

Louis S. Goodman papers, 1944-2000

Collection Overview

Title: Louis S. Goodman papers, 1944-2000

Dates: 1944-2000 (bulk 1944-1961)

Extent: 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

Creator/Collector: Louis S. Goodman and Alfred Zack Gilman, Sr.

Source of Acquisition: This collection was donated by Alfred Goodman Gilman in December 2012.

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Related Materials: Archival materials related to Louis S. Goodman also exist at the University of Utah and the Utah State Archives. UT Southwestern has other archival materials related to Goodman in the Alfred Goodman Gilman papers and the Alfred Zack Gilman papers. The Archives also has editions of *Goodman and Gilman's The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics*.

1. [Goodman & Gilman's The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics \(1st thru 10th editions\)](#)

Arrangement: This collection is arranged alphabetically by document type and chronologically.

Biographical/Historical: Louis Sanford Goodman was born in Portland, Oregon on August 27th, 1906. He received his B.A. from Reed College in 1928 and his M.D. from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1932, then interned at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Goodman's career took off

after joining Yale School of Medicine, where he met colleague Dr. Alfred Gilman, Sr. Together, Goodman and Gilman pioneered research on the use of nitrogen mustard in cancer treatment in 1942, as well as published *The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics* in 1941. This book, which was over 1,200 pages long, solidified pharmacology as a legitimate field in medicine and became known as the “blue bible of pharmacology.” In 1944, Dr. Goodman moved to Salt Lake City to become the first chair of the department of pharmacology at the University of Utah, College of Medicine, where he conducted research on the paralysis effects of curare. After the wild success of *The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics*, Dr. Goodman and Dr. Gilman published an updated second edition of the book in 1955 and continued to collaborate on new editions until Dr. Gilman’s passing in 1984. Dr. Goodman retired as chairman of the department of pharmacology in 1971. He died on November 19, 2000.

Scope and Contents: This collection mostly consists of correspondence between Dr. Louis Goodman, Dr. Alfred Zack Gilman Sr., and the Macmillan Company about the creation of the second edition of *The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics*. Although the first edition was successful, the second edition took Dr. Goodman and Dr. Gilman almost nine years to complete because of the new information in the field of pharmacology. Their letters discuss their changes to the book and their editing process. The correspondence also contains letters to colleagues and former students asking if they would like to contribute to the third edition of *The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics*, as well as reviews and corrections from readers. There is additionally some biographical information about Dr. Goodman, including an article from the University of Utah, some photographs, and his obituary.

Also included in the collection are 2 U-matic tapes, 3 VHS tapes, 1 Betamax tape, and 2 DVDs relating to Dr. Gilman and Dr. Goodman. The U-matic tapes, the Betamax tape, and the DVDs contain interviews from both Dr. Gilman and Dr. Goodman conducted by Dr. Harry Green. In the interviews, Dr. Gilman and Dr. Goodman separately discuss their careers and share recollections about the origins of *The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics*. Lastly, there are programs and remembrances from Dr. Gilman’s memorial service in 1984.

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