



# Ferrell (John A.) papers

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator - aut:</b>	Ferrell, John A. (John Atkinson)
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller Foundation. International Health Division
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller Foundation
<b>Title:</b>	John A. Ferrell papers
<b>ID:</b>	FA049
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1910-1944
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.76 Cubic Feet 2 document boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

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## Biographical / Historical

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John Atkinson Ferrell was born in Clinton, North Carolina, in December 1880. He received a B.S. from the University of North Carolina in 1902, an M.D. in 1907, and a Dr.P.H. from Johns Hopkins University in 1919.

From 1902-1905 Dr. Ferrell taught school and was County Superintendent of Schools in Sampson County, North Carolina. In 1907 he became County Superintendent of Health there. From 1910-1913 Dr. Ferrell was associated with the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission and was State Director for North Carolina. In 1914 Dr. Ferrell became Associate Director of the International Health Division of The Rockefeller Foundation and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1944. Dr. Ferrell then became Medical Director of the Markle Foundation from 1944-1946. He was also Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission from 1946-1957.

Dr. Ferrell was a member of the American Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, the National Malaria Committee of which he was Chairman in 1924, the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina for which he was Secretary from 1911-1914, the Medical Society of Wake County, North Carolina, the American Public Health Association of which he was President in 1933 and Chairman of the Board from 1935-1939. He was an honorary life member of the Conference of State and Provincial Health Authorities of North America and the Canadian Public Health Association.

Dr. Ferrell's publications include: "Medical Inspection of Schools and School Children," 1912; "Careers in Public Health," 1923; "Trends in Preventative Medicine," 1923; "Malaria of the South," 1924; "Health in Relation to Citizenship," 1924; and "Survey of Provincial and State Organizations," 1927.

Dr. Ferrell died in 1965.

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## Scope and Contents

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Almost all of the material included in the collection is administrative and is indicative of trends and overviews as the result of a large amount of statistics included here. The collection briefly sketches Dr. Ferrell's association with the International Health Division of The Rockefeller Foundation.

Important subjects in this collection include hookworm projects and statistics, statistics and health projects, sanitary engineering, and nutrition.

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## Arrangement

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The John A. Ferrell collection is divided into four sections: a desk book, a compilation of statistics, diary notes, and photographs. They are roughly chronological.

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## File Plan

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The papers of John A. Ferrell were deposited with The Rockefeller Foundation Archives in 1967.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Public health

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Desk Book - Index, 1914	box 1	folder 1

Desk Book - Annual Report, 1914	box 1	folder 2
Desk Book - County Appropriations, 1914	box 1	folder 3
Desk Book - International Health Commission (IHC) Executive Committee, 1914	box 1	folder 4
Desk Book - Expenditures, 1914	box 1	folder 5
Desk Book - Hookworm Film, 1914	box 1	folder 6
Desk Book - Interviews, 1914	box 1	folder 7
Desk Book - W. P. Jacocks, 1914	box 1	folder 8
Desk Book - Office Memoranda, 1914	box 1	folder 9
Desk Book - Office Rules, 1914	box 1	folder 10
Desk Book - Oklahoma, 1914	box 1	folder 11
Desk Book - Rockefeller Sanitary Commission, 1914	box 1	folder 12
Desk Book - State Directors Conference, 1914	box 1	folder 13
International Health Division Statistics, 1910-1932 - Index	box 1	folder 14
International Health Division Statistics, 1910-1932 - Age of Health Officers	box 1	folder 15
International Health Division Statistics, 1910-1932 - Child Hygiene	box 1	folder 16
International Health Division Statistics, 1910-1932 - Completed Projects, 1929-1930	box 1	folder 17
International Health Division Statistics, 1910-1932 - Cooperation with Administration	box 1	folder 18
International Health Division Statistics, 1910-1932 - County Health Departments, 1910-1932	box 1	folder 19
International Health Division Statistics, 1910-1932 - Discontinued Health Units	box 1	folder 20
International Health Division Statistics, 1910-1932 - Expenditures in the U.S., 1910-1932	box 1	folder 21
International Health Division Statistics, 1910-1932 - Expenditures for County Health Work, 1921-1932	box 1	folder 22
International Health Division Statistics, 1910-1932 - Expenditures for County Health Work, 1910-1921	box 1	folder 23
International Health Division Statistics, 1910-1932 - Population Statistics, 1930	box 1	folder 24
International Health Division Statistics, 1910-1932 - Public Health Education, 1919-1930	box 1	folder 25
International Health Division Statistics, 1910-1932 - Reprints	box 1	folder 26

International Health Division Statistics, 1910-1932 - State Health Services, 1921-1932	box 1	folder 27
Diary Notes - United States, 1943-1944	box 1	folder 28
Diary Notes - Canada, 1943-1944	box 1	folder 29
Diary Notes - Mexico, 1943-1944	box 1	folder 30
Diary Notes - Government Officials, 1943-1944	box 1	folder 31
Diary Notes - Miscellaneous, 1943-1944	box 1	folder 32

## John A. Ferrell photographs, 1916-1944

Physical Description: 0.2 Cubic Feet

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### Controlled Access Headings:

- Photographs

Title/Description	Instances	
John A. Ferrell, 1916-1944	box 4	folder 32
<u>General Physical Description note:</u> Mounted on board, captions on back, several with severe yellowing, fading		
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Rockefeller Foundation fellows, public health, Mexico, conferences, children, awards, ceremonies.		
John A. Ferrell, 1916-1943	box 4	folder 33

General Physical Description note: Mounted on board, captions  
on back, some fading, staining

**Scope and Contents note**

Diseases, typhus, conferences, Mexico, Brazil.

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John A. Ferrell

box 4

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