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## Summary Information

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<b>Creator - aut:</b>	Downs, Wilbur G.
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller Foundation
<b>Title:</b>	Wilbur G. Downs papers
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<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

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## Biographical/Historical note

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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

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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

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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
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
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

#### Arrangement note

This series is arranged alphabetically.

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

	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
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
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
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Includes photographs.		
Studies Relating to the "Nigerian-Lassa Virus", 1964-1969	box 5	folder 49

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