

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Louis Tranter Stableford was born July 30, 1914, in Connecticut. After graduating in 1937 from the University of Virginia and receiving his Ph.D. in Zoology from Yale University in 1941, Stableford began his teaching career at Lafayette College. He taught biology and histology at Lafayette College for thirty-eight years, retiring in 1979. During his years at Lafayette he was promoted from an instructor in biology to the head of the department of Biology.

Stableford's three main interests were in developmental amphibian biology, investigating the aging connection of mucopolysaccharide, and identifying reproductive adaptations in desert environments. The quest for answers to these topics continued through his thirty-eight years on the Lafayette College faculty and inspired many articles and papers. In addition to his research, he guided many students in their own research.

While at Lafayette, Stableford created the Student Assistantship Program in an effort to provide an intellectual proving ground for student ideas and experiments. Stableford was also known on campus as an active participant in the college's faculty plays, both as a director and as an actor.

Louis T. Stableford died in Connecticut on June 30, 1998.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection consists of 1.5 linear inches of records in one box and was removed from filing cabinets in Dr. Stableford's office. The papers date ca. 1933-1983 and include several unpublished manuscripts and lectures on histology, various years of Dr. Stableford's class notes and schedules, a small amount of correspondence, and a biology notebook from his student years at Yale, and a dissertation notebook from his Ph.D. studies at Yale University, 1940-41.

The bulk of the papers comprise a series of unpublished manuscripts from an unfinished book on histology. These are both typescript and manuscript in form and are the basis of the first chapter from this book on histology. In addition to these unpublished papers, there are two folders containing information on a paper he read at a Pennsylvania Academy of Science meeting in 1963.

## **INVENTORY**

### **Box 1 of 1**

#### **Folder**

1 Histology Class Notes and Labs: ca. 1941-1978

**STABLEFORD, LOUIS T.  
PAPERS, ca. 1933-1983**

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- 2 Histology Manuscripts and Typescripts: n.d.
- 3 Histology Manuscripts and Typescripts: n.d.
- 4 Population and Biological Factors Manuscripts and Typescripts: 1967
- 5 "Some General Considerations in Morphogenic Studies":1963
- 6 Correspondence with Craig Nixon, Class of 1983, regarding his honors thesis
- 7 College Notebook from Yale University: 1933-1934
- 8-10 Dissertation notebook from Yale University, 1940-41