

Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund

The Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund was a foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life of infants and children, primarily in Chicago. Elizabeth McCormick (1892-1905) was the only daughter of Cyrus H. McCormick and his wife. The McCormicks established a trust fund in 1908 to preserve the memory of their daughter and to commemorate her philanthropic interests. The Fund was incorporated in 1913 under a Board of Trustees. Until 1961, it maintained an autonomous director and staff through which numerous public welfare programs were conceived and funded. Innovative health projects, such as the "open-air schools" for inner-city children were established and run in the early 1900s by the Fund. As public welfare came increasingly under the control of municipal and federal agencies, the Fund provided financial backing for projects concerning children in the diverse fields of education, psychology, recreation, public health and emergency food relief. From 1922, the Fund built an outstanding specialized lending library covering all aspects of children and child welfare that was recognized nationally. The Fund ceased to administer monies under its own auspices in 1961. For tax purposes and in recognition of the changed nature of social welfare in general, the Fund was dissolved and its monies directed through the Chicago Community Trust.

The Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund Papers include correspondence, clippings, notes, reports, minutes of meetings, biographical vitae, legal and financial records, publications, newsletters, manuscripts, personal mementos and photographs pertaining to the life of Elizabeth McCormick and the organizational proceedings of the Fund from 1905 through 1961.

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5. J. Sinclair Armstrong - correspondence
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6. Mrs. Edward Harris Brewer - letter
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7. Flora J. Cooke - correspondence
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8. Mrs. John V. Farwell - correspondence
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9. Dr. Henry Favill - correspondence
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10. Dr. John Favill - correspondence
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18. William R. Odell - letter
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21. Dr. Julius B. Richmond - correspondence
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35. Chicago Board of Education: Guidance program - materials
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36. Chicago Community Trust - correspondence and statements
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37. Child Welfare League of America - correspondence
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40. Child Welfare League: National Social Work conference - program publication
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47. Conference on Research in the Children's Field - schedule and publications
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50. Interdisciplinary Conference on Children's Personality Development-article & brochures
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70. Fellowship: Doris L. Seder (1961-62)-personnel file and correspondence
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75. Financial Records: Control Sheets - correspondence
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81. Illinois Commission on Children-correspondence and memoranda
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82. Library - catalog and surveys of holdings
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86. NASW (Nat's Ass'n of Social workers): Research Institute-memoranda
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88. NASW: Social Work (journal)-correspondence
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89. National Vocational Guidance Association-correspondence
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90. Nursery Education: Creative Workshop - report
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91. Nursery Education: Creative Workshop (Tuesday Group)-minutes and reports
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92. Nursery Education: Creative Workshop (Thursday Group)-minutes and reports
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93. [Nursery School] Illinois Dept of Public Welfare: Day Care-program guides
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94. Nursery Schools-record forms
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95. Nursery School Service: Program standards
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96. Nursery School Service (WPA and Illinois)-Program guide
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97. Nutrition: Dept of Public Welfare (Consultation Service)-correspondence and memoranda
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98. Nutrition: Dept. of Public Welfare (In-Service Program)-memoranda
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99. Nutrition: Needs of Chicago Children - Statement
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100. Nutrition Service for Children's Institutions-correspondence and memoranda
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104. Office of Civilian Defense: Child Care Committee-memoranda
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106. Personnel Policies and Practices-statement
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107. Program and Activities-correspondence and statements of purpose
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108. Program Review and Education-correspondence and memoranda
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109. Projects and Reports: Administrative organization of children's social service-
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120. DeKalb Gifted Child Project (N.L. Pielsticle)-prospectus and program
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121. DeKalb Gifted Child Project (N.L. Pielsticle)-correspondence
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125. DeKalb Gifted Child Project (N.L. Pielsticle)-financial statements
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135. Influence of Parental Expectations re. Use of children's psychiatric clinic services-study
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139. Meeting re. Need for Statewide Study of Children's Psychiatric Services (H. Maas)-
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151. Research Group II (E. Schwartz)-memoranda
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154. Separation of Children from Families for psychiatric hospitalization (G. Rochlin)-
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155. Sibling Relations of twins (H. Koch)- correspondence and reports
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163. Unit-Cost Study (E. Schwartz)-materials and publications
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188. WHC (1960): Illinois Committee, "News and Views"
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