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## Summary Information

<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator - aut:</b>	Smith, Hugh Hollingsworth
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller Foundation. International Health Division
<b>Creator:</b>	Rockefeller Foundation
<b>Title:</b>	Hugh H. Smith papers
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<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1927-1988
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<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

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## Biographical / Historical

Hugh Hollingsworth Smith was born in Easley, South Carolina, on December 12, 1902. He received an A.B. degree from Davidson College in 1923, an M.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1927, and an M.P.H. from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in 1935.

From 1920-1930 Dr. Smith was an Instructor in Medicine at the University of Rochester. He became a special member of the International Health Division of The Rockefeller Foundation in 1930 and from 1931-1934, Dr. Smith conducted tuberculosis studies in Kingston, Jamaica. He worked in the yellow fever labs in Brazil during 1937-1938 and in Colombia in 1938-1941. In 1941 he was appointed a member of the Rockefeller Health Commission and was attached to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. During his time in London he was a member of the Tropical Advisory Committee on Medical Service and Supplies of the Allied Postwar Requirements Bureau, served as liaison for the British Colonial Office in connection with the development of public health programs in the British West Indies and Africa and was involved in nutritional studies for the war effort.

In 1944 Dr. Smith returned to the United States as Assistant Director of the International Health Division and Regional Director for the United States. In 1951 he became Associate Director of the Division of Medical and Public Health and served in that capacity until he retired in 1954.

After his retirement from the Foundation, Dr. Smith moved to Arizona, where he was a professor of microbiology at the University of Arizona. In 1959 he set up a lab at the University for the study of arthropod-borne virus, and in 1961 he was awarded a grant by the National Institute of Health which ran through 1966 for research in arthropod-borne encephalitis in Southern Arizona.

Dr. Smith contributed articles to a variety of medical journals including Arizona Medicine and was a co-author of "Yellow Fever," ed. G. K. Strode, 1951. In 1978 he published his memoirs, "Life's a Pleasant Institution: The Peregrinations of a Rockefeller Doctor." He died in December 1995.

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## Scope and Contents

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Important subjects in this collection include arbovirus research, encephalitis, International Health Division, microbiology, public health, Rockefeller Foundation reorganizations, Rockefeller Foundation virus labs, tick fever, tuberculosis, and yellow fever.

Among the correspondents are Richard Anderson, Marston Bates, Henry Beeuwkes, George Bevier, H. R. Carter, Wilbur Downs, John Ferrell, Lewis Hackett, J. G. Harrar, Rolla Hill, Wilson Jameson, Edwin Lennette, Dean Rusk, F. F. Russell, W. A. Sawyer, Hugh H. Smith, G. K. Strode, Richard Taylor, Andrew Topping, Thomas Turner, Andrew J. Warren, B. E. Washburn, John Weir, and Telford Work.

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## Arrangement

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There are three series in the Hugh Smith collection:

Series 1 - 1931-1967 Series 2 - 1927-1988

Series 1020 - Photographs

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## File Plan

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The papers of Hugh H. Smith were first deposited with The Rockefeller Foundation Archives in June 1968, by Hugh H. Smith. Later additions were received by The Rockefeller University as a gift from Dr. Smith in 1987 and 1988.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Public health
- Biology -- Research
- Medical research
- Tuberculosis
- Arboviruses
- Yellow fever
- Microbiology
- Encephalitis

## Collection Inventory

### 1931-1967

#### Scope and Contents

Within Series 1, there are two groupings of material: the Rockefeller Foundation group and the virus group. The Rockefeller Foundation group consists of material which pertains to Dr. Smith's formal association with the Foundation and his correspondence with members of the Foundation after he retired. Correspondence forms the bulk of the group but there are also reports and diaries included.

The Series 1 section on viruses contains material from the Rockefeller virus labs as well as Dr. Smith's own activities in arbovirus research in Arizona. It consists mainly of correspondence. Professional interests note a variety of activities in which Dr. Smith was involved either in his association with the University of Arizona or through his membership in medical and public health organizations.

#### Arrangement

Series 1 is generally chronological in arrangement.

Title/Description	Instances	
Rockefeller Foundation, 1930-1966	box 1	folder 1
Rockefeller Foundation, 1930-1966	box 1	folder 2
Rockefeller Foundation, 1930-1966	box 1	folder 3
Rockefeller Foundation, 1930-1966	box 1	folder 4
Rockefeller Foundation, 1930-1966	box 1	folder 5
Rockefeller Foundation, 1930-1966	box 1	folder 6
Rockefeller Foundation, 1930-1966	box 1	folder 7
"Comments on the Future of the International Health Division (IHD)"	box 1	folder 8

"Results of Vaccination with Heat-Killed Tubercle Baccili at the Mental Hospital, Kingston, Jamaica. 1931-1934", 1931-1934	box 1	folder 9
"Twenty Years Progress in Health Work in the U.S. 1910-1930", 1910-1930	box 1	folder 10
Yellow Fever - West Africa, 1921-1934	box 1	folder 11
Yellow Fever Vaccine	box 1	folder 12
Diary - A. Mahaffey, February-September 1928	box 2	folder 13
Diary - W. A. Sawyer, October 1932	box 2	folder 14
Diary - A. M. Walcott, 1928-1931	box 2	folder 15
Diary - A. M. Walcott, 1928-1931	box 2	folder 16
Diary - A. M. Walcott, 1928-1931	box 2	folder 17
Diary - A. M. Walcott, 1928-1931	box 2	folder 18
T. B. Haynes - Death, 1930	box 2	folder 19
Hideyo Noguchi - Death, 1928	box 2	folder 20
Adrian Stokes - Death, 1927	box 2	folder 21
W. A. Young - Death, 1928	box 2	folder 22
Yellow Fever Reports	box 2	folder 23
"Controlling Yellow Fever"	box 2	folder 24
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Personal Correspondence, 1947-1967	box 3	folder 38
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"Something Curious in the Medical Line", 1963	box 4	folder 41
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"A Place to Meet" (Villa Serbelloni), 1968	box 4	folder 44

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## 1927-1988

### Scope and Contents

The bulk of the material in Series 2 is correspondence, which has a chronological arrangement. The correspondence falls into two broad categories. The first is letters to Dr. Smith from friends and colleagues of The Rockefeller Foundation, the International Health Division, and the scientific community. These are mostly personal but do cover some professional matters. The other category of correspondence is letters between Dr. Smith and his wife, Mary.

Series 2 also contains two folders of reprints and pamphlets on Dr. Smith's medical and scientific research, two folders of miscellanea from his personal life, and other material documenting his personal and professional interests and activities.

### Arrangement

Series 2 is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Title/Description	Instances	
Clippings, 1938-1985, n.d.	box 5	folder 45
Correspondence - University of Rochester School of Medicine, 1927-1933	box 5	folder 46
Correspondence - Jamaica, 1933-1936, 1939, n.d.	box 5	folder 47
Correspondence - Friends and Associates, 1940-1987, n.d.	box 5	folder 48
Correspondence - Friends and Associates, 1940-1987, n.d.	box 5	folder 49
Correspondence - Friends and Associates, 1940-1987, n.d.	box 5	folder 50
Correspondence - Friends and Associates, 1940-1987, n.d.	box 5	folder 51
Correspondence - Hugh and Mary Smith, 1945-1969, n.d.	box 5	folder 52
Correspondence - Hugh and Mary Smith, 1945-1969, n.d.	box 5	folder 53
Greeting Cards	box 6	folder 54
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Miscellanea, n.d., 1927-1958	box 6	folder 58
Miscellanea, 1968-1988	box 6	folder 59
"Notes on the Tucson Society of Tropical Medicine", 1985	box 6	folder 60
Publications and Reprints, 1936-1939, 1941-1985	box 6	folder 61
Publications and Reprints, 1936-1939, 1941-1985	box 6	folder 62
Travel Documents, 1934-1966	box 6	folder 63

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## Hugh H. Smith photographs, 1932-1965

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Controlled Access Headings:

- Photographs

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Hugh H. Smith, 1937-1940	box 6	folder 52
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> Yellow fever, diseases, Brazil, laboratories.		
Hugh H. Smith, 1932-1957	box 6	folder 53
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> Yellow fever, Colombia, Jamaica, homes, diseases.		
Hugh H. Smith, 1933-1965	box 6	folder 54
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> Jamaica, diseases, tuberculosis, wards, Egypt, pyramids, Smith family, Colombia, ceremonies.		
Brazil	box 6	folder 55
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> Diseases, yellow fever, Brazil, vaccinations, laboratories.		
Colombia	box 6	folder 56
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> Yellow fever, diseases, laboratories.		
Egypt	box 6	folder 57
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> Mosquitos, diseases, field studies.		
Family	box 6	folder 58
<b>Scope and Contents note</b> Smith family, children.		
Friends and Associates	box 6	folder 59

## Scope and Contents note

Children, parties.

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India

box 6

folder 60

## Scope and Contents note

Diseases, monuments, Taj Mahal.

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Jamaica

box 6

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## Scope and Contents note

Diseases, tuberculosis, Rockefeller Foundation staff, insane asylums.

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Johns Hopkins University

box 6

folder 62

## Scope and Contents note

Hospitals, schools, staff, Students.

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Rockefeller Foundation and Related Colleagues

box 6

folder 63

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RF Staff.

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Hugh H. Smith

box 6

folder 64

## Scope and Contents note

Children, clubs, homes.

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Uganda

box 6

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## Scope and Contents note

Blood donors.

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Duplicates

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## Scope and Contents note

Yellow fever, diseases, health officials, portraits, group portraits.

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