



# Noguchi (Hideyo) papers

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Rockefeller Archive Center   |
| <b>Creator - aut:</b>            | Noguchi, Hideyo  |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Hideyo Noguchi papers, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research Scientific Staff |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | FA121  |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1904-1928 (also posthumous)  |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 4 Cubic Feet 7 boxes, 4 volumes, 1 package   |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English  |

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Biography: Hideyo Noguchi (1876-1928) Japanese born bacteriologist who came to The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in 1904 and was successively Assistant, Associate Member and Member until his death in 1928. He worked closely with Simon Flexner. His first work was on the study of snake venoms. He then worked on collateral problems in immunology, syphilis and other forms of spirochetes and the etiological factors in Yellow Fever, Oroya Fever and trachoma. He served as bacteriologist of the Yellow Fever Commission sent by the International Health Board of The Rockefeller Foundation. He died at Accra, West Africa while on a project for the study of Yellow Fever.

Member of: American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists; Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine; Harvey Society; Society for Experimental Therapy and Pharmacology; Society for Clinical Serology and Haematology (President, Councilor); Gesellschaft für innere Medizin und Kinderheilkunde of Vienna; St Louis Medical Society of Syracuse (Honorary Member); Academy of Medicine of Suffolk Medical Society; Colorado State Medical Society; American Philosophical Society; Association of American Physicians; American Association for the Advancement of Science ; Sociedade de Antonio Alzate, Mexico City; Mexican National Academy; Société de Biologie, Paris (Corresponding member); Société de Pathologie Exotique, Paris; Norske medizinske Selskab (Christiana); Société de

Dermatologie et Venéologie, Moscow; Accademia Medico-fisica Fiorentina, Florence; Sociedad Medica de Caracas (Venezuela) ; American Society for Experimental Pathology

| <b>Decorations</b>                 |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 1913                               | Knight of the Royal Order of Isabella la Catolica (Spain); Knight of the Royal Order of Dannebrog (Denmark)  |
| 1914                               | Knight of the Order of the Pole Star (Sweden)  |
| 1915                               | Order of the Rising Sun (Japan); Emporor's Medal and Premium, Imperial Academy of Japan  |
| 1918                               | Hon. Senior Surgeon with rank of Colonel, Ecuadorean Army  |
| 1920                               | Hon. M.D. School of Medicine and Pharmacology, Yucatan   |
| 1918                               | Hon. Prof. University of Quayaquil; Hon. Prof. University of Quito   |
| 1920                               | Hon. Prof. University of Lima  |
| 1921                               | John Scott Medal, City of Philadelphia   |
| 1923                               | Elected Member of Imperial Academy of Japan  |
| 1924                               | Kober Medal, Association of American Physicians; Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, République de France; Medal from Elocution Soc. of Japan (one of 10 presented to 10 greatest Japanese); Medal from American Medical Association (Sc. Exhibit Yellow Fever, 1919); Medal from Asociacion Escuela de Medicina (Quayaquil); Medal from Asociacion de Empleados de Quayaquil and Los Centros de Trabajo (Quayaquil) |
| <b>Honorary Degrees and Titles</b> |  |
| 1907                               | M.S. University of Pennsylvania  |

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| 1911 | - Titular Professor, University of Education of the Imperial Government of Japan |
| 1914 | Ph.D. Imperial University of Tokio   |
| 1921 | Sc.D. Brown University; Sc.D. Yale University                                    |
| 1925 | LL.D. Sorbonne, Paris (Doctor honoris causa)                                     |

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## Scope and Contents

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Correspondence, photographs obituary and biographical articles, newspaper items, reprints.

The papers consist of administrative correspondence, May 1900-May 1928; a large collection of photographs, collection of snapshots, photographs from Accra, photographs of diplomas, honors and medals; a large number of biographical articles and bibliography; a number of obituary articles and some historical articles; letters written from Accra relating to his research and conditions of work; correspondence with family representatives from Japan and with representatives of the Doctor Noguchi Memorial Association in Japan.

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## Arrangement

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Accra (Ghana)
- Japan
- Rockefeller University
- Flexner, Simon

## Collection Inventory

| Title/Description   | Instances |              |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| Biography and bibliography<br><br><b>Scope and Contents note</b><br><br>Copy of "Personal History." Memorial addresses by Theobald Smith and William H. Welch.  | box 1     | folder 1     |
| Photographs, 1923<br><br><b>Scope and Contents</b><br><br>Includes 1923 Visiting Commission of Medical Scientists (Japanese) and two supplied by Noguchi Memorial Association.<br><br><u>Related Materials:</u><br><b>Related Materials</b><br><br>See also photo album, Box 6. | box 1     | folder 2-8   |
| 50 photographs of diplomas, degrees, honors and citation<br><br><b>Scope and Contents note</b><br><br>Submitted (date?) by Robert G. Campbell of 1 East 66th St. New York City to P & S Medical Library. Glossy prints prepared at The Rockefeller Institute.                   | box 1     | folder 9-10  |
| Correspondence, May 1900 to October 1927<br><br><b>Scope and Contents note</b><br><br>Only special items listed separately.   | box 1     | folder 11-15 |
| from H.N. to Simon Flexner from Chwang, China, 1900 May 24<br><br><b>Scope and Contents note</b><br><br>Details of experiments with plague and on preparations to leave for the United States (handwritten)   | box 1     | folder 11    |
| to Simon Flexner from Dr. Kitasato, Institut fuer, 1900 November 7<br><br><b>Scope and Contents note</b><br><br>Infektionskrankheiten, Tokyo introducing H.N. (handwritten)   | box 1     | folder 11    |
| Curriculum Vitae (handwritten), 1900 December 30  | box 1     | folder 11    |

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| from H.N. to L. Emmett Holt accepting appointment (handwritten), 1904 August 20   | box 1 | folder 12 |
| from S. Solis Cohen to Simon Flexner (handwritten note), 1908 January 15  | box 1 | folder 12 |
| from H.N. to L. Emmett Holt (on reappointment) (handwritten), 1908 June 3   | box 1 | folder 12 |
| Flexner-Noguchi-Dunham on joint study of lipoid preparations (handwritten), 17-19 August 1908   | box 1 | folder 12 |
| from H.N. to Simon Flexner on paper for publication (handwritten), 14-16 June 1911  | box 1 | folder 12 |
| Noguchi statement (handwritten) on value of luetin reaction, [1912]?  | box 1 | folder 12 |
| from Jerome D. Greene to New York county District Attorney in reply to accusations made by SPCC regarding luetin work. This is a draft and perhaps never sent or used., 1912                  | box 1 | folder 12 |
| From Paul Ehrlich to H.N. (copies), February 1913   | box 1 | folder 13 |
| Report on European trip, September-October 1913   | box 1 | folder 13 |
| From H.N. to Simon Flexner on hospitalization costs (handwritten), 1917 November 22   | box 1 | folder 13 |
| From H.N. to E.B. Smith on laboratory needs while Noguchi on vacation (handwritten), 1919 July 11   | box 1 | folder 14 |
| From Victor G. Heiser to H.N. confirming arrangements for International Health Board to meet cost of animals needed for production of Yellow Fever vaccine. (Typescript copy), 1920 August 20 | box 1 | folder 14 |
| From Louis Otto Heiland for Board of Directors of City Trusts to H.N. awarding \$800 for eminent scientific work. (copy), 1920 December 14  | box 1 | folder 14 |
| Noguchi-Flexner on preparation of Rocky Mountain spotted fever vaccine, April-May 1923  | box 1 | folder 14 |
| From College of Medicine, Bahia honoring Noguchi Includes translation and congratulatory letters from Wickliffe Rose and F.F. Russell, 1924 January 12  | box 1 | folder 14 |
| <b>Scope and Contents note</b>  |       |           |
| Report on Yellow Fever work in Bahia  |       |           |
| From E.B. Smith to dining room staff requesting special luncheon menu for Hideyo Noguchi, 1926 March 8  | box 1 | folder 15 |
| Correspondence regarding sterilization of glassware, May 1927   | box 1 | folder 15 |
| Correspondence from Accra   |       |           |



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| letters and cables to Mary Noguchi (copies-5), 24 December 1927-7 April 1928   | box 2 |
| correspondence and cables with Simon Flexner concerning details of work and illness. Letter of Jan. 1928 includes photos of two infected monkeys. (handwritten, typescript and copies-38), 29 October 1927-11 May 1928 | box 2 |
| F.F. Russell to H. Noguchi 2 pages, 1928 February 1  | box 2 |
| H.N. to E.B. Tilden (copy- 2 pages), 10-11 February 1928   | box 2 |
| H.N. to E.B. Tilden (copy of cable), 1928 March 9  | box 2 |
| H.N. to Ledingham (copy-3 pages), 1928 March 17  | box 2 |
| H.N. to F.F. Russell (copy-4 pages), 1928 March 25   | box 2 |
| Henry Beeuwkes to H. Noguchi (copy-2 pages), 1928 April 7  | box 2 |
| H.N. to E.B. Tilden (copy of cable), 1928 April 13   | box 2 |
| H.N. to F.F. Russell, 1928 April 21  | box 2 |

### Scope and Contents note

2 page copy sent to S. Flexner including an 8 page handwritten letter from Noguchi to Russell protesting situation in regard to purchase of animals and reports on findings; includes Mar. 16 and Mar. 20 cables from Russell to Noguchi (copies)

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| E.B. Tilden to S. Flexner enclosing copies of letters from H. Noguchi of Apr. 8, and Mar. 14 and Mar. 20 letters from J. Bauer, 1928 May 21                             | box 2 |
| E.B. Tilden to S. Flexner on assistance for Mary Noguchi, 1928 May 22   | box 2 |
| N. Paul Hudson to H. Beeuwkes enclosing brief experimental findings on tissues supplied by H. Noguchi, 1928 June 4  | box 2 |
| R.C. Shannon to F.F. Russell listing specimens and materials (copy, 1928 June 13  | box 2 |
| F.F. Russell to S. Flexner enclosing Hudson report (copy), 1928 July 12   | box 2 |
| Henry R. Muller to S. Flexner recollection of laboratory situation in Accra. (Handwritten-3 pages), 1928 August 25  | box 2 |
| Correspondence, notes, cables, clinical reports, hospital records and laboratory reports on last illness and death in Accra of Hideyo Noguchi., 13 May 1928-August 1929 | box 2 |

### Biographical / Historical

The death of Noguchi was followed in 8 days by the death of William A. Young.

## Scope and Contents note

From Accra. Names of correspondents are: E. Morris Franklin (European Hospital); F.F. Russell, Director of International Health Division. Included are copies of correspondence from the American Consulate and British Colonial Office; copies of the autopsy report by N. Paul Hudson and Oskar Klotz; copies of diary, notes and letters from Henry Beeuwkes, Evelyn Tilden; A.F. Mahaffy; Helen Russell, pathologist; Agnes A. Young (mother) and Olive M. Young (wife) of Dr. William B. Young (picture included).

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| Funeral Service in Accra, 1928 May 22 | box 2 |
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| Accra photographs and negatives | box 2 |
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| Gustav Eckstein, "Noguchi," New York, Harper, 1931, 1931 | box 2 |
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| Correspondence: Condolences from individuals, associations and embassies | box 3 |
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### **Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically in each group.

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| Funeral Service at The Rockefeller Institute, 1928 June 15 | box 3 |
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## Scope and Contents note

Includes lists of invited guests, seating arrangements, cards from floral tributes, glass color transparency of room arrangement at service. Typescript of addresses: Simon Flexner, J.D. Rockefeller, Jr., Dr. Fosdick

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| Memorial Service at New York Academy of Medicine, 1928 December 20 | box 3 |
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Includes details of preparations and addresses

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| Memorial meetings |  |
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| Harbin, Manchuria, 1928 June 1 | box 3 |
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| Keijo, 1928 June 20 | box 3 |
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| Nippon Club, Tokyo, 1928 June 29 | box 3 |
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| Nippon Kogyo Club Bldg., Tokyo, 1928 June 29 | box 3 |
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## Scope and Contents note

Includes report of services and photograph

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| Report by G. Kawai on assorted memorial services in Japan, 1928 | box 3 |
| At Japan Industrial Club in Marunouchi, 1928 June 29            | box 3 |
| at Tokyo Dental College, 1928 July 3                            | box 3 |
| at Choshuji Temple, Sanjogata, Okinashima-Mura, 1928 July 8     | box 3 |
| Emory Auditorium, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1928 November 18            | box 3 |

## Scope and Contents note

Under the auspices of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine;  
College of Medicine (Univ. of Cinn.); Public Health  
Federation

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| Handwritten remarks in handwriting of Simon Flexner -- dated May 15 but delivered by William H. Welch as a Memorial Address, 1929 | box 3 |
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Related Materials:

### Related Materials

see Box 1

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| Bronze memorial tablet unveiled, Faculty of Medicine, Bahia, Brazil, 2 April 1930 | box 3 |
| Woodlawn Cemetery   | box 3 |

## Scope and Contents

Copy of deed to lots; map; correspondence about stone, tablet, planting. Trust agreement for upkeep.

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| Correspondence, 1928-1931 | box 4 |
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## Scope and Contents

Deals mainly with details of Dr. Noguchi's estate and includes several handwritten letters from Mary Noguchi. Includes negotiations, lists and arrangements for items shipped to Japan and plans for a Memorial.

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| Correspondence, 1932-1957   | box 4 |
| Deals with requests for photographs and biographical materials.                                 | box 4 |
| Correspondence with Mr. S. Kobayahi (originals and translations)                                | box 4 |
| Correspondence, addresses and clippings on the opening of the Doctor Noguchi Memorial, 1939 May | box 4 |
| Correspondence of 1955 indicates that the Noguchi medals were sent to Japan at that time, 1955  | box 4 |

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| Correspondence between George Corner and Paul F. Clark on cause of Noguchi's death, 1957   | box 4 |
| Newspaper clippings, 1928 May 21-31, June 1 - December 31  | box 4 |
| Pamphlets and personal history, 1928 June 1 -1947 December 31  |       |
| "Personal History" prepared by The Rockefeller Institute (duplicate in Box 1)  | box 4 |
| "Hideyo Noguchi; his life and work," published by Tokyo Dental College in August, 1928   | box 4 |
| "Hideyo Noguchi," by Dr. Octavio Torres. Published in Bahia (duplicate in Box 5)   | box 4 |
| "The Dedication of the Doctor Noguchi Memorial Hall," Published 1939 by the Association  | box 4 |
| <u>Related Materials:</u><br><b>Related Materials</b><br><br>duplicate in Box 5  |       |
| Noguchi Centennial, 5-12 November 1976   | box 4 |
| <b>Scope and Contents note</b><br><br>Working copy of book made up for presentation by Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Seitz at celebration of centennial of Dr. Noguchi's birth, in Japan. |       |
| Hideyo Noguchi Medical history   | box 5 |
| <u>Immediate Source of Acquisition:</u><br><b>Immediate Source of Acquisition</b><br><br>Records from The Rockefeller Institute Hospital, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Accra                |       |
| Memorial items and information regarding reprint volumes   | box 5 |
| Correspondence with Mr. Kobayashi carried on primarily through G. Kawai regarding a Memorial Association in honor of Dr. Noguchi., 1928 October - 1933 February 20                 | box 5 |
| <b>Scope and Contents</b><br><br>Includes details of memorabilia shipped to Japan; receipt of shipment; pictures of dedication of Memorial at birthplace (May 21, 1939).           |       |
| Dedication of Memorial Hall built adjacent to Noguchi's birthplace   |       |
| <b>Scope and Contents</b><br><br>Pamphlets, pictures, mementos, rubbings sent to The Rockefeller Institute or brought by returning visitors.                                       |       |

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| "The Dedication of the Doctor Noguchi Memorial Hall," this pamphlet has been prepared by way of a report on the opening ceremony of the Doctor Noguchi Memorial Hall...dedicated May 21, 1939, 1939 | box 5 |
| "Hideyo Noguchi," published by the Doctor Noguchi Memorial Association. Surugadai, Kanda, Tokyo 1940 (in English), 1940   | box 5 |
| Jerome D. Greene report on trip to Japan, 1929  | box 5 |
| Correspondence with family in Japan, May 1927-27 December 1931  | box 5 |
| <b>Scope and Contents note</b>  |       |
| Translation of one letter written by Noguchi to Sakae Kobayashi; others to John D. Rockefeller, Mary Noguchi and Simon Flexner. Some with attached Japanese originals.                              |       |
| Published pamphlets, obituaries, memorial addresses   |       |
| Simon Flexner   |       |
| "Hideyo Noguchi," Scientific Monthly, 27(1928) 89-91, 1928  | box 5 |
| "Hideyo Noguchi," Smithsonian Report, 1929, 595-608, 1929   | box 5 |
| "Hideyo Noguchi," Science, 69 (1929), 653-660, 1929   | box 5 |
| Revue medicale et scientifique, 6(1928), 1928   | box 5 |
| Metropolitan Nursing Service Newsletter, 5 July 1928  | box 5 |
| Otavio Torres   |       |
| "Hideyo Noguchi" Bahia. Maio de 1928...Nobre da faculdade de medicina, em homenagem ao sabio, 1928  | box 5 |
| Theobald Smith, William H. Welch  |       |
| "Memorial Address" in "Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine," 5 (1929) 877-886, 1929  | box 5 |
| "On the Trail of the Yellow Fever Germ," "American Review of Reviews," Apr. 1920, 386-392, April 1920   | box 5 |
| "Scienza Medica," 1 (1923) 282-283, 1923  | box 5 |
| "JAMA," 90 (1928) 1727, 1928  | box 5 |
| "Literary Digest," 1928 June 2 p.19, 2 June 1928  | box 5 |
| "Science Newsletter," 13 (1928) 338, 1928   | box 5 |
| "New York State Journal of Medicine," 1928 July 1, p.788, 1 July 1928   | box 5 |
| "Nature," 1928 June 9 p.914, 9 June 1928  | box 5 |
| "Lancet," 1928 June 2, p. 1144, 2 June 1928   |       |
| "Pioneer Bacteriologist" "MD," 20 (1976) 143-150, 1976  | box 5 |

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| Some translations from Japanese newspapers and Russian Journal of Microbiology  | box 5     |
| Photograph Album, 1915-1927   | box 6     |
| <b>Scope and Contents note</b><br><br>Presented to Simon Flexner as gift at Christmas by Evelyn Tilden and Dr. Muller.  |           |
| Collected Reprints, 1902-1929   | box 6     |
| <u>Processing Information:</u><br><b>Processing Information</b><br><br>Missing reprints marked by asterisk. All volumes removed to the RAC library.           |           |
| <b>Scope and Contents</b><br><br>v. 1 has bibliography  |           |
| Presented to Mrs. F. Seitz, on occasion of 1976 Centennial celebration  | box 6     |
| <b>Scope and Contents</b><br><br>Published by Noguchi Memorial Association.   |           |
| Photos, framed drawing and 2 diplomas   | package 1 |
| Etching portrait (profile) of Hideyo Noguchi by Emma Löwenstamm   | package 1 |
| <b>Scope and Contents</b><br><br>Numbered 83/150. Purchased by The Rockefeller Institute in 1958. Included is the correspondence concerned with the purchase. |           |
| Photographs of the etching  | package 1 |
| Photograph of etching by Löwenstamm, Wien (Front view), 1913  | package 1 |
| Photographs of bust by Konenkov (different views)   | package 1 |
| <b>General</b><br><br>2 photographs.  |           |
| Honorary diploma accompanying medal for Knight of the Royal Order of Isabella la Catolica (Spain), 1913   | package 1 |
| Honorary diploma: Knight of the Royal Order of Dannebrog (Denmark), 1913  | package 1 |
| Plesset, Isabel R. Noguchi and his patrons. Assoc. Univ. Presses, 1980  |           |

Hideyo Noguchi papers on microfilm

box 6

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In Rockefeller Archive Center microfilm collection.

"Hideyo Noguchi - The Centenary of His Birth," videocassette, 16  
December 1976

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**Scope and Contents note**

Produced by NHK, LTD. In Japanese with some English  
interviews. Broadcast on December 16, 1976.

**Addition to the collection, March 1986**Immediate Source of Acquisition:**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Received March 1986 from National Archives.

| Title/Description   | Instances |
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| Electrostat copies of selected records from the Department of<br>State, 1913-1938 |           |
| <b>Scope and Contents</b>   |           |
| Decimal file relating to Noguchi.   |           |

**Addition to the collection, 30 January 1987**Immediate Source of Acquisition:**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Rec'd 30 January 1987. Delivered to RU Library by Mr. E. Mugdan on behalf of Dr. Klaus Emicke, Hamburg.

| Title/Description                        | Instances |
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| Portrait of H. Noguchi by Emma Löwenstam |           |