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Accession # *89M11 Location 26-i-1/4 (L), 26-h-4 (L) box 13

Title Hodson, William, 1891-1943. Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates ca. 1910s-1943.

Date of receipt 1974 Received from Jeremy Hodson, Gift.

Volume on arrival

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

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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.

Hodson - Container list

Box

	<u>Correspondence, ca. 1916-1942</u>
1	General, A - Z
1	A - D
2	E - N
3	N - P
4	P - W
5	W
5	1917 - 1935
6	1936 - 1940
7	1941 - 1942
	<u>American Association of Social Workers, 1920s-1942</u>
7	A - E
8	F - S
9	<u>American Public Welfare Association, 1934-1942</u>
	<u>Speeches, ca. 1910s-1930s</u>
9-10	Typescripts
11-12	Phonograph albums
13	<u>Printed material, ca. 1910s-1930s</u>

Hodson - Added entries

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

Russell Sage Foundation

Welfare Council of New York City

Associated Experimental Schools

Federal Advisory Council of the United States Employment Service

National Conference of Social Work

New York State Advisory Council on Employment Problems

New York State Conference of Social Work

Temporary Emergency Relief Administration

White House Conference on Child Health and Protection

White House Conference on Children in a Democracy

Frances Perkins, 1882-1965