



# Chase (Merrill W.) papers

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
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<b>Title:</b>	Merrill W. Chase papers, Rockefeller University Faculty
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<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1966-1972
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<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

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## Revision Description

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## Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is open for scholarly research, with select materials restricted as noted.

## Processing Information

Processed by C. Kopp, 1980s.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Cell and biomolecular sciences
- Immunology
- Epidemics
- Medicine, Preventive
- Epidemiology
- Operations management
- Medical education
- Medical research
- Medical sciences
- Rockefeller University
- Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
- Chase, Merrill W.

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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

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## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
1966-1971		
Scope and Contents		
Conference material, manuscripts, notices and memoranda, posters, printed matter, slides, correspondence, minutes, manuscripts, report, drafts, laboratory notes, clippings and reprints.		
Box 1 consists primarily of materials collected or photographed by Dr. Chase during the student unrest of 1969 and 1970. A few earlier and later items are also included, as well as material from a conference on "Lead poisoning in children" held at the University on 25-26 March 1969.		
Immediate Source of Acquisition:		
Immediate Source of Acquisition		
The materials in Box 1 were transferred to the Rockefeller University Archives by Dr. Chase as a single group. Received or inventoried 1980 December 23.		
Conditions Governing Access:		
Conditions Governing Access		
Restricted for a period of ten (10) years from the date of gift.		
Conference material: Lead poisoning in children, Rockefeller University, 25-26 March. 1969. Program, news releases, miscellaneous, 1969 March 25-26	box 1	folder 1
Manuscripts	box 1	folder 2
Proposal: "Rockefeller University Student Proposals" Spring 1968; "Comments on Rockefeller University Student Proposal, " by Alfred E. Mirsky and Sonia Wohl, 15 May 1968, Spring 1968		
Talk: "Projections from the Past to the Future (or Present) " by Merrill W. Chase, 1970 June 12		

## Scope and Contents note

Including lists of slides, letter from F. Seitz, and two letters, from and to, David Rockefeller.

Notices and Memoranda, 1966-1971, undated	box 1	folder 3
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## Scope and Contents note

Official notices and notices from Committee for a Democratic Society.

Posters. "E Pluribus Sickness" poster, with "Nine Lives Has a Cat". rhyme, undated	box 1	folder 4
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Printed Matter	box 1	
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The Newspaper, issued by Committee for a Democratic Society, Rockefeller University

Vol. 1 Nos. 1,2,4,5,6, 1968 October-1969 June	box 1	folder 5
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Vol. 2 Nos. 1,2,3,4,5, 1969 October-1970 June	box 1	folder 6
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Vol. 3 No. 1, 1970 November	box 1	folder 6
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(No vol. nos.) February 1972; May 1972 reprinted from March 1970 issue), 1970-1972	box 1	folder 6
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Other clippings	box 1	folder 7
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Slides: 48 slides showing posters, student marches, 1969 June-1970 September	box 1	folder 8
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Student posters	package 1	
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Conditions Governing Access:

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1969-1972

## Arrangement

Box 2 Arranged first by subject, then chronologically.

Processing Information:

## Processing Information

Box 2 C. Kopp, March, 1981.

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Box 2 Received in May, 1980.

## Scope and Contents

Box 2: Correspondence, minutes, manuscripts, reports, drafts, laboratory notes, clippings and reprints.

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Allergy Foundation of America. Expert Panel on Diagnostic Criteria for Allergic Disorders. Diseases include asthma and rhinitis, 1970-1972, 1975

box 2

folder 1

### Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, minutes, questionnaires, reprints, notes.

Subjects: asthma, rhinitis.

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Enzyme detergents. American Academy of Allergy. Ad Hoc Committee on Enzymes, 1980

### Scope and Contents note

Note by M.W. Chase, 22 May 1980: "The materials here represent the story of the American Academy of Allergy fighting the soap industry's introduction of bacterial proteolytic enzymes into washing powders. The upshot is that the industry withdrew the addition of enzymes".

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Enzyme Committee files, 1969 October-1971 December 1971 January

box 2

folder 2-3

### Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, drafts of protocols, notes, manuscript of editorial published as "Sensitization to the enzymes in detergents" Lawrence M. Lichtenstein, I. Leonard Bernstein, Francis C. Lowell, Jordan N. Fink, David A. Levy, Solbert Permutt, Raymond G. Slavin, Sidney Leskowitz, Merrill W. Chase, Jerry Dolovich, Journal of Allergy 47 (January 1971) 53-55. Also includes some correspondence with Federal Trade Commission, New York Academy of Sciences, and Proctor and Gamble.

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Published magazine and newspaper articles, reports, and manuscripts, 1970 March-1971 November

box 2

folder 4

### Scope and Contents note

Clippings, reprints.

See, for example, Paul Brodeur, "The Enigmatic Enzyme," The New Yorker, 16 January 1971.

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Slide: "Support the Judicial Committee,; with explanatory letter from Chase, 6 Jan 1981, 1970 1981

box 2

folder 5

**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence. Photos.

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**Reprints**

M.W. Chase. "Irreverent Recollections from Cooke and Coca 1928-1978" Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology 64 (November 1979) 306-320	box 2	folder 6
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**Scope and Contents note**

Reprint.

Merrill W. Chase, editor, Microbiology in New York City, The New York City Branch, The American Society for microbiologists, 1975	box 2	folder 6
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**Scope and Contents note**

Reprint.

Campus unrest/Judicial Committee, 1970 1972	box 2	folder 7
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**Scope and Contents note**

Mimeographed announcements, circular letters, posters, newsletter memoranda, clippings.

Conditions Governing Access note:**Conditions Governing Access note**

Closed until December 1990.

"Proposal on Rockefeller University Investment Policy", [1971], undated	box 2	folder 8
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**Scope and Contents note**

[Campus unrest material].

Announcement of protests, Apr May [1971].

Conditions Governing Access note:**Conditions Governing Access note**

Closed until December 1990.

"Ten Year Scroll, " re scroll presented to Simon Flexner in 1910 (Location of original unknown), 1965	box 2	folder 9
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**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence. Photos. Photograph (B&W) of scroll.

"The Early Days of the Hospital-by Homer F. Swift - Presented at Staff Rounds, Hospital of the R.I., April 30, 1952." Typescript, 23	box 2	folder 10
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pp., with pencil markings by George W. Corner, ca. 1960 and M.W.  
Chase letter, 18 June 1981, 1952

### Scope and Contents note

Correspondence.

RI Scientific Staff 1901-1919, graph, 1955, photographic print	box 2	folder 11
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### Scope and Contents note

Handwritten description of graph by M.W. Chase of photo.  
"Constructed in 1955 by from STUDIES 10, vii, viii (1910)  
other records, with discrepancies eliminated by Hazel  
Olmstead, Secretary to Edric Smith Business Manager, who  
searched old records in vault of R.I.M.R."

Photos. Photographic prints of graph; also 4x5 negative of  
graph.

"Early Scientific Staff, Department of the Laboratories, 1906-1911 (RIMR) ". Table, 1954-1955	box 2	folder 12
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"Extramural scientific workers supported by RIMR, 1901-1910", 1901-1910	box 2	folder 12
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### Scope and Contents note

Source: "Studies of The Rockefeller Institute 10, ix, x, xi  
(1910)". (List of names).

"Division of The Hospital: Early Years, 1910 - 1914". Table, 1910-1914	box 2	folder 12
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"The Princeton Branch of R.I.M.R"	box 2	folder 13
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Department of Animal Pathology, 1915-1930

Department of Animal & Plant Pathology, 1931-1950

"Division of Animal Pathology, Early 1914-1927 Scientific Staff, 1914-1927", 1914-1927	box 2	folder 13
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### Scope and Contents note

Listed in order of appointments only Graph.

"Staff Meetings"	box 2	folder 14
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"Synopsis, Early Bronkian Years". 2 page photocopied typescript, 1954-1964	box 2	folder 14
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Leonhard Wachsmuth/Members of The Faculty Club, 29 May 1981, on his retirement as bartender of The Faculty Club, 1981	box 2	folder 14
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"A Bouquet for Mabel Bright." On the Occasion of a Luncheon in Her Honor. The Rockefeller University, 1968 November 27	box 2	folder 15
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**Scope and Contents note**

Booklet and covering letter, Detlev W. Bronk/M.W. Chase,  
December 1969.

Photocopies	box 2	folder 15
Peyton Rous, "Hail to the Greatly Fortunate, " The Rockefeller University Review, 1967 May-June		
D.W. Bronk/M.W. Chase, re anniversary dinner and table assignments, 1968		
Table assignments, Dinner for Long-Service employees, 1969		
Table assignments, Anniversary/Retirement dinner, 1970-1972		
Invitation to Buffet Dinner Dance to celebrate the Twentieth Anniversary of the Faculty and Students Club, 1978 May 12		
American Society for Microbiology, ASM News 47 (June 1981)		

Separated Materials:**Separated Materials**

This file was removed from the M.W. Chase papers and inserted into the Theobald Smith papers. See Archivist for assistance.

**Scope and Contents note**

See: Dolman, "Theobald Smith and His Presidential Address to the Society of American Bacteriologists [1903]" pp. 231-235. [added to Theobald Smith file archives].

Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB), 1958-1960	box 3	folder 1
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	box 3	folder 2

Correspondence. Includes:

"Minutes of the Special Session on Radiation. Effects on Infection and Immunity." Duplicated typescript, 7 pp.

"Progress report, December 1958, on properidin, with Chase/D.M. Pillsbury, 16 Feb 1959, comments. Chase holograph notes of annual meeting, 24, 25 Mar 1959, Commission on Immunization.

"Annual Report of the Commission on Cutaneous Diseases of the AFEB, 1 May 1959-30 Apr 1960," with attached reports of Investigators Harvey Blank, Herman N. Eisen, Abraham G. Osler, Thomas H. Sternberg and Earl G. McNall, Donald M. Pillsbury.

St. Jude Hospital (Memphis, Tenn.) [Scientific Advisory Board],  
1962

General correspondence, 1962-1964	box 3	folder 3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Correspondence. primarily with Donald F. Pinkel.		
Hiramoto, Raymond, 1962-1964	box 3	folder 4
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Correspondence. includes grant applications.		
Slotnick, Irving J., 1963	box 3	folder 5
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Grant application.		
Duplicated material, 1962-1964	box 3	folder 6-7
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Includes memoranda, reports and report drafts, minutes of meetings.		
"Progress Report to the Scientific Advisory Board, March 1964", 1964	box 3	folder 8
M.W. Chase notes	box 3	folder 9
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Includes notes on Scientific Advisory Board meetings by investigators at St. Jude Hospital.		
Reprints	box 3	folder 10
Pharmacopoeia (I), 1946-1948	box 3	folder 11
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Correspondence.		
Correspondents include: Daniel Borgen, Arthur Cherkin, r.k. Richards barren M. Cox, Jr., Howard C. Hopps, Robert A. Harte.		
Chase/Daniel Borgen, 4 Dec 1947, "I am writing to you as co-chairman of a subcommittee on Antigenicity having to do with Protein Hydrolysate Injection under the auspices Df U.S.P. Revision Committee...".		
"A.D.M.A.-A.P.M.A. Subcommittee on Amino Acids. Report to U.S.P. Amino Acids Advisory Committee" 20 Nov 1947, Philadelphia, PA.		
"Fourth draft. Antigenicity, tentative standard for." 1 p., undated.		

Robert C. Anderson et al., "Some Pharmacologic Tests on 'Supprotein' (Protein Hydrolysate, Lilly), 6%." 6 pp., typescript carbon, undated.

R.A. Harte/Chase, 6 Nov 1946, enc "copies of excerpts of previous bulletins and memoranda from Dr. Cook's Office" re antigenicity tests for protein hydrolysate preparation.

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Pharmacopoeia. (II)

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1946-1947 box 3 folder 12

**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondents include Robert A. Harte, Arthur Cherkin, Charles F. Kade, Jr., Melville Sahyun, H.B. Devlin, R.A. Brown, E.M. Nelson, E. Fullerton Cook.

Correspondence. E. Fullerton Cook/Chase, 18 Oct 1946, inviting Chase to assist in drafting of an "Antigenicity of Protein Hydrolysate Injection" for Committee of Revision of the Pharmacopoeia of the United State of America 1940-1950.

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1947 box 3 folder 13

**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondents include K.K. Chen K.S. Pilcher, Howard C. Hopps, George W. Thorn, Warren M. Cox, Jr.

Correspondence. Chase/George Thorn, 12 Jun 1947 re anaphylaxis tests and Thorn remarks at the "Conference at Philadelphia in February".

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Pharmacopoeia (III), 1947 box 3 folder 14

**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondents include Arthur Cherkin, L.W. Roth, D.V. Frost, R.K. Richards, Warren M. Cox, Jr.

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Minutes of meetings and other duplicated material of the U.S.P. Amino Acids Advisory Committee, 1947-1948 box 3 folder 15

**Scope and Contents note**

Drafts of Chase memorandum on "Antigenicity of Protein Hydrolysate Injection".

Technical data and reports.

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René Dubos, Holograph manuscript review of Resistance to Tuberculosis: Experimental Studies in Native and Acquired Defensive Mechanisms, by Max B. Lurie (Harvard University Press, 1965). Review published in American Review of Respiratory Diseases 92 (1965) 500-1. Photocopy of review added to folder. box 3 folder 16

[This manuscript was given to Dr. Chase's wife by Dr. Clara Lynch before Dr. Lynch]

Reprints	box 4	
F.R. Sabin et al., "A study of the toxic properties of tuberculoproteins and polysaccharides, " J. Exp. Med. 53 (1 Jan 1931) 51-80, 1931	box 4	folder 1
K.C. Smithburn, "The standardization of longevity against dose in experimental tuberculosis....," J. Exp. Med. 64 (1 Nov 1936) 771-790, 1936	box 4	folder 1
K.C. Smithburn, "Virulence of bovine tubercule bacilli"; K.C. Smithburn, "Histopathology of experimental tuberculosis", K.C. Smith-burn et al., "Haematological studies..". Amer. Rev. Tuberc. 36 (Nov 1937) 637-691, 1937	box 4	folder 1
F.R. Sabin et al., "Cellular reactions to polysaccharides from tubercule bacilli..". J. Exp. Med. 68 (1 Oct 1938) 563-582 / F.R. Sabin and A.L. Joyner, "Tubercular allergy without infection," J. Exp. Med. 68 (1 Nov 1938) 659-676 /K.C. Smith-burn and F.R. Sabin, "Reactions of normal and tuberculous animals..". J. Exp. Med. 68 (1 Nov 1938) 641-658. [The last two reprints have markings], 1938	box 4	folder 1
A. Claude and J.B. Murphy, "Transmissible tumors of the fowl," Physiol. Revs. 13 (Apr 1933) 246-275, 1933	box 4	folder 2
A. Claude, "Properties of the causative agent of a chicken tumor. X and XI". J. Exp. Med. 61 (1 Jan 1935) 27-40, 41-57, 1935	box 4	folder 2
A. Claude and A. Rothen, ibid. XII..". Amer. J. Cancer, 26 (Feb 1936) 344-350, 1936	box 4	folder 2
A. Claude, "A Fraction from normal chicken embryo..". Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol. Med. 39 (1938) 398-403, 1938	box 4	folder 2
Manuscripts	box 4	folder 3
"Presentation of Robert Barry Bloom for the Degree of Ph. D. June 12, 1963 (Final version for 4. 5 minute presentation). Merrill W. Chase"		
"Transfer Factor and the Chase Laboratory." [Merrill W. Chase, 1982]		
"The Immunological Enigma of Transfer Factor. Merrill W. Chase", [1982]		
M.W. Chase/C. Kopp, 22 Nov 1983 re 1st Transfer Factor Workshop 1973; includes Christmas/holiday cards		
Christmas/holiday cards	box 4	folder 4

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

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Received 1984 January 10. Additions 1984 July 27.

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Cards from Esther Cohn (mother of Zanzvil Cohn)

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P.J. Dragsted family (of R Dubos lab)

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Alfred and Sonia Mirsky

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Hal Simon family (of R. Dubos laboratory)

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Norman and Esther Stoll

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Ian Smith family (Dubos lab)

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Historical Slides of R.I.M.R

box 5

## Scope and Contents note

"Slides made for M.W. Chase in 1955, and slides used by Dr. Homer F. Swift at a Hospital Staff Rounds; among the Swift slides are some which clearly were made for his lecture with his name, and others which were probably made a long time previously and perhaps used by him in some prior talk."--  
Merrill W. Chase, 1982 June 24

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box 5

box 1

## Scope and Contents note

Negatives used: 191, 193, 247, 279, 280, 2201, 3341-7, 5571-7, 5856, 5989.

Probably new negatives from large format negatives contact prints: 16563, 16566, B-25396.

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Schermerhorn House, H.F. Swift, 1952 April 15

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The "Rock" with Schermerhorn House M.W. Chase, 1955 April 28

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Building of R.I. Hospital

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Glacial scars, 1908 November 18

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Early construction, 1908 November 4

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Working on the cliff, 64th Street M.W. Chase, 1955 May 5

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Hospital excavation & Seaview Sanatorium, 1909 January 11

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Working on cliff, 64th Street M.W. Chase., 1955 May 5

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Steelwork of Hospital, 1909 April 13

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Steelwork completes, 1909 June 11

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Groundfloor plan of Hospital

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Completion of Hospital M.W. Chase, 1955 May 5

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## Scope and Contents note

(Probably reduced from large glass plate via copy negative without recording plate number).

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Inside Isolation Building

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Interior view

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War Demonstration Hospital

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Winter view M.W. Chase

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Interior M.W. Chase

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Winter view from Hospital roof

## Scope and Contents

Turn over-mounted backwards.

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box 5

box 2

## Scope and Contents note

Negatives used: 1023-76, 1760, 2090, 2377, 2519, 2701, 2702/03, 4055, 4062, 4063, 5542-7, 5567-7, 8521-A, 8855.

Probably seconding negatives: 10490, 12207, 12208, A-25396.

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Early Groups and Individuals, R.I. Hospital

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Rufus Cole

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Isolation ward

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First Staff, 1910-1911

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Staff May, 1916

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Staff, 1916-1917

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1914 July 2

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1920 April 1

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Rufus Cole at bedside

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1921 May 5

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Simon Flexner

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S.F. at desk H.F. Swift, 1952 April 21

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S.F. at microscope

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First rented "twin building", 1913 May 14

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Ten-year Scroll honoring S.F.

## Part I

## Part II , 1913 October 26

Exteriors 1906, 1916, both from East River (1/9/1913=1760),  
1906 1916

View from Avenue A.M.W. Chase, 1916

Main Building, North Laboratory nearing completion MWC  
"15-6"

Aerial view (probably after 1929), 1955 April 28

Aerial view from the East MWC, 1955 May 5

untitled

box 5

box 3

### Scope and Contents note

Negatives used: 6, 7, 189, 201, 2439, 4058, 4069, 5568-7,  
5638-7A, 5638-7B, 13141, 13142, 13143, 13146.

13 some special numbering system, not before 1924.

Main Building, 1906

box 5

box 3

Floor plan second floor Chase, 1955 May 25

### Scope and Contents note

Negatives used: 5638-7A

Floor plan third floor Chase, 1955 May 25

### Scope and Contents note

Negatives used: 5638-7B

Laboratory (before 1906?) Chase, before 1906

### Scope and Contents note

Negatives used: 6

Media room Chase, 1955 May 25

### Scope and Contents note

Negatives used: 201

Early worker (Gates?) Chase, 1955 May 5

### Scope and Contents note

Negatives used: 199

Room 314 (Main Building evidently) Chase



**Scope and Contents note**

Negatives used: 4065

Cleaning room (mounted in reverse)

**Scope and Contents note**

Negatives used: 7

First Board Meeting of Scientific Directors

box 5

box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Negatives used: 4058

Alexis Carrel operating Chase

box 5

box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Negatives used: 2439

Dog runs, East side of middle animal building, top floor 13  
Some specimen (ca. 1920?) numbering, circa 1920?

box 5

box 3

Chart of growth in Staff members, by M.W. Chase, 1955 April  
28

box 5

box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Negatives used: 5568-7.

Exhibits in Alsace-Lorraine, 1923 Chase, 1955 May 5

box 5

box 3

**Scope and Contents note**

Negatives used: 13141, 13142, 13143, 13146.

Chart in cover: "Ammonium sulfate concentration conversion  
tables" copy made by John D. Gregory, of original used in Moses  
Kunitz lab, circa 1950

box 6

folder 1

Immediate Source of Acquisition:**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Received 1984 February 8.

63rd St. Subway

Correspondence, circa 1976-1977

box 6

folder 2

Clippings

box 6

folder 3

Maps

box 6

folder 4

Photos

box 6

folder 5

Memos, announcements, position papers, etc.

box 6

folder 6

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Final supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. East 63rd Street Line, Boroughs of Manhattan and Queens, UMTA Project No. NY-03-0045. US Department Transportation, Urban Mass Transportation Administration, 1978 April	box 6
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Annual Dinner for Retirees and attainment of long-term services at the University. , 1973-1979	package 2
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### **Scope and Contents**

83 pictures taken by Merrill W. Chase or his wife Cynthia, in the years 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1979 at the Annual Dinner for Retirees.

Also included are six color-coded lists which identify the persons shown.

#### Immediate Source of Acquisition:

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Presented to the RU archives by Merrill W. Chase, June 9, 1981.

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