

# Guide to the Grover Francis Powers Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1334

**CREATOR:** Powers, Grover Francis, 1887-1968

**TITLE:** Grover Francis Powers papers

**DATES:** 1911-1969

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.25 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers of Grover Francis Powers contain correspondence, reports, writings, and a scrapbook. They document Powers' interest in mentally challenged children and involvement with the National Association for Retarded Children, the American Pediatric Society, and the Southbury Training School, as well as other organizations.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Yale University Historical Medical Library, 1980.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Grover Francis Powers was born in Colfax, Indiana, in 1887. He graduated from Purdue University in 1908 and from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1913. Following graduation, Powers remained in Baltimore, Maryland, as a resident pediatrician. In 1921, he was invited to the Yale University School of Medicine, where he would remain until his retirement in 1952. Between 1927 and 1952, he served as chairman of the department of pediatrics. Powers was instrumental in the foundation of the Southbury Training School for mentally retarded children. He also served as president of the American Pediatric Society and as chairman of the scientific advisory board of the National Association of Retarded Children. Powers was one of the first to propose humane treatment of the mentally challenged. He died on April 18, 1967.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

[Inventory, 1911-1969](#)

## Collection Contents

### Inventory, 1916-1969

b. 1, f. 1	American Pediatric Society [mailings and pamphlets related to annual meetings]	1954-1964
b. 1, f. 2	American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Medical Education	1952-1954
b. 1, f. 3	"Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Need for a Children's Medical Center as an Integral Part of The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions" [report of findings, draft of report, and minutes] English	undated
b. 1, f. 4	Darrow, Daniel Cady and James Lawder Gamble [correspondence, articles, and documents relating to Powers' nomination of Darrow and Gamble for the Nobel Prize]	1929-1966
b. 1, f. 5	Personal [correspondence and biographical]	1929-1962
b. 1, f. 6 - 7	Yale [correspondence and budgets]	1925-1950
b. 1, f. 8	Clinical notes	Circa 1930-1950
b. 1, f. 9	"State of Connecticut Project Proposal for Mental Retardation Planning Grant" English	1964 April-May
b. 1, f. 10	Association for Retarded Children in Greater New Haven	1962
	Southbury Training School	
b. 1, f. 11	"Prospectus & Building Program for a New Training School for Mental Defectives at Southbury, Connecticut" English	1937 March 1
b. 1, f. 12	Photographs	undated
b. 1, f. 13	Printed materials, handbook, brochure, and clipping	1952-1962
b. 1, f. 14 - 15	Proposals, reports, resolutions, and budgets	1957-1965, undated
b. 1, f. 16	"Notes submitted by Medical members to The Commission to Study Laws and Facilities of Connecticut Pertaining to the Prevention, Care and Treatment of Mental Disease and Defect and Allied Problems, and to Make Recommendations Thereon" English	1936 April 27
b. 1, f. 17	"Prospectus and Building Program for a New Training School for Mental Defectives at Southbury, Connecticut" English	1937 March 1
b. 1, f. 18	Administrative documents [reports, correspondence, and related]	1954-1958
b. 1, f. 19	Photograph of superintendents	1940 or 1941
b. 2, f. 20	International Union for Child Welfare	1964, undated

b. 2, f. 21	"Proposal for a Center for Research in Maternal and Child Health and in Human Development at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine-Bronx Municipal Hospital Center" English	1962 June 15
b. 2, f. 22	Documents relating to Powers' death	1969
	National Association for Retarded Children	
b. 2, f. 23	"Policies and Constitution and By-Laws" English	1966 January
b. 2, f. 24	<i>Children Limited</i> [NARC newspaper] English	1964-1965
b. 2, f. 25 - 26	Research materials, source materials, minutes, reports, and correspondence	1953-1963
b. 2, f. 27	Clippings, brochures, printed matter, correspondence	1963-1964
b. 2, f. 28	Research bulletins, minutes, reports	1954-1962
b. 2, f. 29	"Directory of NARC Committees and Research Advisory Board" English	1966
b. 2, f. 30	"Executive Committee of SRAB [Scientific Research Advisory Board] Meeting" English	1962 May 25
b. 2, f. 31	"Agenda Executive Committee of SRAB Meeting" English	1961 December 12
b. 2, f. 32	Reports of Scientific Research Advisory Board	1959-1962
b. 2, f. 33 - 36	Applications and proposals	1958-1960
b. 3, f. 37	"Coeliac Disease," by Powers and Daniel C. Darrow English	undated
	Printed materials	
b. 3, f. 38 - 39	General	1930-1958
b. 3, f. 40	Yale publications	1949, 1957, 1966
b. 3, f. 41 - 42	Correspondence and non-professional writings [also contains some clippings and photographs]	1916-1961
b. 3, f. 43	Photograph album	1936, undated
b. 4	Scrapbook: "1st Trip to Europe. June 10-1911-Sept. 25"	1911

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Medicine

### **Genres / Formats**

Scrapbooks

### **Names**

Powers, Grover Francis, 1887-1968

### **Corporate Bodies**

American Pediatric Society

National Association for Retarded Children

Southbury Training School (Southbury, Conn.)