

# Guide to the Leo Frederick Rettger Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1113

**CREATOR:** Rettger, Leo F. (Leo Frederick), 1874-1954

**TITLE:** Leo Frederick Rettger papers

**DATES:** 1921-1942

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 16.5 linear feet (45 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers contain the professional correspondence of Leo F. Rettger, a bacteriologist at Yale University and document the many research interests, academic responsibilities, and professional activities of Rettger from 1921-1942. Research interests in the areas of classification and taxonomy, bacterial nutrition and metabolism, intestinal bacteriology, anaerobic bacteria, cattle diseases, turkey diseases, and acidophilus milk are detailed. Among Rettger's major correspondents are: faculty members at colleges and universities across the United States, dairy farms and operations, scientific societies and bodies, public health organizations, veterinary officials, and scholarly journals and publishers.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Preferred Citation

Leo Frederick Rettger Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Leo F. Rettger was born in Huntington, Indiana on March 17, 1874. He graduated from Indiana University (B.A., 1896; M.A., 1897) and Yale University (Ph.D., 1902). Rettger taught at Yale University from 1902-1942, and served as chairman of the Department of Bacteriology from 1928-1931 and 1933-1942. He held the title of professor emeritus from 1942 until his death in New Haven, Connecticut on January 7, 1954.

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## Scope and Contents

The Leo F. Rettger Papers contain the professional correspondence of Leo F. Rettger, a bacteriologist at Yale University. The Rettger Papers document the many research interests, academic responsibilities and professional activities of Rettger from 1921-1942.

The Rettger Papers detail his research interests in the areas of classification and taxonomy, bacterial nutrition and metabolism, intestinal bacteriology, anaerobic bacteria cattle diseases, turkey diseases, and acidophilus milk. Among Rettger's major correspondents are: faculty members at colleges and universities across the United States, dairy farms and operations, scientific societies and bodies, public health organizations, veterinary officials, and scholarly journals and publishers.

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## Arrangement

The correspondence is organized in alphabetical order, and chronologically within each letter of the alphabet.

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## **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**

Bacteriology  
Science

### **Occupations**

Bacteriologists

### **Names**

Rettger, Leo F. (Leo Frederick), 1874-1954

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