



# Friedheim (Ernst) papers

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller University.
<b>Creator - aut:</b>	Friedheim, Ernst A.H., Dr.
<b>Title:</b>	Ernst Friedheim papers, Rockefeller University Faculty
<b>ID:</b>	FA1107
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	ca. 1955-1989
<b>Physical Description:</b>	121.2 Cubic Feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	101 record storage cartons.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation note

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## Biographical / Historical

Ernst A.H. Friedheim (1900-1989) was a visiting professor of parasitology at the Rockefeller University from 1978-1989. In 1930, he worked with Lenor Michaelis in his biophysics laboratory.

Dr. Friedheim was perhaps best known for his development of melarsoprol, an effective drug for the treatment of trypanosomiasis (African sleeping sickness). He later conducted research on chelating drugs for the treatment of poisoning by heavy metals. This work led Dr. Friedheim to study the accumulations of arsenicals by tumors with the intent of exploiting this phenomenon both for radiodiagnosis and therapy.

Born in Zurich, Switzerland, Friedheim earned degrees in Europe in a number of fields: in medicine from the University of Zurich, in microbiology from the Pasteur Institute in Paris, in tropical medicine and hygiene from the University of Hamburg, and in chemistry from the University of Geneva. He also studied at the Max Planck Institute in Berlin and the Institut d'Optique in Paris.

Dr. Friedheim conducted work in tropical and subtropical regions of four continents, under various government auspices. He was also an advisor to the World Health Organization (WHO).

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## Scope and Contents

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Includes administrative files, articles, correspondence, grant proposals and contracts, laboratory notebooks, memoranda, photographs, reports, reprints, and subject files.

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## File Plan note

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access note

The Friedheim films are open for scholarly research. The paper collection remains closed to scholarly research, pending further processing.

RAC is unable to provide access to obsolete media. When feasible, a digital surrogate may be created via special order. All applicable charges will apply.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Rockefeller University.
- Friedheim, Ernst A.H., Dr.

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## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

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Materials requiring specialized equipment for access (film, audio, video, slides) may be restricted from scholarly research dependent on availability of the applicable equipment.

Brittle or damaged items, or materials otherwise in need of preservation care, may be restricted from scholarly research at the discretion of the RAC Head of Archival Services/RAC Head of Reference.

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## Collection Inventory

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### Ernst Friedheim films, (1940-1960)

Physical Description: 21 Film Reels The Ernst Friedheim films contains 21 reels of films including negatives and prints in 16mm format.

#### Arrangement

Alphabetical.

Conditions Governing Access:

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When requesting to view films -- please refer to the Title and the AV Number (example: AV 1902).

Processing Information:

#### Processing Information

Minimally processing films, only available in their original 16mm film format.

## Scope and Contents

The Ernst Friedheim films document the field research of Ernst Friedheim's African sleeping sickness (African trypanosomiasis) studies in Africa including the Ivory Coast and Benin. The documentary footage highlight the field application of medicine, mobile medical clinics in rural communities, cases of African sleeping sickness infection and effects on the community.

### Controlled Access Headings:

- Documentary films -- Africa
- African trypanosomiasis
- Public health

Title/Description	Instances
ERNST FRIEDHEIM I (ABOMEY: TAMBOUR, VARIOLE, LAMHARA (TOJO)), 1948	reel AV 2358

### Conditions Governing Access:

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## Scope and Contents

Footage of Abomey a city in Benin, and Lamhara a small town/rural commune in the Taroudant Province of Souss-Massa region of Morocco. Film includes scenes of dances around a cylindrical structure (tambour) with costumes and short sticks, close up of cylindrical structure (tambour) with animals on the slide, shots of musicians with their various drums, closeup of dancers as they chat and move about, three women start a new dance, a procession of African individuals with elaborate dress and headdress, and showing a dance on the road.

ERNST FRIEDHEIM II (NIAMCY), 1955	reel AV 2359
<u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> <b>Conditions Governing Access</b> All inquiries to view films require advance	

ERNST FRIEDHEIM III (NATITINGOU/JOMBRE II/BOUKONIBLE), (bulk)	reel AV 2360
<u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> <b>Conditions Governing Access</b> All inquires to view films require advanced notice of at least 24 hours, and may necessitate notice of up to one week. Individual items, including those not available in modern formats, may be restricted from scholarly access at the discretion of RAC.	

## Scope and Contents

Scenes of Natitinguo a city/commune in northwest Benin.

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ERNST FRIEDHEIM IV A (BEGULHIE), 1950

reel AV 2361

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## Scope and Contents

Scenes of male toddlers, children and adults posing for the camera to show skin bacteria/rash/condition/deformities (possible sleeping sickness); map of Beoumie; close up of skin condition; interior of medical clinic.

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ERNST FRIEDHEIM IV B (BEGULHIE/KENCO 933 AFRICA), 1950

reel AV 2362

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## Scope and Contents

Scenes of male toddlers and adults posing for the camera to show skin bacteria/rash/condition/deformities (possible sleeping sickness); close up of skin conditions.

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ERNST FRIEDHEIM V (BOUGERIBA TAMARA) , 1955

reel AV 2363

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## Scope and Contents

Scenes of village with huts, footage of the outskirts of the village, children acknowledge the camera, overlook of the village and brick architecture, cooking rice, footage of 2/3 storied brick huts, a man practices weaving, footage of

village tending livestock and animals, and two boys gather water from the ground.

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ERNST FRIEDHEIM VI (ABOMEY BALLETT KONJO  
TOMBES), (bulk)

reel AV 2364

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**Scope and Contents**

Scenes of villagers dancing in a long line, a group sit in the middle while the dancing line continues around in a circle, clapping of hands and knees is involved, the musicians show off their drums, select group of women wear the same white garment as they dance, a brief section of an indoor celebration, travelers arrive by boat and footage of the jungle and rivers.

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ERNST FRIEDHEIM VII (BRAZIL), 1952

reel AV 2365

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ERNST FRIEDHEIM VIII (KENCO 942), 1953

reel AV 2366

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**Scope and Contents**

Scenes of sleeping sickness in Tanguietta, Northern Dahomey; definition of sleeping sickness title card; a young female shows the progression of the effect of her medication; patient is now pregnant and healthy; a celebration with dance occurs. Copy of AV 2368

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ERNST FRIEDHEIM IX (NIAMCY MACARTA), 1955

reel AV 2367



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ERNST FRIEDHEIM X (TAN), 1950

reel AV 2368

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**Scope and Contents**

Scenes of sleeping sickness in Tanguietta, Northern Dahomey; definition of sleeping sickness title card; a young female shows the progression of the effect of her medication; patient is now pregnant and healthy and a celebration with dance occurs. Copy of AV 2366

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ERNST FRIEDHEIM XI (GLOC NOUJOA RDA), 1947

reel AV 2369

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**Scope and Contents**

Scenes of the jungle road that villagers walk on, mountain in the background, and brief color stock.

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ERNST FRIEDHEIM XII (YAWS CAMPAIGN AT BEOMIE, IVORY COAST), 1950

reel AV 2370

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## Scope and Contents

Scenes of villagers coming/going to market and treatment center; title card about the application of medicine to remove spirochetes; medicine is administered orally; outdoor medical clinic; parents help the toddlers at the clinic; and the clinic travels to other villages. Copy of AV 2376.

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ERNST FRIEDHEIM XIII (LAMAKARA - TENKEDOYM - BIJIAO), (bulk)	reel AV 2371
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ERNST FRIEDHEIM XIV (BOLO JUNAL), (bulk)	reel AV 2372
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ERNST FRIEDHEIM XV (NATITINGOU/JOMBRE I), (bulk)	reel AV 2373
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ERNST FRIEDHEIM XVI (YAWS CAMPAGNE AT BEOUMI, IVORY COAST)	reel AV 2374
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ERNST FRIEDHEIM XVII , (bulk)	reel AV 2375
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ERNST FRIEDHEIM XVIII (BEOUNUE YOWS CANTAII/  
YAWS CAMPAIGNE AT BEOUMI, IVORY COAST), 1950

reel AV 2376

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**Scope and Contents**

Scenes of villagers coming and going to market and treatment center; title card about the application of medicine to remove spirochetes; outdoor medical clinic; the medical clinic travels to other villages. Copy of AV 2370

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ERNST FRIEDHEIM XIX (DR. FRIEDHEIM - AFRICA /  
RAPID TREATMENT OF AFRICAN SLEEPING SICKNESS  
WITH MEL-B), 1950

reel AV 2377

Conditions Governing Access:

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**Scope and Contents**

Footage of how to treat sleeping sickness. A child being prepared for treatment, his blood is drawn and an injection is given on the second day. Day four of treatment is used for regaining energy and exercising. Villagers line up for medical inspections, medical vaccination is given to villagers, footage of children crying while taking the medicine orally. An interview with a female villager about the progression of her health. Villagers are dancing now that they are healthy.

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ERNST FRIEDHEIM XX (KENCO 933 - AFRICA), 1957

reel AV 2378

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## **Scope and Contents**

Footage of toddlers displaying, for the camera, the different skin diseases and infections; map of Beoumi; older children displaying skin conditions; footage of medical clinic; adults modeling skin conditions.

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