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Location Annex 5-a-4/6

Title WILLIAM RHINELANDER STEWART. Papers

Approximate inclusive dates 1882-1929

Date of receipt 1939 and 1940

Received from John de Braganza

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 19 AB, 4 RC (8 l.f.)

Condition Good

Restrictions None

Description

William Rhinelander Stewart (1852-1929) was a New York City businessman and philanthropist. Stewart was appointed a commissioner of the N.Y. State Board of Charities (SBC) in 1882 and served in that post until 1929. He was president of the Board from 1894-1903 and again from 1907-1923. In 1911, he published a memorial volume on the life of Josephine Shaw Lowell (1843-1905) who was a founder of the Charity Organization Society.

The collection is divided into five sections: Letters from Governors, State Board of Charities, the National Conference of Charities and Correction, the New York State Conference of Charities and Correction, and personal papers. The letters from Governors contain approximately 150 letters written to Stewart by N.Y. State Governors, 1889-1917. The records relating to the State Board of Charities comprise the bulk of this collection. These consist of letters received, 1882-1929; Stewart's 27 letterbooks, 1884-1929 (all indexed); and six volumes of his office diaries, 1886-1924, which record his daily activities on behalf of the SBC. Most of the official correspondence is with the staff and commissioners of the SBC, state legislators and officials, leaders of charitable institutions, and philanthropists. The most frequent correspondents are Josephine Shaw Lowell; Robert W. Heberd and Robert W. Hill (1845-?), both secretaries to the Board; and SBC commissioners William P. Letchworth (1823-1910) and Enoch V. Stoddard (1840-1908). Between 1905-1911 there are many letters concerning J.S. Lowell's life as Stewart was compiling her biography. There are also scattered letters relating to Stewart's work for the N.Y. Salary Classification Commission. For the National Conference of Charities and Correction there are letters received, 1897-1899, and letterbooks, 1897-1900. There is a single letterbook for the New York State Conference of Charities and Correction, 1902-1903. The personal papers contain 4 folders of material on Josephine Shaw Lowell and other unsorted items.

Special Formats ☐ Photographs ☐ Maps ☐ Audio Tapes ☐ Films ☐ Graphics
☐ Artifacts ☐ Machine-readable records
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Temporary catalog card added entries Charities; Diaries, 1886-1924; Robert W. Heberd; Robert W. Hill (1845-); William P. Letchworth (1823-1910); Josephine Shaw Lowell (1843-1905); National Conference of Charities and Correction; New York (State). Board of Charities; New York (State)--Governors; New York State Conference of Charities and Correction; Public Welfare; 1876-1900; 1901-1925; 1926-1950

Accessioned by Robert Sink
July 25, 1985

Date _____

Enoch V. Stoddard

WILLIAM RHINELANDER STEWART PAPERS

Container List

<u>Box</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	Letters from Governors, 1889-1917 State Board of Charities <i>caps</i> Letters Received
	1882-1885
2	1886-1893
3	1894-1895
4	1896-1897, July
5	1897, August-1898, September
6	1898, October-1899
7	1900
8	1901-1902
9	1903-1906
10	1907-1908, February
11	1908, March-1909, June
12	1909, July-1910
13	1911-1912
14	1913-1915
15	1916-1917, September
16	1917, October-1920
17	1924-1929
	Letterbooks
18	#1, 1884-1888
	#2, 1888-1893
	#3, 1893-1894
	#4, 1894-1895
	#5, 1895-1897
	#6, 1897
	#7, 1897-1898
	#8, 1898-1899
	#9, 1899
19	#10, 1899-1900
	#11, 1900-1901
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	#13, 1901-1902
	#14, 1902-1904
	#15, 1904-1906
	#16, 1906-1907
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20	#19, 1909-1910
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	#22, 1913-1914
	#23, 1914-1915
	#24, 1915-1917
	#25, 1917-1918
	#26, 1918-1923
	#27, 1923-1929

STEWART (continued)

<u>Box</u>	<u>Contents</u>
	<i>copy</i> State Board of Charities (continued)
	Office Diaries
21	#1, 1886-1890
	#2, 1894-1899
	#3, 1900-1905
	#4, 1905-1910
	#5, 1910-1916
22	#6, 1916-1924
	Extracts from the diaries
23	National Conference of Charities and Correction <i>copy</i>
	Letters Received, 1897-1899
	Letterbooks, 1897-1900 (2 volumes)
	New York State Conference of Charities and Correction <i>copy</i>
	Letterbook, 1902-1903
	Personal Papers <i>copy</i>
	Material Relating To Josephine Shaw Lowell (4 folders)
	Unsorted