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## Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Robert Swain, Chemist, Dies. *The New York Times*, Jun 1, 1961, p 35, col. 2.

<sup>2</sup> *American Men of Science*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.; Cattell, J.M., Ed.; Science Press: Lancaster, PA, 1910; p 460.

<sup>3</sup> *American Men of Science*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed.; Cattell, J.M., Cattell, J. , Eds.; Science Press: Lancaster, PA, 1944; p 1742.

<sup>4</sup> Mainz, Vera. Chemical Genealogy: Roger E Swain.

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<sup>5</sup> UMI ProQuest Digital Dissertations. (accessed 9 Nov 2005).

<sup>6</sup> Email communication with William R. Massa, Jr., Manuscripts and Archives at Yale University (28 Nov 2005)

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<sup>6</sup> Swain, Robert E. Some notable constituents of the urine of the coyote. *American Journal of Physiology* **1905**, 13, 30.

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- <sup>7</sup> Mainz, Vera. Chemical Genealogy: William Draper Harkins. \_  
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