



Office of the Messrs. Rockefeller records, Maps and Memorabilia, Series M

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Summary Information

Repository:	Rockefeller Archive Center
Creator:	Rockefeller, Nelson A. (Nelson Aldrich)
Creator:	Rockefeller, John D.
Creator:	Rockefeller, John D. (John Davison)
Creator:	Spelman family
Creator:	Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
Creator:	Rockefeller University
Creator:	Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial
Creator:	Rockefeller Foundation
Creator:	Rockefeller, John D. (John Davison)
Creator:	Mauze, Abby Rockefeller
Creator:	Rockefeller Brothers Fund
Creator:	Bureau of Social Hygiene. (New York, N.Y.)
Creator:	Spelman Fund
Creator:	China Medical Board (U.S)
Creator:	Museum of Modern Art (New York, N.Y.)
Creator:	Rockefeller, Abby Aldrich
Creator:	Aldrich, Nelson W. (Nelson Wilmarth)
Creator:	International Education Board
Creator:	General Education Board. (New York, N.Y.)
Creator:	Rockefeller, Laurance Spelman
Creator:	Fosdick, Raymond B. (Raymond Blaine)
Creator:	Rockefeller Sanitary Commission for the Eradication of Hookworm Disease
Creator:	Davison Fund
Creator:	Sealantic Fund, New York
Creator:	Rockefeller, Winthrop
Creator:	Standard Oil Company

Creator:	Rockefeller, David
Creator:	Rockefeller family
Title:	Office of the Messrs. Rockefeller records, Maps and Memorabilia, Series M
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Biographical/Historical note

The central figure in the creation and operation of the Standard Oil Company during its rise to the top of the petroleum industry, John D. Rockefeller (JDR) established for the family a leading role in business and philanthropy. From the days of his earliest employment, Rockefeller, a devout Baptist, was generous in his giving to worthy causes, especially those of a religious nature. During the 1890s he developed an orderly system of philanthropic giving through an office staff that included his close advisor, Frederick T. Gates (1853-1929) and his son, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (1874-1960). With the advise of these and other associates, Rockefeller established the University of Chicago, The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research (now The Rockefeller University), the Rockefeller Foundation, and other philanthropic organizations working nationally and internationally in the fields of education, religion, and health. Rockefeller's total donations to philanthropic endeavors are estimated to have been \$540 million.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (JDR Jr.) joined his father's office on October 1, 1897. He oversaw the expansion and diversification of the philanthropic work begun by his father. During his lifetime, the younger Rockefeller gave more than \$537 million to educational, religious, cultural, medical, and other charitable projects.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and his wife, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller (1874-1948), passed the Rockefeller philanthropic impulse on to their children. John D. 3rd (1906-1978), Nelson A. (1908-1979), Laurance S. (1910-2004), Winthrop (1912-1973), and David (1915-) further expanded and diversified Rockefeller influence and interests, establishing their own philanthropic organizations, most notably the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (1940), and becoming more active politically.

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Scope and Contents note

The Office of the Messrs. Rockefeller (OMR) materials document the increasing role assumed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. in the management of Rockefeller affairs and amply document his business and philanthropic affairs. They also chronicle the entrance of JDR Jr.'s sons, John D. 3rd, Nelson A., Laurance S., Winthrop, and David, into the world of business, philanthropy, civic leadership, and politics as they joined the office.

This material contains correspondence, reports, pamphlets, memoranda, deeds, maps, contracts, reports, minutes, charters, certificates of incorporation, clippings, diaries, notebooks, calendars, and memorabilia.

There is a microfilm card index of personal and institutional names.

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File Plan note

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Conditions Governing Access note

Open for scholarly research except where particular restrictions are noted.

Material in the Rockefeller family collections which provides the names, correspondence, or activities of living members of the Rockefeller family, and/or documents the net worth of any Rockefeller family members, is restricted from scholarly access.

Due to the nature and potential brittle condition of the contents of this collection, special arrangements may be required in order to view materials. Individual items may be restricted due to preservation concerns.

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Other Finding Aids

Other available finding aids describing the Office of the Messrs. Rockefeller records include: [FA310 Office of the Messrs. Rockefeller records, John D. Rockefeller, Sr.](#)

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Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

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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