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English

Creator

Bowers, Russell V. (Russell Vernon), 1915-1990

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0.25 Linear Feet

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VCU Health Sciences Library

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Biographical / Historical

Russell Vernon Bowers was born 20 April, 1915 in Canton, Georgia. His father, a railroad worker, was transferred between several towns in Virginia during Bowers' early years. He received his BS from Lynchburg College in 1937 and a MS in biochemistry from the Medical College of Virginia in 1939. He then became a research assistant at the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Virginia in 1940.

During World War II, Bowers was commissioned a Captain and served in the Army at the Edgewood Arsenal, now part of the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. This Arsenal specialized in chemical warfare. After the war, Bowers returned to the Medical College of Virginia, earning his MD in 1950. He settled in the Mechanicsville area where he served as a general practice doctor for over 37 years.

Bowers had the honor of being given a unique medical artifact. While visiting his son in England, Bowers was introduced to Dr. N.G. Heatley, a leader in the development of penicillin. Bowers was given one of the original penicillin culture vessels "as a gesture of scientific friendship." This vessel is now in the Smithsonian Institution.

Bowers had a love for history, especially concerning the Civil War and Medicine. He wrote several articles including histories on Sir William Osler, William Halsted, and the development of penicillin. Bowers was also active in the community and in politics. He served as a delegate to the 1960 Democratic National Convention and was a member of the Electoral College in 1964. Bowers was also instrumental in creating a student loan fund for Hanover County students who attend Virginia Commonwealth University.

Bowers died 06 Oct, 1990 at age 75. He is buried in Richmond, Virginia.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains speeches, photographs, and secondary source research material on several subjects of historical interest for Bowers including the history of penicillin, William Osler and William Halsted. The collection does not include anything on Bowers' medical practice or his personal life.

Keywords

Physicians -- Virginia -- Mechanicsville

Penicillin -- history.

Bowers, Russell V. (Russell Vernon), 1915-1990 -- Archives

Osler, William, Sir, 1849-1919

Halsted, William, 1852-1922

Arrangement

Records are arranged in chronological order.

Description of Subordinate Components

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Speeches and Addresses

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"William Halsted"

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"Penicillin: Discovery and Early Research"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5062

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Incomplete speech. Ends at page 8.

"April 20th, 1977"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5063

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Possibly written by N. Heatley of early penicillin research at Oxford

Oxford: It's Doctors and their Incomes

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5064

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Research Material

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5058

Scope and Contents

All material are reprints of published articles.

Sir William Osler

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5065

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

The Great Physician

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5076

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Scope and Contents

Reid, Edith. Oxford Press, 1939

Osler's Remains Rest Among His Books

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5077

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The Unveiling of the Oxford Memorial

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5078

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The Sir William Osler Memorial at Oxford

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5079

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Sir William Osler: Last Days

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5080

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Letter

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5081

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Letter by Martha Hubbard concerning Revere Osler's library at the Stuart and Tutor Club.

Osler's Practice

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5082

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Harrell, George

"Where Wilson was a Summer Boarder"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5083

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Information regarding Osler's home

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5084

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William Halsted

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5066

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Scope and Contents

General photocopies from a book, a biography of his life

Miscellaneous Research

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5067

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Scope and Contents

Photocopies of several books

Surgery of War

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5085

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Scope and Contents

Article on Alexander Fleming

Bertichte Der Deutschen Chemischen Gesellschaft

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5086

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Scope and Contents

German language journal about penicillin

Reprints of published articles

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Scope and Contents

All of the articles in this folder are reprints and secondary sources. In many cases they are photocopies.

"Chimborazo Hospital"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5068

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Scope and Contents

The history of the hospital. From the Confederate medical exhibit of the Civil War centennial.

Sir William Osler

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5069

"19th Century Medicine"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5087

Unit Date Feb 1976

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Scope and Contents

Journal of the American Medical Association , Vol 235. No. 5

"Osler's English School"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5088

Unit Date July, 1973

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Scope and Contents

Medical History , Vol. XVII No. 3

"The Men who Inspired Osler"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5089

Unit Date Feb. 1972

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Scope and Contents

Southern Medical Journal , Vol. 65 No. 2.

"Medical Tributes to Sir William Osler and Their Medical Associations"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5090

Unit Date Dec. 1989

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Scope and Contents

Journal of the American Medical Association , Vol 242 No. 26

"Did William Osler Have Carcinoma of the Lung?"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5091

Unit Date 1974

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Chest , Vol. 66.

"Osler Centenary Celebration at Oxford"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5092

Unit Date Jul. 1949

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Scope and Contents

"A Hitherto Unpublished Appreciation of Sir William Osler"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5093

Unit Date 1977

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Johns Hopkins Medical Journal , 140

Richmond Academy of Medicine

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5070

Richmond Medical Journal

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5094

Unit Date Jan. 1866

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Scope and Contents

Photocopy of first edition.

"History of the Richmond Academy of Medicine"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5095

Unit Date Oct. 1962

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Scope and Contents

Virginia Medical Monthly Vol. 89

History of Medicine

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5071

Catalogue of an Exhibition of Books on Medical, Surgery and Physiology

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5096

Unit Date 1947

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Bodleian Library, Oxford

Surgeons and Surgical Care of the Confederate States of America

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5097

Unit Date 1960

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Scope and Contents

Stark, R. New York, NY

"Some Highlighting in the History of Amputation Reflecting Lessons in Wound Healing"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5098

Unit Date 1967

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Scope and Contents

Bulletin of the History of Medicine , Vol. XLI No. 2

University of Oxford Medical School, Prospectus of the Clinical School

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5099

Unit Date 1974

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Oxford Press

Dun's Library

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5100

Unit Date 1976

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Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Miscellaneous

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5072

"Amino-ethyl Phosphoric Ester from Tumors"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5101

Unit Date 1936

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The Biochemical Journal, Vol. XXX, No. 2

"Acute Adrenal Cortex Exhaustion and its Relationship to Shock"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5102

Unit Date 1938

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The American Journal of Surgery, Vol. XL No. 3

"The Biochemical Behavior of Lead"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5103

Unit Date Jan. 1940

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Scope and Contents

The Journal of Biological Chemistry, Vol. 132, No. 1

"Phosphatase Studies: The Hydrolysis of Amino-Ethylphosphate..."

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5104

Unit Date Feb. 1940

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Scope and Contents

The Journal of Biological Chemistry, Vol 132, No. 2

"Choline Metabolism"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5105

Unit Date Feb. 1940

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Scope and Contents

The Journal of Biological Chemistry, Vol 132, No. 2

"The Clinical Application of the Hippuric Acid and the Prothrombin Tests"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5106

Unit Date Mar. 1940

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

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American Journal of Clinical Pathology , Vol. 10 No. 3

"Recurrent Pneumococcal Meningitis Treated with Sulfapyridine"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5107

Unit Date 1941

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Scope and Contents

Journal of the American Medical Association , Vol 116

"Alcohol Absorption From the Skin in Man"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5108

Unit Date 1942

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Scope and Contents

Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol , Vol. III, No. 1,

"Stingray Injuries"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5109

Unit Date 1959

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Scope and Contents

Public Health Reports , Vol. 74, No.10

"Medical Intelligence"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5110

Unit Date 1962

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

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New England Journal of Medicine , Vol. 266

Clippings and Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5060

Clippings

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5073

Unit Date 1976

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"Ceramic Vessel Held World's Medical Genie"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5111

Unit Date 15 Jun, 1976

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

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Richmond Times Dispatch

"Penicillin Vessel to be Displayed at UVA"

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5112

Unit Date 28 July, 1976

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The Daily Progress

Photograph of Samuel Preston Moore

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Unit Date 1880

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Photographs

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Scope and Contents

This folder contains various photographs of paintings of William Osler, George Bakeman, Halsted, Osler, and Rely, James Basil Bowers, and a group photograph where Bowers is on the front row, right.