

THE MICHIGAN BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN  
SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY

Papers, 1917-1973  
(Primarily 1958-1973)

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The papers of the Michigan Branch of the American Society for Microbiology were placed in the University Archives in June of 1975 by Dr. Fred Rights, Historian.

The Michigan Branch of the American Society for Microbiology began in January, 1917 with the organization of the Bio-Club of Detroit. The original eighteen charter members, predominately bacteriologists, met on an informal basis. Dr. R.W. Pryer was the first President and Dr. J.W. Bunker was the first Secretary-Treasurer. The dues were five dollars per year and entitled the members to dinner at each of the four meetings held.

In 1920 the Bio-Club disbanded and unanimously voted to reorganize as a branch of the Society of the American Bacteriologists. Thus, the Bio-Club became the Detroit Local Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists. The first regular meeting was held on March 9, 1921 and the Constitution and By-Laws were approved and adopted. This action was confirmed in April of the same year by the Council of the National Association. The territory covered by the Detroit local was Detroit and the suburbs. The Annual Meeting of the Society of American Bacteriologists was held in Detroit in December, 1922.

The organization became the Michigan Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists in 1936. The Constitution was revised in May and the By-Laws were adopted at the first meeting, October 27, 1936. Revisions in the By-Laws were made in March, 1953. An invitation was extended by the local branch to the National Association to hold their annual meeting in Detroit in 1945 but their attempts were interrupted by travel restrictions due to World War II. A successful meeting was held in May 1946 and the Fifty-Seventh Annual Meeting was also held in Detroit, April 28 - May 3, 1957.

A change in the name of the local branch was required due to the change in the title of the National Organization. The Michigan Branch of the American Society for Microbiology was established by adoption of the new By-Laws on October 12, 1962. These By-Laws were amended on April 2, 1971. The Sixty-Eighth Annual Meeting was held in Detroit by the National Association from May 5-10, 1968. During this meeting a Roundtable was held, May 8, 1968, entitled "Historical Highlights of Microbiology in Michigan."

In 1973 there were 343 active members and 20 honorary members. Meetings are held three times a year: April, October and January. The spring meeting is the Annual Business Meeting of the branch. Permanent committees are: Program, Education,

Nominating, Historian and Executive.

The collection covers the years 1917 to 1973. It includes the Constitutions and By-Laws, minutes, reports, correspondence, membership lists, agendas of meetings and seminars and other material relating to the group and its endeavors. The records reflect the administrative and pedagogical activities of the Michigan Branch of the American Society for Microbiology.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Society of American Bacteriologists 57th Annual Meeting, April 28-May 3, 1957, Detroit, Michigan

American Society for Microbiology 68th Annual Meeting, May 5-10, 1968, Detroit, Michigan

American Society for Microbiology - Roundtable - "Historical Highlights of Microbiology in Michigan," May 8, 1968. Narratives included the careers of Dr. Ward Giltner, Dr. E.A. Grange, Dr. Philip Hadley, Dr. C.E. Marshall, Dr. John F. Norton, Dr. F.G. Novy, Dr. Henry Seawell, Dr. Victor Vaughan and Dr. C.C. Young

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#### Series II, Box 1 (Folders 2-15)

Records retained pertaining to the reorganization of the group, Fall, 1920. Correspondence, Constitution and By-Laws, reports, membership lists, minutes and other material related to the Detroit Local Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists, 1921 to 1935.

#### Series III, Box 1 (Folders 16-49) and Box 2 (Folders 1-24)

Correspondence and By-Laws, reports, newsletters, notices, membership lists, minutes, records of officers and elections pertaining to the Michigan Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists, 1936 to 1962.

#### Series IV, Box 2 (Folders 25-32) Box 3 and Box 4 (Folders 1-2)

Correspondence, Constitution and By-Laws, minutes, Secretary and Treasurer reports, notices, agendas, membership lists related to the Michigan Branch of the American Society for Microbiology, 1962 to 1973.

Series V, Box 4 (Folders 3-5)

Constitutions and By-Laws of Various branches of the Society of American Bacteriologists. Biographical Sketches of nominees for elections in the National Organization. Included is the program of the 1957 National meeting held in Detroit and a list of the hosts and hostesses at the Presidential Dinner. The material covers the time period, 1943 to 1962.

Series VI, Box 4 (Folders 6-16)

Reports, correspondence, biographical sketches of nominees for election, notices relating to the activities of the National Association and the participation of the branch group. Reprints and supplemental inventory lists of the material in the National Organization's archives are included in the files of the American Society for Microbiology, 1962 to 1973.

Non-manuscript material

One scrapbook of photographs taken at various functions at the American Society for Microbiology Annual Meeting, May 5-10, 1968 has been kept with the collection. 1 reel tape recording - Grace Eldering Seminar, Department of Microbiology Pertussis Immunization, May 21, 1971; 1 reel tape recording - Roundtable - Detroit, May 8, 1968; as well as 1 cassette - Symposium on Pertussis Immunization in Honor of Dr. Pearl L. Kendrick in her 80th Year, October 9, 1970 have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collections.

Series I  
Box 1

Organizational papers of the Bio-Club of Detroit, include the Announcement of Organization and Call for the First Meeting of the Bio-Club of Detroit, February 22, 1917. This document includes a list of the charter members that signed up at the organizational meeting, January 23, 1917. Records of the first and second regular meetings, attendance, a list of paid members as well as a financial statement, June 1, 1917 are among the related material. The informal atmosphere of the group is evident in the correspondence retained. Arranged chronologically.

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1. 1917

Series II  
Box 1

Records pertaining to the period of disbandment and reorganization of the Bio-Club, 1920, are retained here. Also found in this series are the correspondence, minutes, reports, membership lists, programs, notices of meetings and papers presented relating to the Detroit Local Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists, 1921 to 1935. Included are the Constitution and By-Laws, March 9, 1921 and correspondence regarding the annual meeting of the National Association held in Detroit in December, 1922. Arranged chronologically.

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Series III  
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General correspondence, minutes of meetings, Secretary and Treasurer reports, notices and agendas of meetings and seminars and related material covering the period of the Michigan Branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists, 1936 to 1962. Included are the Constitution and By-Laws, October 27, 1936 and revision of March 14, 1953. Committee reports and correspondence pertaining to the National meeting held in Detroit, April 28 - May 3, 1957 are retained here. A pamphlet prepared for the meeting "The History of Bacteriology in Michigan" gives a brief history of Michigan educational facilities and scientific contributions of private laboratories as well as the Michigan Department of Health and the local branch of the Society. Also included are the branch Newsletter, Volume 1, numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 as well as Box News, the national organization's Branch Officer's Exchange. There is also information pertaining to officers and elections, membership, finances and correspondence with the Michigan Health Council and the local Civil Defense Corps. During this time E. Cope was Secretary-Treasurer for eighteen years, 1939 to 1957 and President, 1959. The material for 1962 overlaps with Series IV as there was no definite break in order during the transition of the title change. Arranged chronologically and from 1958 alphabetically by subject within the year.

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Series IV Boxes  
2 and 3

General correspondence., minutes of meetings, Secretary and Treasurer reports, agendas for meetings and seminars for the Michigan Branch of the American Society for Microbiology, 1962 to 1973. Included are the Constitution and By-Laws of 1962, a copy of the 1961 version used in drafting the new (1962) one, revisions and changes in 1963 and 1971, membership lists, 1962 through 1973, Secretary's expenses, 1966 through 1972 and a list of officers 1917 through 1974. This list of officers is the only reference to the year 1974. There is also correspondence with the Michigan Health Council as well as with the Internal Revenue Service regarding the group's tax exempt status. There is information pertaining to the Fall Meeting, 1972. The agenda and a reprint of the Symposium on Pertussis Immunization in Honor of Dr. Pearl L. Kendrick in her Eightieth Year, October 9, 1970, is retained. Information regarding the National Organization's meeting in Detroit, May 5-10, 1968 is found in carrespondence, agendas and related material. The status of the women microbiologist in the Michigan Branch of the American Society for Microbiology is recorded in correspondence, 1970. Arranged chronologically and by subject within the year for 1962 and 1963. There is some overlapping with Series III for the year 1962 due to the title change of the organization. Arranged after 1963 by subject and chronologically within the subject.

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Series V  
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This series pertains to the Society of American Bacteriologists. Included are the Constitutions and By-Laws of Various branches of the Society, 1943 to 1952. A nominee list for the elections of 1959 and biographical sketches of nominees for election, 1962-1963 are retained here. Also included are the program of the 1957 National meeting held in Detroit and a list of the hosts and hostesses at the Presidential Dinner. A pamphlet "The History of Bacteriology in Michigan" gives a brief history of the scientific contributions of Michigan educational facilities and private laboratories as well as the Department of Health and the local branch. Arranged lphabetically within the subject.

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4. Society of American Bacteriologists, 1957-1962
5. Society of American Bacteriologists - Branch Constitutions and By-Laws, 1943-1952

Series VI  
Box 4

Reports, correspondence, notices pertaining to the National Organization, the American Society for Microbiology, 1962-1973. Of special interest are the supplemental itemized lists of material placed in the Lilly Rare Book Library of Indiana University, which serves as the repository for the records of the group. Supplements IV, V, VI, and VII covering the years 1966 through 1969 are contained here. Included are correspondence, reports and notices of the Archives Committee, 1962 to 1973. Biographical sketches of nominees in elections, 1966 to 1973 membership applications and a list of colleges and universities granting degrees in bacteriology and/or microbiology are also retained in this series. The Local Committee Report of the 68th Annual Meeting held in Detroit, May 5-10, 1968 contains all the preparations, reports, agendas and information vital to the meeting. The original presentations of the Roundtable of the meeting "Reminiscences About Notable Michigan Microbiologists" are housed here. The presentations were made by Chester W. Christensen, Thomas Francis, Jr., Pearl L. Kendrick, W. LeRoy Mailman and Walter J. Nungester and covered the careers of the individuals mentioned early in the guide. Also retained are the Third and Fourth Drafts of the Clinical Laboratory Personnel Act, October 1969. Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically within the subject.

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14. , Local Committee Report-68th Annual  
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15. , Historical Highlights of Microbiology in  
Michigan-Roundtable-68th Annual Meeting-  
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16. , Historical Highlights of Microbiology in  
Michigan-Roundtable-68th Annual Meeting-Detroit,  
Michigan, May 8, 1968