

**SHEPARD, CHARLES C., 1914-1985.**  
**Charles C. Shepard papers, 1936-1993, undated**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Shepard, Charles C., 1914-1985.  
**Title:** Charles C. Shepard papers, 1936-1993, undated  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 020  
**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.  
**Language:** Materials in English, Chinese, and Portuguese.

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## Collection Description

### 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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## Container List

### Series 1: Professional Material

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Article: "Legionnaires Disease," from the CDC Office of Information, 1977
1	2	Dissertation: "Growth Conditions of the Alga Scenedesmus Quadricauda," by Sven Österlind, 1949
1	3	International Leprosy Congress, 1963-1978
1	4	Journal: Zhonghua Pifuke Zazhi (Chinese Journal of Dermatology), 1985
1	5	Leprosy Symposium (Oslo, Norway), 1986
1	6	Photographs, 1964-1984, undated
OP 1	1	Photographs, 1979, undated
1	7	Program: Southeastern Branch, American Society of Microbiology, 1964 November
1	8	Program: Workshop on Immunology of Leprosy (Silver Spring, Maryland), 1967 October 17
1	9	Report: First International Congress of Biochemistry (Cambridge, England), 1949-1950
1	10	Reprint: The Nobel Prizes, by Herman Ericksson, 1948 May
1	11	Writings by Shepard, reprints, 1941-1946
1	12	Writings by Shepard, reprints, 1947-1957
2	1	Writings by Shepard, reprints, 1958-1960
2	2	Writings by Shepard, reprints, 1960-1963
2	3	Writings by Shepard, reprints, 1965-1968
2	4	Writings by Shepard, reprints, 1969-1971
2	5	Writings by Shepard, reprints, 1972-1975
2	6	Writings by Shepard, reprints, 1976-1979
2	7	Writings by Shepard, reprints, 1980-1986
2	8	Other material, 1958-1993

### Series 2: Personal Material

3	1	Addresses, 1965-1986, undated
3	2	Event invitations, 1948-1984
3	3	Obituaries, 1985
3	4	Passports, 1962-1986
3	5	Photographs, 1963-1974, undated
3	6	Posthumous material, 1963-1989, undated
3	7	Sisters of Charity, 1955-1956

### Series 3: Awards and Recognitions

- 4 1 Australian Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, 1981
- 4 2 Charles C. Shepard Science Award and Memorial Fund, 1986-1989
- OP 2 Diplomas (Bachelor), 1936
- 4 3 Diplomas (Bachelor and Doctorate), 1940-1941
- 4 4 Diplomas (Masters), 1938
- OP 2 Federal certificates and recognitions (4), 1941-1952
- 4 5 Other honorary awards and recognitions, 1964
- OP 1 2 Other honorary awards and recognitions, 1958-1979
- 4 6 Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Distinguished Service Medal, 1978
- 6 Medal: U.S. Public Health Service, 1978
- 7 Medal: "Center for Disease Control," undated
- 7 Medal: Leonard Wood Memorial, American Leprosy Foundation, undated
- 7 Medal: Leprosy Relief (Canada) Incorporated, 1961
- 8 Medal: Public Health Service, United States of America, 1963
- 9 Medal: The Gorgas Medal, 1963
- 10 Medal: American Campaign, World War II, undated
- 10 Medal: National Defense Service, undated
- 10 Medal: Professor Adolpho Lindenberg Tropical Dermatology, 1974
- 10 Medal: World War II Victory, 1946
- 10 Unidentified pin, undated

#### **Series 4: Printed Material**

- 5 1 Bulletins and newsletters, 1958-1984
- 5 2 Medicine at Emory, 1977
- 5 3 Newspaper articles, 1948
- 5 4 Newspaper articles, 1963-1970
- 5 5 Newspaper articles, 1977
- 5 6 Newspaper articles, 1982-1985
- 5 7 Newspaper clippings, undated
- 5 8 Northwestern Medical School Magazine, 1964 January
- 5 9 The Daily Telegraph, 1971 May 28
- OP 1 3 The Star, 1958 March-April
- 5 10 The Star, 1985 March-April
- 5 11 Time Magazine, 1970 March 2
- 5 12 Time Magazine, 1985 March 4
- 5 13 Today's Health, 1965 January
- OP 1 3 U.S. Medicine, 1978 January 15
- 5 14 Other Material, 1977, 1985