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Biographical / Historical

Thomas Rogers Forbes was born in New York City on January 5, 1911. He earned both his 1933 bachelor's degree and his 1937 doctorate at the University of Rochester. Forbes taught anatomy at Johns Hopkins University, 1937-1942. During World War II, he interrupted his teaching to serve on the Committee on Medical Research of the Office of Scientific Research and Development. In 1945, he was appointed instructor in anatomy at the Yale School of Medicine. He served as an assistant professor from 1946 to 1951, associate professor from 1951-1962, and attained the rank of professor in 1962. He served concurrently as assistant and then associate dean from 1948 to 1969, while also chairing the Committee on Admissions. Forbes was appointed Ebenezer K. Hunt Professor of Anatomy in 1977. In 1979, he became professor emeritus and senior research scholar in the history of medicine.

Forbes made fundamental contributions to reproductive endocrinology as a scientist and also won recognition as a medical historian. With Charles W. Hooker in 1946, Forbes developed an accurate method to measure minute quantities of progesterone. The Hooker Forbes bioassay became a standard method in endocrinology. Over the next thirty years, Forbes and his collaborators contributed substantially to the understanding of progesterone's role in pregnancy. His scholarly achievements included several books on early English forensic medicine. His books on early medical jurisprudence reflect personalities, as well as the standards of expertise then extant in the field. Forbes was an innovative teacher, producing films to teach medical history to students.

He married Helen Frances Allen in 1934. They had two sons, Thomas R. Jr., and William M. Thomas Rogers Forbes died in Branford, Connecticut on November 13, 1988.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Arranged in three series: Series I. General Files, 1925-1988. Series II. Teaching, Research, and Writings, 1930-1989. Series III. Personal Papers, 1930s-1988.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1925-1988

The series includes correspondence and other papers that document Forbes's professional activities and acquaintances. There are few family letters. The files of greatest substance focus on Forbes's administrative and committee work at Yale and his participation in a medical mission for the Unitarian Service Committee.

The files are in two sequences following Forbes's own designation: an alphabetical arrangement by the name of an individual, institution, or journal, and a chronological file. The files include incoming and outgoing letters with colleagues, students, suppliers, institutions, and journals, including the *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*. The Yale material, which is arranged by department or unit, includes documents associated with Forbes's responsibilities within the Department of Anatomy, the Dean's Office, the Admissions Committee, the History of Medicine Department, and the Medical School Council, and as advisor on medical memorabilia. The Unitarian Service Committee files detail Forbes's 1950 trip to lecture to German medical students and physicians whose learning and work had been interrupted by World War II . These files also include correspondence in the years following Forbes's return to the United States.

b. 1, f. 1	Academic Press [London]	1980-1985
b. 1, f. 2	American Association for the Advancement of Science	1951-1982
b. 1, f. 3	American Association for the History of Medicine	1953-1988
	American Association of Anatomists	
b. 1, f. 4	General	1938, 1965-1985
b. 1, f. 5	Committee on Anatomical Nomenclature	1970-1975
	American Philosophical Society	
b. 1, f. 6	General	1970-1988
b. 1, f. 7	"Verbal Charms in Folk Medicine" English	1969-1970
b. 1, f. 8	American Society of Zoologists	1959-1974
b. 1, f. 9	Atheneum [London]	1982-1987
b. 1, f. 10	Baue, Arthur	1976-1978
b. 1, f. 11	Beaumont Medical Club of Connecticut	1947-1988
b. 1, f. 12	Bell, Whitfield J., Jr.	1974-1985, undated.
b. 1, f. 13	Benfey, Bruno	1950-1955
b. 2, f. 14	Bishop, Peter	[195?]–1979
b. 2, f. 15	Boving, Bent G.	1951-1958
b. 2, f. 16	Brigham Young University	1970-1972

b. 2, f. 17	Bynum, William	1971-1988
b. 2, f. 18 - 19	Chatterton, Robert	1969-1977
b. 2, f. 20	Collison-Baxter, G. L.	1974-1975
b. 2, f. 21	Commonwealth Club	1941-1942
b. 2, f. 22	Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences	1965-1987
b. 2, f. 23	Cooper, Christopher, R. H.	1974-1984
b. 2, f. 24	Corner, George W.	1937-1981, undated.
b. 2, f. 25	Corporation of London, Records Office	1970-1984
b. 2, f. 26	Darling, George B.	1945-1971
b. 2, f. 27	*Early English Forensic Medicine* [exhibit] English	1987
b. 2, f. 28	Emmens, C. W.	1953
b. 2, f. 29	*Encyclopedia of American Popular Beliefs and Superstitions* English	1980-1987
b. 2, f. 30	Endocrine Society	1949-1986
b. 2, f. 31	*Excerpta Medica* English	1946-1949
b. 2, f. 32	Foley, S. John	1953-1970
b. 2, f. 33	Forbes family	1950
b. 3, f. 34	Frank, Julia	1974-1977
b. 3, f. 35	Fulton, John F. and Lucia	1942-1962
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b. 3, f. 36	Goodman, Gerri	1983-1985, undated.
b. 3, f. 37	Gorlin, Jed	1981-1984, undated.
b. 3, f. 38	Gormsen, Harald	1950-1964, 1971
b. 3, f. 39	Great Britain. Public Record Office Library	1972-1978, undated.
b. 3, f. 40	Greater London Council. Greater London Record Office	1972-1983
b. 3, f. 41	Greenwald, Gary and Maria White	1977-1985
b. 3, f. 42	Grolier, Inc.	1963-1978

b. 3, f. 43	Guildhall Library	1964-1986
b. 3, f. 44	Hadisumarto, Willy	1954-1955
b. 3, f. 45	Hair, P. E. H.	1974
b. 3, f. 46	Hartman, Carl G.	1945–1948, 1963–1967, undated.
b. 3, f. 47	Harvester Microform	1984-1986
b. 3, f. 48	Havard, John D. J.	1986
b. 3, f. 49	Hollaender, Albert E. J.	1970-1987
b. 3, f. 50 - 51	Hooker, Charles W.	1948-1976
b. 3, f. 52	Hunnisett, Roy	1973-1988
b. 3, f. 53	Hyde, Ralph	1980-1982, undated.
b. 3, f. 54	International Society for the History of Medicine	1976-1986
b. 4, f. 55	Johns Hopkins University	1937-1945
b. 4, f. 56	Jost, Alfred	1949-1962, undated.
b. 4, f. 57 - 60	*Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* English	1951-1984
b. 4, f. 61	Joy, Robert J. T.	1976-1987
b. 4, f. 62	Kapadia, Shanta	1974-1985
b. 4, f. 63	Kaufmann, C.	1955-1958
b. 4, f. 64	Keele, Kenneth D.	1960-1987
b. 4, f. 65	Keller, Deane	1963-1977
b. 4, f. 66	Klein, Irmhild	1952-1958, undated
b. 4, f. 67	Knapman, Paul A.	1984-1986
b. 5, f. 68	Korevaar, Wilhelmina	1975-1977
	Lehrann, Daniel See: Box 19, Folder 62	
b. 5, f. 69	Leonardo da Vinci Society	1987
b. 5, f. 70	London Topographical Society	1972-1979, undated.
b. 5, f. 71	Mant, A. Keith	1977-1988

b. 5, f. 72	Massey, Robert	1987-1988
b. 5, f. 73	National Board of Medical Examiners	1947-1951
b. 5, f. 74	National Institutes of Health. Special Study Section [history]	1977-1978
b. 5, f. 75	National Research Council. Division of Medical Sciences See also: Box 20, Folders 82-83	1945-1947
b. 5, f. 76	National Science Foundation [evaluations of proposals]	1956-1962
b. 5, f. 77	Nu Sigma Society	1968-1969
b. 5, f. 78	Oppenheimer, Ernst	1953-1960
b. 5, f. 79	Parkes, Alan S.	1938-1940, 1955-1961
b. 5, f. 80	Paul, David	1976-1985
b. 5, f. 81	Plotz, E. Jurgen	1952-1953
b. 5, f. 82	Pugh, Ralph	1979-1982
b. 5, f. 83	Random House	1961-1962
b. 5, f. 84	Reilly, Phillip	1978-1981
b. 5, f. 85	Reynaud, Albert	1958-1986
b. 5, f. 86	Richards, Sarah [Mrs. Frederic]	1988
b. 5, f. 87	Romm, Sharon [*Medical Heritage*]	1985-1988
b. 5, f. 88	Royal Historical Society	1982-1987
b. 5, f. 89	Royal Society of Medicine	1958-1988
b. 5, f. 90	Rubinstein, Lidia	1961-1969
b. 5, f. 91	Sargent, Frederick	1976-1978
b. 6, f. 92	Schultz, Adolph H.	1939-1977
b. 6, f. 93	Short, Roger	1956-1971
b. 6, f. 94	Simpson, Keith	1982-1985
b. 6, f. 95	Smith, Audrey	1957-1959
b. 6, f. 96	Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine	1949-1985
b. 6, f. 97	Society for the Social History of Medicine	1970-1987
b. 6, f. 98	Society of Antiquarians of London	1980-1988
b. 6, f. 99	Society of the Sigma Xi	1964-1974
b. 6, f. 100	Stevenson, Lloyd G.	1963-1967

b. 6, f. 101	Strong, Felicity	1974-1977
b. 6, f. 102	Stroup, Nancy	1980-1986
b. 6, f. 103	Swarbrick, Margaret	1971-1977
b. 6, f. 104	Taku, Elaine and Fumio	1978-1986
b. 6, f. 105	Talbot, Charles	1965-1986
b. 6, f. 106	Taussig, Helen	1981, undated.
b. 6, f. 107	Tell, Terry	1974
b. 6, f. 108	Telson, Howard	1977-1978
b. 6, f. 109	Temkin, Oswei	1946-1979
b. 6, f. 110	Textbooks	1966-1981
b. 6, f. 111	Thomson, Grethe	1954-1955
b. 6, f. 112	Tuchmann-Duplessis, Herbert	1950-1987, undated.
b. 7, f. 113	UCLA Conference on American Folk Medicine	1972-1976
b. 7, f. 114 - 118	Unitarian Service Committee. Medical Mission to Germany	1950-1960
	United States	
b. 7, f. 119	Department of Agriculture	1938-1942
b. 7, f. 120	Department of Health, Education, and Welfare	1962-1969
b. 7, f. 121	Navy Department. Office of Chief of Navy Operations	1937-1942
b. 7, f. 122	University of Colorado Medical Center	1966
b. 8, f. 123	Veterans Administration	1946-1949
b. 8, f. 124	Vickers, H. M.	1938-1939, 1947-1948
b. 8, f. 125	Wangensteen, Owen H.	1947, 1973-1978
b. 8, f. 126	Watson, Neale	1974-1981
b. 8, f. 127	Weed, Lewis	1945-1946
b. 8, f. 128	Wellcome Institute of the History of Medicine	1954-1982
b. 8, f. 129	Wendt, G. G.	1966-1977
	Westphal, Ulrich See: Box 19, Folder 63	
b. 8, f. 130	Westminster Abbey	1973-1977

b. 8, f. 131	Westminster City Library	1972-1973
	Wiest, Walter See Box: Box 19, Folder 64	
b. 8, f. 132	Williams, Stanley Thomas	1953-1955, undated.
b. 8, f. 133 - 134	Wolstenholme, Gordon	1950-1986
b. 8, f. 135	Woody, Regina [Mrs. MacIver Woody] See also: Box 20, Folders 82-83	1978-1983
b. 8, f. 136	Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London	1960-1988
	Yale University	
b. 8, f. 137	Branford College	1954-1978
b. 8, f. 138	Department of the History of Science and Medicine	1952-1978
	School of Medicine	
b. 8, f. 139	Advisor on medical memorabilia	1949-1986
b. 8, f. 140	Assistant and associate deanships	1954-1971
b. 8, f. 141	Committee on funds and fellowships	1969-1973
b. 8, f. 142	Committee on the future of the history of medicine at Yale	1977-1978
	Department of Anatomy	
b. 9, f. 143 - 146	General	1945-1974
b. 9, f. 147	Curriculum changes	1959-1972
b. 9, f. 148	Exhibits, history of anatomy	1959-1980
b. 9, f. 149	Laboratory	1951-1985
b. 9, f. 150	Library	1946-1967
b. 9, f. 151	Lippard, Vernon W., reception in honor of	1967
b. 9, f. 152	Medical Historical Library. Medical Print Project	1976
b. 9, f. 153	Medical Library Associates	1970-1987
b. 9, f. 154 - 155	Medical Library Committee	1947-1978
b. 9, f. 156	Section of Gross Anatomy	1974-1980
b. 9, f. 157	Stone, Leon Stanfield [portrait]	1961-1962
b. 9, f. 158	Student statistics	1945-1968
b. 9, f. 159	Study group on student evaluation	1973

b. 9, f. 160	Yale University Press	1985
b. 10, f. 161	Young, James Harvey	1978-1987
b. 10, f. 162 - 163	Zander, Josef	1954-1981
	Zarrow, M. X. See: Box 19, Folder 65	
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b. 10, f. 164 - 172	1925-1961	
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Series II: Teaching, Research, and Writings, 1930-1989

The files in this series reflect Forbes's research interests both in the laboratory and in the field of medical history as well as his teaching in the class room. The teaching files, which include syllabi and lectures, are arranged chronologically by institution. They are predominantly from Yale, but include some earlier material from the University of Rochester and Johns Hopkins University

The research materials contain laboratory notebooks and files concerning collaborations with students and colleagues, including Charles Hooker, in scientific research and writing. In the laboratory notebooks, experiments are labeled in sequences designated "series" by Forbes. Because he recorded a new series of experiments in a new notebook, even while an earlier series was still in progress, the notebooks are in overlapping chronological order. They include experiments on alligators, lizards, muskrats and progesterone. Research support from government and private agencies, as well as pharmaceutical companies, is also documented. Grant applications often provide partial bibliographies of Forbes's voluminous writings. These are useful, since no complete bibliography is available in the papers.

The writings are arranged chronologically by type. Articles, both on laboratory research and on medical history comprise the bulk of the writings, but there are also files for books, films, abstracts, book reviews, lectures, and short stories. Experiments that were written up but not published are also included with the articles. The dates shown correspond to the dates of the material filed, not necessarily to the date of publication of the title.

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b. 14, f. 1 - 2	University of Rochester [histology outlines and bibliographies]	1934-1935
	Johns Hopkins University	
b. 14, f. 3 - 4	Histology	1937-1941
b. 14, f. 5	Lectures [liver, testis]	1939-1941
b. 14, f. 6	Neurology	1939-1942
b. 14, f. 7	Yale College [history of medicine lectures]	1977
	Yale School of Medicine	
b. 14, f. 8	Administrative notes	1947-1983
b. 14, f. 9	Anatomy seminars	1947-1967
b. 14, f. 10	Derivations of some anatomical terms	1970s
b. 14, f. 11	"Early History of Reproductive Endocrinology" English	1984
b. 14, f. 12	Endocrinology of reproduction	1969
b. 14, f. 13	Gross anatomy	1946-1977
b. 14, f. 14	Histology	1945
b. 14, f. 15 - 16	History of anatomy [lectures I-IV]	1930s-1988
b. 15, f. 17 - 20	History of anatomy [lectures V-XVII]	1950s-1987
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b. 15, f. 22	Kidney [lecture]	1946
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b. 18, f. 48	Equipment inventory	1968-1969
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b. 18, f. 50	Ciba Pharmaceutical Products, Inc.	1941-1965
b. 18, f. 51	G. D. Searle and Co.	1960
b. 18, f. 52	National Biochemical Corporation	1959-1973
b. 18, f. 53	Radioactive compounds	1955
b. 18, f. 54	Schering Corporation	1937-1963
b. 18, f. 55	Squibb Institute	1951-1966
b. 18, f. 56	Upjohn Company	1958-1971
b. 18, f. 57	Wallace and Tiernan Products, Inc.	1941-1942
b. 18, f. 58	Winthrop Chemical Company	1941
b. 18, f. 59	Various	1936-1973
b. 18, f. 60	Muskrat research	1938-1941
	Progesterone research	
b. 19, f. 61	Gardner, Lytt II	1955-1959
b. 19, f. 62	Lehrann, Daniel II	1955-1956
b. 19, f. 63	Westphal, Ulrich II	1951-1971

Research > Progesterone research (continued)

b. 19, f. 64	Wiest, Walter II	1958-1972
b. 19, f. 65	Zarrow, M. X. II.	1950-1956
b. 19, f. 66 - 67	Other correspondence	1948-1973
	Research grants	
b. 19, f. 68	American Council of Learned Societies	1964-1968
b. 19, f. 69	Ciba Pharmaceutical Products, Inc.	1951
b. 19, f. 70	John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation	1941-1964
b. 19, f. 71	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development	1970-1971
	National Institutes of Health	
b. 19, f. 72 - 75	1949-1969	
b. 20, f. 76 - 77	1972-1978	
b. 20, f. 78 - 81	National Library of Medicine	1968-1987
b. 20, f. 82 - 83	National Research Council II	1944-1958
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b. 20, f. 84 - 87	1958-1973	
b. 21, f. 88	1974-1980	
b. 21, f. 89	Wellcome Trust	1950-1959
b. 21, f. 90 - 91	Withdrawn applications	1949-1976
b. 21, f. 92	Yale University	1945-1952
b. 21, f. 93 - 94	Student research	1951-1975
b. 21, f. 95	Unpublished experiments [series 50, 51, 57, 59]	1964
	Writings	
	Abstracts	
b. 21, f. 96	Forbes's own papers	1947-1973
b. 21, f. 97	*Excerpta Medica* English	1947-1948
	Articles	
b. 21, f. 98	"Studies on the Reproductive System of the Alligator, II: The Effects of Prolonged Injections of Oestrone in the Immature Alligator" English	1938
b. 21, f. 99	"Studies on the Reproductive System of the Alligator, V: The Effect of Injections of Testosterone Propionate on Immature Alligators" English	1938-1939

Writings > Articles (continued)

b. 21, f. 100	"A Note on Reptilian Sex Ratios" [unpublished] English	1939
b. 21, f. 101	"Observations on the Urogenital Anatomy of the Adult Male Lizard, Sceloporus, and the Action of Implanted Pellets of Testosterone and of Estrone" English	1940
b. 21, f. 102	"Studies on the Reproductive system of the Alligator, VI. Further Observations on the Heterosexual Structures in the Female Alligator" English	1940
b. 22, f. 103	"Absorption of Pellets..." English	1941
b. 22, f. 104	"The Origin of Freemartin" English	1946
b. 22, f. 105	"Testis Transplantation Performed by John Hunter" English	1947
b. 22, f. 106	"The Crowing Hen: Early Observations on Spontaneous Sex Reversal in Birds" English	1947-1960
b. 22, f. 107	"Education of Medical Students" English	1948
b. 22, f. 108	"Progesterone in the Blood Plasma of Cocks and Non-Ovulating Hens" English	1949
b. 22, f. 109	"A. A. Berthold and the First Endocrine Experiment: Some Speculation as to Its Origin" English	1949-1950
b. 22, f. 110	"Witch's Milk and Witch's Marks" English	1949-1950
b. 22, f. 111	Quelques Observations sur le Métabolisme et la Physiolgie du Progestérone	1950
b. 22, f. 112	"Systemic Plasma Progesterone During the Human Menstrual Cycle" English	1950
b. 22, f. 113	"Data on Relative Absorption Rates of Subcutaneous Pellets of Steroid Hormone in Rats" English	1950-1951
b. 22, f. 114	"Systemic Levels of Plasma Progesterone During Pregnancy in Women and Monkeys" English	1951
b. 22, f. 115	Quelques Données Récentes sur la Physiologie de la Progesterone [English translation]	1951-1953
b. 22, f. 116	"Reproduction in the Female" [in *A Textbook of Physiology*] English	1951-1956

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b. 22, f. 117	"Progesterone in the Systemic Blood of Women and Monkeys During the Puerperium" English	1952
b. 22, f. 118	"Endocrinology" [in *Encyclopedia Britannica Book of the Year*] English	1952-1953
b. 22, f. 119	"Levels of Progesterone in Systemic Plasma During the First Trimester of Human Pregnancy" English	1953
b. 22, f. 120	"The Origin of the Term Ridgeling"; "Pre-Ovulatory Progesterone in the Peripheral Blood of the Rabbit" English	1953
b. 22, f. 121	"Further Specificity Tests of a Bio-Assay for Progesterone" English	1954
b. 22, f. 122	"The Development of the Reproductive System of a Lizard, Anolis Carolinensis" English	1954-1955
b. 22, f. 123	"Student Fellowships Offer Unusual Opportunities" English	1955
b. 22, f. 124	"Plans Developing for New Residence Hall" English	[1955?]
b. 22, f. 125	"Plasma Progestin Levels in Progesterone Anesthesia" English	1956
b. 22, f. 126	"Δ4-3-Ketopregnene-20α-ol and Δ4-3-Ketopregnene-20β-ol, Two Naturally Occurring Metabolites of Progesterone..." [with Zander, Neher, and von Munstermann] English	1957
b. 22, f. 127	"Early Pregnancy and Fertility Tests" English	1957
b. 22, f. 128	"Progestin in Mouse Embryos, Placentae and Amniotic Fluid" English	1957
b. 22, f. 129	"Plasma Levels of Progestin During Pregnancy in the Mouse"[with C. W. Hooker] English	1957-1958
b. 22, f. 130	"Endocrinology of Reproduction in Cold-Blooded Vertebrates" [in Sex and Internal Secretions] English	1957-1962
b. 22, f. 131	"Plasma Levels of Progestin During Absorption of Progesterone Pellets in Mice" English	1958
b. 22, f. 132	"Rapid Disappearance of Progesterone from Oily Solutions Injected Intraperitoneally in Mice" English	1958

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b. 22, f. 133	"The Prediction of Sex: Folklore and Science" English	1958-1959
b. 22, f. 134	"Progestin in the Amniotic Fluids of Monkeys" English	1958-1961
b. 22, f. 135	"Reproduction in the Female" [in *Medical Physiology and Biophysics*] English	1958-1961
b. 22, f. 136	"Word Charms and Amulets" [unpublished?] English	1958-1965
b. 22, f. 137	"Reproduction" [in *Annual Review of Physiology*, vol. 22] English	1959-1960
b. 22, f. 138	"Inactivation of Progesterone by Cellular Fractions of Rat Liver and Kidney in vitro" [with Alfred J. and Jane L. Coulombre] English	1960-1961
b. 22, f. 139	"Progestin in the Blood of Newborn Infants" English	1960-1961
b. 22, f. 140	"Intersexuality in Reptiles" [in *Intersexuality in Vertebrates Including Man*] English	1960-1964
b. 22, f. 141	"Biologic Assay Methods" [in *Progestins in Humans*] English	1960-1967
b. 23, f. 142	"The Local Action of Progesterone on Pregnant Uteri of Mice" [unpublished] English	1961
b. 23, f. 143	"Some Considerations of the Bio-Assay of Progestins" [in *Brook Lodge Symposium on Progesterone*] English	1961
b. 23, f. 144	"John Hunter on Spontaneous Intersexuality" English	1961-1964
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