

Sofia Simmonds papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: Ms Coll 98

CREATOR: Simmonds, Sofia (Sofia S.), 1917-2007

TITLE: Sofia Simmonds papers

DATES: circa 1942-1995

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 linear feet (2 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers include materials created by Sofia Simmonds (1917-2007) circa 1943-1995. Simmonds was a biochemist who trained at Cornell University, then spent her career working at Yale University. Simmonds and her husband Joseph Fruton co-authored the first comprehensive biochemistry textbook: *General Biochemistry*, which was published in 1953. The papers include correspondence, writings, grant applications, committee records, biochemistry department papers, and laboratory notebooks.

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Biographical / Historical

Sofia Simmonds (1917-2007) was a biochemist whose research interest was the metabolism of amino acids and peptides in the bacteria *Escherichia coli*. Simmonds graduated from Barnard College, then attended Cornell University, completing her PhD in 1942. She began working at Yale University in 1945 as a researcher and worked her way up to become a full professor of biochemistry in 1975. In 1969 she became professor of molecular biophysics and biochemistry after the department was reorganized. In 1988 she served as associate dean of Yale College. Simmonds and her husband Joseph Fruton co-authored the first comprehensive biochemistry textbook: *General Biochemistry*, which was published in 1953.

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Subjects

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