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Biographical / Historical

Historian and educator John Zimmerman Bowers served as president of the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation of New York, which focuses its work in the areas of health and medicine. Prior to his service to the Macy Foundation, he was dean and professor of medical physics at the University of Utah and he also served the Ford Foundation primarily through work in India. After Bowers service to the Macy Foundation, he was a consultant for the Rockefeller Foundation for which he compiled a history of their health and natural-science programs in 1983.

Bowers authored or edited several major publications and essays including but not necessarily limited to: "Western Medical Pioneers in Feudal Japan" (1970), "When the Twain Meet: The Rise of Western Medicine in Japan" (1981), "Advances in American Medicine" and "Science and Medicine in Twentieth-Century China" (1989).

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Scope and Contents

Collection contains the research files of John Z. Bowers including articles, manuscripts, notes, photocopies, and other background materials.

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Records remain as received.

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Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access

Open for research.

Processing Information

Minimal processing. Records remain in original file folders.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated to the RAC in 2008 by the Medical Center Archives of New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell.

Collection Inventory

Medicine in Japan, (1951-1979)

Title/Description	Instances	
Medicine in Japan, 1951-1979	box 1	folder 1-57
Scope and Contents		
Articles, manuscripts and images, by Bowers and others, pertaining to the history of medicine in Japan		
Medicine in Japan, 1951-1979	box 2	folder 58-105
Scope and Contents		
Articles and manuscripts (by others) on the history of medicine in Japan and the Philippines		
Medicine in Japan, 1955-1978	box 3	folder 106-196
Scope and Contents		
Articles (by others) on individuals related to the history of medicine in Japan, including anthropologist Erwin von Balz		

History of Medical Schools, (1973-1978)

Title/Description	Instances	
History of Medical Schools, (1973-1978)	box 4	folder 197-223
Scope and Contents		
Research notes (by Bowers) and articles (by others) on the history of medicine in India, Paris, Salerno and Vienna. Includes drafts of the manuscript "Great Medical Schools".		
History of Medical Schools, (1973-1978)	box 5	folder 224-255

Scope and Contents

Manuscripts (by Bowers) and articles (by others) pertaining to the history of medicine in Bologna, Edinburgh, Germany, Leyden, Montpellier and Padia.

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Medicine in the United States, (1955-1977)

Title/Description	Instances	
Medicine in the United States, (1955-1977)	box 6	folder 256-302

Scope and Contents

Articles (by others) on topics pertaining to medicine in the United States.

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History of Smallpox, (1969-1980)

Title/Description	Instances	
History of Smallpox, (1969-1980)	box 7	folder 303-341

Scope and Contents

Research notes, manuscripts (by Bowers) and articles (by others) on smallpox vaccinations in a variety of countries.

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