

# Davison Fund, Inc. records (II)

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## **Summary Information**

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# Biographical/Historical note

The Davison Fund, Inc. was established by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. in 1934, having in mind the charitable undertakings which had formerly received his personal consideration. The establishment contained no instruction as to beneficiaries, nor any limitation as to field. The beneficiaries selected by the Fund were regarded as a means to an end, the effective application of resources for charitable purposes. In general, the program developed from two motivations: an interest in the social, cultural, educational, and health aspects of the citizens of New York City and its environs (including Westchester County); and "the recognition of the outstanding importance and wide significance of certain problems which cut across national and international boundaries and which invite the cooperation and support of thoughtful men everywhere."

In view of the first motivation, social work was the dominant interest of the Fund, including child welfare, medicine and health, relief of distress, and the improvement of social conditions. It also aimed to succor the indigent and to improve the standards of agencies actively at work in this field. The second motivation found its voice most notably in religion and to a lesser extent in "projects soundly conceived for the benefit of the Negro either in the field of direct social service or through those media which seek to improve relationships between the races."

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# **Scope and Contents**

This collection contains correspondence, dockets, financial reports, minutes, and manuals relating to the Davison Fund, Inc.

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# **Arrangement note**

The records are arranged in three series:

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## **Administrative Information**

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Davison Fund II records, the records of the Davison Fund itself, were given to the Rockefeller Archive Center by the Rockefeller family.

### **Processing Information**

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### **Related Materials**

#### **Related Archival Materials note**

See also the Davison Fund, Inc. (I) Collection. Many of the records in the DF I collection are also in the DF II collection. However, financial materials, including ledgers, journals, and trial balances, appear only in the DF I collection.

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# **Controlled Access Headings**

- Social problems
- Social change
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- Race relations
- Child welfare
- Westchester County (N.Y.)
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- Philanthropy
- New York (State)
- New York (N.Y.)
- African Americans
- Race and society
- Social service

# **Collection Inventory**

### Administration, 1934-1952

#### **Arrangement note**

This series is arranged alphabetically by the type of material, and thereunder chronologically.

### **Scope and Contents note**

Series 1, Administration, includes minutes and dockets of the Board of Trustees, the Committee on Religious Projects, the Executive Committee, and the Special Appropriations Committee. Also included in this series are documents of record, financial reports, and the Policy Manual of 1938.

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Physical Description: 5 box(es) 5 boxes 4x6x12 inches each.

#### General

The Davison Fund index provides indexing to correspondence, appropriations, declinations, and minutes. The index includes entries for personal names and organizations, but not subjects or places.

### Arrangement

The index is arranged in 4 series of index cards: Correspondence, Appropriations, Declinations, and Minutes. Each series is arranged alphabetically.

# **Correspondence Index**

### **Scope and Contents**

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