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Summary Information

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Abstract:	This collection is comprised of a register of childrens' names and their backgrounds, agreements between the child's guardian and the Society, Executive Board minutes, application notes and lists of dismissed children.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

The Society for the Relief of Half-Orphan and Destitute Children was established in 1835. Its purpose was to provide aid to single parents or relatives, most of whom were immigrants, for a weekly or monthly fee. It was incorporated by the New York State Legislature on April 27, 1837 and located in New York City at 67 West Tenth Street, near Sixth Avenue. The Society provided room, board and education to boys and girls from the ages of four through ten. In addition to the fees paid by the parents, the Society was financially supported by donations

and funds from the government. From the mid-19th century to the early 20th century, the Society accepted and helped more than two thousand needy children.

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Summary

The records in this collection consist of a register of children and their background information, Executive Board meeting minutes, bound books of signed agreements between the parent and the Society, descriptive application notes of children and parents, and general correspondence.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in six series.

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Accrual

No additions are expected

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Controlled Access Headings

- Charities -- New York (State) -- New York
- Children -- Institutional care -- New York (State)
- Orphanages -- New York (State) -- New York
- Orphans -- New York (State) -- New York
- Lists (document genres)
- minutes (administrative records)
- Registers (Lists)
- Protestant Half-Orphan Asylum (New York, N.Y.)
- Society for the Relief of Orphans (New York, N.Y.)
- Society for the Relief of Half-Orphan and Destitute Children in the City of New York

Collection Inventory

Series I: Register, 1836-1856

Scope and Contents

This series consists of a register book. The register includes childrens' names, parents' names, parents' occupations, addresses and religious information.

Title/Description	Instances	
Register of Childrens' Names and Background Information, 1836-1856	box 1	folder 1

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Series II: Agreement Books, 1872-1932

Scope and Contents

This series is comprised of bound books of signed and dated agreements between the parent or relative giving custody to the Society of a child or children.

Title/Description	Instances	
Agreement Books, 1872-1892 (3 Items), 1872-1892	box 1	folder 2 to 4
Agreement Books, 1892-1932 (2 Items), 1892-1932	box 2	folder 1 to 2

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Series III: Executive Board Minutes, 1853-1922**Scope and Contents**

This series consists of the monthly meeting reports of the Society.

Title/Description	Instances	
Monthly Board Meetings' Minutes, 1853-1875	box 3	folder 1
Monthly Board Meetings' Minutes, 1895-1922 (3 Items), 1895-1922	box 3	folder 2 to 4

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Series IV: Applications Book, 1887-1920**Scope and Contents**

In this series, handwritten notes have been recorded detailing the date, parent's name, and child's name with some background information.

Title/Description	Instances
Descriptive Applications of Parents and Children, 1887-1920	box 4

General

NB: Title printed on spine is incorrect.

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Series V: Dismissal Book, 1847-1857**Scope and Contents**

This series contains in a bound book, names of children who were discharged from the Society, either by their parents or relatives or by death.

Title/Description	Instances
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Listings of Children Who Were Picked Up by Parent or Relative, 1847-1857 box 4

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Series VI: Correspondence & Printed Materials, 1880-1923

Scope and Contents

This series contains letters to the Society, blank donation slips and receipts, and other general items.

Title/Description	Instances	
Letters to Board members and notes of appreciation, 1915-1919	box 4	folder 1
Blank donation slips and receipts, undated	box 4	

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