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Biographical / Historical

Christodora was founded in 1897 as a settlement house on Manhattan's Lower East Side to provide health care, educational and job training programs and other social services to poor immigrant families. Christodora House also served as a home for art and drama clubs. Christodora's Poet's Guild included Robert Frost Vachel Lindsay and Edwin Arlington Robinson and it inspired Ira Gershwin.

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Scope and Contents

Organizational records of Christodora House, a settlement house and social services provider on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. The bulk of the records are administrative. These records include minutes and annual reports of the Christodora House Board of Directors, dating from the organization's founding in 1897, as well as documentation of its funding sources and organizational history. There are also records of clubs run by Christodora House, the bulk of which date from circa 1900 through the 1930s, and photographs and scrapbooks, circa 1900 through 1960.

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Arrangement

Arranged in five series.

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Administrative Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Social settlements
- Gershwin, George, 1898-1937
- Christodora House

Collection Inventory

Series I: Administration

Scope and Contents

Includes administrative correspondence and memos, constitution and by-laws, contribution lists, corporate certificates, funding agency files, Head Worker and Executive Director correspondence, membership lists, newsclippings, promotional materials, program reports, and publications.

Arrangement

Folders arranged alphabetically. Documents arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Anniversaries, 1947, 1957	box 1	folder 1
Athletics, 1906; 1941	box 1	folder 2
Biele Correspondence, 1932-35	box 1	folder 3
Budget Proposal, 1935	box 1	folder 4
Calendar, 1906	box 1	folder 5
Camp Ampersand, 1968	box 1	folder 6
Camper Lists, 1916, nd	box 1	folder 7
Christmas, 1917, 1941-58	box 1	folder 8
"The Christodora," 1898, 1912-14, 1927	box 1	folder 9
"The Christodora Hymn," nd	box 1	folder 10
"The Christodora News," 1934-35, 1944	box 1	folder 11
"The Christodora Year Book," 1915	box 1	folder 12
City of Christodora House, 1916-17	box 1	folder 13
Constitution and By-laws, 1897-1987	box 1	folder 14
Contributions, 1911-24	box 1	folder 15
Contributions, 1925-30	box 1	folder 16
Contributions, 1927-29, 1933-34	box 1	folder 17
Contributions, 1927-36	box 2	folder 1
Contributions, 1933	box 2	folder 2
Corporate Certificates, 1897-1981	box 2	folder 3
Dances, 1931-47	box 2	folder 4
Drama and Dance Performances, 1906-59, nd		

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	box 2	folder 5
Financial Ledger, 1897	box 2	folder 6
"Flagship", 1947	box 2	folder 7
Flyers and Announcements, 1934-50s, nd	box 2	folder 8
Gershwin, nd	box 2	folder 9
Guest Register, 1918-39	box 2	folder 10
Guest Register, 1933-38	box 2	folder 11
Health Service, 1935-50	box 2	folder 12
Histories, 1926-80s	box 3	folder 1
Reminiscences, 1939	box 3	folder 2
History-Edward Steiner, 1940	box 3	folder 3
Harry Hopkins, 1930s	box 3	folder 4
"Information for Members", 1941-42	box 3	folder 5
James Foundation, 1941-49	box 3	folder 6
James Foundation, 1950-59	box 3	folder 7
James Foundation, 1960-65	box 3	folder 8
MacColl Correspondence, 1903-35	box 3	folder 9
MacColl Memorial, 1939-40	box 3	folder 10
MacColl Reception, 1937	box 3	folder 11
Manice Education Center, 1980s-90s	box 4	folder 1
Membership, 1936-48	box 4	folder 2
Membership-Boys, 1920-21	box 4	folder 3
Membership-Boys, 1921-22	box 4	folder 4
Membership-Girls, 1920-21	box 4	folder 5
Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1928-56	box 4	folder 6
Music Program, 1906-47	box 4	folder 7
National Federation of Settlements, 1940-46	box 4	folder 8
Neighborhood Statistics, 1930, nd	box 4	folder 9
Newsclippings, c., 1898-1966	box 4	folder 10
Northover Camp, 1908-1972	box 4	folder 11
Northover Camp-Song Books, nd	box 4	folder 12
Organization Chart, nd	box 5	folder 1

Other Organizations, 1936-59	box 5	folder 2
Press Release, 1962	box 5	folder 3
Program and Event Schedules, 1945-59, nd	box 5	folder 4
Program Reports and Proposals, c. 1930-86, nd	box 5	folder 5
Promotional Materials, 1906-80s	box 5	folder 6
Real Estate-147 Avenue B, 1928-48, 1984-86	box 5	folder 7
Real Estate-84-86 East First Street, 1964-67	box 5	folder 8
Real Estate-Massachusetts, 1981-85	box 5	folder 9
Relocation, 1947	box 5	folder 10
Residents, 1930-47	box 5	folder 11
Staff Manuals, 1932-42	box 5	folder 12
Struwing Correspondence, 1945, nd	box 5	folder 13
Thrift Fund, nd	box 5	folder 14

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Series II: Board of Directors

Scope and Contents

Includes annual reports, board member correspondence, and minutes.

Arrangement

Folders arranged alphabetically. Documents arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Annual Reports, 1902-04	box 6	folder 1
Annual Reports, 1905-06	box 6	folder 2
Annual Reports, 1908-09	box 6	folder 3
Annual Reports, 1910-11	box 6	folder 4
Annual Reports, 1912, 1915	box 6	folder 5
Annual Reports, 1916-17	box 6	folder 6
Annual Reports, 1918-19	box 6	folder 7
Annual Reports, 1920-22	box 6	folder 8
Annual Reports, 1923-26	box 6	folder 9
Annual Reports, 1927-34	box 6	folder 10

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Annual Reports, 1941-42	box 6	folder 11
Annual Reports, 1948-49	box 6	folder 12
Annual Reports, 1950-56	box 6	folder 13
Annual Reports, 1957-63	box 6	folder 14
Annual Reports, 1964-66	box 7	folder 1
Annual Reports, 1966-68	box 7	folder 2
Annual Reports, 1968-70	box 7	folder 3
Annual Reports, 1970-72	box 7	folder 4
Annual Reports, 1972-74	box 7	folder 5
Annual Reports, 1974-76	box 7	folder 6
Annual Reports, 1976-78	box 7	folder 7
Annual Reports, 1980-81	box 7	folder 8
Annual Reports, 1986	box 7	folder 9
Annual Reports, 1987	box 7	folder 10
Annual Reports, 1988	box 7	folder 11
Members-Elliman, 1964-66	box 7	folder 12
Members-James, 1909-37	box 7	folder 13
Members-Lincoln, 1959-68	box 7	folder 14
Members-Manice, 1961-63	box 7	folder 15
Members-Manice, Correspondence, 1935-38	box 7	folder 16
Members-Miscellaneous, 1913, 1946-76	box 8	folder 1
Minutes, 1897-1905	box 8	folder 2
Minutes, 1905-11	box 8	folder 3
Minutes, 1912-15	box 8	folder 4
Minutes, 1916-18	box 8	folder 5
Minutes, 1919-20	box 8	folder 6
Minutes, 1921-23	box 8	folder 7
Minutes, 1924-27	box 8	folder 8
Minutes, 1928-30	box 8	folder 9
Minutes, 1931-33	box 8	folder 10
Minutes, 1934-35	box 8	folder 11
Minutes, 1936	box 9	folder 1

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Minutes, 1937-38	box 9	folder 2
Minutes, 1939-40	box 9	folder 3
Minutes, 1941-42	box 9	folder 4
Minutes, 1943-44	box 9	folder 5
Minutes, 1945-46	box 9	folder 6
Minutes, 1947	box 9	folder 7
Minutes, 1948	box 9	folder 8
Minutes, 1949	box 9	folder 9
Minutes, 1950	box 9	folder 10
Minutes, 1951	box 9	folder 11
Minutes, 1952	box 9	folder 12
Minutes, 1953	box 9	folder 13
Minutes, 1954	box 10	folder 1
Minutes, 1955-56	box 10	folder 2
Minutes, 1957-58	box 10	folder 3
Minutes, 1959-60	box 10	folder 4
Minutes, 1961-62	box 10	folder 5
Minutes, 1963-64	box 10	folder 6
Minutes, 1965	box 10	folder 7
Minutes, 1966	box 10	folder 8
Minutes, 1967	box 10	folder 9
Minutes, 1968	box 10	folder 10
Minutes, 1969-70	box 10	folder 11
Minutes, 1971-72	box 10	folder 12
Minutes, 1973-75	box 10	folder 13
Minutes, 1976-77	box 11	folder 1
Minutes, 1978-79	box 11	folder 2
Minutes, 1980	box 11	folder 3
Minutes, 1981	box 11	folder 4
Minutes, 1982	box 11	folder 5
Minutes, 1983	box 11	folder 6
Minutes, 1984	box 11	folder 7

Minutes, 1985	box 11	folder 8
Minutes, 1986	box 11	folder 9
Minutes, 1987-88	box 11	folder 10
Minutes, 1989-91	box 11	folder 11

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Series III: Clubs

Scope and Contents

Includes attendance books, constitutions and by-laws, correspondence, dues ledgers, membership lists and minutes.

Arrangement

Folders arranged chronologically. Documents arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Aimwell, 1916	box 12	folder 1
Aimwell, 1918-20	box 12	folder 2
Aloha, 1908-09	box 12	folder 3
Aloha, 1909-10	box 12	folder 4
Aloha, 1915-16	box 12	folder 5
Alpals, 1922-23	box 12	folder 6
Alpals, 1922-23	box 12	folder 7
Alpals, 1923-24	box 12	folder 8
Bluebird, 1916-17	box 12	folder 9
Bluebird, 1916-20	box 12	folder 10
Bluebird, 1917-19	box 13	folder 1
Boy Scouts, 1924-25, 1951-52	box 13	folder 2
Button, 1918-21	box 13	folder 3
Button, 1918-27	box 13	folder 4
Button, 1919-22	box 13	folder 5
Button, 1921-24	box 13	folder 6
Carol, 1926-27	box 13	folder 7
Clionion, 1898-99	box 13	folder 8
Clionion, 1898-99	box 13	folder 9

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Clionion, 1910-11	box 14	folder 1
Club/House Council-Minutes, 1919-27	box 14	folder 2
Club/House Council-Minutes, 1929-34	box 14	folder 3
Club/House Council-Minutes, 1935-36	box 14	folder 4
Debate Notes, 1938	box 14	folder 5
Deoc/Amister, 1923-26	box 14	folder 6
Girl Scouts, 1944-51	box 14	folder 7
Hamilton, 1920-21	box 14	folder 8
Happy Heart, 1911-19	box 14	folder 9
Happy Heart, 1911-16, 1925	box 14	folder 10
Helping Hand, 1917-30	box 15	folder 1
Loyalty-Constitution, 1897	box 15	folder 2
Loyalty-Correspondence, 1898	box 15	folder 3
Loyalty-Correspondence, 1899	box 15	folder 4
Loyalty-Correspondence, 1900-01	box 15	folder 5
Loyalty-Correspondence, 1902-03	box 15	folder 6
Loyalty-Correspondence, 1904-14	box 15	folder 7
Loyalty-Correspondence, 1915-17	box 15	folder 8
Loyalty-Correspondence, 1925-26	box 15	folder 9
Loyalty-Correspondence, nd	box 15	folder 10
Loyalty-Minutes, 1897-98	box 15	folder 11
Loyalty-Minutes, 1898-1900	box 15	folder 12
Loyalty-Minutes, 1908-11	box 15	folder 13
Loyalty-Minutes, 1911-12	box 15	folder 14
Loyalty-Minutes, 1913-15	box 15	folder 15
Loyalty-Minutes, 1916-19	box 16	folder 1
Loyalty-Minutes, 1920-26	box 16	folder 2
Lucy Larcom, 1902-07	box 16	folder 3
Miscellaneous, 1922-44, nd	box 16	folder 4
Mother's-Minutes, 1904-06	box 16	folder 5
Mother's-Minutes, 1905-08	box 16	folder 6
Mother's-Minutes, 1907-10	box 16	folder 7

Mother's-Minutes, 1910-15	box 16	folder 8
Mother's-Minutes, 1919-22	box 16	folder 9
Mother's-Minutes, 1923-24	box 16	folder 10
Mother's-Miscellaneous, 1903-15, 1944-52	box 16	folder 11
Mother's-Roll Books, 1903, 1915-24	box 17	folder 1
Northover Cadets, 1918	box 17	folder 2
Patriotic, 1910-12	box 17	folder 3
Poet's Guild, 1940-41, nd	box 17	folder 4
Sangster, 1897-98	box 17	folder 5
Sangster, 1899-1902	box 17	folder 6
Sangster, 1905-10	box 17	folder 7
Sangster, 1913-14	box 17	folder 8
Sangster, 1919-21	box 18	folder 1
Service, 1917-20	box 18	folder 2
Spartan, 1919-21	box 18	folder 3
Spartan, 1921, nd	box 18	folder 4
Steadfast, 1903-04, nd	box 18	folder 5
Steadfast, 1910-12	box 18	folder 6
Sunshine, 1900-05	box 18	folder 7
Sunshine, 1907-09	box 19	folder 1
Sunshine, 1909-13	box 19	folder 2
Tansh Palofa, 1927-28	box 19	folder 3
Waiting, 1911	box 19	folder 4
Waverly, 1929-33	box 19	folder 5
Work and Win, 1907-09, 1912-13	box 19	folder 6
Work and Win, 1914-18	box 19	folder 7

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Series IV: Photographs

Scope and Contents

Black and white and color photographs and negatives. Subjects include settlement staff and program participants, neighborhood scenes, settlement buildings, and camp.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Title/Description	Instances	
Arts and Crafts, 1950s-60s	box 20	folder 1
Athletics, c. 1900s-60s	box 20	folder 2
Board Members, Residents and Staff, c. 1900s-80s	box 20	folder 3
Building Exterior, c. 1900s-60s	box 20	folder 4
Building Interior, c.1920s-50s	box 20	folder 5
Boys Programs, c. 1906-08	box 21	folder 7
Scope and Contents		
These photographs were likely taken by the photographer John Howard Toynbee Falk		
Camp-Building Exterior, c. 1910s-60s	box 20	folder 6
Camp-Building Interior, c. 1930s-50s	box 20	folder 7
Camp-Children, c., 1900s-60s	box 20	folder 8
Camp-Children-Boys, c. 1900s-50s	box 20	folder 9
Camp-Children-Girls, c. 1900s-50s	box 21	folder 1
Camp-Landscapes, c. 1910s-50s	box 21	folder 2
Camp-Miscellaneous, c. 1900s-50s	box 21	folder 3
Camp-Pool, c. 1940s-60s	box 21	folder 4
Children, c. 1900s-60s	box 21	folder 5
Dramatics, c. 1910s-61	box 21	folder 6
Environmental Education, c. 1980s	box 22	folder 1
Health Care, c. 1910s-50s	box 22	folder 2
Kiwanis Day Camp, 1964	box 22	folder 3
Miscellaneous, c. 1910s-50s	box 22	folder 4
Mother's Club, c. 1920s-40s	box 22	folder 5
Music Lessons, c. 1910s-50s	box 22	folder 6
National Federation of Settlements, 1947	box 22	folder 7
Neighborhood Scenes, c. 1900s-50s	box 22	folder 8
Senior Citizens, 1950s-60s	box 22	folder 9
Teenagers, c. 1910s-50s	box 22	folder 10

Wood Shop, 1950s	box 22	folder 11
Negatives-Camp, c. 1900s-60s	box 22	folder 12
Negatives-Environmental Education, c. 1980s	box 22	folder 13
Negatives-Miscellaneous, c. 1900s-60s	box 22	folder 14
Oversize Photographs, c. 1920-60s	box 26	folder 1

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Series V: Scrapbooks

Scope and Contents

Chronologically compiled scrapbooks contain administrative forms, annual reports, correspondence and memos, newsclippings, photographs, program flyers and announcements, promotional materials, publications, special event announcements, and tickets. Items fallen loose from some scrapbooks are contained in folders stored with the scrapbooks. Preservation photocopies of some scrapbooks have been made, and should be used by researchers.

Title/Description	Instances	
1897-1958	box 23	folder 1
1950s	box 23	folder 2
1960-61	box 23	folder 3
1898-1904	box 24	folder 1
1908-20	box 24	folder 2
1905-18	box 25	folder 1
1920-24	box 25	folder 2
Northover Camp, 1908-1918	box 26	folder 1
1927-30	box 27	folder 1
1931-34	box 28	folder 1
1936-40	box 29	folder 1
1940-45	box 30	folder 1
1945-55	box 31	folder 1

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