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Biographical / Historical

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

Significant records in this series include the Adolescent Girls Health Study of 1997 and the Commonwealth Fund's second Women's Study of 1999.

The series also contains Women's Health Program staff files including program staff administrative documentation of select grants from 1994-1999, as well as associated symposiums, briefings and select Commission on Women's Health meetings.

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