



Commonwealth Fund records, Finance Committee, SG 1, Series 17

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Summary Information

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Physical Description:	2.47 Cubic Feet 7 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: budgets, correspondence, and meeting minutes.

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Arrangement note

The Finance Committee Series contains four subseries.

Subseries 1 Budget Statements for Board of Directors Meetings

Subseries 2 Carleton B. Chapman Files

Subseries 3 Chemical Bank Monthly Statements of Investments

Subseries 4 Finance Committee Meetings

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File Plan note

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Controlled Access Headings

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

Collection Inventory

Budget Statements for Board of Directors Meetings, 1960-1980

Scope and Contents note

The Commonwealth Fund Board of Directors meetings are held in February, May and November of each year. For the meetings of 1978 and 1979, the minutes and dockets of the Board of Directors meetings themselves are included with the budget statements. This subseries spans February 1960 through February 1980.

Title/Description	Instances
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Budget Statements, 1960-1971	box 1	folder 1-12
Budget Statements, 1972-1978	box 2	folder 13-19
Budget Statements, 1978-1980	box 3	folder 20-24

Carleton B. Chapman Files, 1964-1980

Scope and Contents note

This subseries includes financial material from Commonwealth Fund President Carleton B. Chapman's files that was kept distinct from his records in Series 2: Administration - Officers.

Title/Description	Instances	
Budgets, Cash Flow Charts, 1973-1977	box 3	folder 25
CF Funding for Experiments in Health Care Delivery, 1964-1973	box 3	folder 26
Financial Statements, 1977-1978	box 3	folder 27
Memoranda, 1974-1976; September-October, 1979	box 3	folder 28
President's Statement for CF Annual Report, 1974-1980	box 3	folder 29-34
State of the Fund (Carleton B. Chapman Report), November 1978	box 3	folder 35

Chemical Bank Monthly Statements of Investments, 1974-1980

Scope and Contents note

This subseries contains monthly reports issued by Chemical Bank regarding the Commonwealth Fund's endowment and investments.

Title/Description	Instances	
Monthly Statements, 1974-1977	box 4	folder 36-42
Monthly Statements, 1978-1980	box 5	folder 43-47

Finance Committee Meetings, 1974-1982

Scope and Contents note

This subseries includes the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings.

Title/Description	Instances	
Minutes, 1974-1976	box 5	folder 48-50
Minutes, 1977-1980	box 6	folder 51-58
Minutes (and Reports to the Directors), 1981-1982	box 7	folder 59-62