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Abstract: Annual reports, board minutes, admission and discharge records, indenture and adoption files, correspondence, administrative and financial records, property and maintenance records, and photographs of children, staff, buildings, activities, and events for the San Francisco Protestant Orphan Asylum, which became Edgewood. The collection also includes a small amount of records from the San Francisco Nursery for Homeless Children that were acquired by Edgewood.

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Related archival materials at other institutions include: photographs of some of the early Managers at the California Historical Society; and photographs of early orphanages at the Society of California Pioneers.

Related Archival Materials at San Francisco History Center
Related files in the San Francisco History Center may be found in the San Francisco Ephemera Collection under "SF Buildings. Edgewood Orphanage." Some annual reports of San Francisco orphan societies are available in the San Francisco History Stacks, searchable in the library's online catalog.

Processing Information

Organizational History
Edgewood, currently known as Edgewood Center for Children and Families, was the first children's services agency in San Francisco. Founded by the San Francisco Orphan Asylum Society in 1851 as the San Francisco Orphan Asylum (SFOA), it has undergone many name changes and several alterations in mission and function over the years. In 1862, in order to distinguish it from other agencies then in existence, its name was changed to San Francisco Protestant Orphan Asylum (SFPOA). In 1944, encouraged by popular parlance of the children, the name was officially changed to Edgewood. Over the years, the institution evolved from being an orphanage to a home additionally serving children and adolescents with problem family situations; and in 1951, it became a residential treatment program for teenagers. In subsequent years outside of the scope of this collection, Edgewood has also provided day treatment, educational services, and services to children and adults with learning disabilities. It has occupied several sites and campuses throughout the city.

San Francisco Orphan Asylum (SFOA) was founded in 1851 to help a group of siblings orphaned by cholera en route to San Francisco. The Reverend Albert Williams and his wife hosted meetings in late January and early February of 1851 at the 1st Presbyterian Church. The ladies who attended the meetings agreed to found the San Francisco Orphan Asylum Society. Although the originating meetings were held at the Presbyterian Church, the orphanage was never...
affiliated with any specific denomination. In 1854, the motto "Feed My Lambs" was adopted and incorporated into the official seal of the Society, which was used until 1920.

The Board of Managers of the SFOA were all women until 1958, and the first elected Managers were Mrs. A. Williams, Mrs. S.H. Will(e)y, Mrs. Emily A. Warren, Mrs. Harriet Boring, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Waller, Mrs. C.V. Gillespie, Mrs. Dub(b)s, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. O.C. Wheeler. Many other women attended meetings and served on committees for the Society. For legal reasons, the Managers appointed three gentlemen to hold property in trust for the SFOA, and the first Trustees were Charles Gilman, Stephen Franklin and Daniel L. Ross. The first matron was Mrs. Wilson, and Dr. Coit was the on-call physician.

On March 12, 1851, nine children moved into the orphanage's first home, a prefabricated cottage in Happy Valley. The cottage had been imported from Boston by Mr. W.D.M. Howard and the "family" lived there rent-free for three months. The children ranged in age from 3 to 12 years. Elizabeth Dodds, Agnes Dodds, Charles Dodds and Henry Bacon were siblings, as were Robert & Eliza Plumbridge and Margaret, Patrick & Agnes Ward. (Spelling of names varied from document to document.) More children were admitted to the orphanage within days as the Managers visited assigned areas of the City, inquiring about children in need of aid. Most of the children were not actually orphans. Many were half-orphans (one parent was deceased), and in later years, they were children of "broken homes" or other problem family situations. By 1852, there were 26 children in the orphanage and the family clearly needed a new, larger home, so they moved a short distance to a house owned by General Halleck in Pleasant Valley. General Halleck refused to accept rent for the use of the home. The Board of Managers heard about land in San Francisco that was available through public auction. For $100, they purchased property considered to be far beyond the City limits and basically in the middle of nowhere. Within a few years, the City grew up around the orphanage, which was located on a two-block lot bounded by Haight, Buchanan, Hermann and Laguna Streets. (In 2001, this site was occupied by the University of California Extension building and campus.) Legend has it that Haight and Waller Streets are named for Mrs. Haight and Mrs. Waller, both prominent San Franciscans who served on the SFOA Board of Managers for a time. The orphanage would be located on Haight Street from 1854 to 1919.

The Managers funded the purchase of this property and the initial construction of the building by canvassing door-to-door throughout San Francisco, sometimes collecting up to $1000 per day. The Managers had to borrow $5000 at 10% interest to complete construction of the building. On March 22, 1854, the children moved from Pleasant Valley to the new building, "located near Mission Dolores." It was a two-story dormitory-style building built of stone quarried from the site of the old Mint and carted free of charge by the Spring Valley Water Company. In addition to the children, the residents included a matron (and sometimes her husband and children), a nurse and a teacher. As the number of residents grew, so too would the number of staff. The children were schooled at the orphanage from 1854 to 1897. Before and after this period, they attended local public schools.

When the Society was first founded, the Managers raised awareness by placing an article in the Alta California and raised money for operating expenses by requesting donations from local Protestant churches, encouraging regular "subscription" donations and requesting board for half-orphans when the parent or friends of a child could afford it. An August 1852 meeting of the Managers reports a charity concert by Signora Biscaccianti, probably at the Jenny Lind Theatre. The Managers were very concerned with propriety and would refuse money raised in inappropriate ways, such as through the purchase of raffle tickets. As the reputation of the orphanage grew, community leaders and clergy from other areas (Nevada, Sacramento), would ask the Managers to admit children from their region. The Managers refused "without some appropriation being made for their support." Managers discontinued requesting money from San Francisco citizens, relying instead on government funding, in-kind donations and bequests.

Finally, in 1855, SFOA received a grant of $5000 from the State of California to help with the expenses of the children, who were often wards of the State. In 1860, SFOA received another $6000 from the State, and this money was used to enlarge the building. In 1862, the SFOA re-incorporated and changed its name to San Francisco Protestant Orphan Asylum (SFOA) to distinguish it from other children's agencies that were in existence. In 1861, SFOA had received the title to a building and the lot on Montgomery between Jackson and Pacific Streets. The building had served as the Sansome Hook & Ladder Company, and the lot was owned by James Lick. The building and lot were sold to raise money, and the resulting funds were used to construct what became known as the "Sansome" wing of the orphanage in 1863.

In 1865, the Managers noted that very few of the children living at SFOA were actually from San Francisco. Because of this, the Managers continued their policy of not soliciting donations from the local populace and continued requesting funds from the State. While the Managers refused to actively request money from the people of San Francisco after the home on Haight Street was built, they did continue to accept "subscriptions" -- a regular annual donation -- and donations in many forms. Many of the names of people who contributed to SFOA over the years are familiar still -- Levi Strauss, Adeward Muybridge, H.H. Bancroft, Mrs. Stanford, Mrs. Crocker, Adolf Sutro, John McLaren, Bruce Porter, Spreckels, Milton Bradley, Mrs. Dean Witter, James Phelan, Gabriel Moulin, James Flood and Lillie H. Coit. The children who lived at SFOA were fondly remembered by philanthropists and merchants alike. The children were given trips to the movies, circuses, the Mid-Winter...
Fair of 1893, the Pan-Pacific International Exposition of 1915, Mt. Tamalpais, Sutro Baths, the Chutes, a wide variety of concerts and other events. For decades, the children were allowed to ride the Muni streetcars and the merry-go-round at Golden Gate Park free of charge. By 1913, Mr. Scott Southwork came by once a week to give children rides in his motorcar. The Managers were heavily involved in the lives of the children. A Visiting Committee regularly inspected the orphanage building and occupants, observing the children's health, manners, clothing, cleanliness, lessons and the methods used by Matrons and teachers in handling the children. When necessary, the Managers themselves helped the Matron--for example, by mending the children's clothes during their board meetings. And when Elizabeth Dodds (the first orphan admitted to the orphanage) left to learn the dressmaking trade, the Managers presented her with $50 to help her on her way.

The Managers also decided which children to accept for admission to the orphanage. They investigated the habits and health of parents, whether living or dead. They thoroughly researched couples requesting to adopt children or take them for indenture, often checking references and asking neighbors about the applicant's character. Even after a child was sent for adoption or indenture, the Managers checked on the child once a year, ensuring that the child was receiving education, food, clothing and a generally appropriate upbringing. By 1867, new guardians had to sign a contract, specifying the terms of the indenture or adoption. Even when a parent returned to remove their own child from the orphanage, the Managers checked on the parent's financial situation and living accommodations to be sure that a child would be well-cared for. It was not unusual for children to be repeatedly admitted to the orphanage over the course of a few years.

The number of children living at the orphanage on Haight Street grew from a couple dozen to 300 in later years. The children were divided by age and gender and lived dormitory-style in large rooms. Reports indicate that the Hayes Valley neighbors enjoyed having the children in the area, and the orphans socialized with the local children. After the children began attending the public schools in the late 1890s, it was not unusual for the neighborhood children to play in the orphanage garden with their friends. At the home, the children were allowed to have small garden plots, to keep a dog or cat, or sometimes tend chickens and other animals at the orphanage. The older boys learned the Sloyd method of woodworking skills and the girls learned cooking and sewing. Children were expected to do their homework, do chores as assigned, and some children took drawing, dancing or music lessons. During the Spanish-American War, the boys became fascinated with military practices and formed their own marching regiment with uniforms. The girls did calisthenics and made articles of clothing for needy people. One year the girls made and dressed several dozen "Chinese" dolls and donated them to the Red Cross.

A diphtheria outbreak in 1902 necessitated a quarantine of the children for several months. Morale declined severely when the orphans were not allowed to see their school chums nor play with neighbor children. The Managers were very concerned about this and arranged a camping trip at Armstrong's Grove near Guerneville. They memorialized this summer outing as "Camp Alvord" when Mrs. Mary E. Alvord, then President of the Board of Managers, suddenly passed away. This was not the first time the children had been away from the City during the summer, but this "camp" was so successful that it was decided that the orphanage should make this an annual event. A bequest enabled the Managers to purchase land in Rancho El Rio, near Alamo and Danville in Contra Costa County. The orphans attended "Camp Swain" (named for Ann T. Swain) from 1911 to 1946, when the property was sold. (Some of the original SFPOA camp structures are still standing on the land, which is now a park.)

In the Great Earthquake and Fire of 1906, devastation was everywhere. Orphanages were no exception. Everyone escaped the building unharmed. (Some records and ledgers that were kept at Managers' homes were lost in the Fire; but the orphanage itself, being west of Van Ness, was not destroyed, and that is why this collection exists.) The building was damaged but repaired by November. In the meantime, the children lived for a few weeks in the State Normal School, located on the southern half of the orphanage property, which had just been leased to the State of California. Later, the children were sent to Petaluma, where they reportedly lived in the stables near Kenilworth Pavilion at the county fairgrounds.

In 1910, Mr. Ginn arranged a legacy to pay for boys to attend the Lick/Wilmerding vocational schools. Some fifty-five boys from SFPOA served in the military during World War I. The Managers tried to stay in touch with children who left the orphanage to make their way in the world. In poor economic times, they encouraged the former residents to return to the orphanage rather than suffer the embarrassment of bread lines, etc. Many alumni returned for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday parties. Sometimes they had younger siblings who still lived at the orphanage and other times they were interested in mentoring or helping orphans themselves. By 1926, at least two former residents graduated from the local high school and went on to college--a boy to California College of Arts & Crafts and a girl to nursing school.

By 1919, the orphanage building on Haight Street was no longer habitable. The repairs done after the Earthquake and the age of the building were conspiring to make the children homeless until the Managers negotiated a deal to rent the Maria Kip Orphanage until SFPOA could build a new facility. The Kip home was located at 7th Ave and Lake Street, near the Presidio. The Kip children went to an affiliated home while SFPOA occupied their building. After much deliberation, the
Managers decided to sell the Haight Street property and build a new orphanage elsewhere in San Francisco. The Haight property was sold to the State of California, which had been leasing it since 1905. None of the Managers could bring themselves to attend the razing of the old Orphanage building.

SFPOA ended up being in the Kip Orphanage for five years. It was a difficult time for the staff and administrators. The Kip home was much smaller and arranged differently, with a yard that did not allow for the gardens and play areas the children had had at the old home. Sloyd and sewing classes were halted for lack of space. The older children were allowed to go to the YMCA and the YWCA for recreation. At this time they also started a Boy Scout Troop and a Girls’ Friendly Society. There was a great deal of personnel turnover during these years, and the Managers were trying new procedures in managing the home, including having a Superintendent instead of a Matron. Many of the new procedures were due to the fact that the State of California, and the City and County of San Francisco began regulating social services agencies more heavily.

Enormous amounts of documentation were required when applying for financial aid for any child, and SFPOA had 80-120 children in residence. Admissions often came from the San Francisco Juvenile Court. Reports and forms had to be completed and sent in regularly. Officials came to visit and inspect the orphanage and could withhold funds from agencies that were not adhering to new standards. The Managers also re-incorporated as the San Francisco Protestant Orphanage Society in 1920.

As the Managers explored available real estate, they also researched the styles and methods of other orphanages. They visited the Pacific Hebrew Orphanage in San Francisco and a dozen other institutions in California. In 1923, the Managers negotiated the purchase of a 10-acre property on Vicente Street in the Parkside District of San Francisco (the property abuts what is now Stern Grove). They also decided that instead of building another dormitory-style institution, they would adopt the cottage system for SFPOA, similar to that of the Pacific Hebrew Orphanage. The cottage system was intended to better simulate family life for children who were separated by choice or chance from their parents and other family members.

On the new campus, there were six cottages, an administration building and a laundry building. In 1951, a Recreation building would be added. Each cottage housed up to 20 children and a cottage mother. The rooms were big and airy. Each child had her or his own closet. There was a living room, kitchen and dining room in each cottage. The buildings were designed by Bliss & Faville, and constructed by Lindgren & Swinerton. John McLaren offered to move vegetation from the old orphanage site to the new campus. By the time the children moved into the new orphanage, the neighborhood was being settled. Streets had been graded, street lights installed, streetcar routes added to service that part of town, and some sidewalks had been installed. An oral history interview with a former resident revealed that the children actually walked to their new school on a boardwalk for a time.

Great care was taken in deciding how to divide the children into the cottages. Most of the time siblings were housed together, but it was to the orphanage’s benefit to segregate the older boys into a cottage of their own. The children were allowed to visit any cottage and play with any other children, and there was some friendly competition between cottages. The children continued to spend their summers at Camp Swain.

The staff and teenagers of SFPOA noticed that some of the children were embarrassed about being called “orphans,” either because of social stigma or because they did have parents—only about 6% of the children were actually orphans. For psychological benefit, the children of each cottage were invited to designate a name to replace the cottage’s original number. Even seven decades later, the cottages are called Lane Hall, Dimond Cottage, Stow Hall, Halleck Hall, Pine Lodge, and Williams Cottage. As early as 1930, the children began calling their home “Edgewood,” and in 1944 the name was officially changed. Sometimes the children referred to themselves as “P.O. kids.”

At Edgewood, life for the children was very similar to regular family life. Each child was expected to perform chores according to his or her abilities, they could do extra work to earn pocket money, they had bicycles and pets, they played basketball and baseball in the park with the neighborhood children. Edgewood children went to school, did homework, participated in scouting activities, went to dances, hosted parties in the gymnasium, exchanged gifts and took photographs of each other. Camp Swain was “self-governing” in that the children elected a “mayor” to be in charge of planned activities throughout the summer.

During the Depression, children stayed an average of 35 months at Edgewood. When other orphanages closed, some of those children were sent to Edgewood. Some children were admitted to Edgewood for the summer months only, so they never lived at the Vicente campus as the children were at Camp Swain for vacation.

In 1948, a group of women got together and founded the Edgewood Auxiliary. Volunteer fundraising and assistance groups had been started at least twice before, circa 1883 and 1923, but these women were determined to make a profound difference in the lives of Edgewood children. In the first ten years, the Auxiliary took the children to the Ice Follies, threw bridal showers for young Edgewood brides, bought a school bus to facilitate transportation to and from special events, hired a tutor for children who needed help with schoolwork, decorated the recreation room, funded birthday parties for the
In 1951, Edgewood officially changed from a child-care agency to a residential treatment program for emotionally-disturbed children, mostly teenagers. In 1964, the residential day treatment program was initiated, with a focus on younger children and their families. Edgewood programs continued to change and grow over the years. Other programs that Edgewood sponsored during this time were: the Edgewood Learning Center, an intensive assessment and treatment program for learning disabled children and adults; a day-treatment program, a fully-independent non-public school; the Primary Intervention Program in San Francisco public schools; a sub-acute unit that is a fully-accredited alternative to psychiatric hospitalization; a diagnostic shelter care program; Parents Helping Parents; Grandpatents Who Care; and Therapeutic Foster Care. For a time, Edgewood was open only to boys of a certain age (the age group changed several times), but was again coeducational by 1979. In 1980, the Lucinda Weeks Center merged with Edgewood. In 1998, Edgewood won the Mutual of America Community Partnership Award for its Kinship Support Network, which started in 1995. In 2001, Edgewood has three campuses: the original Vicente campus, the Kinship Support Network on Rhode Island Street near Pacific Bell Park, and the East Palo Alto campus.

Scope and Contents
The San Francisco Protestant Orphan Asylum / Edgewood records contain listings of children admitted to and discharged; the minutes and annual reports created by the Board of Managers; photographs of children, staff, buildings, and events; and administrative records of the institution. Included are documents regarding all facets of management of institutional management, including personnel, taxes, construction and building repair, supply of foodstuffs and other goods, transportation of children and staff, entertainment, schooling, contact with parents and guardians, financial obligations, endowments, investments and legacies.

Also included in the collection are records of the San Francisco Nursery for Homeless Children, San Francisco Female Hospital and San Francisco Foundling Home. Exact provenance of these items is unknown, but it is assumed that these homes sent their residents and records to SFPOA/Edgewood when they closed.

Arrangement
The collection is divided into two record groups: Record Group 1: San Francisco Protestant Orphan Asylum/Edgewood; and Record Group 2: San Francisco Nursery for Homeless Children. Each record group is divided into series and subseries.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Adolescent psychotherapy -- Residential treatment -- California -- San Francisco.
San Francisco (Calif.) -- Social conditions.
Orphanages -- California -- San Francisco.
Children -- Institutional care -- California -- San Francisco.
San Francisco Nursery for Homeless Children
San Francisco Orphan Asylum
San Francisco Protestant Orphan Asylum

San Francisco Protestant Orphan Asylum / Edgewood Record Group 1 1851-2014

Arrangement
Organized into eight series: Series 1: Board of Managers; Series 2: Records of Children; Series 3: General Administrative Files; Series 4: Finances; Series 5: Property and Maintenance; Series 6: Publications; Series 7: Photographs; Series 8: Artifacts.

Series 1 Board of Managers 1851-1957
Physical Description: 6 boxes, 3 folders
Arrangement
Arranged in three subseries: 1.1: Minutes; 1.2: Annual Reports; and 1.3: Miscellaneous Business Documents.
Subseries 1.1 Minutes 1851-2008
Scope and Contents
Annual report has a broken run. Some years are missing after 1930, especially the 1940s and after 1960.

box 1, folder 1  Constitution, By-Laws & Minutes of the Proceedings of the San Francisco Orphan Asylum Society (Liber A), 1851-1861
box 1, folder 2  Revised constitution, revised by-laws & minutes (Liber B), 1861-1867
box 1, folder 3  Revised constitution, revised by-laws & minutes (Liber C), 1867-1875
box 1, folder 4  Revised constitution, revised by-laws & minutes (Liber D), 1875-1882
box 1, folder 5  Revised constitution & minutes (Liber E), 1882-1889
box 1, folder 6-13  Minutes 1889-1918
box 2, folder 1-20  Minutes 1919-1967
box 3, folder 1-14  Minutes 1967-2008

Subseries 1.2 Annual reports 1851-1941
box 4, folder 1  Annual Reports, bound in 1 volume 1851-1870
box 4, folder 2  Annual Reports, bound in 1 volume 1871-1891
box 4, folder 3  Annual Reports, bound in 1 volume 1892-1910
box 4, folder 4-23 Annual Reports 1851-2014
box 4, folder 24  Annual report drafts 1930-1931
box 4, folder 25  Miss Stow's handwritten draft of the 90th Annual Report, 1941
box 4, folder 26  Miss Stow's typescript draft of the 90th Annual Report, 1941

Subseries 1.3 Miscellaneous Business Documents 1860-1957
box 52, folder 12  Articles of incorporation, by-laws, amendments, 1919-1942
box 52, folder 13  G.W. Haight, Powers of a corporation, 1903
box 3, folder 15  Prayer book ca. 1860
box 3, folder 16-17 List of fees, G.W. Haight 1897-1898
box 3, folder 18  Opinion on status of Board of Trustees 1898
box 3, folder 19  Board of Managers correspondence 1919
box 3, folder 20  Articles of Incorporation 1920
box 3, folder 21  Letter from Elizabeth Watt Campbell 1921
box 3, folder 22  Resignation letter from Louise de Voe Brickell 1925
box 3, folder 23  Resignation letter from Nellie Stow 1934
box 3, folder 24  Promotional booklet 1946
box 3, folder 25  Promotional brochure 1948
box 3, folder 26  Auxiliary projects 1948-1966
box 3, folder 27  Promotional brochure ca. 1957
box 3, folder 28  Misc. notes by Miss Stow undated
box 3, folder 29  Howard's Boston Houses, from The Argonaut 1937
box 3, folder 30  Eugenics Made Plain, by Havelock Ellis ca. 1910
box 3, folder 31  Rev. Albert Williams quotations re: Edgewood history undated
box 3, folder 32  Quote from California, an Intimate History, by Gertrude Atherton, 1914
box 3, folder 33  Total population figures 1851-1965

Series 2 Records of Children 1851-1963
Physical Description: 49 volumes, 3 boxes, 9 folders
Arrangement
Arranged in eight subseries: 2.1: Admissions and discharge records; 2.2: Indenture and adoption files; 2.3: Correspondence; 2.4: Baptisms; 2.5: Applications for children; 2.6: Matron's and Supervisor's reports; 2.7: City, State, and County documents; 2.8 Oral Histories.
Record books of Admission and Discharge Indexes 1851-1957

Physical Description: 48 volumes in boxes

Scope and Contents
Fifty record books containing handwritten information regarding admission and discharge of children. Most volumes contain a combination of admissions and discharges, while a few contain solely one or the other.

Arrangement
Admission and discharge records are grouped alphabetically by type and then chronologically.

box 5, folder 1  Admissions [Volume 1] 1851-1854
box 5, folder 2  Admissions [Volume 39] 1890-1891
box 5, folder 3  Admissions [Volume 42] 1895-1899
box 5, folder 4  Admissions [Volume 63] 1907-1913
box 5, folder 5  Alphabetically Arranged List [Volume 19] 1878-1885
box 9  List of Children [Volume 10] 1858-1882

Physical Description: flat-box

box 10  List of Inmates [Volume 18] 1873-1902

Physical Description: flat-box

box 11  Matron's Record [Volume 44] 1896-1912

Physical Description: flat-box

box 7, folder 2  Minutes / Register [Volume 14] 1867-1881
box 5, folder 6  Record [Volume 21] 1878-1904
box 5, folder 7  Record [Volume 22] 1879-1886
box 5, folder 8  Record [Volume 25] 1880-1895
box 7, folder 6  Record [Volume 26] 1881-1904
box 7, folder 7  Record [Volume 27] 1882-1884
box 5, folder 9  Record [Volume 30] 1886-1892
box 5, folder 10  Record [Volume 32] 1887-1891
box 7, folder 8  Record [Volume 33] 1887-1901
box 7, folder 9  Record [Volume 35] 1888-1897
box 5, folder 11  Record [Volume 40] 1892-1898
box 12  Record [Volume 41] 1893-1896

Physical Description: flat-box

box 5, folder 12  Record [Volume 43] 1896-1903
box 7, folder 10  Record [Volume 46] 1898-1905
box 5, folder 13  Record [Volume 47] 1898-1905
box 5, folder 14  Record [Volume 49] 1899-1918
box 13  Record (of Orphans) [Volume 50] 1899-1922

Physical Description: flat-box

box 5, folder 15  Record [Volume 58] 1905-1915
box 5, folder 16  Record [Volume 60] 1906
box 14  Record (of Orphans) [Volume 59] 1906-1914

Physical Description: flat-box

box 13  Record (of Orphans) [Volume 65] 1908-1913

Physical Description: flat-box

box 15  Record [Volume 83] 1929-1942

Physical Description: flat-box
Record of Admissions [Volume 56] 1904-1916
Record of Admissions [Volume 62] 1907-1910
Record of Children [Volume 37] 1890-1917
Physical Description: flat-box

Record of Discharge [Volume 45] 1897-1903
Record of Discharge [Volume 36] 1888-1903
Record of Discharge [Volume 54] 1903-1906
Record of Discharge [Volume 61] 1906-1917
Record of Discharges [Volume 64] 1907-1914
Record of Discharge [Volume 66] 1908-1916
Record of Discharge [Volume 67] 1909-1918
Record of Discharges [Volume 64] 1907-1914
Record of Discharge [Volume 66] 1908-1916
Record of Discharge [Volume 67] 1909-1918
Record of Discharges [Volume 64] 1907-1914
Record of Discharge [Volume 66] 1908-1916
Record of Discharge [Volume 67] 1909-1918
Physical Description: flat-box

Register (of the Orphans) [Volume 2] 1851-1878
Physical Description: flat-box

Register [Volume 12] 1863-1868
Register [Volume 16] 1869-1873
Register [Volume 23] 1879-1890
Register [Volume 24] 1879-1896
Physical Description: flat-box

Register [Volume 28] 1897-1957
Physical Description: flat-box

Removal Record [Volume 15] 1867-1885
Subseries 2.1 Admission and discharge records 1851-1963
Scope and Contents
Some admission records include discharge records and vice versa. Admission and discharge records may also include baptismal, marriage or other records.

Admission and Discharge Records filed by Year 1851-1896
Conditions Governing Access
To access children's admission and discharge records contact the San Francisco History Center.

Admission and Discharge Records filed by Children's Number 1897-1963
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Children Discharged, Relatives and Foster Homes 1890-1904
Children Discharged, A-Z 1890-1904
Subseries 2.2 Indenture and adoption files 1853-1916
Arrangement
Filed alphabetically by child's birth name.

Indenture files
Batzer, Louisa A. 1886
Batzer, William 1885
Berg, Vivian Grace 1907
Biddle, Harry 1899
Blanchard, Annie 1912
Bosch, Florence 1912
Botting, Evan 1884
Botting, Gomer 1885
Brockman, Lillie 1905
Brown, Frank 1872
Bruns, Matilda 1888
Cadogan, Harry E. 1901
Casenore, Leonard 1899
Derrick, Anna 1871
Dowland, Thomas 1853
Droast, John M. 1892
Ewing, Harry 1871
Fisher, Edwin 1906
Fitzgerald, Marion 1900
Flodberg, Samuel 1903
Fredericks, Emma 1892
Goebbe, Frederick 1893
Gray, Nathan Willis 1884
Gross, Fred W. 1908
Gross, William C. 1907
Haines, Albert 1893
Haley, Elizabeth 1870
Hamburger, Lena 1909, 1910
Harold, George 1900
Hill, Annie Marie 1916
Iverson, Bertha 1905
Iverson, Dora 1899
Iverson, Minnie 1904
Johnson, Henry 1901
Johnson, Viola 1899
Joslin, Edith 1910
Joslin, Edna 1909
Keebler, Carrie 1891
Kelly, Agnes 1906
Kelly, Mary Ellen -- see Saunders, Elene
Koenicke, Henry 1905, 1908
Langdon, Josephine 1868
Larsen, Daisy A. 1891
Loeffler, Lulu 1896
Loring, Robert 1904
Lowe, Thomas 1868
Martinson, Arnie 1899
Martinson, Sophia 1893
Mclaughlin, James 1885
Miller, Anna 1870
Mitchel, Elisabeth 1878
Moeller, Claudine 1908
Mueller, Camilla 1887
Nelson, Alice 1902
Niendick, Clemens 1913
Niendick, Harry 1912
Niendick, Lillian 1907
Nolon, Dora 1878
Oetll, Frank 1887
Olsen, Hilda 1892
Ott, Frank 1870
Paul, Maud
Peterson, Charles 1909
Peterson, John 1909
Peterson, Margaret 1905
Peterson, Mary Winifred 1903
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Purser, Nora 1904
Rankin, William L. 1900
Rick, Robert 1884
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Shurr, Elizabeth 1867
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Stillman, Samuel 1899
Stuck, August 1892
Ubhaus, Joseph 1899
Wilson, Ida 1909
Winters, Mary 1902
Woods, Nettie 1897
Zwaal, Annie E. 1907

Adoption files

Adriance, Frank 1871
Adriance, Willie 1872
Aukele, Caroline 1884
Austin, Minnie Constine 1877
Crittenden, Maud 1887
Crocker, Thomas 1895
Derrick, Maggie 1870
Feeley, Mary
Findlay, Bertha 1894
Havens, Frank 1885
Hunter, Laura A. 1872
Liebenberg, Henry 1894
Liebenberg, Mary 1894
Manly, Laura 1868
Metke, Dora 1884
Morgan, Mary 1871
Schure, John 1872
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Stevenson, Emma 1885
Stevenson, Frank O. 1885
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Letters of inquiry for adoption and indenture 1927-1945

Physical Description: 5 folders
Arrangement
Filed alphabetically by child's birth name.

Adams, Arthur & Rowland
Anderson, Maude
Ault, George
Bartells, Daisy
Beggo, Edward, James A. & Samuel C.
Berg, Hugo & Vivian Grace
Berkuer, Annie
Biddle, Harry
Bosworth, Harold
Bradley, Deldair
Bradley, Lawrence
Breeze, Elton
Brewer, Bertrand
Brown, Alfred
Caldwell, David
Campbell, William
Casenore, Theresa
Casenore, Victor
Cheffers, Alfred
Christianson, Christine
Church, Nelson
Clemens, Teresa
Clark, Claude
Cottrell, David & Delina
Crandall, Eugene Gilbert & Warren W.
Detels, Albert H. & Edward H.
Doleson, Gordon N.
Feltes, Donald
Fiest, Albert, Leroy & Louis H.
Findley, Bertha, Emma, Harry & Minnie
Fisher, Edwin
Fitzgerald, Gerald & Marion
Flodberg, Samuel
Forbes, Florence [Susie?]
Forbes, Sadie & Susie
Frederick, Conrad, Emma & Robert
Fullenback, Eva
Garratt, Arthur, Elsie, Grace & Walter
Gibson, John & Ripley
Goebel, Frederick
Goetz, Walter
Grange, Elizabeth & Walter
Green, Margaret
Haines, Albert B.
Hansen, Herbert
Helberg, Elizabeth
Hopwood, Nettie -- see Wood, Nettie
Houge, Elizabeth, Minna, Robert & William
Iverson, Bertha
Iverson, Frank & Minnie
Johnson, Frederick & Sarah
Johnson, Henry & Viola
Johnson, Nellie
Keebler, Johnnie & Oliver
Kelly, Mary Ellen -- see Sanders, Elene
Kempf, George & Margareta
Kern, Edward
Kern, Abbie, George & Stella
Larsen, Daisy A.
Larson, Mamie A. [Minnie?] & Susie A.
Liebenberg, Harry & Mary [Mamie]
Loeffler, Carrie
Loeffler, Emma, George, Harry & Lulu -- see also Loeffler, Carrie
Loosl, Lizzie
Loring, Ruby
Luceo, Arthur
Lundberg, Violet
Mangels, Fritz & Wilhelm
Marr, Willie L.
Martenson, Sophia
Martin, Dorothy
Martinson, Arne
McDonald, Ernest
McDonald, John A. & Robert Lyle
Moore, Leslie
Mungari, Frank
Musgrove, Alma & Mabel
Nahhas, Philip
Nelson, Alice
Niendick, Lillie
Paul, Maud
Peterson, Annie & Mabel
Peterson, Charles A.
Peterson, Charles
Polio, Kenneth George
Popp, Claus, Frederick, Henry & Lizzie
Potts, Jessie, Louisa & Minnie
Pregg, Harry & Minnie -- see Findley
Presley, Bruce, Lee & Nellie
Purcher, Nora
Ruthven, Louise
Sanders, Elene
Scarborough, Clarance, Edith & Robert
Schmidt, Adela, Gideon & Lionel
Shackleton, George, John, Jonathan & William
Smith, Joseph, Percy & Walter
Stanton, James
Stamer, Harry
Steck, August
Stephens, Annie
Stevens, Lloyd, Rosie & Sadie
Stillman, Margaret & Raymond
Wightman, Alice Eliza
Willett, Angelina & Della
Williston, Cecil & Florence
Willmot, Charles & Rose
Wood, Nettie
Zwaal, Charles J.
box 47, folder 119-123
Subseries 2.5 Applications for children 1918-1921

box 49, folder 2-4
Subseries 2.6 Matron's and Supervisor's reports 1918-1922

Subseries 2.7 City, State, and County documents 1916-1943
Physical Description: 19 folders

box 49, folder 5
Report of the Coordination Committee to the Council of Social and Health Agencies and to the Community Chest, 1925

box 49, folder 6
Proof of publication: Notice of children admitted to SFPOA, 1919-1934

box 49, folder 7
Board of Charities and Corrections: Standards for children's institutions and per capita costs by institution, 1919

box 49, folder 8-10
State aid documents 1916-1929
Physical Description: 3 folders

box 49, folder 11-15
Reports and claims for State aid 1917-1929
Physical Description: 5 folders

box 49, folder 16
SFPO reports on payments from City & County of San Francisco, 1921-1934

box 49, folder 17-22
Court documents 1919-1934
Physical Description: 6 folders

box 49, folder 23
County maintenance documentation 1934-1943

Oral Histories Subseries 2.8 Mar. 29, 2001

box 49, folder 24-25
Cecil Malmin (resident 1924-1932) interview, includes audio recording and transcript. Jim Hum interview, includes audio recording and transcript. 2001-2015

box 49, folder 26
John Wilkins interview, includes Audio recording and transcript. Joanne Meads, includes audio recording and transcript 2014-2015

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Series 3 General Administrative Files 1851-1951
Arrangement
Arranged in three subseries: 3.1: Correspondence; 3.2: Business Documents; 3.3 Centennial 1951.

Subseries 3.1 Correspondence 1851-1951

box 50, folder 1
General correspondence 1851-1879

box 50, folder 2
General correspondence 1880-1899

box 50, folder 3
General correspondence 1900-1909

box 50, folder 4
General correspondence 1910-1916

box 50, folder 5
General correspondence 1917

box 50, folder 6-12
General correspondence 1918
Arrangement
Alphabetical by correspondent.

box 50, folder 13-21
General correspondence 1919

box 50, folder 22-25
General correspondence 1920

box 50, folder 26-29
General correspondence 1921

box 50, folder 30-39
General correspondence 1922-1931

box 50, folder 40-43
General correspondence 1932-1935

box 50, folder 44
Letter from Eva Daniels 1938

box 50, folder 45
Letters from former residents 1950-1951
Subseries 3.2 Business documents 1916-1934

Physical Description: Box 50 (12 folders)

- box 50, folder 46: Form for report for Children's Institutions 1916-1927
- box 50, folder 47: Menu planning information from the State Board of Charities and Corrections 1917
- box 50, folder 48: Eligibility for lamp purchase agreement from State Purchasing Department 1918
- box 50, folder 49: Statement on corporal punishment from State Board of Charities and Corrections 1918
- box 50, folder 50: "Milk for Children" from State Board of Health 1918
- box 50, folder 52: Some suggestions re: obtaining County aid 1919
- box 50, folder 51: Instructions and table showing rates for months and days (re: State aid) 1919
- box 50, folder 53: Monthly Census Bulletin from the State Board of Charities and Corrections 1919
- box 50, folder 54: Rules relating to State aid from State Board of Examiners ca. 1919
- box 50, folder 55: Visit reports from State Board of Control 1920-1922
- box 50, folder 56: New rulings from the State Dept. of Finance, Bureau of Children's Aid 1922
- box 50, folder 57: Children's Council 1930-1934

Subseries 3.3 Centennial 1951

Physical Description: Box 47 (18 folders)

- box 47, folder 124: City-County Record (reprint) 1951
- box 47, folder 125: A compilation of earlier reports of history 1950
- box 47, folder 126: Press releases 1950-1951
- box 47, folder 127: For Herb Caen 1950
- box 47, folder 128: Notes and timeline from historical records 1851-1951, 1951?
- box 47, folder 129: Press release and invitation to Edgewood Christmas play, 1950
- box 47, folder 130: Edgewood Centennial Program scripts (KCBS) 1951
- box 47, folder 131: Centennial press correspondence and Home Tour information 1950-1951
- box 47, folder 132: Centennial guests and gifts 1951
- box 47, folder 133: Press invitation 1951
- box 47, folder 134: Centennial press packet 1951
- box 47, folder 135: Centennial program draft and mock-up 1951
- box 47, folder 136: Master copies [mimeograph] of background information 1951
- box 47, folder 137: Salute to Edgewood script (KNBC) 1951
- box 47, folder 138: Press release: Mrs. Bartlett's remarks to Council of Executors of Child Care Institutions ca. 1951
- box 47, folder 139: Press release: Auxiliary increase 1951
- box 47, folder 140: Centennial invitation 1951
- box 47, folder 141: Fortnight January 22, 1951

Series 4 Finances 1851-1959

Arrangement

Subdivided by physical type into Files and Record Books. Files are arranged chronologically within each box; Record Books are arranged chronologically by volume.

Record books 1851-1951

Physical Description: Various volume numbers (36 volumes)

- box 5, folder 1: Account Book (bound with admissions) [Volume 1] 1851-1856
- box 51, folder 1: Notebook [Volume 3] 1852
- box 51, folder 2: Cash [Volume 4] 1852-1853
- box 51, folder 3: Cash [Volume 5] 1853
- box 51, folder 5: Cash [Volume 7] 1853-1854
- box 51, folder 6: Treasurer's Book [Volume 8] 1854-1858
- box 51, folder 7: Donations [Volume 9] 1854
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"Edgewood Centennial 1851-1951" 1950-1951

Scope and Contents
Contains newspaper clippings and magazine articles.

1950-1951

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Scrapbook contains newspaper clippings, notes, images of grounds, and reproductions of event posters.
Series 7 Photographs Circa 1851-1959

Physical Description: 6 boxes of prints, two albums, misc. oversize items in box, 1 box of negatives (Boxes 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63; Volumes 88-89)

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Scope and Contents
Images of children, staff, buildings, activities and events, late 1800's to 1950's. At least two photos from San Francisco Nursery for Homeless Children are included.

Arrangement
Subdivided by physical type into Files and Albums. Files are arranged roughly chronologically within each box.

Adults (parents?) pre-1900
Scope and Contents
7 cartes de visite, incl. J. H. Sperling, Caroline Frey, Reinhold Frey, Eddie Bruce's mother.

Portraits of young ladies undated [early 1900's]
General
Scope and Contents
Signed Marjorie, Elizabeth Dacher, Harriet Walsh, Betty Barioll, Mad Benedict, Kathryn, Barbara, Mary, Adeline E. Howard, Eleanor P. Sell, Miriam Beaver, Amy Long, Amy Requa.

Children Pre-1924
Scope and Contents
Includes cabinet cards (group of six unidentified children, baby portrait) and photographs (group of children and car in front of Haight St. building, classroom of young children, boys in military uniforms ca. Spanish American War, boys in Sloyd class, girls in sewing class, girls and boys exercising). Includes some copy prints.

Panorama of children in Petaluma after the Great San Francisco Earthquake 1906
Children 1922-1929
Scope and Contents
Incl. indoor shots of boys and girls playing, outdoor shots of children playing, 1922 panorama of Business League Picnic and Kiddies Outing. Includes some copy prints.

Children circa 1924-1959
Scope and Contents
Identified persons incl. Charles Boser, Miss Marden, Mrs. Wayne.

Camp Swain 1927
Scope and Contents
Pages and photographs separated, but identified persons incl. Mr. C. W. Mark.

Children 1930-1939
Scope and Contents
Incl. 1937 portrait of Cottage 3 (all children and adults identified).
Camp Swain 1936
Scope and Contents

Camp Swain 1943
Scope and Contents
Photo of dedication stone, buildings and identified persons: Mrs. Howard Naffziger, Mr. Kuser, Mrs. Leroy Briggs, Mrs. Clarence Oddie, Mrs. Rulofson.

Children 1940-1949
Scope and Contents
Identified persons include: Mrs. Roth, Mr. Runyan, Mrs. Towne, Bill Kuser, Alex Sherriff, Melvin Philbrick. Scenes are of Camp Swain, Searsville Lake and SFPOA/Edgewood. VERY POOR CONDITION.

Christmas 1940s-1950s
Scope and Contents

Children 1950-1959
Scope and Contents
Includes images of District Attorney Pat Brown, Byron Owen, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Levy, Melvin Philbrick, Parkside School Room 5 (1955), Jerry Wills.

Children 1980s

Edgewood Campus 1930s
Scope and Contents
Images of Edgewood campus taken by Gabriel Moulin.

Haight Street buildings ca. 1854-1900
Scope and Contents
Images of old orphanage building in Haight between Laguna and Buchanan. Etching of building as it was in 1854, photos & drawing of building after addition of Sansome wing in 1863. Includes 3 glass plates of Haight Street building and expansion.

Edgewood buildings 1923-1951
Scope and Contents
Includes images of construction (1923-1924), dedication plaques and completed buildings (1924-1951).

San Francisco Nursery for Homeless Children ca. 1910?
Scope and Contents
Two images. Newspaper clipping mounted on cardboard -- photo of group of children. Photograph mounted -- image of building at 14th Ave. and Lake St.

Desk shots undated
Scope and Contents
Staged images of the SFPOA registers, fountain pen and roll-top desk.
Staff, Board members and volunteers undated
Scope and Contents
Identified: Mrs. Cunningham (?), Mrs. Dean Witter, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Atholl McBean, Melvin Philbrick, Miss Nellie Stow, Mrs. Waldo Coleman, Mrs. Henry Wright.

Staff, Board members and volunteers (unidentified) undated
Scope and Contents
Cabinet cards and photographs of adults.

Auxiliary 1948
Scope and Contents
Includes photos of Mrs. Alan McLenegan, Mrs. John Bosche, Mrs. Edmund MacDonald, Mrs. Lawrence Bowes, Mrs. Philip Boone, Mrs. Granger F. Kenly, Mrs. Thayer Hopkins.

Poster ca. 1947-1949
Scope and Contents
Includes images of a cowgirl actress visiting with groups of Edgewood girls, a cowboy actor visiting with Edgewood children, Camp Meeker and a roller skating party panorama.

Custodial History
Someone created an historical display of photographs of Edgewood events. Images were mounted on several posters and were identified with a number written on a bright orange sticker. The key to these images is not available. The posters have been disassembled, but the photos remain grouped and identified as much as possible. Some of these photos may not be Edgewood-related.

Christmas 1 poster undated
Scope and Contents
Images of Marine Corps Christmas parties, Optimist basketball team, talent shows.

Christmas 2 poster ca. 1946-1948
Scope and Contents
Marine Corps parties (incl. Gen A Creesy), talent shows, all day picnic with Marin Town & Country Club, and San Francisco Lumberman’s Club party at the Palace Hotel.

Christmas 3 poster ca. 1946-1948
Scope and Contents
Includes images of Halloween, drawing, science classes, birthday party, boys visit to HMNZS Royalist, opening the Blum’s store at the Fairmont Hotel with Mrs. Fred Levy, and in kitchen with cook.

box 60, volume 88
Album ca. 1951
Scope and Contents
Boys’ outing(s) to the beach.

box 60, volume 89
Album ca. 1951
Scope and Contents
Recreation at Edgewood and around SF. VERY POOR CONDITION -- photos not correctly developed.

box 62, folder 1-66
1980s-1990s
General
Includes images of children, staff, events and grounds.
box 61, folder 1-6
Photographs Pre 1900-Circa 1942
Children, Vicente Campus Circa 1910-1930
Model. Community Chest. Podesta and Baldocchi (Doll furniture and dolls) Circa 1933
Portraits. Ashburner, Mrs. William Circa 1890-1900
Portraits. Peterson, Charles (Admission 1876)
Portraits. Thurston, Sarah and Emma 1876

box 63, folder 1-32
Negatives 1980s-1990s

Series 8 Artifacts Circa 1851-Circa 1933

box 64
Community Chest Doll Furniture and Dolls Circa 1933
Physical Description: Contains: 2 red tables, 2 benches (orange and gray), 1 tennis net, 4 black metal chairs, 1 round black metal table, 2 small round gold tables, 1 metal black stove, 1 red goal post, 1 gold San Francisco Protestant Orphanage flag, 1 red Pacific Hebrew Orphanage flag, 2 porcelain dolls with hair and crepe paper clothes, 3 medium porcelain dolls with crepe paper clothes, 1 miniature doll with blond painted hair, 1 dog, 4 vegetables/fruits, 9 black and red porcelain football players with movable arms and legs, 10 blue and gold porcelain football players with movable arms and legs, 5 porcelain dolls with crepe paper clothes moveable arms and legs.

box 64
Vinyl Records, Victory Records "Camp Fone"
Physical Description: Eight records bound together in one brown case. Several records have broken edges.

box 65
Wood Engraving Plates, Vicente Campus Circa 1925
Back of Administration (5 X 7)
Front of Administration (5 X 7)
Front Door (5 X 7)
One of the Cottages (5 X 7)
Side Door (5 X 7)
Administration Front Steps (3.5 X 5)
Cottage Common Room? (3.5 X 5)
Cottage Room (3.5 X 5)
One of the Cottages (3.5 X 5)
View from Vicente Street (3.5 X 5)
Campus from Vicente Street (Pine, Administration, Lane) (3.5 X 5)

box 65
Embossing Seal Circa 1851-Circa 1900

box 65
Original Key to Haight Street Building Circa 1870-Circa 1890
San Francisco Nursery for Homeless Children Record Group 2 1895-1932

Physical Description: 1 box, 2 vols., 1 folder

Arrangement
Organized into four series: Series 1: Annual Reports; Series 2: Admission and Discharge Records; Series 3: Adoption Papers; and Series 4: Ephemera. Some photos of the San Francisco Nursery for Homeless Children may be found interfiled with the Edgewood photographs in Subgroup 1, Series 7.

Biographical / Historical
The San Francisco Nursery for Homeless Children (SFNHC) was founded in 1892 as "a non-sectarian home for children whose parents, either by neglect, ill-fortune, or unfitness, could not give them proper care and protection" and the institution continued until at least 1932. Both boys and girls were admitted. SFNHC was originally incorporated as the San Francisco Female Hospital in 1878 and also incorporated a Foundling Home that was founded in 1887. SFNHC's stated purpose in 1900 was to be a home for children under the age of 12. In 1932 the ages of children allowed was "4 years 3 months to 16 years." The first location of SFNHC was at First St. and Bryant. They moved to Second St. and Harrison for a time, and then to 14th St. and Mission. In 1904, SFNHC moved from its home on Mission St. to a new building near 14th Ave. and Lake St. This new building was practically destroyed in the 1906 earthquake, and the children lived in tents for two weeks before being sent to an affiliated home in Sacramento. SFNHC rebuilt the building at 14th Ave and Lake St. By 1911, SFNHC had begun a successful series of annual pencil sales as a fundraiser. Records in this collection include a letter from Al Jolson. The children were treated to movies, gardening, open air shop classes, piano lessons, sewing lessons, folk dancing lessons, various circuses, the beach, the Chutes and the Pan-Pacific International Exposition. In 1915, the SFNHC children attended a Christmas play put on by Bruce Porter and the SFPOA children at the Haight St. orphanage. The SFNHC children attended public school (primarily Sutro Elementary). In 1921, the SFNHC children began going to the "country" for the summer. By 1932 SFNHC had purchased the Love Creek summer camp in Ben Lomond, California. When possible, parents were expected to pay something toward room and board, but State and County Aid was sometimes available as well. SFNHC was a member of the San Francisco Community Chest.

General
No Subnote Content

Annual reports Series 1 1900-1932

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

11th Annual Report, 1900
13th Annual Report, 1902
14th Annual Report, 1903
15th Annual Report, 1904
16th Annual Report, 1905
17th Annual Report, 1906
18th Annual Report, 1908
19th Annual Report, 1908
20th Annual Report, 1909
21st Annual Report, 1910
22nd Annual Report, 1911
23rd Annual Report, 1912
24th Annual Report, 1913
25th Annual Report, 1914
26th Annual Report, 1915
27th Annual Report, 1916
28th Annual Report, 1917

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29th Annual Report, 1918-1919
Report, July 1919 - February 1922

Admission and discharge records Series 2 1887-1929
Physical Description: 2 vols.

box 67 [Volume 31] 1887-1893
Physical Description: Flat box.

box 8, folder 4 [Volume 70] 1914-1917 and 1920-1929

Adoption papers Series 3 1895-1901
Physical Description: 1 folder

Ephemera Series 4 1910-1932
Physical Description: Document box 3, Folders 21-22 Legal box 1, Folder 1 (3 folders)

box 66, folder 21 Published admission notice 1910
box 49, folder 1 Publicity for pencil sale 1919-1922
box 66, folder 22 Promotional brochure 1932