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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical note

Richard Edwin Shope; 1901-1966, physician and researcher in the field of virology at The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, first in the Department of Animal Pathology at Princeton and later at the laboratories in New York City. He discovered the cause of swine influenza and anticipated a similar observation in humans; he identified the "mad itch" virus (disease in Midwestern cattle). He discovered two virus tumors of rabbits, one a fibroma and the other a papiloma which progresses to cancer. During the World War II he directed the work with rinderpest virus leading to development of a vaccine against this disease in cattle. His last work was in epidemiology and he worked with the natural history of three animal diseases and two virus diseases in deer.

Biographical note	
1901	Born December 25 Des Moines, Iowa
1924	M.D. State University of Iowa

1924-1925	Instructor, pharmacology and materia medica, State University of Iowa College of Medicine
1925	Married Helen Ellis
1925-1930	Assistant Department of Animal Pathology Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, Princeton
1930-1934	Associate RIMR Animal Pathology
1934-1940	Associate Member RIMR Animal Pathology
1940-1949	Member RIMR Animal Pathology
1943-1946	Commander U.S. Navy
1949-1952	Associate Director Merck Institute
1952-1966	Member and Professor Rockefeller Institute and Rockefeller University, New York City
1966	October 2 Died James Ewing Hospital, New York City.

War Service

September 1942-April 1944	Director, War Disease Control Station, Grosse Ile, Province of Quebec. Worked on rinderpest leading to development of an effective vaccine.
1944-1946	Pacific area member of Naval Medical Research Unit #2 to go ashore and appraise medical hazards for troops ashore.

Honorary degrees

1936	M.S. Yale University
1951	V.M.D. University of Utrecht, Holland
1954	Sc. D. Rutgers University

1957	V.M.D. Justus-Liebig University Giessen, Germany
1958	Sc. D. University of Chicago
1959	Sc. D. University of Pennsylvania
1963	Sc. D. State University of Iowa

Awards	
1936	Sigma Xi Semi-Centennial Research Award
1937	John Phillips Memorial Medal American College of Physicians
1938	Alvarenga Prize - College of Physicians
1943	John Scott Medal and Award, City of Philadelphia
1964	Legion of Merit U.S. Army
1947	Certificate of Accomplishment, State University of Iowa
1952	Anna Fuller Memorial Prize
1956	Commendation. Department of Conservation and Economic Development State of New Jersey
1956	Special Commendation. U.S. Department of HEW
1957	Kober Medal. Association of American Physicians
1957	Albert Lasker Award
1959	Bertner Foundation Award
1963	Howard Taylor Ricketts Memorial Award

1963	Special Citation. American Cancer Society
1965	New York Academy of Medicine Medal

Member: National Academy of Sciences, American Philosophical Society, Association of American Physicians, Society for Experimental Pathology, Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, Harvey Society, Sigma Xi, American Public Health Association, United States Livestock Sanitary Association, American Epidemiological Society, American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Honorary Member: Eastern Iowa Veterinary Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, New York Pathological Soc., Royal Society of Medicine, Great Britain, Central New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association, American Board of Veterinary Public Health (Honorary Fellow)

Served on: Board of Scientific advisors - Jane Coffine Childs Fund for Medical Research, Scientific advisors, Merck Institute, Aftosa Technical Advisory Group, Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Zoonoses Technical Advisory Group, Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Board of Scientific Consultants, Sloan-Kettering Institute, Research Advisor Council, American Cancer Society, Vaccine Committee, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Committee on Naval Medical Research NRC, Board of Scientific Advisors, Jackson Memorial Laboratory, New Jersey Public Health Council, Chief, Biological Defense, New Jersey Civil Defense Agency, Panel on Animal, Committee on Biological Warfare, Research and Development Board, Department of National Defense, Consultant, Foot and Mouth Disease Research. Secretary of Agriculture, Technical Advisory Committee, New Jersey Civil Defense, Virus and Rickettsial Study Section, U.S. Public Health Service, Advisory Committee on Animal Diseases Transmissible to Man, New Jersey State Department of Health, Advisory Committee Berg Institute of Scientific Service, New York University, Cancer Advisory Board, Bureau of Biological Research, Rutgers University, Committee on Exotic Animal Diseases, USLA, Chairman, Advisory committee on Research on Etiology of Cancer American Cancer Society, Director, Commission on Epidemiological Survey, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Consultant to Surgeon General of Navy, Committee on Nationwide Eradication of Hog Cholera, USLSA, Scientific Advisory Committee, Grayson Foundation, Panel Chemical and Biological Warfare, President's Science Advisory Committee, Scientific Advisory Board, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Technical Advisory Panel, Biological and Chemical Warfare Secretary of Defense, Panel on Viruses and Cancer, National Advisory Cancer Council, Biological and Chemical Defense Planning Board, Chairman Research Advisory Council, American Cancer Society, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Consultant, Executive Office of the President - Special Projects, Commission on Epidemiological Survey, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Plum Island Animal Disease Lab - U.S. Department Agriculture Advisory Committee, Lobund Advisory Board, Notre Dame University, Technical Committee on Poliomyelitis Vaccine U.S. Public Health Service, Board of Medical Education and Research, University of Penn. (also Association Trustee), Science Advisory Committee, National Better Business Bureau, The National Foundation, Committee on Virus Vaccines, Consultant Illinois Zoonoses Research Center, Chairman, Section of Pathology and Microbiology NAS, Board of Scientific Counselors, National Cancer Institute, Committee on Science and Public Policy, NAS, NAS/NRC advisory committee on Foot and Mouth Disease, Scientific Advisory Committee, New England Regional Primate Research Center.

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Scope and Contents

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Peyton Rous. "Presentation of the Kober Medal to Richard Shope"	box 1	folder 2
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Transactions of the Association of American Physicians 70 (1957) 29-40, 1957	box 1	folder 2
Science Service, 1963 May 31	box 1	folder 2
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E.H. Kone/R.E. Shope re biographical information for award, 1964 December 28	box 1	folder 2
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R.P. Mason/D.W. Bronk [re] 1968 January-February issue of CA 18 (January-February 1968) 40-41, 1968 March 28	box 1	folder 3
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R.N.G. [Ronald M. Grant], "To Helen - A Footnote to Medical History"		
Colin M. MacLeod/Maclyn McCarty, 1971 June 8	box 1	folder 3

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Photocopies of items re R.E. Shope from RI/RU Quarterly
1957-1961

C.H. Andrewes, "Biographical Memoir. Richard Edwin Shope (1901-1966)" American Philosophical Society Yearbook, 1971	box 1	folder 3
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Medical World News, pp 45-49, 52-53, 57. "Human Genetic Engineering", 1973 May 11	box 1	folder 3
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Includes re Shope papilloma virus. Page clippings from
publication.

RU News and Notes 8 (1977) 3-4. "Background on History. Swine Flu Virus", 1977	box 1	folder 3
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N.A.S. Memoir "Richard Edwin Shope 1901-1966. A Biographical Memoir" by Christopher Andrewes, 1979	box 1	folder 4
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[Corrected and revised 6/1963]

Biographies: "Statement Concerning Scientific Work of Richard E. Shope", circa 1953	box 1	folder 6
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[This appears to be one of the autobiographical accounts
written at request of Dr. Gasser ca 1953. C. Kopp].

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Includes other material.

American Men of Science, 9th Edition, undated

Citation for Legion of Merit

Record Cards

From Business Manager Files, circa 1953

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Includes 5 pp of autobiographical account requested by Dr.
Gasser

Who's Who in America, 1942-1944

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Biennial symposium on virology in honor of Wendell Stanley,
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Identified by Ruth Sternfeld.

R.E. Shope (Lt. Commander) collecting snails on Okinawa

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(Identified by G.W. Corner but not used in History)

Perspectives in Virology IV, Barbizon Plaza Hotel, New York
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Exchange between S. Flexner, C. Ten Broeck, R.E. Shope, E.G. Smith re financial arrangements for Shope to 1936 International Congress for Microbiology in London, 1935 April 30-1936 April 7	box 1	folder 10
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Various newspaper clippings, re Shope tracing origin of transmission of human influenza to hog virus and earthworm, 1939 July-August	box 1	folder 10
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C. Ten Broeck/H.S. Gasser re John Scott Medal Certificate and Premium to Dr. Shope for "Discovery of the Complex Etiology of Swin Influenza", 1943 October 13	box 1	folder 11
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R.E. Shope/RIMR Board of Scientific Directors, 1948 July 16	box 1	folder 11
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Letter of Resignation from RIMR as of May 16, 1949

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B. Pedersen, Science/E.H. Kone re Kober medal and honorary Sc. D. to Dr. Shope, 1957 August 15	box 1	folder 13
H. Mantell/Shope re Lasker award to Shope and WCBS Radio interview, "This is New York" by Jim McKay on vaccines for viruses, 1957 October 2	box 1	folder 13
Eugene Kone/PHS-NIH, re Dyer lecture at NIH by Shope on influenza, 1957 November 1	box 1	folder 13
C.R. Read/E. Kone re lecture by Dr. Shope at February 8?, 1958, Chicago ACS meeting, 1958 January 3	box 1	folder 13
re honorary degree to Dr. Shope in Chicago, 1958 March 20 1958 June	box 1	folder 13
Shope/Douglas H. Whitaker re Shope presentation, August 1958, Stockholm, International Congress for Microbiology, 1958 May 16	box 1	folder 13
30 September 1959, University of Pennsylvania News Release re honorary D. Sc to Dr Shope, October 3, 1959, at 75th anniversary of School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia for major contributions in the field of comparative medicine and Shope presentation, "Comparative Medicine", 1959 September 30 1959 October 3	box 1	folder 13

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Includes reprint of address.

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Includes New York Herald Tribune, 9 January 1960 clipping.

R.E. Shope, "An Account of the Infection of Richard E. Shope with Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis Virus", 1960 January 6	box 1	folder 14
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[re] Symposium on Eastern Viral Encephalomyelitis, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa, 1960 January 8	box 1	folder 14
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Includes Press Reports, and reports re Shope's survival from encephalitis. Also includes R.E. Shope, as Chairman, "Summarization of Symposium on Eastern Viral Encephalomyelitis. (9 pp text of Shope's summary of symposium)

D.W. Bronk/Shope re Shope election to membership in Century Association w/Shope acknowledgment, 1960 April 5	box 1	folder 14
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Excerpt from Science re R.E. Shope becoming member of the National Cancer Institute Board of Scientific Counselors, 1961 July 21	box 1	folder 14
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Iris Klein, ACS/E.H. Kone re request for photograph of Dr. Shope for receipt of ACS award, 1963 December 23	box 1	folder 14
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re Perspectives in Virology IV, The Gustav Stern Foundation "World's Leading Virologists in Symposium on "Hidden Viruses". News release and program, 1964 January 9	box 1	folder 15
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Peyton Rous, "Citation and Presentation of the Academy Medal to Richard E. Shope, M.D. and R.E. Shope, "Acceptance of the Academy Medal" Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine 41 (April 1965) 400-403, 1965 April	box 1	folder 15
Exchange between D.W. Bronk, David Rockefeller and Dr. Shope re Shope's illness and residence facilities for the Shopes' on the RU campus with Shope reply to David Rockefeller, 1966 April 19-September 2 1966 June 6	box 1	folder 15
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Helen Shope/David Rockefeller, 1966 November 3

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Photocopy. 17 November 1966. L.G. MacNamara/
RIMR re Shope resolution; D.W. Bronk thank you 7
December

Helen Shope/D.W. Bronk re Father Hesburgh and Shope's
books and papers, 1966 December 20