



Rockefeller University records, Corporation, Counsel

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Rockefeller Archive Center |
| Creator: | Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research |
| Creator: | Rockefeller University |
| Title: | Rockefeller University records, Corporation, Counsel |
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| Date [inclusive]: | 1906-1958 |
| Physical Description: | 0.5 Cubic Feet 2 boxes |
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| Language of the Material: | English |

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Scope and Contents

Starr J. Murphy served as first counsel to the Board of Trustees until his death in 1921.

Aubin L. Boulware served as counsel from 1921 through June 1923.

Thomas McElrath Debevoise served as counsel from September 1924 through 1958, with Chauncey Belknap as associate counsel 1934-1947 and Vanderbilt Webb, 1942-1948.

John Edward Lockwood served as associate counsel 1947-1959, when he became counsel and served until 1968/1969.

Donal Clare O'Brien served as associate counsel 1955/1956 until he became counsel in 1969/1970.

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Arrangement

Loosely chronological

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File Plan note

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Administrative Information

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Revision Description

Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is open for research. Brittle or damaged items are available at the discretion of RAC.

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Collection Inventory

| Title/Description | Instances |
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| Starr J. Murphy correspondence, 1906 Feb 1; 1909 June 2-1922 March 16 (bulk) | box 1 |

Scope and Contents

Primarily correspondence with the Business Manager, but includes some items with T. Mitchell Prudden, Simon Flexner and L. Emmett Holt, where legal advice is needed. Between 1915 and 1922 there is a sprinkling of correspondence with Claudius Hand (Assistant) particularly on tax matters. Claudius Hand resigned at the death of Starr J. Murphy.

Included are letters on Rockefeller pledges, permissions granted in use of Rockefeller land money requisitions made for Hospital construction and equipment; correspondence in relation to acquisition of land and construction at Princeton and information concerning Farmers' cooperative of Mercer County and the development of the War Demonstration Hospital.

Includes correspondence dealing with the business affairs of the Institute such as insurance, lease at Wood's Hole, requests for abatement of water taxes, other taxation questions, closing of streets and paving matters.

Included are some copies of meeting notices; some sealed copies of motions passed at meetings; some letters transmitting minutes; budget committee actions; legal proceedings.

Starr J. Murphy died April 1921. There are copies of letters sent from the Scientific Directors to his widow. 1921 June 2 to 1922 March 16 there is some correspondence between the Business Manager and Starr J. Murphy office staff.

Arrangement

Chronological

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| Thomas M. Debevoise correspondence, 1924 October 15-1958 | box 2 |
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Arrangement

Chronological.

Scope and Contents

Consists primarily of correspondence with Edric B. Smith, Business Manager on legal questions arising in the conduct of Institute affairs. Includes questions of tax payments on

water use or property; requests for tax exemptions; questions of trademark on Luetin; amendments to By-laws and Rules; leases on Princeton houses; correspondence to be presented at Trustees' meetings. Includes some copies of Minutes adopted at Trustees' meetings. Some correspondence with Mr. Belknap in the absence of Mr. Debevoise.

Some correspondence with Simon Flexner including a few personal communications dealing with medical examinations and times of illness.