



Council on Foundations, Inc. records

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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical note

The Council on Foundations, Inc., incorporated in New York State in 1957 as the National Council on Community Foundations, Inc., was an outgrowth of the National Committee on Foundations and Trusts for Community Welfare, an informal association of community foundations in the United States and Canada based in Chicago. Initially, the organization's membership consisted solely of foundations of the community-trust type. Beginning in 1958, family, company, and other foundations were invited to affiliate with the Council. Also in 1958, the National Council was awarded a grant of \$45,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation for exploring ways of expanding Council services as a clearinghouse for information and as a source of advice and guidance for members. Two years later, the Council received a \$50,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to be used in assisting the Council in establishing itself as a national institution and in furthering its activities in the United States and Canada. In 1964, the organization's name was changed to the Council on Foundations, Inc.

The original National Committee on Foundations and Trusts for Community Welfare had a volunteer chairman, Edward L. Ryerson, a Chicago steel executive. Frank D. Loomis, a former executive director of the Chicago Community Trust, was the first secretary. With the establishment of the National Council

on Community Foundations and the opening of offices in New York City in 1957, Wilmer Shields Rich became executive director, a post she continued to fill as the organization broadened its membership, until her retirement in 1968.

Following Rich's retirement, David F. Freeman took over administration of the Council in March 1968 and was given the title of president. The administrative structure of the Council called for a president whose role was defined as chief administrative officer. In this capacity, Freeman guided Council members through the changes brought on by the Tax Reform Act of 1969. Eugene C. Struckhoff, executive director of the New Hampshire-based Spaulding-Potter Charitable Trust, who joined the Council as vice president in December 1971, succeeded Freeman as President of the Council in 1979. The following year he also assumed the role of chief executive officer.

The Council's dual top leadership structure was established when Robert F. Goheen, a former president of Princeton University, became chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Council in 1972. The chairman's main responsibilities were policy concerns, public awareness, and Washington liaison. Goheen was succeeded by Landrum R. Bolling, a former president of Earlham College and of the Lilly Foundation, who held the positions of chairman and chief executive officer of the Council from January 1978 until December 1980.

In the spring of 1979 the Council relocated its offices to Washington, D.C. The move was intended to enable the Council to keep in closer touch with the many philanthropic organizations located there, as well as to improve its liaison with government agencies, the Treasury Department, the Internal Revenue Service, and members of Congress.

The aim of the council has been twofold: (1) to provide a common meeting ground and services for foundations administering charitable funds for public purposes; and (2) to encourage broader understanding of the community foundation concept of making philanthropy effective and responsible. The Council also represents the concerns and interests of grant makers to public policy makers, the media, and the general public.

For a more detailed discussion of the officers, operation, and membership of the Council on Foundations, see the Council history files in box 13.

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Scope and Contents note

The records of the Council on Foundations, Inc., which span the years 1949 to 1981, cover the years from the formation of the Council until Landrum R. Bolling's tenure as chief executive officer in the late 1970s. The bulk of the material in this collection, however, concerns the Council's response to tax reform efforts in the late 1960s and early 1970s that would have profound effects on foundations. Also documented is the Council's relationship with the Commission on Private Philanthropy and Public Needs (usually referred to as the Filer Commission), a privately funded panel formed in late 1973 to conduct a study of the source, scope, and impact of charitable giving in the United States.

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Arrangement note

The records are divided into three series:

Series 1 - Tax Reform Files, 1954-(1968-1978)

Series 2 - Commission on Private Philanthropy and Public Needs Files, 1973-1978

Series 3 - Miscellaneous Files, 1949-1981

The files within each series are arranged alphabetically by subject.

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File Plan

Former Classification: X

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This small collection of records from the Council on Foundations, Inc. was transferred to the Rockefeller Archive Center in separate accessions in 1989 and 1991.

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

The following Rockefeller Archive Center collections include material related to the Council on Foundations, Inc. records: John D. Rockefeller 3rd papers; Rockefeller Foundation records.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Charities
- Charitable uses, trusts, and foundations
- Philanthropy
- Taxation -- Law and legislation -- United States
- Philanthropy -- United States

Collection Inventory

Tax Reform Files, 1954-1978, bulk 1968-1978 (1968-1978)

Physical Description: 2.75 Cubic Feet 8 boxes

Arrangement note

This series is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Scope and Contents note

This series contains correspondence, memos, policy and research reports, "Congressional Record" excerpts, press releases, news clippings, articles, and other printed material relating to tax reform legislation and its impact on foundations and on charitable giving. The Council's lobbying efforts, including its response to the Tax Reform Act of 1969, are documented in the correspondence of Council executives David F. Freeman, Robert F. Goheen, and Eugene C. Struckhoff with politicians, members, and tax consultants that will be found throughout the series. Approximately 20 percent of the Tax Reform Act of 1969 dealt directly with foundations. The act, which extended and intensified Internal Revenue Service supervision of foundations and helped eliminate what some perceived as abuses in the management of foundations, had serious effects on foundations and on philanthropic giving. Files in this series discuss the impact or potential impact of changes in such areas as net investment income, self-dealing, excise taxes, and income accumulation regulations. Information on Internal Revenue Code revisions and the effects of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 can also be found in this series.

Also housed here are files that offer insights into the Council's relationship with Congress. These files contain copies of proposed legislation in the House of Representatives and in the Senate; transcripts of House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee hearings; and correspondence with various members of Congress. Also included in the congressional files is a folder titled "Investigations of Foundations" (box 7, folder 61) that contains printed material regarding a number of congressional investigative committees, including the Special Committee to Investigate Tax Exempt Foundations (commonly known as the Reece Committee), whose chairman attempted in 1953-1954 to link foundations with the financing of communism in the United States.

Title/Description	Instances	
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Articles, 1967, 1969	box 1	folder 2
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<u>Related Archival Materials note:</u>		
Related Archival Materials note		
See also Tax Reform Act of 1969 (Folders 37-41) and Tax Reform Act of 1976 (Folders 42-43).		
Effects - General, 1969-1976, 1978	box 1	folder 5
<u>Related Archival Materials note:</u>		

Related Archival Materials note

See also Tax Reform Act of 1969 (Folders 37-41) and Tax Reform Act of 1976 (Folders 42-43).

Effects - Gifts to 501(c)(3) Groups, 1971	box 1	folder 6
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See also Tax Reform Act of 1969 (Folders 37-41) and Tax Reform Act of 1976 (Folders 42-43).

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See also Tax Reform Act of 1969 (Folders 37-41) and Tax Reform Act of 1976 (Folders 42-43).

Effects - Minimum Distribution Rule (Ture Study), 1973	box 1	folder 8
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See also Tax Reform Act of 1969 (Folders 37-41) and Tax Reform Act of 1976 (Folders 42-43).

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See also Tax Reform Act of 1969 (Folders 37-41) and Tax Reform Act of 1976 (Folders 42-43).

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Commission on Private Philanthropy and Public Needs, 1973-1978

Physical Description: 1.5 Cubic Feet 4 boxes

Arrangement note

This series is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Scope and Contents note

The Commission on Private Philanthropy and Public Needs (also known as the Filer Commission) was a 32-member panel formed in November 1973 to obtain information, analysis, and opinions on the function of private philanthropy in American society and its relationship to government. The Commission was established through the initiative of John D. Rockefeller 3rd with the support and encouragement of House Ways and Means chairman Wilbur Mills; Treasury Secretary William Simon; and former Treasury Secretary George Schultz. The chairman of the Commission was John H. Filer, chairman of Aetna Life & Casualty Company. Aetna, John D. Rockefeller 3rd, and the Ford Foundation each contributed \$25,000 to get the Commission started. Eventually the Commission raised over \$2 million to fund its efforts. The Filer Commission sponsored numerous research studies by scholars in disciplines such as health, education, religion, law, and sociology. This series contains correspondence between members of the Council and the Commission, as well as drafts of the Council's report and recommendations to the Commission; copies of a number of Commission-sponsored studies; and a summary of the Commission's final published report. (Both the final report, "Giving in America: Toward a Stronger Voluntary Sector," and the five-volume "Research Papers" published by the Department of the Treasury are available in the Archive Center library.)

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Miscellaneous Files, 1949-1981

Physical Description: 1.25 Cubic Feet 3 boxes

Arrangement note

This series is divided into three file groupings:

Council History

Landrum R. Bolling Files

Subject Files

Material in each file grouping is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Scope and Contents note

This series is divided into three file groupings. The first, Council history, includes timelines and other material that document the formation of the Council (and its predecessor organizations) and its history. Also included in this section is material on the Council's proposed merger with the Foundation Center. The merger was discussed for a number of years prior to the recommendation put forth in the 1970 report of the Committee on the Foundation Field (also known as the Gardner Committee, after its chairman, John W. Gardner). The purpose of this ad hoc committee, which was formed in response to the Tax Reform Act of 1969, was to delineate and examine services and functions that needed to be provided to and for the foundation field; and to recommend an organizational structure for the field. Although the merger did not occur, the Council and the Foundation Center did work out a number of agreements, eliminating overlap and duplication of effort on the part of the two organizations. This series also includes correspondence, memos, and speeches of Landrum R. Bolling, chief executive officer of the Council, who wrote and spoke extensively on the need for a comprehensive public policy to encourage private philanthropy. An eclectic group of subject files concludes this series. Of note is a copy of the abovementioned Gardner Committee report (box 15, folder 131).

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