

## National Library of Medicine, Bowen Archives Collection



The professional papers collection of Murray Bowen is now open for use by researchers at the National Library of Medicine's History of Medicine Division (HMD), 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894. This collection contains 146 boxes of materials related to Dr. Bowen's professional life. Correspondence between family researchers, presentations, letters, the NIMH research papers, manuscripts, drafts of manuscripts and audio and video recordings are all located here. The collection is still unprocessed and contains restricted personally identifiable health information and personal information sensitive to the extended Bowen family. Therefore there are several restrictions and conditions of access that apply to all users. Please contact **John Rees, Archivist**, at [reesj@nlm.nih.gov](mailto:reesj@nlm.nih.gov) with questions or to coordinate access.

HMD does not have the capacity to perform in-depth proxy research or perform large amounts of remote photocopying.

For general visitor information about NLM, HMD, and general user services, please visit

[www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/about/visitus.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/about/visitus.html) and [www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/informationfor/scholars.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/informationfor/scholars.html)

1. Physical access: the collection is sizeable and is mostly located at HMD's offsite storage facility in Baltimore, MD. Users must request specific boxes to be retrieved for use at NLM in Bethesda. Retrievals are made the last Friday of each month; **requests must be made before close of business the last Thursday of the month**. Casual drop-ins to browse through the collection are not possible. Transport vehicle capacity is 20 boxes.

2. Intellectual Access: although unprocessed, the majority of the individual accessions have lists of folder titles for each box. These can be emailed after the requirements in item #3 have been satisfied. In conjunction with the topical narratives describing each Bowen accession found at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/manuscripts/accessions.html#b>, users can identify the specific boxes relevant to their research need. Each accession description contains specific Restrictions notes. You must search through the listings of unprocessed collections to get to Bowen.

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Also freely available is a detailed, cross-indexed annotated bibliography of each item in the NIMH study portion of the collection (Accession 2006-003) created by Catherine Rakow. She also briefly describes the locations of certain selected other accessions topically such as where to find information on NIMH research families and where drafts and manuscripts of Dr. Bowen's papers during this time period are located. Review is dependent on NLM approval described in 3.

3. Personally Identifiable Health Information (PHI): because the collection is unprocessed, PHI, patient names, etc. are scattered throughout the collection and the folder lists. Therefore all users must first read, understand, and apply for access under the HMD's PHI policy at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/manuscripts/phi.pdf>. Approval letters will be mailed to users; you must bring them with you during your research visits.

4. If you know there is a small portion of an accession or a specific item that is completely free of PHI such as a set of published articles or videos not from the Clinical Conference series, you do not need to complete the PHI access application process. Please contact the archivist.

5. Accessing available Bowen videos at NLM

Please contact **John Rees, Archivist**, at [reesj@nlm.nih.gov](mailto:reesj@nlm.nih.gov) for a listing of available videotapes for borrowing or purchasing. You will need this information to fill out the forms listed below.

**To borrow** videos through interlibrary loan from the National Library of Medicine you must go through a library with DOCLINE. DOCLINE is the National Library of Medicine's automated interlibrary loan (ILL) request routing and referral system. There will be a delivery charge for materials borrowed this way. For additional information on interlibrary loan borrowing go to: <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/ill.html>

For this area, the University of Pittsburgh would be a DOCLINE resource.

### Middle Atlantic Region

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URL: <http://nmlm.gov/mar/>

States Served: DE, NJ, NY, PA

If you wish **to purchase** any of the videos on the listing sheets sent to by Mr. Rees go to:  
<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/collections/films/index.html#A4>

You will have to complete the user agreement and restrictions PDF and then choose a vendor.

- [Historical Audiovisuals Program: Restriction Notice](#) (PDF)
- [Historical Audiovisuals Program: User Agreement](#) (PDF)
- [Historical Audiovisuals Duplication: Vendor Information](#) (PDF)

Fill out the forms and then send to NLM c/o Ms. Sarah Eilers at [eilerss@mail.nih.gov](mailto:eilerss@mail.nih.gov)

Then choose one of the two approved vendors--Colorlab or Bono, contact info for both is on the Vendor Info sheet—and speak with them about the format the original is in, and the format you want it duplicated to (a DVD or a digital file or whatever you need).

They'll give you a price estimate. Others who have done this report a fee of \$300 per video.

Then NLM will send the pieces to the vendor to duplicate.

This is a cumbersome process and may take several months to borrow or complete a purchase.

Borrowing and Purchasing restrictions:

Clinical Conference video tapes: the video recordings of the family therapy sessions are only available for onsite viewing at NLM. As of this writing, only three subject families have signed releases opening full access to their specific sessions, therefore all users must be approved for PHI access before using the videos onsite at NLM. No reproductions are allowed.