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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Rockefeller Foundation

The Rockefeller Foundation was established by act of the New York State Legislature approved by the Governor on May 14, 1913, "to promote the well-being of mankind throughout the world." Between 1913 and 1928 the China Medical Board, the International Health Board, and the Division of Medical Education functioned as divisions of the Foundation, concentrating on the administration of programs in public health and medical education. A Division of Studies was created in 1923 to handle projects outside the medical field. These early years were experimental as the new foundation studied the methods of philanthropy and explored its relationships with other Rockefeller boards.

Although the Rockefeller Foundation is the largest and best known philanthropy founded by the Rockefeller family, it was neither the first nor the last to be established. The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research (1901), the General Education Board (1902), the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission for the Eradication of Hookworm Disease (1909), and the Bureau of Social Hygiene (1911) all existed earlier. When the Foundation was created, the Sanitary Commission was disbanded. After the

establishment of the Foundation, the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial (1918) and the International Education Board (1923) were created.

The Rockefeller boards and their programs were reconsidered and reorganized in 1927-1928 in order to avoid overlapping programs. The International Health Board of the Foundation was disbanded and an International Health Division was organized. The China Medical Board, Inc., was established as a separately incorporated institution, and the China Medical Board of the Foundation ceased to exist. The Division of Studies was dropped and the Division of Medical Education was phased out. The Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial was combined with the Foundation and the Spelman Fund of New York was chartered to continue activities of the LSRM that were not absorbed by the Foundation. The International Education Board was disbanded.

As a result of this reorganization, the Foundation adopted a program which included public health work (administered by the IHD), the advancement of knowledge in the medical and natural sciences (in part taken over from the IEB), the social sciences (formerly the field of the LSRM), and the humanities and arts (shared with the GEB). The Rockefeller Institute and the Bureau of Social Hygiene were not affected by the reorganization. The program adopted by the Foundation at this time remained basically the same for the next twenty years.

As its files accumulated, the Foundation maintained a card index recording the names of institutional and individual grantees and correspondents. A microfilm copy of this index is available at the Archive Center.

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Scope and Contents

The Foundation's archives include:

Projects General Correspondence Administration, Program and Policy China Medical Board
International Health Board/Division Field Offices Treasurer's Office Comptroller Personnel Fellowships
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Arrangement

Alphabetically by surname.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Charitable uses, trusts, and foundations
- Life sciences
- Philanthropy -- United States
- Charities
- Agriculture
- Philanthropy
- Public health
- Medical education
- Public policy
- Oral histories

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
J. Curtis Dixon, 1967		
Biographical / Historical		
Dixon, born in 1894, was State Agent for the GEB, and Director of the Southern Education Foundation.		
Scope and Contents		
Interviewed by Mary R. Hawkins, Oral History Research Office, Columbia University, July 17, 1967-July 21, 1967. Atlanta, Georgia.		
Title/Description	Instances	
Volume 1, 1967	box 1	folder 1
Volume 2, 1967	box 1	folder 2
Volume 3, 1967	box 1	folder 3
John B. Grant, 1960-1961		
Biographical / Historical		
Grant was Associate Director for Medical Education and Public Health. He was born in 1890 and died in 1962.		
Scope and Contents		
Interviewed by Dr. Saul Benison, Oral History Research Office, Columbia University, October 25, 1960-1961. New York.		
Title/Description	Instances	
Volume 1, 1960-1961	box 1	folder 4
Volume 2, 1960-1961	box 2	folder 1
Volume 3, 1960-1961	box 2	folder 2
Volume 4, 1960-1961	box 2	folder 3
Volume 5, 1960-1961	box 3	folder 1
Volume 6, 1960-1961	box 3	folder 2
Volume 7, 1960-1961	box 3	folder 3
Alan Gregg, 1956-1957		

Biographical / Historical

Gregg was Director for Medical Sciences and Vice-President. He was born in 1890 and died in 1957.

Title/Description**Instances**

Alan Gregg, 1956-1957

box 4

folder 1

Scope and Contents note

Edited by Saul Benison, Oral History Research Office,
Columbia University, 1956-1957. New York.

J. George Harrar, 1978-1979**Biographical / Historical**

Harrar was born in 1906 and died in 1982.

Title/Description**Instances**

J. George Harrar, 1978-1979

box 4

folder 2

Scope and Contents note

box 5

folder 1

RF Agriculture Program, President. Interviewed by J.
William Hess and Dorothy Parker, April 27, 1978 - January
8, 1979.

Victor G. Heiser, 1970**Biographical / Historical**

Heiser was Director for the East for the IHD. He was born in 1873 and died in 1972.

Title/Description**Instances**

Victor G. Heiser, 1970

box 5

folder 2

Scope and Contents note

Interviewed by Mary Boccaccio, The Rockefeller
Foundation, May 18, 1970 - June 11, 1970. New York.

John Marshall, 1972-1974**Scope and Contents**

RF Humanities Program. Interviewed by Pauline Madow, Oral History Research Office, Columbia University,
December 11, 1972 through January 30, 1974. Connecticut.

Biographical / Historical

Marshall was born in 1903 and died in 1980.

Title/Description**Instances**

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Interviews 5 and 6, 1972-1974	box 001A	folder 3
Interviews 7 and 8, 1972-1974	box 001A	folder 4
Interviews 9 and 10, 1972-1974	box 001A	folder 5
Interviews 11 and 12, 1972-1974	box 001A	folder 6
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Interviews 17 and 18, 1972-1974	box 002A	folder 9
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Restricted Material, 1972-1974	box 002A	folder 14

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Flora M. Rhind, 1968-1969**Biographical / Historical**

Secretary, RF and GEB. Rhind was born in 1904 and died in 1985.

Scope and Contents

Interviewed by Isabel Grossner, Oral History Research Office, Columbia University, February 2, 1968-June 19, 1969. New York.

Title/Description	Instances	
Volume 1, 1968-1969	box 6	folder 1
Volume 2, 1968-1969	box 6	folder 2
Volume 3, 1968-1969	box 7	folder 1
Volume 4, 1968-1969	box 7	folder 2
Volume 5, 1968-1969	box 8	folder 1
Appendices A-K, 1968-1969	box 8	folder 2

Elvin C. Stakman, 1970

Biographical / Historical

RF Agriculture Consultant. Stakman was born in 1885 and died in 1979.

Scope and Contents

Interviewed by Pauline Madow, Oral History Research Office, Columbia University, 1970. New York.

Title/Description	Instances	
Volume 1, 1970	box 9	folder 1
Volume 2, 1970	box 9	folder 2
Volume 3, 1970	box 9	folder 3
Volume 4, 1970	box 10	folder 1
Volume 5, 1970	box 10	folder 2
Volume 6, 1970	box 10	folder 3
Volume 7, 1970	box 11	folder 1
Volume 8, 1970	box 11	folder 2
Volume 9, 1970	box 11	folder 3

Robert Briggs Watson, 1967-1968**Biographical / Historical**

Watson was Associate Director for Medical and Natural Sciences. He was born in 1903 and died in 1978.

Scope and Contents

Interviewed by Paul R. Hopper, Oral History Research Office, Columbia University. May 4, 1967-September 10, 1968. Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Title/Description	Instances	
Volume 1, 1967-1968	box 12	folder 1
Volume 2, 1967-1968	box 12	folder 2
Volume 3, 1967-1968	box 12	folder 3

Benjamin E. Washburn, 1970**Biographical / Historical**

Washburn, Director of the IHB, was born in 1885 and died in 1979.

Title/Description	Instances	
Benjamin E. Washburn, 1970	box 12	folder 4

Scope and Contents note

Interviewed by Mary Boccaccio, The Rockefeller Foundation, September 14, 1970. Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

Warren Weaver, 1961

Biographical / Historical

Weaver was Director for Natural Sciences and Vice President. He was born in 1894 and died in 1978.

Scope and Contents

Interviewed by Barbara Land, Oral History Research Office, Columbia University, March 15-June 28, 1961. New York.

Title/Description	Instances	
Volume 1, 1961	box 13	folder 1
Volume 2, 1961	box 13	folder 2
Volume 3, 1961	box 14	folder 1
Volume 4, 1961	box 14	folder 2

Rockefeller Foundation Program in Agriculture, 1961-1967

Title/Description	Instances	
Doris Barnes, 1966	box 15	folder 1-2

Biographical / Historical

Doris Halberg Barnes was the wife of Douglas Barnes. She died in 1984.

Scope and Contents note

Interviewed by William C. Cobb, October 14, 1966. Mexico City, Mexico.

Douglas Barnes, 1966	box 15	folder 3-4
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Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb, October 14, 1966. Mexico City, Mexico.

Scope and Contents note

Barnes was born in 1922 and died in 2010.

Lynn Bates, 1967	box 15	folder 5-6
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Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
January 3, 1967. Mexico City, Mexico.

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Restricted - RF Oral History.

Norman E. Borlaug, 1967

box 15

folder 7

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
June 13, 1967 - June 14, 1967. New York.

Scope and Contents note

Borlaug was born in 1914 and died in 2009.

Richard Bradfield, 1966

box 15

folder 8-9

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
November 30, 1966. New York.

Biographical / Historical

Bradfield was born in 1896 and died in 1981.

Jose Guevara Calderon, 1966

box 16

folder 1-2

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
October 10, 1966. Mexico City, Mexico.

Biographical / Historical

Guevara Calderon was born in 1919.

Pedro Reyes Castaneda, 1967

box 16

folder 3-4

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
January 17, 1967. Monterrey, Mexico.

Biographical / Historical

Reyes Castaneda was born in 1923 and died in 2011.

Robert F. Chandler, Jr., 1966-1967

box 16

folder 5-6

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
July 29, 1966 and January 25, 1967. New York.

Biographical / Historical

Chandler was born in 1907 and died in 1999.

Alejandro Ortega Corona, 1967	box 16	folder 7-8
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Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
January 4 and 6, 1967. Mexico City, Mexico.

Biographical / Historical

Ortega Corona was born in 1931 and passed away in 2014.

Thore Denward, 1966	box 16	folder 9-10
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Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
July 7, 1966. New York.

Scope and Contents note

Denward was born in 1924.

Conditions Governing Access:

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Nicolas Sanchez Duron, 1966	box 16	folder 11-12
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Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
October 11, 1966. Mexico City, Mexico.

Biographical / Historical

Sanchez Duron was born in 1923.

Conditions Governing Access:

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Restricted - RF Oral History.

Gabino De Alba Flores, 1967	box 16	folder 13-14
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Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
January 17, 1967. Monterrey, Mexico.

Scope and Contents note

Alba Flores was born in 1925.

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

Restricted - RF Oral History.

John W. Gibler , 1967

box 16

folder 15

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
May 1, 1967. New York.

Scope and Contents note

Gibler was born in 1920 and died in 2006.

Ulysses J. Grant, 1967

box 17

folder 1-2

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
April 13, 1967. New York.

Biographical / Historical

Grant was born in 1920 and died in 1987.

Leonel Robles Gutierrez, 1967

box 17

folder 3-4

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
January 17, 1967. Monterrey, Mexico.

Scope and Contents note

Robles Gutierrez was born in 1919.

J. George Harrar, 1961-1962

box 17

folder 5

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program, President. Interviewed by Mrs.
Barbara Land, April 1961- February 1962. Revised 1969.
New York.

Biographical / Historical

Harrar was born in 1906 and died in 1982.

Elmer C. Johnson, 1966

box 17

folder 6-7

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
June 24, 1966 and October 17, 1966. Mexico City, Mexico.

Scope and Contents note

Johnson was born in 1920.

Charles F. Krull, 1966

box 17

folder 8

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
June 29 and 30, 1966. Mexico City, Mexico.

Biographical / Historical

Krull was born in 1933 and died in 1998.

Reggie J. Laird, 1966

box 17

folder 9-10

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
June 22, 1966. Mexico City, Mexico.

Biographical / Historical

Laird was born in 1920 and passed away February 27, 2014.

Arthur David Leach, Jr., 1967

box 18

folder 1-2

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by W. C. Cobb,
March 8, 1967. New York.

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

Restricted - RF Oral History.

Biographical / Historical

Leach was born in 1930.

John H. Lonnquist, 1966

box 18

folder 3-4

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
October 4, 1966. Mexico City, Mexico.

Biographical / Historical

Lonnquist was born in 1916 and died in 1982.

Neil B. MacLellan, 1966

box 18

folder 5-6

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
October 7, 1966. Mexico City, Mexico.

Biographical / Historical

MacLellan was born in 1920 and passed away November
22, 2013.

Paul Mangelsdorf, 1966

box 18

folder 7-8

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
November 16, 1966 and December 19, 1966. Cambridge,
Massachusetts.

Biographical / Historical

Mangelsdorf was born in 1899 and died in 1989.

Leonard A. Manuel, 1966

box 18

folder 9-10

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
June 13, 1966. New York.

Biographical / Historical

Manuel was born in 1905 and died in 1972.

John J. McKelvey, Jr., 1967

box 19

folder 1-2

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
March 2-3, 1967. New York.

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

Restricted - RF Oral History.

Biographical / Historical

McKelvey was born in 1917.

Harry M. Miller, Jr., 1967

box 19

folder 3-4

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb, February 14, 1967 and May 12, 1967. New York.

Biographical / Historical

Miller was born in 1895 and died in 1980.

William I. Myers, 1966

box 19

folder 5-6

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb, December 8, 1966. New York.

Biographical / Historical

Myers was born in 1911 and died in 1970.

Delbert Myren, 1966

box 19

folder 7-8

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb, June 23, 1966. Mexico City, Mexico.

Biographical / Historical

Myren was born in 1925 and died in 2012.

John Strong Niederhauser, 1966

box 20

folder 1-2

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb, October 20-21, 1966. Mexico City, Mexico.

Biographical / Historical

Niederhauser was born in 1916 and died in 2005.

Robert D. Osler, 1966-1967

box 20

folder 3-4

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb, December 23, 1966 and January 3, 1967. Mexico City, Mexico.

Biographical / Historical

Osler was born in 1924 and died in 1999.

Dorothy Parker, 1967

box 21

folder 1-2

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
April 4-14, 1967. New York.

Biographical / Historical

Parker was born in 1910 and died in 1999.

Jesse P. Perry, Jr., 1967

box 21

folder 3-4

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
February 14, 1967-March 3, 1967. New York.

Biographical / Historical

Perry was born in 1913.

John A. Pino, 1967

box 22

folder 1-2

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
May 29, 1967-June 9, 1967. New York.

Biographical / Historical

Pino was born in 1923.

Conditions Governing Access:

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Restricted - RF Oral History.

John B. Pitner, 1967

box 22

folder 3-4

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
June 15, 1967. Florence, South Carolina.

Biographical / Historical

Pitner was born in 1917 and died in 2010.

Ralph W. Richardson, Jr., 1966-1967

box 23

folder 1-2

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
December 5, 1966-February 23, 1967. New York.

Biographical / Historical

Richardson was born in 1918 and died in 2010.

Lewis M. Roberts, 1966

box 23

folder 3-4

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
August 22-25, 1966. New York.

Biographical / Historical

Roberts was born in 1915 and died in 1999.

Dieter Enkerlin Schallenmueller, 1967

box 23

folder 5-6

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
January 17, 1967. Monterrey, Mexico.

Biographical / Historical

Enkerlin Schallenmueller was born in 1926 and died in
1995.

Jose Rodriguez Vallejo, 1966

box 24

folder 1

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
October 13, 1966. Mexico City.

Scope and Contents note

Rodriguez Vallejo was born in 1920.

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

Restricted - RF Oral History.

Elvin C. Stakman, 1966-1967

box 24

folder 2

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
June 1966 and May 1967. Mexico City, Mexico and New
York, N.Y.

Biographical / Historical

Stakman was born in 1885 and died in 1979.

Warren Weaver, 1966

box 24

folder 3-4

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
July 13, 1966. New York.

Biographical / Historical

Weaver was born in 1894 and died in 1978.

Edwin J. Wellhausen, 1966

box 25

folder 1-2

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
June 28, 1966-October 19, 1966. Mexico City, Mexico.

Biographical / Historical

Wellhausen was born in 1907 and died in 2001.

Vivian S. Wellhausen, 1966

box 25

folder 3-4

Scope and Contents note

Interviewed by William C. Cobb, October 3, 1966. Mexico
City, Mexico.

Biographical / Historical

Wellhausen was the wife of Edwin J. Wellhausen. She was
born in 1909.

Kenneth Wernimont, 1967

box 26

folder 1-2

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
March 22, 1967-May 8, 1967. New York.

Biographical / Historical

Wernimont was born in 1909 and died in 1991.

Sterling Wortman, 1966

box 26

folder 3-4

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
August 2-4, 1966. New York.

Biographical / Historical

Wortman was born in 1923 and died in 1981.

Joe D. Wray, 1967

box 26

folder 5-6

Scope and Contents note

RF Agriculture Program. Interviewed by William C. Cobb,
February 28, 1967. New York.

Scope and Contents note

Wray was born in 1926 and died in 2006.

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