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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Rockefeller Archive Center   |
| <b>Creator - aut:</b>            | Myers, Will M.   |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Rockefeller Foundation   |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Will M. Myers papers   |
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## Biographical/Historical note

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Will Martin Myers (1911-1970) was born and raised in Bancroft, Kansas. He received a B.S. in Agronomy from Kansas State College in 1932 and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Plant Genetics from the University of Minnesota in 1934 and 1936.

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## Scope and Contents note

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Important subjects covered in this collection include agronomy, ecology, population, genetics and plant breeding, agricultural development of underdeveloped nations, agricultural research institutes, grasslands and Grasslands Conferences.

Important correspondents are W. M. Myers, A. M. Boyce, Arthur Leach, and J. Robert Mitchell.

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## Arrangement note

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The Will M. Myers Papers collection is arranged in eight series:

Series 1 - History

Series 2 - Grasslands Conferences

Series 3 - International Institutes of Agriculture

Series 4 - Speeches and Reprints

Series 5 - Memorabilia and Awards

Series 6 - Reprints

Series 7 - Accession 53

Series 1014 - Photographs

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Mrs. W. M. Myers deposited Series 1-6 of the W. M. Myers collection with The Rockefeller Foundation Archives on October 21, 1970. Series 7 was received from the Rockefeller Foundation through Records Management and Library Service on July 21, 1977.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials note

See also files in the Rockefeller Foundation Archives pertaining to agriculture, in particular those of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Ecology
- Grasslands
- Population
- Environmental sciences
- Developing countries
- Genetics
- Plant breeding
- Agriculture -- Research
- Agriculture
- Agronomy

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## Collection Inventory

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### History, 1941-1970

#### Scope and Contents note

This series includes subject files as well as course notes, diaries, manuscripts, committee notes, and clippings.

**Arrangement note**

This series is arranged alphabetically.

| <b>Title/Description</b>  | <b>Instances</b> |           |
|---|------------------|-----------|
| Agricultural Experiment Station, Tohoku, Japan  | box 1            | folder 1  |
| All India Institute of Medical Research   | box 1            | folder 2  |
| Bibliography  | box 1            | folder 3  |
| Biography   | box 1            | folder 4  |
| Clippings   | box 1            | folder 5  |
| Committee on Agricultural Science, 1965   | box 1            | folder 6  |
| Conference on Agricultural Research Priorities for Economic Development in Africa #1-2, 1967  | box 1            | folder 7  |
| Conference on Agricultural Research Priorities for Economic Development in Africa #3-4, 1967  | box 1            | folder 8  |
| Conference on Agricultural Research Priorities for Economic Development in Africa #5-6, 1967  | box 1            | folder 9  |
| Conference on Agricultural Research Priorities for Economic Development in Africa #7, 1967    | box 1            | folder 10 |
| Conference on Agricultural Research Priorities for Economic Development in Africa #8, 1967    | box 1            | folder 11 |
| Conference on Agricultural Research Priorities for Economic Development in Africa #9-11, 1967 | box 2            | folder 12 |
| Correspondence, 1946-1970   | box 2            | folder 13 |
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| Diary, 1959   | box 2            | folder 19 |
| Diary, 1960   | box 2            | folder 20 |
| Diary, 1960   | box 3            | folder 21 |
| Flax - Ph.D. Dissertation   | box 3            | folder 22 |
| Genetic Control of Physiology Processes in Higher Plants, 1963                                | box 3            | folder 23 |
| Genetic Group, 1961-1963  | box 3            | folder 24 |
| Genetics Seminar, 1957-1959   | box 3            | folder 25 |
| "Green Gold", 1953  |                  |           |

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|---|-------|-----------|
|   | box 3 | folder 26 |
| D. D. Hill, 1963-1965   | box 3 | folder 27 |
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| Latin American Science Board - Task Force, 1964   | box 3 | folder 30 |
| Latin American Science Board - Task Force Report  | box 4 | folder 31 |
| Manuscript  | box 4 | folder 32 |
| Manuscript  | box 4 | folder 33 |
| Methods of Plant Breeding, 1941-1957  | box 4 | folder 34 |
| Methods of Plant Breeding, 1963   | box 4 | folder 35 |
| Methods of Plant Breeding - Study Questions, Exams, Bibliography  | box 4 | folder 36 |
| Methods of Plant Breeding - Outlines  | box 4 | folder 37 |
| Miscellaneous Notes   | box 4 | folder 38 |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Summer Conference on Agriculture and Underdeveloped Countries, 1964 | box 5 | folder 39 |
| Orientation Program, 1959   | box 5 | folder 40 |
| "Plant Breeding" and "Agriculture" by H. H. Hadley  | box 5 | folder 41 |
| Quantitative Genetics, Spring 1958  | box 5 | folder 42 |
| Quantitative Inheritance Seminar  | box 5 | folder 43 |
| Scandinavia, 1953   | box 5 | folder 44 |
| Symposium on Mutations in Plant Breeding, Ithaca, November 28-December 2, 1960                                  | box 5 | folder 45 |
| United Nations Conference on the Application of Science and Technology, 1963                                    | box 5 | folder 46 |
| United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) - U. S. National Commission, 1964        | box 5 | folder 47 |
| Universidad del Valle, 1968   | box 6 | folder 48 |
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| Universidad del Valle - Reports   | box 6 | folder 51 |
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## Grasslands Conferences, 1948-1960

### Scope and Contents note

This series consists mainly of the organizational papers for the Sixth International Grasslands Conference held at Pennsylvania State College in 1952.

| Title/Description  | Instances |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| 5th International Grasslands Conference, 1949  | box 1     | folder 1  |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference, 1948-1951   | box 1     | folder 2  |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference, 1948-1951   | box 1     | folder 3  |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Announcements & Publicity                                  | box 1     | folder 4  |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Burcalow, 1948-1951  | box 1     | folder 5  |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Committee Minutes, 1951-1952                               | box 1     | folder 6  |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Congress Committees, 1951-1952                             | box 1     | folder 7  |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - General Correspondence, 1950-1952                          | box 1     | folder 8  |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - General Correspondence, 1950-1952                          | box 1     | folder 9  |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Invitations  | box 1     | folder 10 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Location, 1950-1951  | box 2     | folder 11 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Program  | box 2     | folder 12 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Program Committee Correspondence, June 1951-April 15, 1952 | box 2     | folder 13 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Program Committee Correspondence, June 1951-April 15, 1952 | box 2     | folder 14 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Program Committee Correspondence, June 1951-April 15, 1952 | box 2     | folder 15 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Program Committee Correspondence, June 1951-April 15, 1952 | box 2     | folder 16 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Program Committee Correspondence, June 1951-April 15, 1952 | box 2     | folder 17 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Program Committee Correspondence, June 1951-April 15, 1952 | box 2     | folder 18 |

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| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Program Committee Correspondence, April 16-June 1952       | box 3 | folder 20 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Program Committee Correspondence, April 16-June 1952       | box 3 | folder 21 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Program Committee Correspondence, April 16-June 1952       | box 3 | folder 22 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Program Committee Correspondence, April 16-June 1952       | box 3 | folder 23 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Program Suggestions  | box 3 | folder 24 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Program Suggestions  | box 3 | folder 25 |
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| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Program Suggestions  | box 3 | folder 27 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Sections   | box 4 | folder 28 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Sectional Program Outlines                                 | box 4 | folder 29 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Subcommittee Correspondence                                | box 4 | folder 30 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Working Group, 1951  | box 4 | folder 31 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Pamphlets  | box 4 | folder 32 |
| 6th International Grasslands Conference - Tours  | box 4 | folder 33 |
| 7th International Grasslands Conference, 1956  | box 4 | folder 34 |
| 8th International Grasslands Conference, 1960  | box 4 | folder 35 |

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## International Institutes of Agriculture, 1966-1970

### Scope and Contents note

This series is a listing of meetings and notes concerning the Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT), CIMMYT, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), and International Rice Research Institute (IRRI).

| Title/Description   | Instances |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Agricultural Research Institute Meeting, May 1969               | box 1     | folder 1 |
| Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical, 1968-1969         | box 1     | folder 2 |
| International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), 1969 | box 1     | folder 3 |

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| International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, 1966-1970 | box 1 | folder 4 |
| International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, 1966-1970 | box 1 | folder 5 |
| International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, 1966-1970 | box 1 | folder 6 |
| International Rice Research Institute, 1969-1970           | box 1 | folder 7 |

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## Speeches and Reprints, 1950-1970

### Scope and Contents note

This series is comprised of W. M. Myers's speeches and reprints.

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|---|-----------|-----------|
| "Adjustments in Land Use and Crop Production - Looking Ahead"                           | box 1     | folder 1  |
| "Advanced Studies in Agronomy - Crop Rotation"  | box 1     | folder 2  |
| "Agronomic Aspects of Dairy Feed Production"  | box 1     | folder 3  |
| "Are Forage Crops Needed in Corn Belt Agriculture?", 1957                               | box 1     | folder 4  |
| "The Challenge Agriculture Faces", 1964   | box 1     | folder 5  |
| "Cheap Seed is Expensive"   | box 1     | folder 6  |
| "Development of the Basic Plant Sciences"   | box 1     | folder 7  |
| "The Education of an Agricultural Specialist", 1964                                     | box 1     | folder 8  |
| "Fifty Years of Progress in Field Crops", 1951  | box 1     | folder 9  |
| "The Fight Against Hunger", 1964  | box 1     | folder 10 |
| "Forage Crop Breeding", 1956  | box 1     | folder 11 |
| "Forage Crops in Agriculture", 1950   | box 1     | folder 12 |
| "Farm Replanning for Profit", 1952  | box 1     | folder 13 |
| "Grasses and Grass Silage", 1952  | box 1     | folder 14 |
| "Grassland Farming"   | box 1     | folder 15 |
| "Grassland Management - Pastures", 1950   | box 1     | folder 16 |
| "Grassland Management for Increased Production in the Humid Areas and Under Irrigation" | box 1     | folder 17 |
| "Grassland Potentials and the Grassland Program", 1952                                  | box 1     | folder 18 |
| "Grassland Research at Rosemont"  | box 1     | folder 19 |
| "Importance of Research at the University of Minnesota"                                 | box 1     | folder 20 |
| "Improved Crop Varieties and Seed Certification", 1954                                  | box 1     | folder 21 |

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| "Intensive Grassland Farming Requires Planning for Flexibility"                                | box 1 | folder 22 |
| "International Dimensions in Education", 1964  | box 1 | folder 23 |
| "The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture"  | box 1 | folder 24 |
| "National Foundation Seed Project", 1951   | box 1 | folder 25 |
| "The Need for Grassland Improvement", 1952   | box 1 | folder 26 |
| "A New Dimension for the University - International Programs", 1963                            | box 1 | folder 27 |
| "The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Certification Scheme", 1962  | box 1 | folder 28 |
| "Our Daily Bread", 1964  | box 1 | folder 29 |
| "Our Greatest Feed Resource"   | box 1 | folder 30 |
| "Pasture Improvement"  | box 1 | folder 31 |
| "People, Technology and the Environment", 1970   | box 1 | folder 32 |
| "The Place of the International Research Centers in the Network"                               | box 1 | folder 33 |
| "The Plant Breeder Is Greatly Adding to the Nutritional and Economic Value of Grassland Crops" | box 1 | folder 34 |
| "Problems in International Development", 1969  | box 1 | folder 35 |
| "The Pursuit of Excellence", 1961  | box 1 | folder 36 |
| "Raising the Curtain on Research Opportunities"  | box 1 | folder 37 |
| "Research Needs of the Grassland Opportunities"  | box 1 | folder 38 |
| "Responsibilities of the Research Worker"  | box 1 | folder 39 |
| "Role of Mutations in Plant Breeding - Discussion"   | box 1 | folder 40 |
| "The Sixth International Grassland Congress", 1952   | box 1 | folder 41 |
| "Superior Forage Crop Seeds Are Critical Materials"  | box 1 | folder 42 |
| "Summary of Talk Made at Extension Conference Dinner"  | box 1 | folder 43 |
| "Unfinished Business", 1970  | box 1 | folder 44 |
| "What It Is Like to Breed a New Variety"   | box 1 | folder 45 |
| "Where Do We Go From Here in Seed Certification?"  | box 1 | folder 46 |
| "Whose Job Is It?"   | box 1 | folder 47 |
| "World Food Population Problem, an Overview", 1969   | box 1 | folder 48 |
| "Why Do We Need More Agricultural Research?"   | box 1 | folder 49 |
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## Memorabilia and Awards, 1959-1961

### Scope and Contents

Included in this series are:

Senior Judging Contest 1930 Trophy

Students Crop Judging Contest 1930 Trophy

Students Crop Judging Contest 1931 Trophy

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Due to the oversize nature and potentially brittle condition of this material, special arrangements may be required in order to view materials. Individual items may be restricted due to preservation concerns.

| Title/Description  | Instances |          |
|--|-----------|----------|
| Awards   | box 1     | folder 1 |
| Bancroft High School - Kansas State College                        | box 1     | folder 2 |
| Passports  | box 1     | folder 3 |
| Testimonials   | box 1     | folder 4 |
| Minnesota Premier Seed Grower, 1961                                | box 1     | folder A |
| Royal Thai Mint Set  | box 1     | folder B |
| Thai Shawl   | box 1     | folder C |
| Map of West Africa. Printed at the survey of Ghana at Accra., 1959 | folder 1  |          |

### File Plan note

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| Road Map of Nigeria., 1960 | folder 1 | folder 8 |
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## Reprints

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| Africa   | box 1 | folder 1  |
| Cornell Agricultural Developments - Mimeographs, Reprints, Bulletins   | box 1 | folder 2  |
| Cornell Agricultural Developments - Mimeographs, Reprints, Bulletins   | box 2 | folder 2A |
| Environment  | box 2 | folder 3  |
| Committee on Institutional Cooperation-Agency for International Development (CIC-AID) Rural Development Research Project | box 3 | folder 4  |
| Food   | box 4 | folder 5  |
| Genetics   | box 4 | folder 6  |
| India  | box 4 | folder 7  |
| Japan  | box 4 | folder 8  |
| Population   | box 5 | folder 9  |
| Rice   | box 5 | folder 10 |
| Rice   | box 6 | folder 11 |
| Virology   | box 6 | folder 12 |
| Wheat  | box 6 | folder 13 |
| Miscellaneous Agriculture  | box 6 | folder 14 |
| Miscellaneous Agriculture  | box 7 | folder 15 |
| Miscellaneous Agriculture  | box 8 | folder 16 |
| Miscellaneous Agriculture  | box 9 | folder 17 |
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## Accession 53, 1966-1970

### Scope and Contents note

This series contains correspondence, notes, papers, and speeches received from the Rockefeller Foundation through Records Management and Library Service; this material was added to the existing W. M. Myers collection in 1977.

| Title/Description   | Instances |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Conference on Agricultural Development, Villa Serbelloni, April 23-25, 1969 | box 1     | folder 1 |

## Scope and Contents note

Summary prepared by W. M. Myers.

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Conference on Population, Villa Serbelloni, April 6-8, 1970

box 1

folder 2

## Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, papers, notes. Includes "Personal Observations Regarding Population Conference, Villa Serbelloni, April 6-8, 1970" by John D. Rockefeller 3rd.

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Economic Development Institute, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Agricultural Projects Course, 1968

box 1

folder 3

## Scope and Contents note

Includes paper "Agricultural Research" presented by W. M. Myers, August 5, 1968.

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International Centre for Theoretical Physics, International Atomic Energy Agency - Pamphlet

box 1

folder 4

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International Institute of Tropical Agriculture

box 1

folder 5

## Scope and Contents note

Administrative material 1966. Correspondence, notes, printed material.

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International Rice Research Institute, Department of Agricultural Economics

box 1

folder 6

## Scope and Contents note

Bibliography, April 1967. Paper, "An Analysis of the Interrelationships between Land Preparation and Weeding in Lowland Rice." 1967.

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Papers and Speeches by W. M. Myers

box 1

folder 7

## Scope and Contents note

Abstract of the Talk Presented at the Meeting of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers, Mobile, Alabama, February 4, 1969.

"Hunger - A Challenge to World Agriculture," presented at the Fortieth National Convention of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Lincoln, Nebraska, August 26, 1968.

"Population and Food," presented to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Congress of the United States, April 24, 1968. These remarks are largely drawn from an address by J. G. Harrar entitled "Crisis in

Human Ecology" before the National Academy of Sciences on April 23, 1968.

"The Role of Agricultural Sciences in the War on Hunger," presented at the 100th Annual Meeting of the Kansas Academy of Science, Lawrence, Kansas, May 2-4, 1968.

"Science and Pollution," undated and unidentified paper.

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Personal

box 1

folder 8

### Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, Foundation and personal business, 1965-1966.

Notes, some handwritten, undated. Subjects include the Rockefeller Foundation's University Development program, the University of Brasilia, world agricultural development.

Outline, "Evolution and Revolution in Agriculture" initialed SW (Sterling Wortman?), no date.

Memorial, by Harold E. Myers, brother of W. M. Myers, no date.

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Quality of the Environment - Rockefeller Foundation Program Statements, 1969

box 1

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United Nations Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development - Seminar with North American Scientists on Links with Developing Countries, 1967-1968

box 1

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### Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, notes, printed material.

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University of the Philippines

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### Scope and Contents note

Material relating to visit, September 24-29, 1967.

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## Will M. Myers photographs

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- Photographs

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| William M. Myers<br><br><u>General Physical Description note:</u> Some have captions attached or typed on back, 1 with slight fading, some curling | box 2     | folder 12 |
| <b>Scope and Contents note</b>   |           |           |
| Ceremonies, awards, speeches, conferences, agriculture, corn, group photo.   |           |           |
| Farm Machinery<br><br><u>General Physical Description note:</u> Captions attached to back, 5 with adhesive staining                                | box 2     | folder 13 |
| <b>Scope and Contents note</b>   |           |           |
| Agriculture, farming, machines.  |           |           |
| William M. Myers   | box 4     |           |

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