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Archival Arrangement

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Currently, the [Waco] Evangelia Settlement Records are arranged into six series: I. Correspondence, II. Legal Documents, III. Financial Documents, IV. Literary Productions, V. Photographic Material, and VI. Scrapbooks.

Series 1: Correspondence. 1919-1974, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains correspondence associated with Evangelia Settlement. This series includes materials to and from the Cooper Foundation about various grant projects, documentation about the planning of the Emergency Baby Cottage, and information about the estate of Charles and Maud E. Hamilton and the bequest they left to Evangelia Settlement.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence: General, 1919-January-1958 January
Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence: General, 1958-1974, undated
Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence: Cooper Foundation, 1958 January-April
Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence: Cooper Foundation, 1958 May-August
Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence: Emergency Baby Cottage, 1966 December-1967 July
Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence: Emergency Baby Cottage, 1967 July-October
Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence: Emergency Baby Cottage, 1967 October-1968 February
Box 1. Folder 8. Correspondence: Hamilton Estate, 1939-1957

Series 2: Legal Documents. 1912-1971, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains articles of incorporation and bylaws for Evangelia Settlement, as well as multiple versions of the Evangelia Settlement Constitution. Also included are the minutes from board of directors' meetings and legal reports about children served by Evangelia Settlement.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 10. Legal: Constitution and By-Laws, 1912
Box 1. Folder 11. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1914 December-1916 December
Box 1. Folder 12. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1917 January-1923 December
Box 1. Folder 13. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1924
Box 1. Folder 2. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1925 January-1927 September
Box 1. Folder 4. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1928 February-1929 September
Box 1. Folder 5. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1929 October-1930 May
Box 1. Folder 6. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1930 July-November
Box 1. Folder 7. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1930 December-1934 January
Box 1. Folder 8. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1934 January-1935 December
Box 1. Folder 9. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1935 January-December
Box 1. Folder 9. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1937 January-1938 June
Box 1. Folder 10. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1938 November-1940 January
Box 1. Folder 11. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1940 February-1941 September
Box 1. Folder 12. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1941 October-1944 January
Box 1. Folder 13. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1944 February-1945 September
Box 1. Folder 14. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1945 October-1946 October
Box 1. Folder 15. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1946 November-1948 February
Box 1. Folder 16. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1948 March-November
Box 1. Folder 17. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1949 December-1954 June
Box 1. Folder 18. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1949 July-1950 July
Box 1. Folder 19. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1950 September-1951 December
Box 1. Folder 20. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1952 January-1953 March
Box 1. Folder 21. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1953 April-1954 April
Box 1. Folder 22. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1954 May-1955 April
Box 1. Folder 23. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1955 May-1956 July
Box 1. Folder 24. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1956 September-1957 August
Box 1. Folder 25. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1957 September-1959 October
Box 1. Folder 26. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1958 November-1959 December
Box 1. Folder 27. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1960 January-December
Box 1. Folder 29. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1962 March-1963 May
Box 1. Folder 30. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1963 June-1964 September
Box 1. Folder 31. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1964 October-1965 May
Box 1. Folder 32. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1965 June-1966 January
Box 1. Folder 10. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1966 February-April
Box 1. Folder 11. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1966 May-July
Box 1. Folder 12. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1966 July-October
Box 1. Folder 13. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1966 October-December
Box 1. Folder 14. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1967 January-February
Box 1. Folder 15. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1967 March-April
Box 1. Folder 16. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1967 May-June
Box 1. Folder 17. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1967 July
Box 1. Folder 18. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1967 August-October
Box 1. Folder 19. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1967 November-December
Box 1. Folder 20. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1968 January
Box 1. Folder 21. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1968 January-February
Box 1. Folder 22. Legal: Minutes: Board of Directors, 1968 March-April

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The Financial Document series contains monthly financial reports from Evangelia Settlement that detail monthly expenses and income and provide insight into the activities of the organization during that time. Also included are passbooks, ledgers, audit paperwork and invoices.

Item List
Box 4. Folder 22. Financial: Budgets: (1 of 2), 1963
Box 4. Folder 23. Financial: Budgets: (2 of 2), 1963
Box 5. Folder 1. Financial: Budgets: (1 of 3), 1964
Box 5. Folder 2. Financial: Budgets: (2 of 3), 1964
Box 5. Folder 3. Financial: Budgets: (3 of 3), 1964
Box 5. Folder 4. Financial: Budgets: (1 of 4), 1965
Box 5. Folder 5. Financial: Budgets: (2 of 4), 1965
Box 5. Folder 6. Financial: Budgets: (3 of 4), 1965
Box 5. Folder 7. Financial: Budgets: (4 of 4), 1965
Box 5. Folder 8. Financial: Budgets: (1 of 4), 1967
Box 5. Folder 10. Financial: Budgets: (3 of 4), 1967
Box 5. Folder 11. Financial: Budgets: (4 of 4), 1967
Box 5. Folder 12. Financial: Budgets: (1 of 4), 1968
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Box 5. Folder 16. Financial: Budgets: (1 of 4), 1969
Box 5. Folder 17. Financial: Budgets: (2 of 4), 1969
Box 5. Folder 18. Financial: Budgets: (3 of 4), 1969
Box 5. Folder 20. Financial: Budgets: (5 of 4), 1969
Box 6. Folder 1. Financial: Invoices: (1 of 3), 1958, undated
Box 7. Folder 1. Financial: Reports, 1923-1926
Box 7. Folder 2. Financial: Reports, 1927
Box 7. Folder 3. Financial: Reports, 1928
Box 7. Folder 4. Financial: Reports: (1 of 4), 1929
Box 7. Folder 5. Financial: Reports: (2 of 4), 1929
Box 7. Folder 6. Financial: Reports: (3 of 4), 1929
Box 7. Folder 7. Financial: Reports: (4 of 4), 1929
Box 7. Folder 8. Financial: Reports, 1930
Box 7. Folder 9. Financial: Reports: (1 of 3), 1931
Box 7. Folder 10. Financial: Reports: (2 of 3), 1931
Box 7. Folder 11. Financial: Reports: (3 of 3), 1931
Box 7. Folder 12. Financial: Reports: (1 of 4), 1932
Box 7. Folder 14. Financial: Reports: (3 of 4), 1932
Box 7. Folder 15. Financial: Reports: (4 of 4), 1932
Box 7. Folder 16. Financial: Reports: (1 of 5), 1933
Box 7. Folder 17. Financial: Reports: (2 of 5), 1933
Box 7. Folder 18. Financial: Reports: (3 of 5), 1933
Administrative/Biographical History

The Literary Production series contains literary reports, printed material, clippings, and three books related to Evangelia Settlement. Reports in this series are primarily related to the board, various fundraisers, the Cooper Foundation and former director Anne Garrett. The book subseries includes a yearbook produced by the Board of Directors, a guestbook signed by visitors to Evangelia Settlement, and a contact book compiled by social workers.

Item List

Box 9, Folder 12. Literary: General, 1959-1967, undated
Box 9, Folder 13. Literary: Reports: Cooper Foundation, 1957-1959
Box 9, Folder 15. Literary: Reports: Cooper Foundation, 1968-1969
Box 9, Folder 16. Literary: Reports: Cooper Foundation, 1969-1970
Box 9, Folder 17. Literary: Reports: Cooper Foundation, 1970-1971
Box 10, Folder 1. Literary: Reports: Board Members, 1926-1966
Box 10, Folder 2. Literary: Reports: Board Members, 1966-1970
Box 10, Folder 4. Literary: Reports: Title IV-A Funds: (1 of 2), 1972
Box 10, Folder 5. Literary: Reports: Title IV-A Funds: (2 of 2), 1972
Box 10, Folder 11. Literary: Reports: Action Planning Council, undated
Box 11, Folder 1. Literary: Books: Yearbook: Board of Directors, 1948-1956
Box 11, Folder 2. Literary: Books: Yearbook: Board of Directors, 1956-1959
Box 11, Folder 5. Literary: Printed Materials: History, undated
Box 11, Folder 10. Literary: Clippings, 1960-1974
Box 11, Folder 11. Literary: Clippings, 1974-1976
Box 11, Folder 12. Literary: Clippings: (1 of 3), undated
Box 11, Folder 13. Literary: Clippings: (2 of 3), undated
Box 11, Folder 14. Literary: Clippings: (3 of 3), undated

Series 5: Photographic Materials. 1975, undated
Administrative/Biographical History
The Photographic Material series contains photographs related to Evangelia Settlement. The majority of the pictures are of the children who went to Evangelia Settlement. The photographs are grouped by type and include depictions of children at the playground, indoors, and during meal times. There are also photographs from Christmas and other special events.

Item List
Box 12. Folder 1. Photographs: Children at Playground, undated
Box 12. Folder 3. Photographs: Children and Indoor Activities, undated
Box 12. Folder 4. Photographs: Children at Meal, undated
Box 12. Folder 5. Photographs: Children with Guests at Meal, undated
Box 12. Folder 6. Photographs: Christmas and Special Events, undated
Box 12. Folder 7. Photographs: General, undated

Series 6: Scrapbooks. 1936-1942, undated

Administrative/Biographical History
The Scrapbooks series contains two scrapbooks. Both scrapbooks consist primarily of newspaper clippings. One scrapbook has a drawing of the floor plan for the Emergency Baby Cottage. The other scrapbook has a page with three photographs of children at a Christmas event.

Item List
Box 12. Folder 8. Scrapbooks: (1 of 3), 1936-1942, undated
Box 12. Folder 9. Scrapbooks: (2 of 3), 1936-1942, undated
Box 12. Folder 10. Scrapbooks: (3 of 3), 1936-1942, undated
Box 12. Folder 11. Scrapbooks: (1 of 2), undated
Box 12. Folder 12. Scrapbooks: (2 of 2), undated