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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical note

Wilbur George Downs (1913-1991), an educator and physician, served on the staff of the Rockefeller Foundation (1941-1961) and was associate director of Medical and Natural Sciences from 1961 to 1971. He also served as director of the Virus Research Program in the Division of Biomedical Sciences (1961-1971).

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Scope and Contents note

The collection includes excerpts from the travel and laboratory diaries (1931-1944) of Rockefeller Foundation personnel, three volumes of correspondence (1940-1970), and a volume of Downs's trip diary with interview notes (1971-1976).

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Arrangement note

This collection is arranged in three series:

Series 1 - Correspondence

Series 2 - Diaries

Series 3 - Laboratory Studies

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File Plan note

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Wilbur G. Downs and Sonja M. Buckley gave the papers to the Rockefeller Archive Center on November 29, 1984.

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Collection Inventory

Correspondence, 1939-1950, 1967-1974

Arrangement note

This series is arranged alphabetically.

| Title/Description | Instances | |
|--|-----------|----------|
| Buckley, Sonja M., 1969-1974 | box 1 | folder 1 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Virus research, review of book "Fever," speech by Buckley. | | |
| Downs, Wilbur G. - Personnel Correspondence (A-L), 1945-1950 | box 1 | folder 2 |
| Downs, Wilbur G. - Professional Correspondence - Rockefeller Foundation Staff (A-S), 1939-1950 | box 1 | folder 3 |
| Downs, Wilbur G. - Professional Correspondence - Yale Arbovirus Research Unit, 1967-1970 | box 2 | folder 4 |

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Diaries, 1928-1945, 1971-1976

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This series is arranged alphabetically.

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Bauer, Johannes H., March-November 1932 | | |

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| | box 3 | folder 5 |
| Bauer, Johannes H., September 1935-December 1936 | box 3 | folder 5A |
| Bauer, Johannes H., May-August 1937 | box 3 | folder 6 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| South American Trip | | |
| Bauer, Johannes H., January-December 1938 | box 3 | folder 7 |
| Bauer, Johannes H., January-December 1939 | box 3 | folder 8 |
| Bauer, Johannes H., January-December 1940 | box 3 | folder 9 |
| Bauer, Johannes H., January-December 1941 | box 3 | folder 10 |
| Bauer, Johannes H., January-December 1942 | box 3 | folder 11 |
| Bauer, Johannes H., January 1943-July 1945 | box 3 | folder 12 |
| Davis, W. A., December 1942-March 1944 | box 3 | folder 13 |
| Downs, Wilbur G. - "Diary and Records of Interviews", 1971-1976 | box 4 | folder 14 |
| Goodner, Kenneth, October 1940-September 1943 | box 4 | folder 14A |
| Hansens, Elton J., October 1943 | box 4 | folder 15 |
| Kerr, J. Austin, July-September 1932 | box 4 | folder 16 |
| L.A.R., April-May 1943 | box 4 | folder 17 |
| Ramsay, George H., June-September 1931 | box 4 | folder 18 |
| Sawyer, Wilbur A., May 1928-August 1935 | box 4 | folder 19 |
| Sawyer, Wilbur A., October 1932-February 1933 | box 4 | folder 20 |
| Sawyer, Wilbur A., May-August 1934 | box 4 | folder 21 |
| Vaccine Laboratory, 1940-1943 | box 4 | folder 22 |

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Laboratory Studies, 1940, 1964-1969, 1981, undated

Arrangement note

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| Filtration Experiments, 1969 | box 5 | folder 23 |
| Isolation Studies, 1969 | box 5 | folder 24 |
| Lassa Virus - BHK-21, 1969 | box 5 | folder 25 |
| Lassa Virus - BPL Treated/CF Antigens, 1969 | box 5 | folder 26 |
| Lassa Virus - Complement-Fixation Test and Growth Curve, 1969 | box 5 | folder 27 |
| Lassa Virus - Cytopathology, 1969 | box 5 | folder 28 |
| Lassa Virus - DCA Test, 1969 | box 5 | folder 29 |
| Lassa Virus - EM Work, 1969 | box 5 | folder 30 |
| Lassa Virus - Fluorescent Antibody, 1969 | box 5 | folder 31 |
| Lassa Virus - In A. aeg. Cells, 1969 | box 5 | folder 32 |
| Lassa Virus - Inactivation by BPL, 1969 | box 5 | folder 33 |
| Lassa Virus - Isolation from Mouse Urine, 1969 | box 5 | folder 34 |
| Lassa Virus - Nucleic Acid Tests, 1969 | box 5 | folder 35 |
| Lassa Virus - Plaque Test, 1969 | box 5 | folder 36 |
| Lassa Virus - Stock, 1969 | box 5 | folder 37 |
| Lassa Virus Protocols - Casals, J. - Blood, 1969 | box 5 | folder 38 |
| Lassa Virus Protocols - Casals, J. - Cytopathology, 1969 | box 5 | folder 39 |
| Lassa Virus Protocols - Casals, J. - Lab Reports, 1969 | box 5 | folder 40 |
| Lassa Virus Protocols - Casals, J. - Neutralization Test, 1969 | box 5 | folder 41 |
| Lassa Virus Protocols - Casals, J. - Throat Swab, 1969 | box 5 | folder 42 |
| Lassa Virus Protocols - Casals, J. - Urine Speciman, 1969 | box 5 | folder 43 |
| Lassa Virus Protocols - Roman, J., 1969 | box 5 | folder 44 |
| Lassa Virus Protocols - Plaque Reduction Neutralization Tests, 1969 | box 5 | folder 45 |
| Lassa Virus Protocols - Register of 446 Viruses, 1981 | box 5 | folder 46 |
| "Materials and Methods" - Manuscript Draft, undated | box 5 | folder 47 |
| "The Organization and Detailed Procedures of the Vaccine Division of the Yellow Fever Laboratory" - Manuscript Draft, 1940 | box 5 | folder 48 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Includes photographs. | | |
| Studies Relating to the "Nigerian-Lassa Virus", 1964-1969 | box 5 | folder 49 |

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