliot Award; AM. Assoc. Blood Banks.” Documents related to the awarding of the John Elliot Award by the American Association of Blood Banks to FBS.

Folder 34: Scrapbook 4: “1963 Airlie House Convention; Warrenton, Virginia.” Photos related to the convention.

Folder 35: Scrapbook 4: “1964 American Association of University Women; Named Fellowship (FBS).” Documents relating to creation of Florence Seibert Fellowship by the AAUW.

Folder 36: Scrapbook 4: “1964 St. Petersburg FL; Mound Park Hospital.” Documents related to Seibert’s tenure at Mound Park Hospital and Seibert’s cancer research.

Folder 37: Scrapbook 4: “1966 Geneva Switz; WHO Conference on PPD-S.” Documents related to WHO conference on requirements for tuberculin in Geneva Switzerland. Also general clippings from 1966 about FBS.

Folder 38: Scrapbook 4: “1966-1977 Bay Pines Veterans Administration.” Documents relating to tenure as researcher at Bay Pines Veterans Administration Center and Seibert’s cancer research.

Folder 39: Scrapbook 4: “Pebbles on the Hill of a Scientist by FBS.” Documents related to Seibert’s autobiography *Pebbles on the Hill of a Scientist* and other

activities of Seibert's life up to 1979. Includes a personal letter from Princess Grace of Monaco.

Series II. Personal Correspondence and Other Papers

Folder 40: Personal papers, 1908-1943. Includes Easton High School diploma and Goucher yearbook from 1918.

Folder 41: Personal papers, 1944-1976.

Folder 42: Personal papers, 1985-1990.

Container 3

Folder 43: Awards and recognitions won by FBS, 1959-1988.

Folder 44: Photographs of FBS and colleagues, ca. 1918-1990.

Folder 45: Photos from album created by FBS, ca 1914-1989, photos are in original order, with captions by FBS. Some photos contained are duplicates of photos in folder 44 and of photos in Seibert's scrapbooks, folders 3 through 39.

Series III. Writings and Publications

Folder 46: Manuscripts and unpublished papers, 1963 and 1975

Folder 47: Autobiography *Pebbles on the Hill of a Scientist* (1968; archival copy)

Folder 48: Publications, Vol. 1, 1919-1929

Folder 49: Publications, Vol. 2, 1925-1935

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Folder 50: Publications, Vol. 3. 1937-1945

Folder 51: Publications, Vol. 4. 1946-1955

Folder 52: Publications, Vol. 5. 1965-1975

Folder 53: Published papers and writings, 1976-1991

Container 5

Series IV. Medals and Awards

Folder 54: Awards. Contains the John Elliot Award and a plaque of recognition for the Seibert Fellowship.

Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania, induction recognition, 1950: gold bracelet and gold medallion.

American Chemical Society, Garvan Award, 1942: gold medallion.

National Tuberculosis Association, T S-S Edward Livingston Trudeau Memorial Medal, 1938: bronze medallion.

City of Philadelphia, John Scott Medal, 1947: copper medallion.

Florida Women's Hall of Fame, induction recognition, 1986: medallion.

National Women's Hall of Fame, Induction Award, 1990: round base and separate cut glass star.

Series V. Professional Artifacts

PPD-S 5mg, Purified Protein Derivative for tuberculin skin testing. Made by Florence B. Seibert in 1940 and the International Standard since 1966.

Svedberg Ultra Centrifuge Cell, 1938. The central cell of centrifuge apparatus devised by Professor Svedberg, which contained a small amount of solution which was tested and studied.

