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Guide to the Charles H. Swift Papers 1852-1953



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.SWIFTCH
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Abstract Charles Henry Swift (1881-1966), served on the faculty of the University of Chicago's Department of Anatomy from 1910 to 1946. While he was broadly interested in anatomy, ornithology, botany and history, Swift's teaching and research specialties were in gross anatomy and the history of anatomy. The collection spans 1852-1953 and contains material related to Swift's teaching and research at University of Chicago, as well as his personal life and family background. Materials include grade books, lecture notes, examinations, university publications, correspondence, family records, and government documents relating to the distribution of opium to physicians.

Information on Use

Access

Series III: Restricted, contains graded student material, restricted for 80 years.

The remainder of the collection is open for research, with no restrictions.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Swift, Charles H. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Charles Henry Swift (1881-1966), served on the faculty of the University of Chicago's Department of Anatomy from 1910 to 1946. Swift came from an educated Kentucky family whose acquaintance with William Rainey Harper spurred a move to Chicago. As an undergraduate at the University of Chicago, Swift earned bachelor's degrees in history and in anatomy and botany. He then went on to receive an M.D. from Rush Medical College in 1910, and a Ph.D. in anatomy from University of Chicago.

Swift was appointed as Instructor of Anatomy in 1910, and was promoted to Assistant Professor (1918) and Associate Professor (1929). He retired to emeritus status in 1946. While he was broadly interested in anatomy, ornithology, botany and history, Swift's teaching and research specialties were in gross anatomy and the history of anatomy. His early publications, including his first paper "Origin and Early History of the Primordial Germ Cells in the Chick," (*American Journal of Anatomy*, 1914), were considered important contributions to the fields of anatomy and biology. However, he soon withdrew from pursuing intensive research, preferring to focus on teaching.

Swift married Juliana Streid in 1920; she survived him after his death in 1966. Like the rest of his family, he was active in the Chautauqua educational movement; he was involved in a Methodist-operated educational camp in Bay View, Michigan.

Professor Charles Henry Swift should not be confused with University of Chicago donor Charles Henry Swift.

Scope Note

The collection spans 1852-1953 and contains material related to Swift's teaching and research at University of Chicago, as well as his personal life and family background.

Series I: Personal, contains a copy of the University of Chicago Magazine with an article on Charles Swift; a copy of Harold R. Willoughby's *Soldiers' Bibles through Three Centuries*; personal financial records such as receipts and bills; an undated transcript of an 1857 letter from Lord Macauley to H.H. Randall discussing Thomas Jefferson; and records of the family of Swift's mother, Helen Mar Kelly Swift. These family materials include a receipt for property tax paid by Griffin Kelly, Swift's grandfather; and two wills prepared by Joseph Kelly, Swift's great-grandfather. The wills describe the distribution of money, real estate, goods and slaves among the members of the family.

Series II: Professional, contains material related to Swift's teaching and research at University of Chicago. There are grade books, lecture notes, and examinations for courses taught by Swift from 1910-1945. Most materials relate to Swift's teaching of anatomy and neurology; also included is a file of notes on the history of anatomy. Of note is a group of materials that document the distribution of opium to physicians through United States Internal Revenue from 1910-1953: These materials consist of a government publication on laws and regulations related to opium and coca distribution, a set of opium order forms, and a collection of opium tax stamps. Also included in this series are a university directory and annual register, an instructional offprint prepared for anatomy students by Ronald Singer, and a small file of professional correspondence.

Series III: Restricted, contains grade books and oral examination reports from 1932-1946.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Subject Headings

- Swift, Charles H.
- Anatomy -- Study and teaching
- Opium -- Law and legislation
- Opium -- Therapeutic use

INVENTORY

Series I: Personal

Box 1

Folder 1

University of Chicago Magazine, 1946

Box 1

Folder 2

Harold R. Willoughby, Soldiers' Bibles through Three Centuries, 1944

Box 1

Folder 3

Financial records, 1930

Box 1

Folder 4

Kelly family wills and property tax receipt, 1852-1880

Box 1

Folder 5

"A Remarkable Letter: Lord Macauley to Hon. H.H. Randall of New York," transcript of 1857 letter, undated

Box 1

Folder 6

Botanical photographs, undated

Series II: Professional

Box 1

Folder 7

Grade books, 1910-1912

Box 1

Folder 8

Grade books, 1913

Box 1

Folder 9

Grade books, 1914

Box 1

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Grade books, 1915

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Folder 11

Grade books, 1916

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Folder 12

Grade books, 1917

Box 1

Folder 13

Grade books, 1918-1919

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Folder 1

Grade books, 1922-1928

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Folder 2

Anatomy I and II, examinations, 1912-1942

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Anatomy II and IV, examinations, 1913-1945

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Folder 4

Anatomy examinations, 1927-1929

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Folder 5

Anatomy and neurology examinations, 1913-1925

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Folder 6

Anatomy 301-302, Dissection of Extremities, outline, undated

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Folder 7

Anatomy 303-304, lecture notes, 1916-1932

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Folder 8

Anatomy 349, lecture notes, 1924-1934

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Anatomy 350, lecture notes, 1922-1942

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Folder 10

Anatomy 350-351, lecture notes, 1922-1929

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Folder 11

Anatomy and neurology, lecture notebook, 1913

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Folder 12

Anatomy lecture tickets, 1914-1928

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Folder 1

Anatomy lecture tickets, 1914-1928

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Folder 2

History of anatomy, notes, 1922

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Folder 3

Law and Regulations Relating to the Production, Importation, Manufacture, Compounding, Sale, Dispensing, or Giving Away of Opium or Coca Leaves, their Salts, Derivatives, or Preparations, Internal Revenue Regulations 35, 1918

Box 3

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United States Internal Revenue, opium order forms, 1916-1935

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Folder 5

United States Internal Revenue, opium tax stamps, 1910-1953

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Folder 6

University of Chicago, directory, 1946-1947

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Folder 7

University of Chicago, annual register, 1930-1931

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Folder 8

University of Chicago, "Method in Anatomy Examinations," offprints, 1959

Box 3

Folder 9

Correspondence, 1914-1948

Series III: Restricted

Box 4

Folder 1

Grade books, 1932-1937

Box 4

Folder 2

Grade books, 1940-1945

Box 4

Folder 3

Oral examination reports, 1937-1946