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Dear Josh Enclosed are copies  
of the essential documents. They  
don't produce answers to the  
essential questions but they do  
date the origins of interest in yeast.

In addition to this How-  
ard devere remembers that Harriett  
attended Dobzhansky's Genetics & Evol Sem-  
inar in winter term 1942 (because he  
also attended) & that Harriett's report was  
on transformation - of course, without  
benefit of DNA. Dobzhansky may  
recall what suggested the topic

Her published dissertation was  
unchanged from the copy she defended  
in 1944 (which has not been found) but  
was collated with the printed copy at  
the time. It reveals nothing about the  
origin of her interest. *John Dunn*  
(over)

The fact that she held a University fellow-  
ship (the best one at that time) means  
she had free run of seminars  
& freedom to develop her own inter-  
ests as she chose.