

Family Services / Woodfield, Inc.

COLLECTION, MS B13

DATE

1867 – 1985

CONTRIBUTOR

Fairfield Museum

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY ELEMENT

The Bridgeport Protestant Orphan Asylum was founded in 1867. It purchased a Lafayette Street building in Bridgeport, CT and remained there until 1900. From 1900 to 1935, the orphanage was located in Black Rock on Ellsworth Street. In 1935, the name was changed to Woodfield Village and moved to Stratfield Road in Fairfield. In the meantime, the Family Welfare Society of Fairfield was organized in 1922. In 1944 the name was changed to the Family Service Society of Fairfield, Inc. After they merged with the Bridgeport Family Service around 1967 they became the Family Service Society of Eastern Fairfield County. When that organization merged with Woodfield Village in 1972, the name was changed to Family Services - Woodfield, Inc., 800 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport, CT. For more background, see Box 4, Folder C.

SCOPE & CONTENT

This collection is in 4 1/2 boxes with 3 oversize items containing scrapbooks. Boxes 1 and 2 hold ledgers and Box 3 annual reports, legal papers and correspondence. Box 4 holds miscellaneous material. Box 5 holds annual meeting reports concerning the Family Service Society of Fairfield, Inc. Box 6 contains the cornerstone box of the Bridgeport Orphan Asylum. Box 7 contains material related to the laying of the cornerstone in 1899 and legal/financial papers, 1915-1934.

Collection Contents

Family Services / Woodfield, Inc.

Oversize Item C: Scrapbook of newspaper clippings of Charity Organization Society, 1914-1933

Scrapbook of newspaper clippings of Charity Organization Society, 1914-1933

Oversize Item B: Scrapbook of newspaper clippings of Woodfield, 1957-1971

Scrapbook of newspaper clippings of Woodfield, 1957-1971

Oversize Item A: Photos, newspaper clippings, 1920-1956

Photos, newspaper clippings, 1920-1956

- Photos of Protestant Orphanage at Ellsworth Street, 1920-1921 & n.d. (8 items)
- Scrapbook of newspaper clippings of Protestant Orphanage & Woodfield, 1920-1940
- Scrapbook of newspaper clippings of Woodfield, 1939-1956

Museum Collection: Cornerstone Box (empty), 1899

Cornerstone Box (empty), 1899

Box 7: Clippings, legal papers, etc.

Clippings, legal papers, etc.

Folder B: Laying of cornerstone exercises, 1899, building committee list & photo of Lydia R. Ward

Laying of cornerstone exercises, 1899, building committee list & photo of Lydia R. Ward

Folder A: Newspapers clippings, 1899

Newspapers clippings, 1899

Folder C: Legal papers, stock purchases, estate papers, etc., 1915-1934

Legal papers, stock purchases, estate papers, etc., 1915-1934

Box 6: Cornerstone box of the Bridgeport Orphan Asylum, removed from Lafayette St. where it was placed in 1969 to the corner of Church St. and Fairfield Avenue, Black Rock.



Cornerstone box of the Bridgeport Orphan Asylum, removed from Lafayette St. where it was placed in 1969 to the corner of Church St. and Fairfield Avenue, Black Rock.

Box 5: Minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors, 1922-1968

Minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors, 1922-1968

Folder G: Annual meetings of the Family Service Society of Fairfield, Inc., 1962-1968

Annual meetings of the Family Service Society of Fairfield, Inc., 1962-1968

Folder F: Annual meetings of the Family Service Society of Fairfield, Inc., 1957-1961

Annual meetings of the Family Service Society of Fairfield, Inc., 1957-1961

Folder E: Annual meetings of the Family Service Society of Fairfield, Inc., 1953-1956

Annual meetings of the Family Service Society of Fairfield, Inc., 1953-1956

Folder D: Annual meetings of the Family Service Society of Fairfield, Inc., 1949-1952

Annual meetings of the Family Service Society of Fairfield, Inc., 1949-1952

Folder C: Annual meetings of the Family Welfare Society of Fairfield, 1943, & annual meetings of the Family Service Society of Fairfield, Inc., 1944-1948

Annual meetings of the Family Welfare Society of Fairfield, 1943, & annual meetings of the Family Service Society of Fairfield, Inc., 1944-1948

Folder B: Annual meetings of the Family Welfare Society of Fairfield, 1940-1942

Annual meetings of the Family Welfare Society of Fairfield, 1940-1942

Folder A: Articles of association, 1922 & annual meetings 1922-1939 of the Family Welfare Society of Fairfield, 1922-1939

Articles of association, 1922 & annual meetings 1922-1939 of the Family Welfare Society of Fairfield, 1922-1939

Folder H: First Annual Report, Family Welfare Society, 1922-1923

First Annual Report, Family Welfare Society, 1922-1923

Box 4: Photos, Clippings & other Miscellany

Photos, Clippings & other Miscellany

Folder C: Miscellaneous histories & charity organization papers, 1918-1951

Miscellaneous histories & charity organization papers, 1918-1951

Folder B: Miscellaneous brochures & papers

Miscellaneous brochures & papers

Folder A: Photos of orphanage buildings and personnel

Photos of orphanage buildings and personnel

Folder D: Scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, 1868-1943

Scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, 1868-1943

Box 3: Annual Reports and Legal Papers

Annual Reports and Legal Papers

Folder G: The Family Welfare Society's benefit programs, 1923, 1924

The Family Welfare Society's benefit programs, 1923, 1924

Folder F: Newspaper clippings with copies, 1965, 1968



Newspaper clippings with copies, 1965, 1968

Folder E: Legal papers & correspondence

Legal papers & correspondence

- Incorporation papers of the Bridgeport Orphan Asylum, 1877 (2 items)
- Certificate of Title for Bridgeport P.O. Asylum, 1901, 1903 (2 items)
- Policy of Title Insurance, 1932 (6 items)
- Promissory notes, 1883-1887 (4 items)
- Letters to Miss H.C. Wordin 1900, 1901 (4 items)
- Miscellaneous letters (4 items)
- Probate papers of Aaron Summers, 1886 & John Glover Adams, 1884 (4 items)

Folder D: Deeds, 1871-1932

Deeds, 1871-1932

- To William H. Fitzgerald from Seymour F. Ely & Henry A. Wheeler, 1871
- To Mary C. Platt from Frederick L. Gleason, 1883
- To Bridgeport P.O. Asylum from Isaac C. Forler, 1883, 1885, 1887 (3 items)
- To Mary C. Platt from G.W. Harris, 1885
- To Isaac Brush from William H. Fitzgerald, 1887
- To Isaac Brush from Bridgeport P.O. Asylum, 1894
- To Mary C. Platt from Bridgeport P.O. Asylum, 1894
- To Frank G. Garrett from James Staples, 1900
- To James Staples from Bridgeport P.O. Asylum, 1900
- To Bridgeport P.O. Asylum from James Mulloy, 1901
- To Bridgeport P.O. Asylum from Mary F. Beers, 1902
- To Bridgeport P.O. Asylum from Frank R. Garrett, 1904
- To Bridgeport P.O. Asylum from Charles A. Deten (estate), 1910
- To Bridgeport P.O. Asylum from Bertha F. Lewis, 1932 (2 items)

Folder C: Annual reports & one set of bylaws of Woodfield Children's Village, 1936-1962

Annual reports & one set of bylaws of Woodfield Children's Village, 1936-1962

Folder B: Annual reports of the Bridgeport Protestant Orphan Asylum, 1911-1935

Annual reports of the Bridgeport Protestant Orphan Asylum, 1911-1935

Folder A: Annual reports & bylaws of the Bridgeport Protestant Orphan Asylum, 1875-1910

Annual reports & bylaws of the Bridgeport Protestant Orphan Asylum, 1875-1910

Folder H: Family Services - Woodfield, Inc. brochures 1985

Family Services - Woodfield, Inc. brochures 1985

Box 2: Ledgers of Woodfield Family Services, 1935-1965

Ledgers of Woodfield Family Services, 1935-1965

Box 1: Ledgers of Bridgeport Protestant Orphan Asylum, 1867-1913

Ledgers of Bridgeport Protestant Orphan Asylum, 1867-1913