



Commonwealth Fund records, Division of Health Studies, SG 1, Series 11

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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 note

The Commonwealth Fund established the Division of Health Studies as a separate division on April 1, 1931. The purposes of the organization were 1) to make periodic studies of the health conditions in the various communities in which the Commonwealth Fund worked, 2) assist in the development of division programs through the planning of administrative records and the appraisal of results, 3) conduct special studies in the field of health as from time to time seemed important in the development of the work of the Fund or would be of broad application.

The initial concerns of the Division were to establish the service functions of the Public Health and Rural Hospital Divisions and to aid the Mental Hygiene and Child Guidance Programs in their regular activities. The annual reports of the Division closely reflect the concurrent programs of the Commonwealth Fund. The Division's years always ended on November 1.

Dr. W. F. Walker was the first director of the Division. After Walker's death in September 1941, Dr. F. L. Moore became the new director in July 1942. Moore resigned his post on April 1, 1944. The Division of Health Studies was absorbed by the Division of Public Health on January 1, 1945.

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- United States
- Public welfare
- Public health
- New York (State)
- New York (N.Y.)
- Child mental health
- Child psychology
- Child welfare
- Education, Rural
- Hygiene
- Law
- Legal issues
- Legal research
- Medical education
- Medical research
- Mental health
- Medicine -- Scholarships, fellowships, etc.
- Medicine, Rural
- Columbia University

- Phillips Exeter Academy
- Harvard University
- Social Science Research Council
- Yale University

Other Finding Aids

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](#)

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

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[FA301 Commonwealth Fund records, Program for the Prevention of Delinquency, SG 1, Series 29](#)

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[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](#)

[FA306 Commonwealth Fund records, Vertical File \(R. Fitz\), SG 1, Series 34 - unprocessed](#)

[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](#)

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Annual Report, 1935	box 1	folder 5
Annual Report, 1936	box 1	folder 6
Annual Report, 1937	box 1	folder 7
Annual Report, 1938	box 1	folder 8
Budget, July 1, 1931-June 30, 1935	box 1	folder 9
Budget, September 15, 1937-December 31, 1944	box 1	folder 10
Correspondence and Memoranda, January 28, 1926-December 14, 1928	box 1	folder 11
Correspondence and Memoranda, January 11, 1929-December 31, 1930	box 1	folder 12
Correspondence and Memoranda, January 31, 1939-April 11, 1939	box 1	folder 13
Correspondence and Memoranda, February 1, 1940-June 14, 1943	box 1	folder 14
Correspondence and Surveys of Clinics (B-H), 1927-1928	box 1	folder 15
Correspondence and Surveys of Clinics (Los Angeles), May 1936	box 1	folder 16
Correspondence and Surveys of Clinics (M-S), 1936-1937	box 1	folder 17
Correspondence and Surveys of Clinics (T), 1936-1937	box 1	folder 18
Mental Hygiene Program Outline and Report, 1927	box 1	folder 19
Mental Hygiene Program Outline and Report, 1928	box 1	folder 20
Mental Hygiene Program Outline and Report, 1936	box 1	folder 21