

AMERICAN RED CROSS (BOSTON METROPOLITAN CHAPTER)

Records, 1919 – 1939 (incomplete)

Charities Collection – CC 028

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ACQUISITION: In 1911, the Boston Children’s Aid Society gave its entire library to the Simmons College School of Social Work Library. This library included the annual reports of many local and international welfare and charitable organizations. With the passage of time, this collection took on historical significance and in 1991, it was transferred to the Simmons College Archives.

As part of donations in 1988 and 1989, Donald Moreland, a local social worker and collector of social work history, gave the Simmons College Archives a large number of annual reports, pamphlets and other materials related to various welfare and charitable organizations. Because neither of these donations is a discrete collection, the materials transferred in 1991 from the School of Social Work Library and related materials donated by Donald Moreland were combined to form the Charities Collection. The Simmons College archives Charities Collection consists of numerous small collections. Accession numbers for the individual collections are assigned during processing.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY:

The Boston Chapter of the American Red Cross was first organized in Tremont Temple in May of 1905 as the Massachusetts branch of the American Red Cross in Washington. In 1909, the Massachusetts Branch went out of existence, leaving behind five divisions or Chapters. The Boston Metropolitan Chapter includes the towns of Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Braintree, Brookline, Canton, Chelsea, Dedham, Dover, Everett, Medfield, Millis, Norwood, Revere, Sharon, Watertown, Westwood, and Woburn.

“To furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of armies in time of war” is the first charter obligation. During wartime, as well as in times of peace, the Red Cross has provided hospital and ambulance service to disabled veterans and their families.

SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE:

This collection contains the Annual Reports of the Boston Metropolitan Chapter of the American Red Cross from 1920 – 1939 (1932-33 is missing), which outline the Chapter’s officers, activities, membership, and budget for the previous year. The Annual Reports provide descriptions of the Red Cross’ main services: Home Service, Production, Disaster Relief Service, Health Service, Braille, Volunteer Motor Corps, and Junior Red Cross. Also included is a pamphlet on the history of the Boston Chapter from 1919.

SERIES LISTING:

SERIES I: American Red Cross (Boston Metro Chapter) History 1919

SERIES II: American Red Cross (Boston Metro Chapter) Annual Reports 1920 - 1939

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	1	1 “A History of the Boston Metropolitan Chapter of the American Red Cross” by C. C. Ely April 15, 1919
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Annual Report 1920 ◆ Annual Report 1921 (2 copies) ◆ Annual Report July 1, 1921 – June 30, 1922 (3 copies) ◆ Annual Report July 1, 1922 – June 30, 1923
	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Meeting the Need for 1923 –1924 ◆ A Record for the Tenth Year [July 1, 1924 – June 30, 1925] ◆ A Review of the Year 1925 –1926 ◆ A Record of the Year 1926 – 1927 ◆ Services July 1, 1927 – June 30, 1928; 1928 – 1929 ◆ July 1, 1930 – June 30, 1931 ◆ Services July 1, 1931 – June 30, 1932; ◆ A Year’s Work 1933 – 1934 ◆ A Year’s Service 1934 – 1935 ◆ Condensed Annual Report 1935 – 1936 ◆ A Year’s Service 1936 – 1937; 1937 – 1938; 1938 - 1939