

ESPOSITO, JOSEPH J., 1942-2014.
Joseph Esposito papers, 1962-2011, undated

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Esposito, Joseph J., 1942-2014.
Title: Joseph Esposito papers, 1962-2011, undated
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 014
Extent: 3.50 linear ft. (9 boxes + 1 broadside folder)
Abstract: Contains correspondence, photographs, printed material, and scientific material related to the life and career of Joseph Esposito.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1942, Joseph Esposito moved to Georgia after he was named a recipient of the Borden Agricultural Scholarship at the University of Georgia. In 1970, Esposito earned his Ph.D. in microbiology at the University of Georgia, and soon after was employed at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, where he would spend the next 37 years. During his time at the CDC, Esposito became Section Chief of the CDC's Pox Virus Section and director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Smallpox and Other Poxvirus Infections. Esposito was involved in the Global Smallpox Eradication Program which officially eradicated the smallpox virus in 1980. After this program Esposito and his team at the CDC continued their research on the smallpox virus, investigating genome sequence diversity of the variola (smallpox) virus, providing insight to the evolution of the virus years after its eradication. In 2007, he received the Joseph E. McDade Award for Lifetime Achievement, given by the National Center for Preparedness, Detection, and Control of Infectious Diseases at the CDC. In the same year, he also received the James H. Nakano Award and was nominated for the CDC Charles Shepard Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Joseph Esposito died on March 1, 2014 in Atlanta.

Scope and Content Note

The Joseph Esposito Papers contain correspondence, photographs, printed material mostly related to the variola (smallpox) virus, audiovisual material, and scientific material Esposito used during his time at the CDC. Also includes awards and certificates Esposito earned throughout his career, personal material including a journal, business cards and passport, and a poster issued by the World Health Organization in 1978 announcing a reward for anyone who finds a confirmed case of smallpox.

Arrangement Note

Organized by material type and then alphabetically.

Container List

Correspondence

| Box | Folder | Content |
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| 1 | 1 | Employment correspondence, 1969 |
| 1 | 2 | Viral Exanthems Branch, 1978 |

Personal Material

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| 1 | 3 | Business cards, passport, postcard, retirement booklet, 1942-2008 |
| 1 | 4 | Measurement instruments, undated |
| 1 | 5 | Horoscope papers, 1972, undated |
| 1 | 6 | Journal, 2007 |
| 6 | | Business cards of others, undated |
| 6 | | Coaster, Society for General Microbiology, 1995 |

Memorabilia

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| 1 | 7 | Early memorabilia, 1962-1963 |
| 1 | 8 | Certificates, 1993-2008 |
| 1 | 9 | Presidential letter of appreciation, framed, 1978 February 6 |
| 1 | 10 | Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1995 May |
| 1 | 11 | Suggestion award from the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1977 July |

Visual Material

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| 2 | 1 | Photographs of Joseph Esposito, individual, circa 1990s, undated |
| 2 | 2 | Photographs of Joseph Esposito, group (1 of 2), circa 1990s |
| 2 | 3 | Photographs of Joseph Esposito, group (2 of 2), circa 1990s |
| 2 | 4 | Photographs of others, circa 1990s |
| 2 | 5 | Photographs of equipment and samples, circa 1990s |
| 2 | 6 | Photograph of James Nakano with liquid nitrogen inventory, 1980 |
| 2 | 7 | WHO Audiovisual and Programme Support Service, "Working on Smallpox in CDC," 1993 |
| 2 | 8 | WHO photos, "Tools for Smallpox Eradication," 2000 |
| 2 | 9 | Negatives, circa 1990s |
| 9 | | Drawings by Peter Wadsworth, 1996 |

Writings

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| 2 | 10 | Detection of the Agent of Marek's Disease In Vivo and In Vitro, typescript draft, 1970 |
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- 2 11 Dissertation, Detection of the Agent in Marek's Disease In Vivo and In Vitro, 1970
- 3 1 Reprint, "Characterization of Four Virus Isolates Obtained During Acute Haemorrhagic Conjunctivitis Outbreaks," 1974
- 3 1 Reprint, "Enterovirus Type 70 Virion and Intracellular Proteins," 1976 January
- 3 1 Reprint, "High Resolution Polyacrylamide Gradient Gel Electrophoresis," 1976
- 3 1 Reprint, "Marek's Disease Herpesvirus: Growth and Detection in Vivo and in Vitro," 1972 January
- 3 1 Reprint, "Serological Relatedness of Monkeypox, Variola, and Vaccinia Viruses," 1977
- 3 1 Reprint, "Serosurvey for 'Acute Hemorrhagic Conjunctivitis' Virus (Enterovirus 70) Antibodies in the Southeastern United States, with Review of the Literature and some Epidemiologic Implications," 1975
- 3 2 Thesis, Propagation, Titration, and Host Receptor Site Studies of Streptococcus Cremoris Bacteriophage F2, 1964

Printed Material

- 3 3 Article from U.S. Medicine, 1999 April
- 3 4 Book, CDC and the Smallpox Crusade, by Horace G. Ogden, 1987
- 7 Book, Smallpox and its Eradication, World Health Organization, 1988
- 3 5 Book, Smallpox Zero, An Illustrated History of Smallpox and its Eradication, by Jonathan Roy, 2010
- 3 6 Computer printouts of smallpox article, undated
- 3 7 Conference journal, XVth International Poxvirus and Iridovirus Conference, 2004 September
- 3 8 International Journal of Infectious Diseases, 2004 October
- 3 9 Journal, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), 2001 June 22
- 3 10 Magazines, Discover, 1999 October
- 3 11 Magazines, Science Magazine, 2006
- 3 12 Magazines, The New York Times Magazine, 1994 August 21
- 4 1 Magazines, The New Yorker, 1999 July 12
- 4 2 Magazines, The Sciences, 1998 May-June
- 4 3 Newspapers, 2005-2011
- 4 4 Poster, "eBioscience Mous Cellular Antigens, undated
- BSD 1 Poster, Smallpox reward announcement issued by the World Health Organization, 1978

Scientific Material

- 4 5 CDC report on the variola virus, undated
- 4 6 CDC workshop on improving public health response to possible acts of terrorism, 1998 August

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| 4 | 7 | Data sheets (1 of 2), 1985 |
| 4 | 8 | Data sheets (2 of 2), 1985 |
| 4 | 9 | Inoculation data, 1985, undated |
| 4 | 10 | Notebook, "Antibodies for the Protection and Treatment of Poxvirus Infections," 2006 January 30 |
| 4 | 11 | Notebook, "Recent Advances in Monkeypox Research," 2006 January 31 |
| 5 | 1 | Notebook, "Vaccinia Rabies G," supplement notebook #1 (1 of 2), 1984-1985 |
| 5 | 2 | Notebook, "Vaccinia Rabies G," supplement notebook #1 (2 of 2), 1984-1985 |
| 8 | | Record book, "Vaccinia Nybh, CVS Rabies G Protein," 1984-1986 |
| 5 | 3 | Security clearance education, 1996-2000 |
| 5 | 4 | Slides, 1995-1999 |
| 5 | 5 | Title 42 documents, 2006 |
| 5 | 6 | Variola virus diagrams and charts, undated |
| 5 | 7 | Variola virus printouts, 2002-2006 |
| 5 | 8 | Other papers, 1994-2003, undated |

Audiovisual Material

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| 6 | | Audio-cassette: "Poxvirus workshop, Cold Spring Harbor," 1977 |
| 6 | | Audio-cassette: "Dr. Esposito/Smallpox," undated |
| 6 | | Audio-cassette: "Dr. J. Esposito, Smallpox Virus," undated |
| 6 | | Compact Disc: "ADDCS backup," 2007 June 29 |
| 6 | | Compact Disc: "Pox Movies," undated |
| 6 | | Compact Disc: "WHO diagnostics," undated |
| 6 | | Data Cartridge: "Joseph Esposito, Centers for Disease Control," 1993 |
| 6 | | DVD: Smallpox and its Eradication, 2 DVD set to accompany book, 1988 |
| 6 | | Floppy Disk: "Multimate 17, Esposito, CDC, Atlanta....," undated |
| 6 | | VHS: "Death of a Disease," WGBH Nova Series, undated |
| 6 | | VHS: "Emerging Infections Conference," undated |
| 6 | | VHS: "Smallpox on Death Row," undated |
| 6 | | VHS: unidentified television program featuring Joseph Esposito, undated |
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