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Guide to the

**American Dramatic Fund Association records**

1830-1902

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## Summary

**Creator:** American Dramatic Fund Association

**Title:** American Dramatic Fund Association records

**Date:** 1830-1902

**Size:** .4 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Purchase, Swann Auction, 1944

**Abstract:** The American Dramatic Fund Association was founded in New York City in 1848 for the purpose of aiding members of the theatrical profession (actors, dancers and singers) who were unable to work, helping to support members' widows and orphans, and defraying funeral expenses of members. The organization has been known as the Actors' Fund of America since 1882. Collection consists of correspondence and records of the American Dramatic Fund Association. Correspondence concerns donations and applications for membership and financial assistance. Also, annuity receipts, receipt book for 1848 to 1869, and papers regarding alterations of rules and regulations.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Charities -- United States

Entertainers -- Finance

Performing arts -- Finance

Theater -- New York (State) -- New York -- History -- 19th century

Theater -- United States

### **Names**

American Dramatic Fund Association