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Collection Summary

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Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Physician, epidemiologist, and medical administrator. Correspondence, speeches, articles, abstracts, bibliographies, reports, surveys, studies, protocols, topical files, notes, biographical material, printed material, and other papers relating chiefly to McCrumb's career as professor and administrator at the University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Medicine, including his administration of a tropical medicine research center in Lahore, Pakistan, and of rubella vaccine field testing.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Barnett, Herbert C.--Correspondence.

Beck, Earl S.--Correspondence.

Brackett, Robert G.--Correspondence.

Cole, George C.--Correspondence.

Courtney, K. O. (Kenneth O.)--Correspondence.

Gangarosa, Eugene J.--Correspondence.

Jackson, Joseph E. (Joe E.)--Correspondence.

Klimt, Christian R.--Correspondence.

McCrumb, Fred R. (Fred Rodgers), 1925-1976.

Musser, Samuel J.--Correspondence.

Slater, Eben--Correspondence.

Woodward, Theodore E. (Theodore Englar), 1914- --Correspondence.

Organizations

Parke, Davis & Company.

Philips Roxane, inc.

University of Maryland at Baltimore. School of Medicine.

Subjects

Communicable diseases.

Malaria--Prevention.

Medical colleges--Maryland--Baltimore.

Medicine--Research.

Pathogenic microorganisms.

Rubella vaccines.

Smallpox--Pakistan--Prevention.

Tropical medicine--Pakistan--Lahore.

Occupations

Administrators.

Epidemiologists.

Physicians.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Fred R. McCrumb, physician, epidemiologist, and medical administrator, were given to the Library by his mother, Phebe A. McCrumb, in 1983.

Processing History

The McCrumb Papers were processed in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1925, Dec. 23	Born, Harve de Grace, Md.
1944	Graduated, Loyola College, Baltimore, Md.
1948	Graduated, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md.
1948-1951	Internship and residence, University Hospital, Baltimore, Md.
1951	Joined the United States Army Medical Corps Studied infectious diseases, George Williams Hooper Foundation, University of California, San Francisco, Calif.
1952	Studied plague, Pasteur Institute, Tananarive, Madagascar
1953-1956	Director and commanding officer, United States Army Research Unit and Institute for Medical Research, Kuala Lumpur, Federation of Malaya
1958-1963	Director, division of infectious diseases, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md.
1963	Director, Institute of International Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md.
1970-1976	Special assistant to the director, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.

1976, Jan. 5

Died, Baltimore, Md.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Fred Rodgers McCrumb (1925-1976) span the years 1898-1976, with the bulk of the collection paralleling his career as professor and administrator at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, 1958-1970. His earlier service with the United States Army Medical Corps and later at the Fogarty International Center in Bethesda, Maryland, are only lightly documented in the collection. The papers are organized into three series: [Organizations File](#), [Subject File](#), and [Miscellany](#).

The largest portion of the [Organizations File](#) relates to McCrumb's administration of a tropical medicine research center in Lahore, Pakistan, affiliated with the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the International Centers for Medical Research and Training of the National Institutes of Health. Much of the file is related to malaria eradication programs. Material related to smallpox eradication in Pakistan is in the Subject File. Included in the Organizations File is correspondence with Herbert C. Barnett, K. O. Courtney, Eugene J. Gangarosa, Christian R. Klimt, and Theodore E. Woodward.

Other papers in the Organizations File document McCrumb's administration of the University of Maryland medical school's participation in field tests of live attenuated rubella vaccines. The Parke, Davis & Company file includes correspondence with Earl S. Beck, Robert G. Brackett, George C. Cole, and Joseph E. Jackson. The Philips Roxane Company file includes correspondence with Samuel J. Musser and Eben Slater.

The [Subject File](#) features data on microorganisms and related diseases and is comprised mainly of printed articles and studies. Overviews of infectious diseases and their causative agents include the publication in 1960 by the American Public Health Association of *Control of Communicable Diseases in Man* and Burton Wilner's "A Classification of the Major Groups of Human and Lower Animal Viruses." McCrumb's "Studies of Arthropod-Borne Viruses in Human Infections in Malaya, including Mosquito Isolates," a product of his military service in 1953, is also part of the microorganisms file.

McCrumb's speeches and writings and obituaries and tributes occasioned by his death are included in the [Miscellany](#) series.

Arrangement of the Papers

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Arranged alphabetically by subject.

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