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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 452

**CREATOR:** Sinnott, Edmund W. (Edmund Ware), 1888-1958

**TITLE:** Edmund Ware Sinnott papers

**DATES:** 1904-1968

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 16.75 linear feet (34 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, lectures, speeches, writings, notes, clippings, and printed material, primarily relating to Edmund Sinnott's professional career as a botanist.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Edmund Sinnott, 1956; Mrs. Sinnott, 1968; Southern Connecticut State University, 2002.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Edmund Ware Sinnott received an A.B. degree from Harvard University in 1908, an A.M. in 1910, and a Ph.D. in 1913. He was on the faculty of Harvard University from 1908 to 1915. Sinnott was a professor of botany at the Connecticut Agricultural College from 1915 to 1928; at Barnard College from 1928 to 1939; at Columbia University from 1939 to 1940; and at Yale University from 1940 to 1956. At Yale he also served as chairman of the biology department, 1940-1950; director of the Sheffield Scientific School, 1945-1956; and dean of the Graduate School, 1950-1956. Sinnott died on January 6, 1968.

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## Arrangement

Arranged in three series and one addition: I. Correspondence, 1924-1968. II. Subject Files, 1925-1964. III. Brookhaven National Laboratory Files, 1946-1950.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1924-1968

General		
b. 1, f. 1 - 9	A	1928-1940
b. 1, f. 10 - 11	Avery, George S.	1932-1936
b. 1, f. 12 - 20	B	1927-1936
b. 2, f. 21 - 24	B	1937-1940
b. 2, f. 25	Blakeslee, A. F.	1932-1934
b. 2, f. 26 - 35	C	1927-1940
b. 2, f. 36	College entrance exam	1932-1933
b. 2, f. 37 - 40	D	1927-1934
b. 3, f. 41 - 45	D	1935-1940
b. 3, f. 46 - 55	E - F	1927-1940
b. 3, f. 56 - 64	G	1927-1940
b. 4, f. 65 - 73	H - J	1927-1940
b. 4, f. 74	Journal of Botany, American	1935-1936
b. 4, f. 75 - 84	K - L	1927-1940
b. 5, f. 85 - 94	M	1927-1940
b. 5, f. 95 - 102	N - O	1927-1940
b. 5, f. 103 - 112	P	1927-1940
b. 6, f. 113 - 120	R	1927-1940
b. 6, f. 121 - 130	S	1927-1940
b. 7, f. 131 - 140	T - V	1927-1940
b. 7, f. 141 - 151	W - Z	1927-1940
b. 8, f. 152 - 154	Miscellaneous	1924-1935
Select		
b. 9, f. 155	A - B	1950-1951
b. 9, f. 156	Biology Abstracts	1950
b. 9, f. 157 - 159	The Biology of the Spirit	1955-1956, undated

## Select (continued)

b. 9, f. 160	"Botany: Principles and Problems" English	1961-1962
b. 9, f. 161 - 162	Cell and Psyche	1945-1956, undated
b. 9, f. 163 - 166	Comments on publications	1943-1956, undated
Congregational churches		
b. 10, f. 167	A	1958-1962
b. 10, f. 168 - 170	B	1958-1962
b. 10, f. 171	C	1958-1962
b. 10, f. 172	D	1960-1962
b. 10, f. 173	E	1958-1962
b. 10, f. 174	F	1958-1962
b. 10, f. 175	G	1960-1962
b. 10, f. 176 - 177	H	1958-1962
b. 10, f. 178	J - K	1960-1961
b. 10, f. 179	L	1958-1966
b. 11, f. 180	M	1960-1962
b. 11, f. 181 - 182	N	1960-1962
b. 11, f. 183	O	1960-1962
b. 11, f. 184	P	1960-1962
b. 11, f. 185	R	1960-1962
b. 11, f. 186 - 187	S	1960-1962
b. 11, f. 188	T	1960-1962
b. 11, f. 189	U - V	1960-1962
b. 11, f. 190 - 191	W	1958-1962
b. 11, f. 192	Y	1962
Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station		
b. 12, f. 193	General	1929-1954
b. 12, f. 194	Board of Control	1960-1964
b. 12, f. 195	Connecticut Botanical Society	1952
b. 12, f. 196	Growth	1950

## Select (continued)

b. 12, f. 197 - 198	"Jed" English	1960-1963
b. 12, f. 199	National Academy of Sciences	1949-1951
b. 12, f. 200	New York Botanical Gardens	1950
b. 12, f. 201	Old Woodbury Historical Society	1950-1955
b. 12, f. 202	Positions	1949-1950
b. 12, f. 203	<i>The Saturday Review</i>	1953-1956
b. 12, f. 204	<i>Science and Religion</i>	1950
b. 12, f. 205	"Science and the Whole Man" English	1947-1948
b. 12, f. 206	Sinnott, E.W.	1939-1945
b. 12, f. 207	Sugar research	1950
b. 12, f. 208	Sympathy, letters of	1950-1957
b. 13, f. 209	"Ten Million Scientists" English	1949-1950
b. 13, f. 210	Thank yous	1950-1951
	"Two Roads to Truth"	
b. 13, f. 211 - 213	General	1953-1954
b. 13, f. 214	Clippings, printed material	undated
b. 13, f. 215	University business	1948-1951
b. 13, f. 216	Viking Press	1951-1952
Chronological		
b. 13, f. 217 - 221	1938-1941	
b. 14, f. 222 - 234	1942-1950	
b. 15, f. 235 - 243	1950-1954	
b. 16, f. 244 - 259	1954-1958	
b. 17, f. 260 - 277	1959-1962	
b. 18, f. 278 - 292	1963-1964	
b. 19, f. 293 - 307	1965-1968, n.d.	

**Series II: Subject Files, 1925-1964**

b. 20, f. 1	Address: "The Past as Prelude"	undated
b. 20, f. 2	Autobiography	1954
b. 20, f. 3 - 4	Bibliography A - Z	undated
b. 20, f. 5	Biology abstracts	1925-1927
b. 20, f. 6	Book reviews	1959, undated
b. 20, f. 7	Cambrian research	undated
b. 20, f. 8 - 9	Cell sizes	undated
b. 20, f. 10 - 11	Data: squash	undated
b. 20, f. 12	Dedications, writings	1953-1954, undated
b. 20, f. 13	Department of Plant Science: reports	1955-1956
	Drafts	
b. 21, f. 14	"Biological Basis" English	undated
b. 21, f. 15	Loofa sponge	1942-1943
b. 21, f. 16 - 17	Pattern of Life	undated
b. 21, f. 18 - 19	Problem of Organic Form	undated
b. 21, f. 20	<i>Reaction Wood</i>	1951-1952
b. 21, f. 21 - 22	Untitled	undated
b. 22, f. 23 - 31	Untitled	undated
	Epidermis	
b. 23, f. 32	Connecticut Field	undated
b. 23, f. 33 - 34	Ovary	undated
b. 23, f. 35	Graphs: Lagenaria	undated
b. 23, f. 36	Greene, Stephen [lectures]	1959
b. 23, f. 37	Honorary degrees	1946-1954
b. 23, f. 38 - 41	Lectures	1945-1955
b. 24, f. 42 - 47	Lectures	1958-1964, undated
b. 24, f. 48	Northeastern Fiftieth Anniversary	1948-1949



b. 24, f. 49	"Pattern of Life" [manuscript] English	1945
b. 24, f. 50	Pedicle ratios	undated
b. 24, f. 51 - 52	Photographs	undated
b. 25, f. 53	Pressed leaves	undated
	Printed material	
b. 25, f. 54 - 55	Religion and science	1950-1954, undated
b. 25, f. 56 - 58	Miscellaneous	1902-1956
b. 25, f. 59	Resolutions Committee	1965
b. 25, f. 60 - 61	Science and religion	undated
b. 26, f. 62	Scientific notes	1941-1946
b. 26, f. 63	Sheffield centennial	1947
b. 26, f. 64 - 66	Speeches, lectures	1933-1952
b. 26, f. 67	Squash	1949
b. 26, f. 68 - 69	Watermelon	1935-1936
b. 26, f. 70	Yale University business	1941-1945
b. 26, f. 71	F2SPx103 (42): 1-65 complete	undated
b. 26, f. 72	Miscellaneous	undated

## Series III: Brookhaven National Laboratory Files, 1946-1950

b. 27, f. 1	Administrative progress report	1947
b. 27, f. 2 - 5	Biological and medical research conference	1947-1949, undated
b. 27, f. 6 - 7	Budget estimates	1948-1950
b. 27, f. 8 - 9	Contracts	1947
b. 28, f. 10 - 17	Contracts	1947-1948
b. 29, f. 18 - 24	Correspondence	1946-1949, undated
b. 29, f. 25	Ecology survey	1948
b. 29, f. 26	Engineering planning and program	1948
b. 29, f. 27	Facilities budget	1950
b. 29, f. 28	Financial papers	1948, undated
b. 29, f. 29 - 31	Life Sciences Advisory Committee	1948-1949
b. 29, f. 32 - 36	Minutes	1946-1949
b. 30, f. 37	Monthly statements	1948
b. 30, f. 38	Physical Science Advisory Committee	1948
b. 30, f. 39 - 43	Preliminary organization	1947
b. 30, f. 44	Program for medicine and biology	1947
b. 30, f. 45 - 47	Program reports	1946-1948
b. 31, f. 48	Progress report	1947
b. 31, f. 49	Reports: miscellanea	undated
b. 31, f. 50 - 57	Statements of expenditures	1948-1949
b. 32, f. 58 - 61	Statements of expenditures	1949
b. 32, f. 62 - 63	Treasurer's reports	1947-1949

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## Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	1945-1947	
b. 1, f. 2	1948 English	
b. 1, f. 3	1949-1953	
b. 1, f. 4	1954-1955	
b. 1, f. 5	1956 English	
b. 1, f. 6	1957 English	
b. 1, f. 7	1958-1962	
b. 1, f. 8	n.d.	

## Notebooks

## Classes

b. 2, f. 9	Botany 9 [class notes]	undated
b. 2, f. 10	Botany/biology	undated
b. 2, f. 11	Zoology	1904
b. 2, f. 12	Lectures and botanic notes	undated

## Logs

b. 2, f. 13	Leaf traces	undated
b. 2, f. 14	Sunflowers	1917
b. 2, f. 15	Notes on/from books and speeches	undated
b. 2, f. 16	Writings, speeches	1945-1948, 1967, undated
b. 2, f. 17	Personal [includes miscellaneous printed material and photographs]	1947-1948, undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Botany -- Study and teaching  
Science

### **Occupations**

Botanists

### **Names**

Sinnott, Edmund W. (Edmund Ware), 1888-1958

### **Corporate Bodies**

Barnard College -- Faculty  
Columbia University -- Faculty  
Yale University -- Faculty