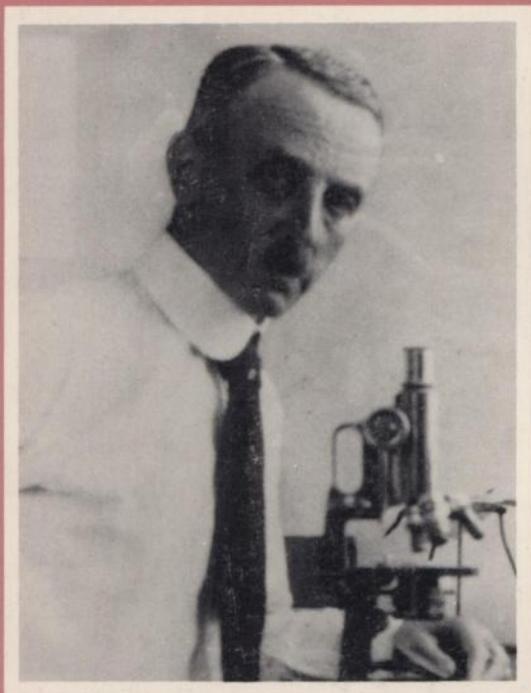


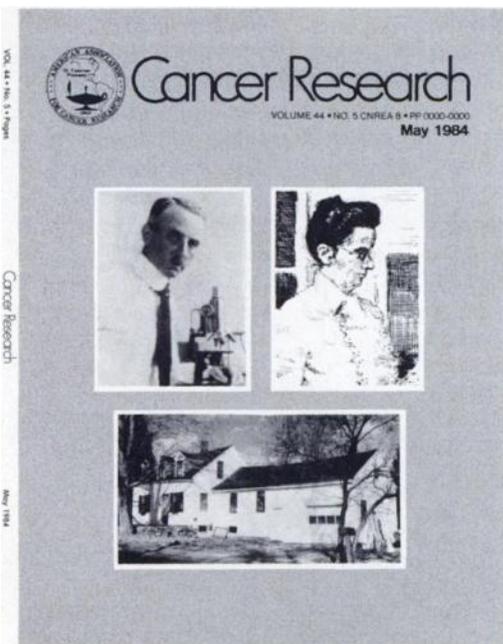
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Between 1913 and 1919 there appeared 10 articles by A. E. C. Lathrop and L. Loeb on tumors in mice. They indicated that mammary tumors occurred at different rates and times in females of various families (Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol. Med., 11: 34–38, 1913–1914; J. Exp. Med., 22: 646–673, 1915), that crosses between high- and low-tumor families usually resembled the high-tumor family (J. Exp. Med., 22: 713–731, 1915), that having litters increased the frequency of mammary

tumors (Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol. Med., 11: 38–40, 1913–1914), and that ovariectomy reduced the frequency of the tumors (J. Cancer Res., 1: 1–19, 1916; J. Med. Res., 40: 477–496, 1919).

Leo Loeb (1869–1959) was a pathologist and an outstanding pioneer of cancer research. He began his investigations with transplantable tumors at the turn of the century (J. Med. Res., 6: 28–39, 1901) and continued to work into the 1950s. Loeb emigrated from Germany and held posts in pathology at Johns Hopkins, McGill, and Pennsylvania Universities before settling in Washington University in St. Louis. During his eastern sojourn, he collaborated with Lathrop, as recounted in his autobiography (Perspect. Biol. Med., 2: 1–23, 1958).

Abbie E. C. Lathrop (1868–1918) was a school teacher who became a commercial animal breeder at Granby, Massachusetts. Her meticulously maintained stock was the source of many mice from which inbred strains were derived at The Jackson Laboratory and elsewhere. Cancer research is indebted to Miss Lathrop, mouse woman of Granby, and her mouse farm for one of its essential experimental materials.

The story of Lathrop and Loeb is recorded in *Cancer Research* (35: 1597, 1975). Herbert C. Morse III, in *Origins of Inbred Mice* (New York, Academic Press, 1978), extends the history and furnishes a picture of Miss Lathrop.

Pictured are Loeb, Lathrop, and the Granby mouse farm as it appeared in 1978.

We are indebted to Dr. Morse for the illustrations.

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