

# MANUSCRIPTS ACQUISITIONS

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Planning to coordinate private efforts which would supplement the United States government's relief activities in Europe following World War II led to the formation by ten service agencies of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service in October 1943. The records of the American Council from its inception until its merger with INTERACTION forty years later are the gift of the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs. Throughout its history the American Council served as a medium through which member agencies could discuss topics of mutual concern, issue jointly approved educational materials, public statements and testimony and act in concert to provide foreign assistance and relief. Membership included voluntary agencies devoted to service in a particular area (such as American Relief for Poland), more general, non-sectarian agencies (such as the International Rescue Committee) and religious agencies (such as the American Friends Service Committee and Church World Service). In the months and years subsequent to the founding of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service the number of member agencies increased, the organization's geographic focus became virtually worldwide and its efforts were expanded to include disaster relief, refugee aid and development assistance. The 149 cubic feet of records received consist of board of directors' minutes and memoranda, 1944-1983; general administrative files; executive committee minutes and memoranda, 1943-1981; membership and finance committee records; position papers and testimony, 1942-1983; a mimeograph chrono file, 1944-1977; publications; correspondence files relating to member agencies, non-member agencies and individuals; files concerning activities in connection with the United States government, the United Nations and foreign coordinating councils; and functional committee files, chiefly of the Migration and Refugee Affairs Committee, Material Resources Committee (including disaster files by country) and Development Assistance Committee.

*SIGNS: A Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, the leading interdisciplinary journal devoted to the new scholarship on women, began publication in 1975. *SIGNS* was first edited by Dr. Catherine Stimpson (until 1980) at Barnard College and then by Dr. Barbara Charlesworth Gelpi

(until 1985) at the Center for Research on Women at Stanford University. Twenty-eight cubic feet of the journal's records during its formative decade are the gift of the University of Chicago Press. In addition to agendas and minutes, 1974-1984, of the editorial board, the journal's records include editorial correspondence, 1974-1983; questionnaires and newsletters, 1974-1978; editorial files, 1974-1983, pertaining to manuscripts received; book review and review essay files, 1974-1984; production files, 1975-1983; special issue and conference files, 1976-1983; promotion and subscription files, 1974-1982; financial documents, 1977-1985; and administrative files, 1975-1984.

A gift of six cubic feet of papers, 1957-1984, received from Erma Angevine of Washington, D.C., augments existing holdings of primary source material relating to the consumer movement in the United States. From 1953 to 1962 Mrs. Angevine served as consumer columnist and assistant editor of *Cooperative News Service* issued by the Chicago-based Cooperative League of the U.S.A. She next was director of women's activities and consumer specialist at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Washington, D.C., from 1963 until 1968. In the latter year Angevine was named executive director of the newly established Consumer Federation of America, which she had helped to found. Later, from 1977 to 1982, she served as president of the National Consumers League. Angevine's papers document her activities within all of these organizations and frequently also include copies of relevant by-laws, directors' manuals, minutes, annual reports, newsletters and publications. Of especial interest is a file of Angevine's writings, speeches and testimony dating from 1957 to 1976.

The Congressional papers of Dr. Andrew Maguire represent an addition to a growing collection of papers of twentieth century New Jersey political figures. Maguire, a Democrat, served three terms in Congress, 1975-1980, from northwestern Bergen County, New Jersey's Seventh Congressional District. A gift of the former Congressman, Maguire's 35 cubic feet of Congressional papers consist of daily schedules, appointment books and a guest register, 1975-1981; speeches, statements and testimony, 1975-1980; personal correspondence, 1977-1982; robo letters, 1975-1980; constituent newsletters, 1975-1980; press releases, 1975-1980; photographs, ca. 1975-ca. 1980; certificates, awards and commendations, 1975-1980; newsclippings, 1962-1982; sponsored and cosponsored bills, 1975-1980; subject files, 1980-1981; Senate/House Ad Hoc Monitoring Group on Southern Africa files, 1977-1979; audio recordings, ca. 1975-ca. 1981; and campaign files, 1974-1980. Selected papers

of the Congressman's father, the Rev. Bruce B. Maguire, which pertain to his son's political career also are present in the collection. Among issues of particular concern to Maguire during his term of office were South African apartheid, Congressional reform, senior citizens' rights, energy policy, asbestos insulation in schools, and other health and environmental issues. All of these topics are reflected in the Congressman's papers, as are more local concerns such as a proposed extension of Interstate 287, the closing of a Ford Motor Company factory in Mahwah Township, emission of electro-magnetic radiation from high voltage power lines in Rutherford, activities of the Bergen County Sewer Authority and the securing of a commercial television station for New Jersey.

Supplementing collections of New Jersey labor union records already available for research are ca. 25 cubic feet of records of Local 410 of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (AFL-CIO) presented recently as a gift of the Local through Robert Haste. Local 410 represented production and maintenance workers at the Westinghouse Lamp Division factory in Bloomfield. Its records date from ca. 1936 to 1976, although only a small portion of the collection pertains to the period prior to 1950. The records consist chiefly of constitutions and by-laws; minutes of executive committee, steward and membership meetings; records of grievance conferences with management and elections of officers; correspondence, subject and case files; documentation relating to skilled trades, wage rates and job descriptions; and communications received from IUE district and national offices.

Holdings of social welfare agency records continue to expand. Received this year were four cubic feet of records of the Children's Aid and Adoption Society of New Jersey which is based in Bogota, Bergen County. This agency, founded in 1899 as the Children's Aid and Protective Society of the Oranges, assumed its present name in 1958. The Society's records, received as a gift of the agency through Dr. Grace W. Sisto, Executive Director, and Dr. Donald F. Schutz, President of the Board of Directors, consist chiefly of directors' minutes, 1899-1925, 1965-1979; executive committee minutes, 1899-1919; and an account book, 1928-1936. In 1974 a smaller adoption agency, the Sister Mary Eugene Fund, Inc., was merged into the Children's Aid and Adoption Society of New Jersey. Sister Mary Eugene Fund records received consist of a certificate of incorporation; minutes, 1965-1967; financial documents; an adoption register, 1967-1971; and by-laws, minutes and financial documents of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Records of seven northern and central New Jersey synagogues have

been donated by their respective congregations. The records of each synagogue typically include a constitution and by-laws, congregation minutes, trustee minutes, financial documents and publications, as well as sisterhood minutes and financial documents. Some of the collections also include records of a building committee, a Hebrew School or a free loan society. Synagogues from which records have been received are the Jewish Community Center of Oakland (4 cubic feet, 1958-1979); Congregation B'Nai Jacob of Passaic (1.6 cubic feet, 1908-1979); Congregation Adas Israel of Passaic (1 cubic foot, 1939-1984); Congregation Ahavath Achim—B'Nai Israel of Irvington (4 cubic feet, ca. 1924-1986); Congregation Beth Jacob of Union City (ca. 7 cubic feet, 1911-1971); Congregation Knesseth Israel of Bound Brook (4 cubic feet, 1921-1985); and Congregation Poile Zedek of New Brunswick (3.25 cubic feet, 1917-1968).

Other newly received manuscripts pertaining to religious activities in New Jersey are more varied in scope. A memo book in which Levi Stratton (d. 1838) recorded notations of sermons heard from 1818 to 1823, chiefly in Cumberland County, has been added (Chapman Fund). Marriages performed between 1831 and 1868 in Hunterdon and Warren Counties are recorded in a register kept by the Rev. Thomas Barrass (1793-1869?), a Baptist minister (Chapman Fund). A similar register of the Rev. Philip Melancthon Doolittle (1831-1906) includes pastoral records, 1856-1906, kept while serving the North Branch Reformed Church (Proprietors Fund); it joins an extensive diary, already held, which Doolittle kept from 1874 to 1906. A relevant diary added this year is that of the Rev. John Dows Hills (b. 1857), most of which pertains to the period from 1879 to 1882 during which Hills was ordained a deacon and then a priest while assisting his father, the Rev. George Morgan Hills (1825-1890), at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Burlington (Famulener Fund). A notebook, 1813-1814, kept by the Rev. William R. Bogardus (d. 1862) records lectures on theology given by the Rev. John H. Livingston (1746-1825) in New Brunswick (Famulener Fund). Church records added include treasurer's accounts, 1847-1876, of Grace Church, Van Vorst, an Episcopal Church in Jersey City (Famulener Fund) and minutes, 1898-1904, of the Ladies Aid Society of the East Millstone Reformed Church (gift of Oliver Perry in memory of Belma Bird Perry, DC '28). A minute book, 1874-1888, recording the activities of teachers at Mount First Day School, a Quaker Sabbath school apparently associated with the Mount Holly Monthly Meeting, also has been acquired (Frank Potter Fund).

Activities of New Jersey women are reflected in several manuscript collections added this year. A commonplace book, 1845-1860, kept by Kattie J. Hays of Burlington includes original verse relating to family and friends (Proprietors Fund). A small collection (ca. 80 items) of Cooper-Cuntz family papers, 1842-1900, consists chiefly of correspondence, including letters received by Hoboken resident Frances (Cooper) Cuntz from her sisters and grandmother, as well as letters which she exchanged with fiancé Emil Cuntz (Famulener Fund). Five cubic feet of records, 1962-1986, of the New Jersey Home Economics Association join earlier NJHEA records donated by the association in previous years. In addition, histories of 25 New Jersey AAUW branches and minutes, 1968-1983, of the Pequannock Township AAUW Branch have been received through the New Jersey Division, American Association of University Women.

Militia records comprise two acquisitions documenting aspects of New Jersey's military history. The first item added (Famulener Fund) is an orderly book from October 1793 until ca. March 1798 of the New Jersey Militia's 1st Division, 2nd Brigade, made up of men from Cumberland, Salem and Cape May Counties. Evidently kept for the brigade commander, Brigadier General James Giles (1759-1825), the volume records general, divisional and brigade orders relating to mobilization of troops during the Whiskey Rebellion in 1794 and a 1797 requisition of troops made by President Adams in anticipation of possible armed conflict with France. The Irick Family Papers, 1749-1907, comprise the second collection acquired (Frank Potter Fund) which pertains to militia activity. The bulk of this collection consists of papers of William Irick, Sr. (1768-1832), including documents which reflect his rise to Brigadier General (commander of the Burlington Brigade) in the New Jersey Militia's 1st Division. Irick's militia records date from 1793 to 1820 and include orders, correspondence, militia returns, a list of deserters, accounts, a receipt and commissions of officers who had resigned. Several of the items pertain to troops detached for service in defense of the Delaware Bay and River during the War of 1812.

Primary source materials relating to history of the legal, medical and pharmaceutical professions in New Jersey have been augmented. Burlington attorney Samuel Allinson (d. 1791), responsible for the 1776 compilation of New Jersey laws, was the law partner of Charles Read (1713?-1774), prominent New Jersey jurist and statesman, from 1761 until early in 1763. Recently acquired (Famulener Fund) is the docket of the Read and Allinson partnership which lists approximately 175 cases and their disposition. An additional two legal dockets purchased (Famulener Fund)

record cases before various Camden County and New Jersey courts which were handled by attorney Ralph W. E. Donges (b. 1875) from 1897 until his appointment as a New Jersey Circuit Court judge in 1920. Obtained at auction (Frelinghuysen Fund) is the detailed ledger, 1802-(1817)1829, of Cape May County physician John Dickinson (1758-1834) who for a number of years was the only doctor in the county. Presented as the gift of Hilda Rothenberg, Pharmacy '38, through Dr. David L. Cowen, is a druggist's formulary written in Russian and pharmaceutical Latin by Jacob Rothenberg (d. 1941), the donor's grandfather. This volume was further annotated, in Yiddish, by Jacob's son Harry A. Rothenberg (d. 1960), a pharmacist in South River from 1916 until 1958. A daybook, 1853-1854, of a Medford, Burlington County, druggist (either Isaac W. Stokes or a predecessor) also has been added (Proprietors Fund).

Of Middlesex County interest is the donation, by the late Samuel Hamelsky, Esq. '28, of the papers of Herman G. Moselowitz. A civil engineer based in New Brunswick, Moselowitz was active professionally between 1928 and ca. 1976. His papers, in excess of 60 cubic feet in size, consist of desk diaries, field books, client files, maps, plans of surveys and associated indexes. Although most of his clients were individuals for whom he did surveying, Moselowitz also served as municipal engineer for Jamesburg, Sayreville and Middlesex Boroughs. This portion of his client files documents the full range of concerns confronting a municipal engineer, but in bulk pertains chiefly to drainage, road grades and pavement, curb specifications and sanitary sewers. Included with the Moselowitz papers are those of an earlier Middlesex County civil engineer and land surveyor, Josiah Tice, for whom Moselowitz had once worked. The Tice papers, which were acquired by Moselowitz in 1965, date from 1886 until ca. 1924 and supplement a small body of Josiah Tice manuscripts already held. In the new acquisition are photographs, field books, survey books and plans of surveys, as well as miscellaneous records pertaining to Tice's other business interests, including a ledger, 1888-(1905)1919, of the Evergreen Cemetery in North Brunswick Township.