

Commonwealth Fund records

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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical note

The Commonwealth Fund was established in 1918 with an endowment of \$10 million from Mrs. Stephen V. Harkness for "benevolent, religious, educational and like purposes." The early grants supported a variety of programs while generally promoting welfare, especially child welfare. Several grants were made in the field of medical research, but the Board of Directors decided in 1920 that this field was already sufficiently supported by other philanthropic organizations.

Despite this decision, by the mid-1920s the chief interest of the Fund had become public health, including mental hygiene, community health, rural hospitals, medical research, and medical education. Other grant areas included war relief, educational and legal research, child welfare, and international medical fellowships.

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Arrangement note

Commonwealth Fund records are arranged into 2 subgroups.

Subgroup 1 is currently available for scholarly research and it is arranged in 35 series:

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[FA275 Commonwealth Fund records, Advanced Medical Fellowships](#)

[FA276 Commonwealth Fund records, Annual Reports](#)

[FA277 Commonwealth Fund records, Archives/Library](#)

[FA278 Commonwealth Fund records, Austrian Program](#)

[FA279 Commonwealth Fund records, Board of Directors](#)

[FA280 Commonwealth Fund records, Capital Grants](#)

[FA281 Commonwealth Fund records, Child Health Demonstrations](#)

[FA282 Commonwealth Fund records, Division of Community Clinics](#)

[FA283 Commonwealth Fund records, Division of Health Studies](#)

[FA284 Commonwealth Fund records, Division of Public Health](#)

[FA285 Commonwealth Fund records, Division of Publications](#)

[FA286 Commonwealth Fund records, Division of Rural Hospitals](#)

[FA287 Commonwealth Fund records, Educational Research](#)

[FA288 Commonwealth Fund records, English Mental Hygiene Program](#)

[FA289 Commonwealth Fund records, Finance Committee](#)

[FA290 Commonwealth Fund records, Grants](#)

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[FA298 Commonwealth Fund records, Miscellaneous - unprocessed](#)

[FA299 Commonwealth Fund records, Personnel - unprocessed](#)

[FA300 Commonwealth Fund records, Pilgrim Trust](#)

[FA301 Commonwealth Fund records, Program for the Prevention of Delinquency](#)

[FA302 Commonwealth Fund records, Reference Files](#)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Medicine -- Scholarships, fellowships, etc.
- Mental health
- Medical research
- Medicine, Rural
- Child welfare
- Child psychology
- Hygiene
- Education, Rural
- Legal issues
- Law
- Medical education

- Legal research
- War relief
- Public welfare
- United States
- New York (State)
- Public health
- Child mental health
- New York (N.Y.)
- Harkness, Charles W.
- Columbia University
- Yale University
- Social Science Research Council
- Harkness, Anna M. Richardson
- Harvard University
- Commonwealth Fund
- Harkness, Mary Emma Stillman
- Phillips Exeter Academy
- Harkness, Edward Stephen

Other Finding Aids note

Other available finding aids describing the Commonwealth Fund records include:

[FA247 Commonwealth Fund Harkness House drawings](#)

[FA276 Commonwealth Fund records, Annual Reports, SG 1, Series 4](#)

[FA277 Commonwealth Fund records, Archives/Library, SG 1, Series 5](#)

[FA278 Commonwealth Fund records, Austrian Program, SG 1, Series 6](#)

[FA279 Commonwealth Fund records, Board of Directors, SG 1, Series 7](#)

[FA280 Commonwealth Fund records, Capital Grants, SG 1, Series 8](#)

[FA281 Commonwealth Fund records, Child Health Demonstrations, SG 1, Series 9](#)

[FA282 Commonwealth Fund records, Division of Community Clinics, SG 1, Series 10](#)

[FA283 Commonwealth Fund records, Division of Health Studies, SG 1, Series 11](#)

[FA284 Commonwealth Fund records, Division of Public Health, SG 1, Series 12](#)

[FA285 Commonwealth Fund records, Division of Publications, SG 1, Series 13](#)

[FA286 Commonwealth Fund records, Division of Rural Hospitals, SG 1, Series 14](#)

[FA287 Commonwealth Fund records, Educational Research, SG 1, Series 15](#)

[FA288 Commonwealth Fund records, English Mental Hygiene Program, SG 1, Series 16](#)

[FA289 Commonwealth Fund records, Finance Committee, SG 1, Series 17](#)

[FA290 Commonwealth Fund records, Grants, SG 1, Series 18](#)

[FA291 Commonwealth Fund records, Harkness Family, SG 1, Series 19](#)

[FA292 Commonwealth Fund records, Harkness Fellowships, SG 1, Series 20](#)

[FA428 Commonwealth Fund records, Harkness Fellowships, Fellows Reports, SG 1, Series 20A](#)

[FA293 Commonwealth Fund records, Institute for Child Guidance, SG 1, Series 21](#)

[FA294 Commonwealth Fund records, Interface Program, SG 1, Series 22](#)

[FA295 Commonwealth Fund records, Legal Research Program, SG 1, Series 23](#)

[FA296 Commonwealth Fund records, Living at Home Program, SG 1, Series 24](#)

[FA297 Commonwealth Fund records, Mental Hygiene Program, SG 1, Series 25](#)

[FA298 Commonwealth Fund records, Miscellaneous - unprocessed](#)

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[FA302 Commonwealth Fund records, Reference Files, SG 1, Series 30](#)

[FA303 Commonwealth Fund records, Reports of the General Director, SG 1, Series 31](#)

[FA304 Commonwealth Fund records, Treasurer, SG 1, Series 32](#)

[FA305 Commonwealth Fund records, Turndown Lists, SG 1, Series 33 - unprocessed](#)

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[FA307 Commonwealth Fund records, Visual Materials, SG 1, Series 35](#)

[FA389 Commonwealth Fund records, Administration - Historical Files, SG 1, Series 1](#)

[FA390 Commonwealth Fund records, Administration - Officers Files, SG 1, Series 2](#)

[FA429 Commonwealth Fund records, President, Margaret E. Mahoney, SG 2, Series 1](#)

[FA430 Commonwealth Fund records, Book Program, SG 2, Series 2](#)

Detailed finding aids for each series of this collection are available.

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