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## Summary Information

<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller University
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
<b>Creator - aut:</b>	Kunitz, Moses
<b>Title:</b>	Moses Kunitz papers, Rockefeller University Faculty
<b>ID:</b>	FA171
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1913-1970
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8.8 Cubic Feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	12 boxes, 1 package; 1 tube package, 2 volumes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical/Historical note

Moses Kunitz, 1887-1978 researcher in general pathology and biochemistry worked on the physical and chemical properties of proteins and enzymes at the Rockefeller University (earlier RIMR) from 1913 until his retirement in 1970. His research covered the purification and crystallization of a number of very important enzymes which take part in forming and utilizing energy-rich compounds within the body.

Biographical note	
1887	Born December 19 in Slonim, Russia
1909	Migrated to the United States

1916	B.S. Cooper Union, New York City (1910 entered School of Chemistry)
1916-1919	Cooper Union Electrical Engineering School
1919	Extension Teaching Columbia University, New York City
1920	School of Mines, Engineering and Chemistry, Columbia Univ.
1922	Faculty of Pure Science, Columbia University
1924	Ph. D. Columbia University, New York City (Biological Chemistry)
1913-1923	Technical Assistant, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research Worked with Jacques Loeb in experimental biology. From 1926 with John Northrop at Princeton laboratories
1923-1925	Assistant, RIMR (General Physiology)
1925-1940	Associate, RIMR (General Physiology)
1944	Civilian with Office of Scientific Research and Development
1950-1953	Member, RIMR
1953-	Member Emeritus, RIMR
1957	Carl Neuberg Medal (American Society of European Chemists & Pharmacists)
1970	Retired from The Rockefeller University
1973	Honorary Degree, RU, New York City
1978	Died April 20 in Philadelphia, Pa. Interred Wellwood Cemetery on Long Island, N.Y.

Member of: National Academy of Sciences, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Society for Experimental Biology, Society of General Physiologists, American Society of Biological Chemists

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## Arrangement note

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Arranged in chronological order within subject.

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## File Plan note

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## Administrative Information

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Dates received or inventoried: 1970, 1974, 1978, 1984. All received or inventoried in 1970, 1974, or 1978 unless otherwise noted.

## Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is open for research.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Pathology
- Proteins -- Synthesis
- Medicine, Preventive
- Biology -- Research
- Cell and biomolecular sciences
- Chemistry
- Medical education
- Medical research
- Proteins
- Medical sciences
- Diseases
- Prevention and health
- Biochemistry
- Rockefeller University
- Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
- Kunitz, Moses

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## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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Materials requiring specialized equipment for access (film, audio, video, slides) may be closed to research dependent on availability of the applicable equipment

Brittle or damaged items, or materials otherwise in need of preservation care, may be closed to researchers at the discretion of the RAC Head of Archival Services/Head of Reference.

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## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Biographical material	box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Photograph, bibliography, obituary notice Honorary Degree citation.	
Crystal preparation	box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
3 letters : Greene, Lewis J. ; Schmid, Karl; Stern, Herbert.	
Student notebooks	box 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
11 notebooks of course material from Cooper Union and from Columbia.	
Laboratory notes and records	
Laboratory procedures	box 2
Gelatin, alcohol and salt ppt, 1920-1921	box 2
Gelatin, viscosity, O.P., P.D., 1921-1922	box 2
Gelatin, swelling-diffusion potentials, 1921-1927	box 2
Egg albumin, 1921	box 2
Conductivity 1920; Electrical endomosis 1921-1922, 1920, 1921-1922	box 2
Casein, 1921 1923-1924	box 2
Cataphoresis, 1922-1923	box 3
Ion combination, 1924-1925	box 3
Isoelectric gelatin, 1925-1929	box 3
Diffusion gelatin 1930; Diffusion experiments 1934-1951, 1930 1934-1951	box 3
Trypsin, 1931-1932	box 3
Laboratory notes and records	box 4
Tsin denaturation 1932-1933; Inactivation of Tsin 1933, 1932-1933	box 4
Chymatgen; Trypsinogen, 1933	

	box 4
Degamma; Activation by Enterokinase, 1933	box 4
Trypsin 1934-1935; Activation of Trypsinogen 1934-1937, 1934 1935-1937	box 4
Trypsin-pancreatic inhibitor compound 1938	box 4
Chymotrypsin, 1936-1937 1937-1938	box 4
Mold kinase, 1937	box 5
Thromboplastin; Enterokinase, 1938	box 5
Ribonuclease, 1939-1940 1945-1946	box 5
Hexokinase, 1941-1942 1943	box 5
Absorption spectra data, 1944-1951	box 5
Soybean denaturation 1945-1946; Soybean inhibitor 1946, 1945-1946	box 5
B. Brodsky notebook, no. 4, 1945	box 5
Desoxyribonuclease, 1946-1948 1949-1950	box 6
Nucleo-proteins, 1948 1949 1949-1950	box 6

### Scope and Contents note

Including 1970 January 1 letter from Vincent Allfrey commenting "very first to employ nucleases and proteases in study of histone-DNA interaction".

Cu Phenal 1950; Pyrophosphatase, 1950	box 6
Pyrophosphatase, 1951	box 6
Invertase, 1951 1952-1953 1961	box 7
Yeast phosphatase, 1953 1953-1954 1954 1954-1955	box 7
Yeast phosphatase, 1955-1956	box 8
Intestinal phosphatase - preparation, 1957-1958	box 8
Intestinal phosphatase (chicken), 1957-1959	box 8

### Scope and Contents note

Material for publication and calculations.

Intestinal phosphatase: references, charts, tables, rough draft	box 8
Laboratory log books	box 8
Beckman Spectrophotometer, 1959	
Zwischenferment, 1958-1959	



Isolation of Zwischenferment, 1960	
Zwischenferment, 1961	
Zwischenferment, 1962	
Isolation of pyrophosphatase, 1960-1961	
Isolation of Asparaginase, 1961-1962	
Yeast (Bakers and Brewers), 1957-1959	box 9
Yeast asparaginase, 1961-1964 January	box 9
Yeast experiments (Alan Absgarten notes), 1962-1963	box 9
Potato phosphatase, 1959-1960 1960-1961 1963 1964-1965	box 9
Laboratory notes and records, 1965-1966 1967-1970	box 10
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Potato phosphatase.	
Lantern slides	box 11
<u>Physical Description:</u> 3¼ × 4 inch	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Graphs and charts and photographs of crystals.	
Laboratory photographs	box 12
untitled	
Original drawings of illustrations used in publications	
Unidentified	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Journal of General Physiology: v. 18, no. 3; v. 19, no. 6; v. 21, no. 5; v. 22, no. 2; v. 24, no. 1; v. 25, no. 1; v. 29, no. 3; v. 29, no. 6; v. 30, no. 4; v. 32, no. 1; v. 33, no. 4; v. 35, no. 3.	
Original drawings of illustrations used in publications	box 1 pkg.
<u>Physical Description:</u> 12 × 14¾ × ½" (oversize)	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Journal of General Physiology: v. 23, no. 3; v. 43, no. 6; v. 45, no. 4.	
Certificate of membership in National Academy of Sciences	box 1 tube
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2¾ × 17½"	pkg.
Collected Reprints, 1923-1970	
<u>Separated Materials:</u>	

## Separated Materials

Removed to RAC Library

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Photographs of Moses Kunitz, group photographs at Princeton and of Princeton Staff and Rockefeller Institute views	box 13	folder 1
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Moses Kunitz, Early undated

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Princeton laboratory photograph of M.L. Anson, R.M. Herriott, J.H. Northrop, V. Desreux and M. Kunitz, 1939

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Princeton laboratory photograph of M. Kunitz, M.L. Anson, J.H. Northrop, unidentified, undated

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RIMR, Princeton Staff group photograph. See photo for some identification, undated

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RIMR, Princeton Staff group photograph, 1942

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RIMR, Princeton Staff group photograph, 1947

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Photographs, undated

### Scope and Contents note

M. Kunitz in Dining Room, Welch Hall with Dr. Tsao?.

M. Kunitz with William Trager.

M. Kunitz. Official portrait.

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RI Hospital with hospital addition, 1950

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RI Campus from East River with Hospital addition, 1950

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Photographs of others	box 13	folder 2
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Various photographs of Mortimer L. Anson. One with Kreuger, undated

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Simon Flexner, at Woods Hole, Mass. Carrying books under left arm, 1923

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Jacques Loeb. Photo by Louis Schmidt, 1923

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At Woods Hole?, undated

### Scope and Contents note

Includes.

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Jacques Loeb

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Jacques Loeb and Brandes

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Parking area at Marine Biological Laboratories, Woods Hole,  
Mass

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Leo Loeb at microscope, undated

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Leonor Michaelis. Official portrait, undated

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Assorted prints, undated

### Scope and Contents note

Some identified.

Includes: David Hitchcock; Dr. Lilly; Thomas Moore; Dr. Parker; Dr. Chambers is one of three on photograph; The Worthingtons.

Remaining photographs unidentified.

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Hans Neurath reprint with inscription. "To Moses Kunitz who started it all, with the best wishes, " January 1965, signed Hans Neurath. On 1964 Dec reprint. Hans Neurath, "Protein-digesting Enzymes". Science 211 (1964) 68-78, 1964 December-1965 January

box 13

folder 3

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re: William Trager

box 13

folder 4

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

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These items appear to have been sent to Mrs. R. Albert by William Trager, July 27, 1976.

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Printed leaflet contains professional and biographical information and Principle Contributions to Science by William Trager

New York Times, "Hope Rises for Vaccine Against Malaria".  
News clipping, 1976 June 1

Laboratory notes, bibliography and reprints box 14

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Bound alphabetical record book of subject lab notes primarily  
reference for chemical compounds and scientific equivalents box 14 folder 1

Laboratory notebooks box 14 folder 2

Potato acid phosphatase (crystals), 1968 October-1969 April

Potato acid phosphatase. Wheat germ, 1968-1971

Laboratory notes box 14 folder 3

Asparaginas, 1962

Potatoe-acid phosphatase, 1970-1971

Kunitz, Moses bibliography, 1923-1962 box 14 folder 4

Reprints. Kunitz et al reprints box 14 folder 5

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes J.H. Northrop reprint with inscription to Kunitz.

Margaret McDonald lab notes on ribonuclease, 1948 box 14 folder 6

**Scope and Contents note**

[Found in Kunitz volume of collected reprints 1932-1948.  
#15. McDonald reprint.].

Memorabilia box 15

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Academic Robe

Carl Neuberg Medal

**Scope and Contents note**

Awarded to Moses Kunitz, 3 April 1957, Hunter College,  
New York City, American Society of European Chemists  
and Pharmacists Carl Neuberg Medal Meeting. From Printed

Program in Medal case: Fritz Lipmann, "Greetings to Moses Kunitz." Roger M. Herriott, "Moses Kunitz: The Man and His Contributions to Science".

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Mounted membership certificate

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Moses Kunitz, Class of 1915, 1915-1965 June 9

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Golden Legion Membership Certificate, Mounted

### **Scope and Contents note**

Awarded by this Cooper Union Alumni organization whose members have made significant contributions to their professions.

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A calendar page with following written on it " U J A 8 p.m. 220 W 58", 1932-1948 1968 February 28

### **Scope and Contents note**

[Found in Kunitz collected reprints 1932-1948 (bound volume) with #15 reprint, p. 40 of M.R. McDonald reprint.

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M. Kunitz Collected Reprints

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Volume 1a, 1924-1931

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Volume 2a, 1932-1948

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Charts from Moses Kunitz's office

package #3

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Given and identified by Prof. Paul Cranefield.

### **Scope and Contents note**

Ammonium sulfate concentration table.

Graph from L. Michaelis book.

Processing Information:

### **Processing Information**

Catalogued 1985 June 17.

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

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Honorary doctorate from RU, 1973

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