Finding aid for the Stanislaus County Welfare Commission and Welfare Department records 0455

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Received from Leon R. Umsted, Deputy Director, Income Maintenance Division, Stanislaus County Department of Social Services; Marsena Buck, Director, Stanislaus County Department of Social Services

Scope and Content
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Stanislaus County (Calif.). Welfare Commission. -- Archives
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Correspondence
Ledgers (account books)
Legal documents
Public welfare--California--Archival resources
Reports

Box 1, Volume 1
Ledger #1 1934-1941
Scope and Content

Box 1, Volume 2
Ledger #2 1941-1949
Scope and Content
Roster of Stanislaus County Welfare Commission, January 1941.
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Welfare Department records ...

Box 1, Volume 3  **Ledger #3 1919-1929**  
**Scope and Content**  
Minutes and record of welfare payments of the Stanislaus County Welfare Commission. From August 19, 1919 to December 10, 1929. Entries handwritten. With newspaper clippings pasted on boards or pages: eg, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Ordinance no. 111 establishing Department of Public Welfare for Stanislaus County. Notecard with saying, bearing signature of Mrs. Mae Ramont on page.

Box 1, Volume 4  **Ledger #4 1929-1934**  
**Scope and Content**  

Box 1, Volume 5  **Ledger #5 1935-1942**  
**Scope and Content**  
Financial ledger: County welfare cash balances and bank accounts, receipts from control fund, and disbursements from trust fund and control fund. From January 1935 to August 1942.

Box 1, Folder 1  **Statistical reports 1933-1955**  
**Scope and Content**  
Statistical reports re Stanislaus County indigent aid expenditures, case loads survey, general relief and child welfare division expenditures and number of cases, aid to handicapped and elderly, statistical graphs. Originally in three-ringed binder.

Box 1, Folder 2  **Ordinance no. 111 undated**  
**Scope and Content**  

Box 1, Folder 3  **Annual General Assistance Subsistence Needs Survey 1984 July 26**  
**Scope and Content**  
General Assistance review/survey findings, memoranda, charts and statistics for food, rent, utilities, and personal items; for 1984-1985.

Box 1, Folder 4  **General Assistance review 1985-1987**  
**Scope and Content**  

Box 1, Folder 5  **Correspondence re donation 1989-1990, 1994**  
**Scope and Content**  
Correspondence from Leon R. Umsted, Deputy Director, Income Maintenance Division, Stanislaus County Department of Social Services; Marsena Buck, Director, Stanislaus County Department of Social Services, to California Social Welfare Archives re donations of material. List of materials sent to CSWA (May 23, 1994) and Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors resolution of donation of Stanislaus County Department of Social Services material to CSWA.
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<td>Materials on history and persons of Stanislaus County Department of Social Services: Leon R Umsted, &quot;Social Welfare in Stanislaus County, California, 1925-1927.&quot; (photocopy). Forms and accompanying biographical material for nomination of Mary E. Ferguson, first director of Stanislaus County Welfare Department, as &quot;Outstanding Woman of Stanislaus County.&quot;</td>
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| Box 1, Folder 7 | **Grant application for children mental health services unit by Emanuel Medical Center, Turlock, California 1972** |

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