



## Downs (Wilbur G.) papers

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Rockefeller Archive Center          |
| <b>Creator - aut:</b>            | Downs, Wilbur G.                    |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Rockefeller Foundation              |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Wilbur G. Downs papers              |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | FA055                               |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1928-1950, 1964-1976, 1981, undated |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 1.4 Cubic Feet 5 document cases     |
| <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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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Downs, Wilbur G.
- Rockefeller Foundation

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## Collection Inventory

### Correspondence, 1939-1950, 1967-1974

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| Title/Description   | Instances |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Buckley, Sonja M., 1969-1974  | box 1     | folder 1 |
| <b>Scope and Contents</b><br>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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| 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  |

## Scope and Contents

### South American Trip

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|---|-------|--------------|
| 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 0014A |
| 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

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

Includes photographs.

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| Studies Relating to the "Nigerian-Lassa Virus", 1964-1969 | box 5 | folder 49 |
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