Charles C. Shepard papers, 1936-1993, undated

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Charles C. Shepard papers, 1936-1993, undated
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Extent: 4.97 linear ft. (10 boxes + 2 oversize boxes (OP))
Abstract: Contains professional and personal papers, awards and recognitions, and printed material detailing the life and career of Dr. Charles C. Shepard.
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Biographical Note
Born in Ord, Nebraska in 1914, Charles C. Shepard did his undergraduate work at Stanford and Northwestern Universities, graduating with a B.S. degree from Northwestern. From the same university, he earned an M.S. degree and then an M.D. in 1941. Prior to joining the CDC staff in 1953, he served at the National Institute of Health from 1942-1950, where he was assigned to Uppsala, Sweden and the Rocky Mountain Laboratory in Hamilton, Montana. From 1953 until his death, Dr. Shepard worked at the CDC where he became the director of the CDC's Laboratory Division.

Dr. Shepard, or "Shep" as he was widely known, gained international prominence when he reported in 1960 the successful multiplication of Mycobacterium leprae in the foot pads of mice. This discovery was widely accepted as the greatest laboratory breakthrough in leprosy since the discovery of the causative organism by G. Armauer Hansen in 1873. Shepard's mouse foot pad technique provided a criterion for identifying M. leprae for determining viability and for conducting drug trials prior to human testing. Although he was most known for his groundbreaking work with leprosy, Dr. Shepard also made significant contributions in the antigenic composition of epidemic and murine typhus rickettsiae, and added significantly to the epidemiology of Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Q fever, including improved methods of diagnosing rickettsial diseases. Dr. Shepard was also well known for the isolation of the etiological agent of Legionnaire’s disease by him and his staff and the development of a method of serodiagnosis for this disease.

Charles C. Shepard died on February 18, 1985 at the age of 70. Each year the CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry present the Charles C. Shepard Science Awards to the authors of the most outstanding peer-reviewed research papers published by CDC/ATSDR scientists. In addition, the Charles C. Shepard Award is awarded by the Rollins School of Public Health to the graduating master's student who is deemed by the faculty to have prepared the most scholarly research paper; this award has been presented annually since 1986.

Scope and Content Note
The Charles C. Shepard papers consists largely of material detailing his professional career. Dr. Shepard authored over 180 publications, most of which are included in his collection of reprints. Also included in his professional papers are research articles and journals, symposium programs, and photographs. His personal papers include casual photographs, event invitations, and papers compiled after his passing in 1985. Included in Dr. Shepard's awards and recognitions is the Gorgas Medal, given for distinguished service in preventative medicine for the U.S. armed forces, and the printed material includes articles written mostly about Dr. Shepard or his areas of research during the course of his career.

Arrangement Note
Organized into 4 series: (1) Professional Material, (2) Personal Material, (3) Awards and Recognitions, and (4) Printed Material.
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Series 4: Printed Material
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The Daily Telegraph, 1971 May 28
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Time Magazine, 1985 March 4
Today's Health, 1965 January
U.S. Medicine, 1978 January 15
Other Material, 1977, 1985