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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Tompkins Hall Nursery School
<b>Title:</b>	Tompkins Hall Nursery School records
<b>ID:</b>	14345058
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<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1930s-2010s
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.67 Linear Feet 4 MsB
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

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## Biographical

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Founded by Columbia professors during the 1930s, Tompkins Hall originated as an intimate, part-time, parent cooperative nursery. The play-based program for three- and four-year-old children afforded children opportunities to develop peer relationships, play creatively with materials, and integrate into a group experience, all while in the care of a group of parents and a teacher. Through working in the play group, parents learned about child development and supported each other in their parenting lives. During the 1980s, the play group gradually expanded to become more of a school setting. Hours expanded, and early childhood educators became the primary leaders of the school. In 1992, Tompkins Hall incorporated a toddler program. In the fall of 2007, Tompkins Hall once again expanded, this time to include an infant program.

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## Content Description

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Meeting minutes, constitution, by laws, administrative records, financial records, rosters and photographs documenting the activities of the Tompkins Hall Nursery School from the 1930s to the 2010s.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is organized into two series.

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## Administrative Information

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### **Processing Information**

This collection was processed by Jocelyn Wilk in Fall 2024.

### **Accruals**

No additions are expected.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Materials were donated by Jorianda Silverstein of Tompkins Hall in Fall 2019.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Nursery schools
- black-and-white photographs
- Color photographs
- Film negatives
- Columbia University

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## **Collection Inventory**

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**Series I: Administrative Records, 1939-2002**

**Scope and Contents**

Series I contains administrative records related to the running of the Tompkins Hall Nursery School. Materials include meeting minutes, rosters, financial statements, some correspondence, reports and memos distributed to the parents.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Blank Forms and Application	box 1	folder 1
Board of Trustees Minutes, 1962-1972	box 1	folder 2
Certificate of Occupancy, 1964	box 1	folder 3
Constitution and Organization, 1931-1947, 1961	box 1	folder 4
Constitution, Organization and By-Laws, 1950s-1980s	box 1	folder 5
Nursery School - Old Constitution, undated	box 1	folder 6
Correspondence - Richard Bulliet, 1984	box 1	folder 7
Correspondence - Larry Dais, 1988	box 1	folder 8
Budget, 1984-85, 1991-92	box 1	folder 9
Finance and Budget Information, 1968-1973	box 1	folder 10
Information Packet for Parents, 1988	box 1	folder 11
Kindergarten Meeting Notes, 2002	box 1	folder 12
Meeting Minutes, 193? - 1939/40	box 1	folder 13
Meeting Minutes, 1940/41 to 1944/45	box 1	folder 14
Meeting Minutes, 1945/46 - 1949/50	box 1	folder 15
Meeting Minutes, 1950/51 - 1954/55	box 1	folder 16
Meeting Minutes, 1955/56 - 1959/60	box 1	folder 17
Meeting Minutes, 1960/61 - 1962/63	box 1	folder 18
Meeting Minutes, 1963-64	box 1	folder 19
Meeting Minutes, 1984-85	box 1	folder 20
Meeting Minutes, 2001-2002	box 2	folder 1
Parent's Meeting, 1989	box 2	folder 2
Personnel and Budget, 1983-1989	box 2	folder 3
Questionnaire, 1984	box 2	folder 4
Reports, 1952-1980	box 2	folder 5
Renovation and Maintenance, 1963-1967	box 2	folder 6
Roll Book, 1937-1938	box 2	folder 7
Roll Books, 1939/40 - 1943/44	box 2	folder 8

Roll Book, 1944-1945	box 2	folder 9
Roll Book, 1946-1947	box 2	folder 10
Roll Books, 1948/49 - 1949/50	box 2	folder 11
Roll Book, 1952-1953	box 2	folder 12
Roll Book, 1954-1957	box 2	folder 13
Roll Book, 1956-1958	box 2	folder 14
Roll Book, 1959-1961	box 2	folder 15
Roll Books, 1963/64 - 1964/65	box 2	folder 16
Roll Books, 1965/66 - 1967/68	box 2	folder 17
Roll Book, 1970-1972	box 2	folder 18
Roll Book, 1972-1973	box 2	folder 19
Roll Book, 1974-1976	box 2	folder 20
School Lists, 1967-1985, 1967-1985	box 2	folder 21

### Scope and Contents

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## Series II: Photographs, 1930-2012

### Scope and Contents

Series II consists of photographs and negatives of the activities of the Tompkins Hall Nursery School. Images include children at play, holiday celebrations, class photos, staff images, and photo albums. Photos are both in black and white and color, mostly snapshots probably taken by Nursery School staff over the years. Photos come in a variety of formats and sizes.

Title/Description	Instances	
Class Photos, 1991/92 - 2008/09	box 3	folder 1
Class Photos, 1998-2000	box 3	folder 2
Class Photo Card for Cynthia, 1995-1996	box 3	folder 3
Holiday Celebration Photos, 1950s-1960s	box 3	folder 4
Holiday Celebration Photos, 1970s	box 3	folder 5
Negatives, 1950s-1970	box 3	folder 6
Outdoor Photos (not roof), 1940s-1960s	box 3	folder 7
Photos, 1990s	box 3	folder 8
Photos from Bulletin Board, 1940s-2000s	box 3	folder 9

Photos of Activities, 1940s	box 3	folder 10
Photos of Activities, 1950s	box 3	folder 11
Photos of Activities, 1960s	box 3	folder 12
Photos of Activities, 1970s	box 3	folder 13
Photos of Activities, 1970 November	box 3	folder 14
Photos of Activities, 1980s	box 3	folder 15
Photos of Activities, 1990s	box 3	folder 16
Photos of Activities, 2000s	box 3	folder 17
Photos of Activities, 2012 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 3	folder 18-19
Photo Album, 1954	box 4	folder 1
Photo Album, 1959 <b>Scope and Contents</b> Class of 1959	box 4	folder 2
Photo Album, 1960s <b>Scope and Contents</b> photos pasted to construction paper	box 4	folder 3
Photo Album, 1997 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 4	folder 4-5
Picnic, 1976	box 4	folder 6
Roof Activities Photos, 1930s-1960s <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 4	folder 7-8
Tompkins Hall Photo Album, 1974-1975	box 4	folder 9

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