Title: Hodson, William, 1891-1943. Papers.
Approximate inclusive dates: ca. 1910s-1943.
Date of receipt: 1974.
Received from: Jeremy Hodson, Gift.
Volume on arrival: 26-1-1/4 (L), 26-6-4 (L) box 13.
Number of boxes (after reboxing): 13 record cartons. 13 linear feet.
Condition: There is a significant amount of mold, and paper clips and staples are rusted. The papers are still usable, despite this. One glass phonograph record is broken.
Restrictions: 
Description: William Hodson, 1891-1943, was a social welfare administrator in Minnesota and New York City. In Minnesota, as Executive Secretary of the Minnesota Child Welfare Commission, 1917-1918, and Director, 1918-1922, of the Children's Bureau of Minnesota, Hodson was instrumental in establishing the laws that became Minnesota's children's code. He moved to New York City in 1922 and joined the Russell Sage Foundation, first as director of its Division of Child Welfare, 1922-1924, then as director of its Department of Social Legislation. From 1924 Hodson was the Executive Director of the Welfare Council of New York City. In January, 1934, Hodson became Commissioner of Welfare under Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia. He served in that post for nine years. Hodson was also active in professional organizations, serving as president of the American Association of Social Workers from 1924-1926, and of the American Public Welfare Association, 1940-1941. He was killed in a plane crash in January, 1943 while on his way to an UNRRA assignment in North Africa.
Special Formats: Photographs □ Maps □ Audio Tapes □ Films □ Graphics □ Artifacts □ Machine-readable records □ Phonograph albums. □ Other (List) 
Temporary catalog card added entries
Accessioned by: Julie Miller
Date: January 25, 1989
DESCRIPTION

Hodson's correspondence files, ca. 1916-1942, reflect his activities at the Minnesota Child Welfare Commission, the Minnesota Children's Bureau, the Russell Sage Foundation, the Welfare Council of New York City, and during his tenure as New York City Welfare Commissioner. Also documented is his period as a consultant to the Commission on Public Welfare Legislation for Washington D.C., 1925-1926. The bulk of the correspondence dates from the 1920s and 1930s. Some reports, minutes, drafts of bills, and clippings are included among the letters.

Also documented is Hodson's participation in professional organizations, membership on boards of directors, advisory boards, and committees, and his attendance at conferences, particularly: Associated Experimental Schools (he was a member of the Finance Committee), 1936-1938; Federal Advisory Council of the United States Employment Service, 1933-1934; National Conference of Social Work, 1934-1942; New York State Advisory Council on Employment Problems, 1933 (including correspondence with Frances Perkins, who was then Industrial Commissioner); New York State Conference of Social Work, 1934-1942; Temporary Emergency Relief Administration (TERA), N.Y. State, 1933; White House Conference on Child Health and Protection, 1930; White House Conference on Children in a Democracy, 1940.

Correspondence, minutes, reports, committee records, and publications of the American Association of Social Workers, 1920s-1942, and of the American Public Welfare Association, 1934-1942, are included.

Typescripts, ca. 1910s-1930s, and approximately forty aluminum and glass phonograph recordings, 1937-1942, of Hodson's speeches and radio addresses and interviews on New York City public welfare issues, child welfare, unemployment and the special relief requirements created by the Depression, the role of social workers, and related topics, are included. The bulk of these were produced while Hodson was Welfare Commissioner.

Finally, the printed material consists mainly of journal issues, largely 1930s, containing articles by or about Hodson. Also included are reports, conference proceedings, journal issues, and transcripts of hearings, ca. 1910s-1930s.
Box

Correspondence, ca. 1916-1942
General, A - Z
A - D
E - N
N - P
P - W
W
1917 - 1935
1936 - 1940
1941 - 1942

American Association of Social Workers, 1920s-1942
A - E
F - S

American Public Welfare Association, 1934-1942
Speeches, ca. 1910s-1930s
Typecripts

Phonograph albums

Printed material, ca. 1910s-1930s
Social Workers
Public welfare-Minnesota
Public welfare-New York (N.Y.)
Public welfare-Law and legislation-Washington D.C.
Child welfare
Children-Legal status, laws, etc.-Minnesota
Depressions-1929-New York (N.Y.)

American Association of Social Workers
American Public Welfare Association
Minnesota Child Welfare Commission
Children's Bureau of Minnesota
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Frances Perkins, 1882-1965