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Abstract:	This collection contains research files, speeches, writings and other material related to Emma O. Lundberg, a child welfare leader who served the Wisconsin Industrial Commission, the United States Children's Bureau, the Child Welfare League of America, and the New York Temporary Emergency Relief Administration. Throughout her nearly forty-year career in social work, Lundberg wrote extensively about child welfare; most of the papers relate to her writings and research.

Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Emma Octavia Lundberg, child welfare leader, was born in Västergötland, Sweden on October 8, 1881, to Frans Vilhelm Lundberg and Anna Kajsa Johanson. The family emigrated from Sweden in 1884, and Lundberg spent her childhood in Rockford, Illinois, graduating from Rockford High School in 1901. Two years later Lundberg entered the University of Wisconsin at Madison, earning her B.A. in 1907 and a master's degree in 1908.

Biographical / Historical

From 1908 to 1913, Lundberg worked in several cities studying living-standards and immigrant households, and engaged in family welfare work. Among the organizations that Lundberg worked for were the United States Immigration Commission, the United Charities of Chicago, the Associated Charities in Madison, Wisconsin, and the Associated Charities in Milwaukee. In 1913, she became a deputy at the Wisconsin Industrial Commission and conducted surveys for the state's new minimum wage legislation.

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Biographical / Historical

In November 1914, Lundberg moved to Washington, D.C. to serve as the first Director of the Social Services Division of the United States Children's Bureau, a young agency established two years earlier. Shortly thereafter Katherine F. Lenroot, Lundberg's assistant at the Wisconsin Industrial Commission, also joined the Bureau and became the Assistant Director of the division. Lundberg directed studies on illegitimacy, juvenile delinquency, the care of children described then as mentally deficient and state child welfare laws. She wrote numerous articles and reports, and many of her studies were published as Children's Bureau publications. Her publications from this period include Illegitimacy as a Child Welfare Problem (1920, 1922), Juvenile Courts at Work (1925), both co-authored with Lenroot, along with Children Deprived of Parental Care (1926), and Public Aid to Mothers with Dependent Children (1926).

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In 1925, Lundberg resigned from the Children's Bureau to join the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), a coalition of child welfare organizations that was established in New York in 1920. Lundberg first served as the Director of the Department of Institutional Care, and later as the Director of Studies and Surveys. Besides her book Child Dependency in the United States (1933), she frequently authored articles in the CWLA's publications. In the early years of the Great Depression, based on her two decades of experience in social work, Lundberg was appointed the Director of Research and Statistics at the New York Temporary Emergency Relief

Administration under Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt. She also worked as a consultant for other public agencies and conducted research for Philadelphia and Florida.

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Biographical / Historical

Lundberg rejoined the Children's Bureau in 1935 at the request of Katherine Lenroot who had been promoted to the third Chief of the Bureau in December 1934. From 1935 to 1942 Lundberg served as the Assistant Director of the Child Welfare Division, and from 1942 to 1945 as consultant in social services for children. The responsibilities of the Children's Bureau expanded significantly during the New Deal, and Lundberg's contributions included laying the foundation of children welfare provisions under the Social Security Act of 1937. She was also the Assistant Secretary to the 1940 White House Conference on Children in a Democracy.

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Biographical / Historical

In 1945, Lundberg retired from Washington due to ill health. She continued to write nevertheless, and published Unto the Least of These: Social Services for Children in 1947. After Lenroot's retirement in 1951 and until Lundberg's death in 1954, Lundberg and Lenroot shared a home in Hartsdale, New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Emma O. Lundberg died on November 17, 1954; she was 73 years old.

Summary

Emma O. Lundberg is best known for her research and numerous writings about child welfare. The largest part of this collection dates from her service at the U.S. Children's Bureau (1914-1925, 1935-1945), and at the Child Welfare League of America and the New York Temporary Emergency Relief Administration from the mid-1920s to the mid-1930s. A few materials from her pre-Washington years in Wisconsin are also present. Throughout the course of her career, Lundberg directed a number of studies about child welfare, and wrote not only about her findings but also about research methods useful for the field. Most of the Papers comprise drafts and reprints of Lundberg's writings, and her research files. Some of the drafts are heavily annotated. Very little purely personal material is found in this collection.

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Summary

Along with Lundberg's own writings and printed materials, this collection contains a small amount of printed material by other individuals and child welfare organizations, which Lundberg filed for her own reference: reprints, journals, pamphlets, and clippings. Some are accompanied by correspondence and Lundberg's comments. Also present is a small amount of correspondence with her publishers and friends.

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Summary

The Papers also include correspondence that Katherine Lenroot, a former colleague and a close friend of Lundberg's, exchanged with Lundberg's publishers and relatives after her death.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in three series.

Administrative Information

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Processing Information

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Processing Information

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Related Materials

Selected Related Material at Columbia

Katherine F. Lenroot Papers, 1909-1974 Columbia University, Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

Selected Related Material at other Repositories

<u>Child Welfare League of America Records</u> University of Minnesota Libraries. Social Welfare History Archives.

Selected Related Material at other Repositories

<u>Records of the United States Children's Bureau, 1908-1969 (Record Group 102)</u> National Archives and Records Administration.

Controlled Access Headings

- Children -- Legal status, laws, etc
- Child welfare
- Foster home care
- Illegitimate children
- Juvenile courts
- Mothers' pensions
- People with mental disabilities
- Social security
- United States -- Social conditions
- Women social workers
- Lenroot, Katharine F (Katharine Fredrica), 1891-1982
- Lundberg, Emma O (Emma Octavia)
- Child Welfare League of America
- United States. Children's Bureau
- White House Conference on Children in a Democracy (1939-1940 : Washington, D.C.)

Collection Inventory

Series I: Writings and Speeches, 1914-1962

Scope and Contents

The writings contained within the collection are both those of Lundberg and those by other individuals and organizations.

Subseries I.1: Previously Bound Writings and Speeches, 1914-1946

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains Lundberg's writings dating from her times in the Wisconsin Industrial Commission to her second service in the United States Children's Bureau. The material, bound thematically by Lundberg, was unbound for preservation during processing, but the original order of the material has been maintained. Each folder includes multiple pieces of writings, which vary from reprints, annotated drafts and manuscripts, to research notes. A few letters related to the writings can also be found. This subseries is arranged alphabetically by the original titles within the binders.

Title/Description	Instances	
Child Welfare Research, 1914- 1943 <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 Folders)	box 1	folder 1 to 2
Community and the Child, 1930-1940	box 1	folder 3 to 4

County Organizations, 1921-1943	box 1	folder 5
Dependency, Illegitimacy, Mother's Aid, 1918- 1946	box 1	folder 6
Dependent Children, 1920s-1933	box 1	folder 7
Evolution of Public and Private Foster Care, Aid to Dependent Children in Their Own Homes,, 1924-1940s	box 1	folder 8
Historical White House Conference, Post-war Planning, 1920- 1943	box 1	folder 9
Juvenile Courts, 1920-1943 <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 Folders)	box 2	folder 1 to 2

Physical Description: (2 Folders)

Subseries I.2: Writings and Speeches, 1919-1949

Scope and Contents

The writings and speeches included in this subseries are primarily in draft form and were produced after Lundberg joined the Children's Bureau. Some drafts are accompanied by her source materials and notes. This subseries also includes source materials for Lundberg's unidentified book chapters. This subseries is arranged alphabetically by title.

Scope and Contents

Please note that most of the studies that Lundberg conducted with the New York Temporary Emergency Relief Administration are included in Katherine F. Lenroot Papers, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

Instances	
box 2	folder 3
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box 2	folder 6
box 2	folder 7
box 2	folder 8
box 2	folder 9
box 2	folder 10
box 2	folder 11
box 2	folder 12
box 2	folder 13
box 2	folder 14
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Typescript, late, 1940s	box 2	folder 15
"Child Welfare in Alabama,", 1931	box 2	folder 16
"Child Welfare in a Changing World,", Undated	box 2	folder 17
Child Welfare Records and Reports, 1939	box 2	folder 18
Child Welfare Research and Statistics"Undated	box 2	folder 19
"Child Welfare Services in Rural Areas,", 1940s	box 2	folder 20
"Child Welfare under the Social Security Act,", 1935	box 3	folder 1
"Community Program,", 1920s	box 3	folder 2
"Comparative Growth of Institutional and Family Home Care,", 1910s	box 3	folder 3
"Counseling Service in a Day Care Program"Reprint and Typescript, 1942	box 3	folder 4
"County Children's Homes,", 1924	box 3	folder 5
"Day Nurseries,", 1931	box 3	folder 6
"Deaf Children: Beginning of the Education of the Deaf," late, 1920s	box 3	folder 7
"Evolution of Public and Private Foster Care," late, 1930s- 1940s	box 3	folder 8
"Federal Government and Child Welfare,", Undated	box 3	folder 9
"Foster Home Care for Dependent Children"Unidentified Book ChapterTypescript and Source Materials,, 1924-1926	box 3	folder 10
"Government in Social Work,", 1935	box 3	folder 11
"Illegitimate Mother as a Delinquency Problem,", Undated	box 3	folder 12
"Importance of Family Case Treatment in Child Welfare Work,", Undated	box 3	folder 13
"Institutions for Dependent Children,", 1926	box 3	folder 14
"Institution Standards,", Undated	box 3	folder 15
"Institutions under Public Auspices," late, 1920s- 1930s	box 3	folder 16
"Legal and Social Protection"Unidentified Book Chapter Source Materials,, Undated <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 Folders)	box 3	folder 17 to 18
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"Local Public Welfare"Typescript and Notes, late, 1930s	box 3 box 3	folder 19 folder 20
"Mental Deficiency: A Community Program,", 1920s		

Collier's Encyclopedia -- Typescript, 1931

	box 3	folder 21
Memorandum, 1934	box 3	folder 22
Social Work Year Book Typescript, 1930	box 3	folder 23
"Mothers' Pensions" <i>Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences</i> Typescript, 1932	box 3	folder 24
"Mothers' Pensions in Florida,", 1933	box 3	folder 25
"Neighborhood and Family Conditions the Basis of Child Welfare," late, 1920s	box 3	folder 26
"Outline for Analysis of Child-Placing,", 1930s	box 3	folder 27
"Physically Handicapped Child,", 1930s	box 3	folder 28
"Present Trend in Care of Dependent Children," late, 1920s	box 3	folder 29
"Prevention Is the First Law of Child Welfare,", 1930s- 1940s	box 4	folder 1
"Principles of Legislation Providing Aid to Dependent Children,", 1922	box 4	folder 2
"Public Aid for Children in their Own Homes,", 1924	box 4	folder 3
"Social Research," late, 1940s	box 4	folder 4
"Social Services for Children,", 1941	box 4	folder 5
"Soldiers' Orphans' Homes,", 1939	box 4	folder 6
"Square Deal for Children Born Out of Wedlock,", 1919	box 4	folder 7
"Standards of Child Placing," late, 1920s- 1930s	box 4	folder 8
"Suggested Outline for Group Studying Child Welfare Needs,", 1930	box 4	folder 9
"Summary of Results of Inquiry in Preparation for Round Table Discussion of Mothers' Aid,", 1931	box 4	folder 10
"Supplementary Care"Unidentified Book ChapterSource Materials, 1930- 1937	box 4	folder 11 to 12
Physical Description: (2 Folders)		
"Trends in the Care of Dependent Children," late, 1920s	box 4	folder 13
"Uniform Illegitimacy Act,", 1923	box 4	folder 14
"Words and Their Ways in Social Welfare"Reprint, Typescript, Hand-written Notes, Clippings, and Correspondence,, 1945-1946	box 4	folder 15

Subseries I.3. Writings--Printed Materials, 1914- 1943

Scope and Contents

This small subseries consists of published reports and articles by Lundberg. The materials are arranged alphabetically by title.

itle/Description	Instances	
Case Recording, 1938-1941	box 4	folder 16
Children of Illegitimate Birth and Measures for Their Protection, , 1926	box 4	folder 17
"Child Welfare Services"Social Work Year Book, , 1939	box 4	folder 18
"County as a Unit for an Organized Program of Child Caring and Protective Work,", 1926	box 4	folder 19
"County Organization for Child Care and Protection,", 1922	box 4	folder 20
Day Care, 1942	box 4	folder 21
Juvenile Courts, 1921-1922	box 4	folder 22
Post-war Problems, 1943-1944	box 4	folder 23
"Progress in Mothers' Aid"Social Service Review, , 1928	box 4	folder 24
"Progress towards Better Laws for the Protection of Children Born out of Wedlock,", 1920	box 4	folder 25
"Research by State Welfare Departments in the Field of Child Dependency,", 1932	box 4	folder 26
State Commissions for the Study and Revision of Child-Welfare Laws, 1924	box 4	folder 27
"White House Conferences" <i>Social Work Year Book,</i> , 1943	box 4	folder 28
Wisconsin Industrial Commission, 1914- 1916	box 4	folder 29

Subseries I.4. General, 1920-1962

Scope and Contents

Within this subseries are a small number of articles, bulletins, pamphlets, and reports by other individuals and organizations in the field of child welfare. The folders have been arranged alphabetically by author.

Title/Description	Instances	
Abbott, Grace, 1936-1939	box 4	folder 30
American Public Welfare Association, 1934	box 4	folder 31
Beisser, Paul T., 1935	box 4	folder 32
California Bulletin , 1940	box 4	folder 33
Canadian Welfare, 1936-1944	box 4	folder 34

Carson College for Orphan Girls, 1921- 1923	box 5	folder 1
Carstens, Christian C., 1927	box 5	folder 2
Child Welfare League of America, 1938	box 5	folder 3
Hanna, Agnes K., 1941	box 5	folder 4
Johns Hopkins University, 1925-1926	box 5	folder 5
Lenroot, Katharine F., 1962	box 5	folder 6
New York State Conference on Social Work, 1937- 1940	box 5	folder 7
New York State Department of Social Welfare, 1936- 1939	box 5	folder 8
Philadelphia Relief Study , 1926	box 5	folder 9
Public Administration Service, 1943	box 5	folder 10
Public Affairs Committee, 1940	box 5	folder 11
<i>Survey</i> , 1938	box 5	folder 12
Taussig, Frances, 1922	box 5	folder 13
United States Children's Bureau, 1920- 1942	box 5	folder 14
Warner, Charles H., 1924	box 5	folder 15

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Series II: Subject Files, 1834-1946

Scope and Contents

This series consists of subject files labeled by Lundberg. The subject matters relate to various aspects of child welfare, and the series includes printed materials, clippings, and handwritten research notes. Many of the subject files concern various types of child welfare institutions and legislation, and the coordinated efforts of local, state, and federal institutions to assist children. A significant amount of material is regarding early child care institutions from nineteenth century.

Scope and Contents

Also present in this series are materials related to several White House Conferences that Lundberg attended. In the 1940 conference, Lundberg served as the Assistant Secretary. Included are articles, clippings, correspondence, pamphlets, proceedings, and speeches associated with the conferences. The material is arranged alphabetically by the original titles of the folders.

Title/Description	Instances	
Almshouse Care of Children, 1932-1944	box 5	folder 16
Apprenticeship and Indenture, 1924, undated	box 5	folder 17
Beginnings of Social Services for Children, 1921-1944	box 5	folder 18

Biographies

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Abbott, Grace, 1934-1939	box 5	folder 19
Carstens, Christian C., 1939	box 5	folder 20
Lathrop, Julia, 1932-1946	box 5	folder 21
Murphy, John Prentice, 1924-1936	box 5	folder 22
Child-Caring Agencies, 1931-1945	box 5	folder 23
Child-Caring Institutions, 1925- 1946	box 5	folder 24
Child Protection in EnglandEarly History, 1924- 1936	box 6	folder 1
Child Protective Agencies, 1931- 1944	box 6	folder 2
Children in Almshouses, 1923-1938	box 6	folder 3
Community Council, 1939-1945	box 6	folder 4
Community Organization, 1937-1940	box 6	folder 5
Coordinating Councils, 1935-1940	box 6	folder 6
County StudiesAlabama, Undated	box 6	folder 7
Day Nurseries, 1937-1940	box 6	folder 8
Deaf Children, 1923-1943	box 6	folder 9
Delinquent ChildrenCare ofEarly History, 1852- 1924 <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 Folders)	box 6	folder 10
Dependency and Neglect Jurisdiction in the Juvenile Court, 1937- 1941	box 6	folder 11
Dependent, Neglected, and Delinquent Children Early Statutes, 1861-1899	box 6	folder 12
Federal Emergency Relief AgencyData on Families with Dependent Children,, 1930-1935	box 6	folder 13
Foster Care, 1920s	box 6	folder 14
Illinois Private Laws, Undated	box 6	folder 15
Institutions and AgenciesEarlyReports of, 1834- 1929		
EarlyReports of, 1834-1929	box 6	folder 16
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Trends, 1899-1934	box 7	folder 1
Institutions for Dependent ChildrenTrends in, 1927- 1940	box 7	folder 2
Inventory of Community Resources, 1921- 1944	box 7	folder 3
Massachusetts ReportsExcerpts from, 1866- 1942	box 7	folder 4
National Conference of Social Work, 1940s	box 7	folder 5

Poor Laws, 1930-1943	box 7	folder 6
Prevention of Child Dependency, 1937	box 7	folder 7
Probation, 1936-1940	box 7	folder 8
Public Relief in New York State, 1937	box 7	folder 9
State Care, 1923-1943 <u>Physical Description</u> : (3 Folders)	box 7	folder 10 to 12
State InstitutionsData Regarding, Undated	box 7	folder 13
St. Louis Board of Children's Guardians, 1937	box 7	folder 14
Transfer of Parental Control, 1925	box 7	folder 15
Transfer of Parental Rights, 1925- 1940	box 7	folder 16
Trends in Institutional Growth, 1943	box 7	folder 17
Uniform Illegitimacy Act, 1921- 1923	box 7	folder 18
Visiting Teacher, 1921-1933	box 7	folder 19
White House Conferences		
1909 Conference Conclusions of, 1909, 1909, 1909	box 7	folder 20
1919 ConferenceMinimum Standards for Child Welfare, 1920, 1919, 1920	box 7	folder 21
1930 Conference, 1930		
"Children's Charter,", 1931	box 8	folder 1
Joint Committee on StatisticsDraft, 1931	box 8	folder 2
Objectives, 1930	box 8	folder 3
White House Conference on Children in a Democracy		
American Forum of the Air, 1940	box 8	folder 4
"Children in a Democracy"Survey Article, 1940	box 8	folder 5
DraftsBy Lundberg, circa, 1940	box 8	folder 6
Program, 1939	box 8	folder 7
Recommendations, 1940	box 8	folder 8
"Social Services for Children"Preliminary Statements of the United States Children's Bureau,, 1940	box 8	folder 9
Summary of Reports of Section IV, circa, 1940	box 8	folder 10

Scope and Contents

This series holds a small amount of correspondence and personal materials. A few letters with Lundberg's friends and publishers are present. Other personal materials include notebooks of her favorite poems and quotations.

Scope and Contents

This series also contains Lundberg's will, in which she designated Lenroot as the executor of her estate, and other material related to her death. Correspondence that Lenroot exchanged with Lundberg's publishers and relatives can be found in this series. This series is arranged alphabetically by subject. Correspondence has been arranged alphabetically by author.

Title/Description	Instances	
Clipping Lundberg's Funeral, 1954	box 8	folder 11
Correspondence		
Lenroot, Katherine		
Enochs, Elisabeth, 1954	box 8	folder 12
Hollander, Claire, 1955	box 8	folder 13
Lundberg, Howard, 1954	box 8	folder 14
McDermaid, Clarence, 1954-1956	box 8	folder 15
Morlock, Maud, 1970	box 8	folder 16
McDermaid, Clarence, 1954-1956	box 8	folder 17
Reprint of <i>Unto the Least of These</i> , 1955-1971 <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 Folders)	box 8	folder 18 to 19
Paulson, Eveline, 1960	box 8	folder 20
Trout, Wendell, 1971	box 8	folder 21
Lundberg, Emma		
Columbia University Press, 1946	box 8	folder 22
D. Appleton Century CompanyPublication of <i>Unto the Least of These</i> , 1947-1949	box 8	folder 23
Greeting CardsWith Lundberg's Poems, 1944- 1948	box 8	folder 24
Lenroot, Katharine, Undated	box 8	folder 25
New England Home for Little Wanderers, 1948	box 8	folder 26
Russell Sage Foundation, 1938	box 8	folder 27
PhotographKatherine Lenroot, Undated	box 8	folder 28
Poems and QuotationsBy OthersNotebooks and Handwritten Notes, Undated	box 8	folder 29
Will, 1947	box 8	folder 30