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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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Scope and Contents

The Reference Files consist of ready-reference materials, primarily publications and articles, originally compiled for the Commonwealth Fund Library.

The dates indicated for published material are often the stamped date at which the item was accepted into the Commonwealth Fund Library collection, rather than the date of publication.

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Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by subject or by individuals' last name.

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Processing Information

Limited archival processing was conducted by Robert Battaly, Assistant Director, Head of Processing, Rockefeller Archive Center in January 2014 to arrange and describe the material and enable scholarly access. Much of the material remains in original folders. Further archival processing, primarily to address the preservation and conservation needs of the records, will be conducted at a later date, as necessary.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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- Public welfare
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