



## 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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This series is arranged alphabetically.

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

#### Arrangement note

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Title/Description	Instances	
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

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### South American Trip

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	
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

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