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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract</b>	This material includes correspondence, reports, and minutes of meetings, concerning the organization and development of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory of Quantitative Biology (formed, 1962), and the Biological Laboratory of the Long Island Biological Association (1958). The correspondents include M. Demerec, Walter Hines Page, and Edward L. Tatum.

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The history of the Cold Spring Harbor laboratories began in 1904 with the Station for Experimental Evolution (later renamed Department of Genetics), sponsored by the Carnegie Institution of Washington. In 1924, the Long Island Biological Association established a summer research institute on the Station's

grounds that soon emphasized physico-chemical biology. The Cold Spring Harbor summer symposia in quantitative biology, which began in 1933, became intellectual markers in physiology, biochemistry, and biophysics. In the early 1940s, under the energetic directorship of Milislav Demerec, the Department of Genetics and the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories were consolidated, becoming by the late 1940s an international center of molecular genetics. Due in part to the catalytic growth of the symposia and research activities, the 1950s were a time of reorganization, to equip the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories better for its leadership role in the life sciences.

Apart from brief historical accounts, the Cold Spring Harbor Collection provides little material on the formative years of the laboratory, but it does document the second phase of its history. The material in the Cold Spring Harbor Collection includes correspondence, reports, and minutes of meetings. The collection is complemented by the [Milislav Demerec Papers \(B D394\)](#), , which contain sources on the earlier history of Cold Spring Harbor, and by the [Charles Davenport Papers \(B D27\)](#), which contain two series of Cold Spring Harbor records from its earlier phase.

Author	Format	Date	Language
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory of Quantitative Biology, New York ( <i>Reports and minutes of meetings.</i> )	Records (39 leaves)	1959-1962	English
Demerec, M. (Milislav), 1895-1966	Correspondence (2 items)	1959-1961	English
Page, Walter Hines, 1855-1918	Correspondence (3 items)	1959-1964	English
Tatum, Edward Lawrie, 1909-1975	Correspondence (6 items)	1961-1965	English