Guide to the Ralph Waldo Gerard Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Guide to the Ralph Waldo Gerard Papers

Dates: 1915-1979

Collection Number: MS-F006

Creator/Collector: Gerard, R. W. (Ralph Waldo), 1900-

Extent: 104 Linear feet (128 boxes and 17.5 unprocessed linear feet)

Repository: UC Irvine. Special Collections

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Language of Material: English

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Acquisition Information


Biography/Administrative History

Ralph Waldo Gerard was a neurophysiologist, behavioral scientist, and academic known for his wide-ranging work on the nervous system, nerve metabolism, psychopharmacology, and biological bases of schizophrenia. He was born in 1900 and studied chemistry and physiology in Chicago. He was a professor at the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois, and the University of Michigan. From 1963 to 1970 he served as Professor of Biological Sciences and Dean of the Graduate Division at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). Gerard died in 1974.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

Electronic data processing -- Education

Neurochemistry

Neurology

Neurophysiologists.

Neurophysiology

Neuroscience

Psychopharmacology -- History -- Sources

Schizophrenia

Photographic prints.

Gerard Papers Container List (Boxes 1-109)