



# **Commonwealth Fund records, Reports of the General Director/President, SG 1, Series 31**

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## Summary Information

<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
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<b>Creator:</b>	Harkness, Edward Stephen
<b>Creator:</b>	Commonwealth Fund
<b>Creator:</b>	Harkness, Mary Emma Stillman
<b>Creator:</b>	Harkness, Charles W.
<b>Title:</b>	Commonwealth Fund records, Reports of the General Director/ President, SG 1, Series 31
<b>ID:</b>	FA303
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1919-1985, 1987-1995
<b>Physical Description:</b>	17.04 Cubic Feet 36 document boxes and 1 record storage box.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation note

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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

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Barry C. Smith served as General Director of the Commonwealth Fund, 1920-1947. During this period the reports were officially titled as Report of the General Director to the Directors of the Commonwealth Fund. Beginning in 1948, the official title became known as Report of the President and Staff to Directors of the Commonwealth Fund.

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## File Plan note

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Accession 1986:069, and several subsequent additions.

## Conditions Governing Access note

Reports of the General Director/President are open for scholarly research.

RAC is unable to provide access to obsolete media and original digital media. When feasible, a digital surrogate may be created via special order. All applicable charges will apply. See RAC Head of Archival Services or RAC Head of Digital Programs for details.

Select records, as noted, are closed to scholarly research due to preservation concerns.

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## Processing Information

Standard archival processing was conducted by Robert Battaly, Assistant Director, Head of Processing, Rockefeller Archive Center in February 2014, and Richard Torres, Assistant Archivist, Rockefeller Archive Center in August 2014, to arrange and describe the material and enable scholarly access. Further archival processing, primarily to address the preservation and conservation needs of the records, will be conducted at a later date, as necessary.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Legal issues
- Law
- Medical education
- Legal research
- Child welfare
- Child psychology
- Hygiene
- Education, Rural
- Medicine, Rural
- Medical research
- Mental health
- Medicine -- Scholarships, fellowships, etc.
- Public health
- New York (State)

- New York (N.Y.)
- Child mental health
- War relief
- United States
- Public welfare
- Yale University
- Phillips Exeter Academy
- Columbia University
- Harvard University
- Social Science Research Council

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## Other Finding Aids

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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](#)

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[FA294 Commonwealth Fund records, Interface Program, SG 1, Series 22](#)

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[FA297 Commonwealth Fund records, Mental Hygiene Program, SG 1, Series 25](#)

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

[FA299 Commonwealth Fund records, Personnel - unprocessed](#)

[FA300 Commonwealth Fund records, Pilgrim Trust, SG 1, Series 28](#)

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

[FA302 Commonwealth Fund records, Reference Files, SG 1, Series 30](#)

[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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## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

Materials requiring specialized equipment for access (film, audio, video, slides) may be closed to research dependent on availability of the applicable equipment

Brittle or damaged items, or materials otherwise in need of preservation care, may be closed to researchers at the discretion of the RAC Head of Archival Services/Head of Reference.

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