

Bowers (John Z.) papers, Accession 2008:069

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Summary Information

Repository: Rockefeller Archive Center

Creator - aut: Bowers, John Z., 1913-1993

Title: John Z. Bowers papers, Accession 2008:069

ID: FA245

Date [bulk]: 1951-1980

Physical Description: 8.4 Cubic Feet 7 standard record storage boxes.

Language of the

Material:

English

Biographical / Historical

Historian and educator John Zimmerman Bowers served as president of the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation of New York, which focuses its work in the areas of health and medicine. Prior to his service to the Macy Foundation, he was dean and professor of medical physics at the University of Utah and he also served the Ford Foundation primarily through work in India. After Bowers service to the Macy Foundation, he was a consultant for the Rockefeller Foundation for which he compiled a history of their health and natural-science programs in 1983.

Bowers authored or edited several major publications and essays including but not necessarily limited to: "Western Medical Pioneers in Feudal Japan" (1970), "When the Twain Meet: The Rise of Western Medicine in Japan" (1981), "Advances in American Medicine" and "Science and Medicine in Twentieth-Century China" (1989).

Scope and Contents

Collection contains the research files of John Z. Bowers including articles, manuscripts, notes, photocopies, and other background materials.

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Arrangement

Records remain as received.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access

Open for research.

Processing Information

Minimal processing. Records remain in original file folders.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated to the RAC in 2008 by the Medical Center Archives of New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Medicine in Japan, 1951-1979	box 1	folder 1-57
Scope and Contents		
Articles, manuscripts and images, by Bowers and others, pertaining to the history of medicine in Japan		
Medicine in Japan, 1951-1979	box 2	folder 58-105
Scope and Contents		
Articles and manuscripts (by others) on the history of medicine in Japan and the Philippines		
Medicine in Japan, 1955-1978	box 3	folder
Scope and Contents		106-196

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medicine in Japan, including anthropologist Erwin von Balz

Manuscripts (by Bowers) and articles (by others) pertaining to the history of medicine in Bologna, Edinburgh, Germany,

Title/Description	Instances	
History of Medical Schools, (1973-1978)	box 4	folder
Scope and Contents		197-223
Research notes (by Bowers) and articles (by others) on the		
history of medicine in India, Paris, Salerno and Vienna.		
Includes drafts of the manuscript "Great Medical Schools".		
History of Medical Schools, (1973-1978)	box 5	folder
Scope and Contents		224-255

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Leyden, Montpellier and Padia.

Title/Description	Instances	Instances	
Medicine in the United States, (1955-1977)	box 6	folder	
Scope and Contents		256-302	

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History of Smallpox, (1969-1980)						
Title/Description	Instances	Instances				
History of Smallpox, (1969-1980)	box 7	folder				
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Scope and Contents

Research notes, manuscripts (by Bowers) and articles (by others) on smallpox vaccinations in a variety of countries.

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