



Rockefeller University records, Vice President, Thomas Milton Rivers, Biographical Material, Series 6

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Rockefeller Archive Center |
| Creator - aut: | Rivers, Thomas M. (Thomas Milton) |
| Creator: | Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research |
| Creator: | Rockefeller University |
| Title: | Rockefeller University records, Vice President, Thomas Milton Rivers, Biographical Material, Series 6 |
| ID: | FA902 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1922-1965 |
| Physical Description: | 1.14 Cubic Feet 4 boxes and 1 package. |
| General Physical Description note: | 4 boxes and 1 package. (Boxes 1, 2, 3, and 5, Package 1). |
| Language of the Material: | English |

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Biographical/Historical note

The newly adopted By-Laws of 1953 provided for an elected Vice-President who was a member of the Board of Trustees. Thomas Milton Rivers was elected the first Vice-President of the newly constituted Board of Trustees and served as Director of The Institute, Director of the Department of Laboratories and Director of the Hospital until his retirement in 1955.

August 1955 amendments to the By-Laws abolished the elected Vice-President and the requirement which provided that he be a member of the Board of Trustees and called for one or more appointed Vice-Presidents. Further amendment, January 25, 1956 provided that the Board of Trustees elect one or more Vice-Presidents to discharge such functions as may be assigned to them by the President or by resolution duly accepted at any meeting.

Between 1955 and 1959 Frank Lappin Horsfall, Jr. held the position of Vice-President for Clinical Studies; between 1955 and 1964 Douglas Whitaker served as Vice-President for Administration (between 1961-64 changed to Vice-President for Academic Administration). In 1964/65 Maclyn McCarty was elected Vice-President with special responsibilities in the clinical sciences. He is at the same time, Physician-in-Chief. In 1965 Carl Pfaffmann was elected Vice-President and Professor to develop a program of research and graduate instruction in the behavioral and social sciences. In 1969/70 a third Vice-President was added. This position carries with it the role of Secretary to the Board of Trustees and was filled by Charles Eugene Sunderlin.

In 1972 the University trustees elected Rodney W. Nichols to a new post of Vice-President for Program planning. He had been the first Director of the Office of Program Planning and Development.

In 1973 Albert Gold was named Vice-President for Academic Resources. As Vice-President he also retains his responsibilities relating to Junior faculty (Director of Postdoctoral Affairs) with additional duties in connection with organization, operation and planning at the University.

In 1974, effective September 15, Maclyn McCarty retired as Physician-in-Chief of the Hospital, which post was then filled by Dr. Attalah Kappas.

June 30, 1976 Eugene Sunderlin retired as vice-president of the RU.

June 1978 Dr. Albert Gold resigned from the University and October 1978 Drs. McCarty and Pfaffmann having reached retirement age resigned their positions as Vice-President. Mr. Rodney Nichols was elected to a new position of executive Vice-President and Mr. David J. Lyons was elected to a new position as Vice-President and Controller with new managerial responsibilities.

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Scope and Contents

Correspondence, memorabilia and biographical materials.

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Arrangement

Rockefeller University records, Vice President, Thomas Milton Rivers is arranged in two series:

Series 2: Administrative Correspondence. Series 6: Biographical Material.

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File Plan note

Former Classification: I 341-6

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Administrative Information

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Other Finding Aids

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Collection Inventory

Biographical Material, 1922-1965

Biographical/Historical note

| Biographical note | |
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| 1888 | Born September 3, Jonesboro, Georgia |
| 1909 | A.B. Emory College |
| 1909-1911 | Johns Hopkins Medical School (dropped out because of poor health) |
| 1911-1913 | Assistant pathologist, Santo Tomas Hospital, Panama |
| 1913 | Reentered Medical School (in 3rd year) |
| 1915 | M.D. Johns Hopkins Medical School |
| 1915-1916 | Interne, Medicine, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore |
| 1916-1917 | Assistant Resident, Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins Hospital |
| 1917-1918 | Resident, Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins Hospital |
| 1918-1919 | 1st Lieutenant Medical Corps U.S. Army Special duty with pneumonia commission, empema commission and pneumonia board |

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| 1919-1921 | Instructor in Bacteriology, Johns Hopkins University |
| 1921-1922 | Associate in Bacteriology, Johns Hopkins University |
| 1920-1922 | Pathologist, St. Joseph's Hospital, Baltimore |
| 1922-1925 | Associate Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research Hospital |
| 1925-1927 | Associate Member RIMR Hospital |
| 1927-1955 | Member RIMR Hospital |
| 1936 | Sc. D. (Hon.) Emory College |
| 1937-1955 | Director Dept. of the Hospital RIMR |
| 1938 | Sc. D. (Hon.) University of Rochester |
| 1940- | Commander Med. Corps. U.S. Navy (retired as Rear Adm. in 1955) |
| 1955 | Member Emeritus Rockefeller University |
| 1956-1958 | Director National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis |
| 1958 | Vice-President for Medical Affairs National Foundation |
| 1961 | Sc. D. The Rockefeller University |
| 1962 | Died May 12. Buried Arlington National Cemetery |

Member of: American Association Advancement of Science, American Society Clinical Investigations (president 1932), Association American Physicians, Interurban Clinical Club (president 1942-1943), American Pediatric Society, American Epidemiological Society, American Society Experimental Pathology, Society American Bacteriologists (president 1934), Harvey Society, American Association Pathologists and Bacteriologists, American Clinical and Climatological Association, National Academy Sciences, American Philosophical Society, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Omega, Sigma Nu, Pi Mu

Thomas Milton Rivers, pediatrician and virologist at The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research from 1922-1955 was the discoverer of Bacillus Parainfluenzae and Virus III. He cultivated vaccine virus for human use and carried on researches in bacteriology, viruses and infectious diseases including influenza, chicken-pox, measles, vaccinia, psittacoses, lymphocytic-choriomeningitis. He was the author of numerous papers and editor and contributor of Filterable Viruses (1928) and Viral and Rickettsial Infections of Man, 1948, 1952, 1958.

Served as:

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| 1930 | Speaker, 3rd International Congress of Cytologists, Amsterdam Delegate and speaker 1st International Congress of Microbiologists, Paris Speaker, 5th International Congress of Botanists, Cambridge, Eng. |
| 1931 | Speaker, British AAS, London |
| 1934 | Lecturer, 5th National Congress of Medicine, Rosario, Arg. |
| 1936 | Delegate, 2nd International Congress Microbiologists, London |
| 1939 | President, 3rd International Congress Microbiologists, New York |

Related Archival Materials note:**Related Archival Materials note**

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T.M. Epidemic respiratory disease, ST. Louis, C.V. Mosby, 1921. Paine, T. Age of reason, New York, Willey, 1794. Pfaundler & Schlossmann, A. eds. The diseases of children v. 1-7, Philadelphia, J.B. Lippincott, 1908-1914. Piersol, G.A. Human anatomy, v. 1-2, Philadelphia, J.B. Lippincott, 1908. Rivers, T.M. ed. Filterable viruses, Lane Medical lectures, Stanford, Stanford UP., 1939. Rivers, T.M. & others. Virus diseases, Ithaca, Cornell UP, 1943. Robertson, T.B. Principles of biochemistry, Philadelphia, Lea & Febiger, 1920. Schaeffer, M. & Muckenfuss, R.S. Experimental poliomyelitis, New York, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 1940. Starr, M.A. Organic and functional nervous diseases, ed. 3, New York, Lea & Febiger, 1909. Stelwagon, H.W. Treatise on diseases of the skin. ed. 7, Philadelphia, W.B. Saunders, 1914. Stewart, P. The diagnosis of nervous diseases, ed. 3, New York, E.B. Treat, 1913. Stimson, L.A. A practical treatise on fractures and dislocations, ed. 6, New York, Lea & Febiger, 1910. Vanderbilt University. Infantile paralysis, New York, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 1941. Wells, B.G. Chemical pathology, ed. 4, Philadelphia, W.B. Saunders, 1920. Williams, J.W. Obstetrics, ed. 2, New York, Appleton, 1911. Woods, H.M. & Russell, W.T. An introduction to medical statistics, London, P.S. King, 1936.

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Memorabilia | | |
| <u>Physical Description</u> : 1.5 Cubic Feet | | |
| <u>Immediate Source of Acquisition note</u> : | | |
| Immediate Source of Acquisition note | | |
| Date received or inventoried: October - December 1976 (from Dr. Pearlstein) | | |
| Bibliographies | box 1 | folder 1 |
| NAS Biographical Memoir by Frank L. Horsfall, Jr. 38: 263-294, 1965 | box 1 | folder 2 |
| Photographs | | |
| Portrait of TMR at microscope | box 1 | folder 3 |
| Portraits of TMR - Miscellaneous | box 1 | folder 4 |
| TMR in WWII uniform | box 1 | folder 5 |
| Groups photos - Miscellaneous | box 1 | folder 6 |
| U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 2 Guam | box 1 | folder 7 |
| Group - 1939 World's Fair, 1939 | box 1 | folder 8 |
| TMR report, "A Trip to South American" presented 26 Oct 1934 | box 1 | folder 9 |
| Miscellany | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Genealogy, 1935-1936 | box 2 | folder 1 |
| Holograph account written by mother; includes letters 1935 August 14 and undated. Typescript copy made 1936 April 10: Holograph letter from W.W. Rivers on genealogy 2 genealogical charts | | |
| Telegram signed "Teresa", 1961 January 23 | | |
| Christmas card (no identification) | | |
| Winter photo of house (found in Dubos, R. "The Bacterial Cell") | | |

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| Request from National Academy of Sciences for biographical data, 1933 | | |
| Paper weight: Presidential award "International Poliomyelitis Congress" | box 2 | folder 2 |
| Images | box 2 | folder 3 |
| Pencil self-drawing, initialed T.M.R. (Found in Starr, "Organic and Functional Nervous Disorders") | | |
| Five young men including T.M. Rivers (appears to be group of cln:: classmates or house staff) | | |
| Photograph of T.M. Rivers, 1927 | | |
| Photograph of T.M. Rivers, 1932 | | |
| Photograph of T.M. Rivers, undated | | |
| Autographed photo of Anton j. Carlson, 1950 | | |
| Photo of Simon Flexner at desk | | |
| Photo of house with eight figures on porch (no dates or identification) | | |
| Two glossy prints of January 15, 1957 event, 1957 January 15 | | |
| Apparently taken in U.S. Post Office T.M. Rivers in both; seem. to include Mary Lasker and Basil O'Connor but not positively identified | | |
| Pages from 1948 National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Grant Book | box 2 | folder 4-6 |
| Membership card, 1958 New York State/County Medical Society Program 1954 September 8 III International Poliomyelitis Conference Birthday Memorial "Franklin D. Roosevelt" 75th January 30, 1957, 1954-1957 | box 2 | folder 7 |
| 75th Conference on Cellular Biology, Nucleic Acids and Viruses: Program, 1957 January 30 | box 2 | folder 7 |
| Invitation New York Academy of Science dinner in honor of Basil O'Connor and booklet of guests and table arrangements, 1957 January 8 | box 2 | folder 7 |
| University of Rochester 91st Commencement Addresses by Winston Churchill, Eve Curue, Robert P. Peterson, 1941 June 16 | box 2 | folder 7 |
| Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Class of 1915, 25th Reunion (president: T.M. Rivers), 1940 February 23-24 | box 2 | folder 7 |
| Booklet for campaign of National Conference of Christians and Jews with personal note from Basil O'Connor, 1941 | box 2 | folder 7 |
| Citation from members of New York City Board of Health (includes individual signatures) at time of T.M. Rivers resignation from the Board, 1957 | box 2 | folder 7 |

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| Lantern slides | box 3 |
| Guam | |
| 7 of sections and chart (not identified) | |
| 6 of sections; 2 charts (not identified) | |
| 22 labeled "Monk TBC" package | |
| 18 x-rays Psittacosis marked Dr. Barry package | |
| 19 x-rays Psittacosis marked Dr. Barry package | |
| 20 Typhus package | |
| Third International Congress of Microbiology | |
| Scope and Contents note | |
| Report of Proceedings, presented to T.M. Rivers, President of the Congress by his associates of the Executive Committee. Flyleaf bears all signatures, New York, June 1940. | |
| <u>Separated Materials:</u> | |
| Separated Materials | |
| Relocated to RAC Library 8/9/88. | |
| Dubos, René. The bacterial cell. Autographed and presented to "Tom Rivers" | |
| <u>Separated Materials:</u> | |
| Separated Materials | |
| Relocated to RAC Library 8/9/88. | |
| Rivers, Thomas M. Lane Medical lectures: Viruses and virus diseases (Stanford UP publication, 1939) signed "Rivers", 1939 | |
| <u>Separated Materials:</u> | |
| Separated Materials | |
| Relocated to RAC Library 8/9/88. | |
| Virus diseases by members of the RIMR (delivered as the Messenger Lectures at Cornell University, 1942 | |
| <u>Separated Materials:</u> | |
| Separated Materials | |
| Relocated to RAC Library 8/9/88. | |
| Basil O'Connor 65th birthday: photo, menu, program, 1957 January 8 | package 1 |
| Thomas M. Rivers photograph (Harris V. Ewing, Washington, DC, undated | package 1 |

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| Thomas M. Rivers photograph (Irving Penn), 1947 | package 1 |
| Presidential appointment. 1st Lieutenant in the Medical Section ORC U.S. Army, 1917 | package 1 |
| William H. Welch photograph, undated | package 1 |

Correspondence, 1922-1965

Scope and Contents note

This group of correspondence was given to the Archives from the Office of Faculty and Student Records and consists, primarily, of correspondence with the Business Manager, Dr. Gasser and a few with Dr. Bronk.

The correspondence deals with employment matters and appropriations and is a combination which deals with personal as well as administrative matters. Included are some photographs; newspaper items; announcements of appointment as Director of The Rockefeller Institute Hospital and a carbon copy typescript of a portion of the oral history interview conducted by Saul Benison.

Arrangement note

Arranged in chronological order.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note:

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Date received or inventoried: June 1980

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| Photographs and curriculum vitae and news items | box 5 | folder 1 |
| Correspondence, 1922-1943 | box 5 | folder 2 |
| Biography from National Foundation | box 5 | folder 2 |
| Bibliography | box 5 | folder 2 |
| Typescript of oral interview | box 5 | folder 2 |
| Correspondence with Mrs. Rivers and photocopy of news items at time of death, 1944-1965 | box 5 | folder 3 |

Collected papers

Separated Materials:

Separated Materials

BOX 6 NO LONGER EXISTS - VOLUMES RELOCATED
TO RAC LIBRARY 8/9/1988.

1916-1929

General Physical Description note: volume

Separated Materials:

Separated Materials

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1930-1934

General Physical Description note: volume

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Separated Materials

Relocated to RAC Library 1988.

1935-1939

General Physical Description note: volume

Separated Materials:

Separated Materials

Relocated to RAC Library 1988.

1940-1954

General Physical Description note: volume

Separated Materials:

Separated Materials

Relocated to RAC Library 1988.

Rivers, Thomas M., ed. Viral and rickettsial infections of man.
Philadelphia, J.B. Lippincott Company, 1948

Immediate Source of Acquisition note:

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Presented to the Archives by Cynthia H. Pierce.

Separated Materials:

Separated Materials

Relocated to RAC Library 1988.

Tom Bensons: reflections on a life in medicine and science, an
oral history memoir prepared by Paul Benson, MIT press, 1967,
1967

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(moved from R.G 341.6 box 1).

Separated Materials:

Separated Materials

Relocated to RAC Library 1988.

Typewritten C.V. with note from Adrienne Barry to Miss
Olmstead, circa 1922

Processing Information note:

Processing Information note

Found 1986 August 7. Apparently misfiled in personnel file of McCartney, James E. (Old number 450.1) in box 21).

Scope and Contents note

Date is approximate and based on McCartney file, circa 1922.

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Separated Materials

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