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Summary Information

Repository:	Rockefeller Archive Center
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Physical Description:	0.57 Cubic Feet 2 boxes
Language of the Material:	English .

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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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Scope and Contents

Types of records include: manuscripts and library records.

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File Plan note

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Controlled Access Headings

- Medical education
- Legal research
- Legal issues
- Law
- Mental health

- Medicine -- Scholarships, fellowships, etc.
- Medicine, Rural
- Medical research
- War relief
- United States
- Public welfare
- Child psychology
- Child welfare
- Education, Rural
- Hygiene
- Public health
- New York (State)
- New York (N.Y.)
- Child mental health

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Bibliography of Commonwealth Fund Grant-Related Publications, May 6, 1938-November 1, 1948	box 1	folder 1
Evans, Lester J. - "The Commonwealth Fund: A Thirty-Six Year Perspective 1923-1959" (Original Manuscript), 1923-1959	box 1	folder 2
Library - Acquisitions, 1955 February-1956 May	box 1	folder 3-4
Library - Acquisitions, February 1955-May 1966	box 1	folder 4
Library - Classifications, 1961	box 1	folder 5
Library - Periodicals, November 1952-March 1976	box 1	folder 6
Library - Procedure Manual, 1947	box 1	folder 7
Records Management - Key to File Classifications, 1919-1945	box 1	folder 8
Records Management - Manual, 1955	box 1	folder 9
Records Management - Memoranda, 1927-1949	box 1	folder 10
Records Management - Memoranda, 1950-1967	box 2	folder 11
Requests to Use Commonwealth Fund Archives, 1979-1981	box 2	folder 12