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WILDER
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Scope and Content:

This collection documents the advent and activities of the Amherst H. Wilder Family and the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation. The records have been arranged into five series with regard to the Wilder family and the Wilder Foundation's administration and primary areas of early 20th century community service.

Box 1: Wilder Photograph & Program Binders

Box 2: Wilder Estate Ledgers

Box 3/Drawer 3: Wilder Family Records

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Box 1: Photograph & Program Binders, 1890-2008

1. Amherst Holcomb Wilder
2. Fanny Spencer Wilder
3. Cornelia Day Wilder-Appleby
4. Wilder Family
5. Historic
6. Wilder Admin. Building, 1947-1982 (image available at MN Digital Library)
7. Wilder Dispensary, 1924-1947
8. Wilder Baths, 1914-1974 & Wilder Health Care Clinic, ca. 1975
9. Bremer House, ca. 1967-1975
10. Wilder Foundation Child Care, 1911-2000

11. Wilder Senior Health Clinic Scrapbook, 1978-1999
12. Sr. Citizens Center Scrapbook, 1978-1979
13. Life Stories, 1993-1997
14. Miscellaneous Wilder Foundation Brochures, 1926-1997 (please see binder or item on Subject Finding Aid for container list)
15. The Wilder Journal for friends of the A. H. Wilder Foundation, 1993-2008

Box 2: Estate: A.H. Wilder Ledgers, 1865-1910

1. Cash Ledger Vol. A
2. Cash Ledger Vol. B, 1872-1873
3. Cash Ledger Vol. 1, 1873-1877
4. Cash Ledger Vol. 2, 1878-1880
5. Cash Ledger Vol. 3, 1880-1882
6. Cash Ledger Vol. 4, 1882-1884
7. Cash Ledger Vol. 5, 1884-1886
8. Cash Ledger Vol. 6, 1886-1889
9. Cash Ledger Vol. 7, 1889-1891
10. Cash Ledger Vol. 8, 1891-1894
11. Journal Ledger Vol. A, 1869-1872
12. Journal Ledger Vol. 1, 1873-1877
13. Journal Ledger Vol. 2, 1878-1883
14. Journal Ledger Vol. 3, 1883-1890
15. Bill Ledger Receivable/Payable Vol. 1, 1865-1883
16. Bill Ledger Receivable/Payable Vol. 2, 1883-1888
17. Bill Ledger Receivable/Payable Vol. 3, 1888-1892
18. Bill Ledger Receivable/Payable Vol. 4, 1892-1894
19. Ledger Vol. 1, 1869-1873
20. Ledger Vol. A, 1873-1882
21. Ledger Vol. B, 1882-1889
22. Ledger Vol. C, 1889-1894
23. Estate Ledger, 1894-1905
24. Land Contracts Ledger, 1905-1910
25. Real Estate Ledger Book Vol. 1
26. Real Estate Land Survey and Property Description Book
27. Real Estate Record Ledger, A. H. Wilder Charity (Damaged spine & binding)

Box 3 Estate: Wilder Family Records Series, 1864-2011

Box 3A, Amherst H. Wilder, 1880-1978

1. A. H. Wilder Will
2. A.H. Wilder Will and Codicil
3. A. H. Wilder Estate Settlement Petition
4. A.H. Wilder Final Decree of Real Estate, 1896
5. A.H. Wilder Balance Sheet, 1891
6. A. H. Wilder and Co. Bank Book, 1888-1894
7. Agreement between A.H. Wilder and St. Luke's Hospital, 1892-1912

8. Power of Attorney, A. H. Wilder to W.R. Merriam, 1886
9. W.R. Merriam Trustee Resignation, 1899
10. A. H. Wilder Obituary
11. A. H. Wilder Legal Papers and Estate Inventory, 1903-1904
12. A. H. Wilder Legal Papers and Estate Inventory, 1904-1906
13. A. H. Wilder Family Biography
14. A. H. Wilder Correspondence and Clippings, 1880-1953
15. Amherst H. Wilder Day Proclamation - City of St. Paul July 7, 1978

Box 3B.1, Fanny Wilder, 1893-1911

1. Fanny Wilder: Last Will, 1903 (8 copies)
2. Fanny Wilder: Power of Attorney, Fanny Wilder to Gottlieb Schwartz, 1893
3. Fanny Wilder: Estate Inventory and Appraisal, 1903-1907
4. Fanny Wilder: Estate, Final Decrees and Schedule of Real Estate, 1905
5. Fanny Wilder: Schedule of Real Estate, 1905-1910
6. Fanny Wilder: Schedule of Real Estate, Bonds List, and Balances, 1904-1910
7. Fanny Wilder: A. H. Wilder Charity founded by Fanny Wilder, 1903-1910
8. Fanny Wilder: Trust Agreement with Alvina Eismann of Germany, 1903
9. Fanny Wilder: Letters Testamentary regarding estate of Fanny Wilder, 1903
10. Fanny Wilder: Ramsey County District Court Brief regarding Will of Fanny Wilder
11. Fanny Wilder: Legal brief regarding Will of Fanny Spencer and the corporation organized under act of 1895, 1904
12. Fanny Wilder: Ramsey County District Court Order fixing attorney fees, ca. 1905
13. Fanny Wilder: Ramsey County District Court - Receipts to the Executors of Estate of Fanny S. Wilder, 1905-1909
14. Fanny Wilder: Ramsey County Probate Court – Final Decrees, 1909
15. Fanny Wilder: Ramsey County Probate Court – Final Decrees, 1909-1911
16. Fanny Wilder: Leather Bound, Articles of Incorporation of the Amherst H. Wilder Charity, founded by Fanny S. Wilder, 1909-1910

Box 3B.2, Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby, 1903-2011

1. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: Last Will and Testament, 1903
2. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: Copy of Final Decree of Probate Court, 1905
3. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: Book, "Church of St. John the Evangelist: Centennial History, 1881-1981," Robert Baker, 1981 (Contains photograph and information regarding the Main Altar given in memory of Cornelia Day by Fanny Wilder.)
4. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: Legal Papers, 1903-1931
5. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: A. H. Wilder Foundation founded by Cornelia Wilder Statement of Disbursements and Correspondence, 1910
6. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: Schedule of Real Estate, 1903-1910
7. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: Estate Inventory and Appraisal, 1904-1910
8. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: Certificate in honor of U.S. Flag flown over U.S. Capitol Building in memory of Ms. Cornelia Day Wilder, 2011
9. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: Letters Testamentary regarding estate of C.D. Wilder, 1903-1909
10. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: Ramsey County District Court - Receipts to the Executors of Estate of Cornelia Day Wilder-Appleby, 1905-1909
11. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: Legal will opinion regarding Cornelia Wilder ante-nuptial agreement with Dr. Appleby, 1904

12. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: Order of Ramsey County District Court and Deeds from trustees V.M. Watkins and C.N. Bell to Amherst H. Wilder Charity founded by Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby, 1909
13. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: Order of Ramsey County District Court and Deeds from trustees V.M. Watkins and C.N. Bell to Amherst H. Wilder Charity founded by Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby, 1909
14. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: Leather Bound, Articles of Incorporation of the Amherst H. Wilder Charity, founded by Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby, 1905-1910
15. Cornelia Day Wilder Appleby: Amherst Wilder, Fanny Wilder, Cornelia Wilder-Appleby Estate Inventory and Statement Report by W.R.W. Co. Auditors, Chicago, 1906

Box 3C, Dr. Appleby; Watkins vs. Bigelow, 1903-1910

1. Dr. Appleby Trust & Legal Papers, 1903-1910 (contains Appleby accounting, settlement, and Appleby resignation from all Wilder affairs)
2. Dr. Appleby Trust Ledger, 1908-1909 (spine in poor condition)
3. Dr. Appleby Trust Cash Journal, 1908 (spine in poor condition)
4. Watkins vs. Bigelow Resolution
5. Watkins vs. Bigelow Legal Papers, 1904
6. Watkins vs. Bigelow Appellant's Brief, 1904
7. Watkins vs. Bigelow MN Supreme Court Notice, 1904
8. Watkins vs. Bigelow MN Supreme Court Notice, 1904
9. Watkins vs. Bigelow Ramsey County District Court Answer, 1904
10. Watkins vs. Bigelow Ramsey County District Court Complaint in Intervention, 1904
11. Watkins vs. Bigelow Ramsey County District Court Notice of Motion, 1904
12. Watkins vs. Bigelow Ramsey County District Court Appeal, 1904
13. Watkins vs. Bigelow Ramsey County District Court Petition, 1904
14. Watkins vs. Bigelow Ramsey County District Court Brief
15. Watkins vs. Bigelow Ramsey County District Court Filing
16. Watkins vs. Bigelow Ramsey County District Court Notice, 1905
17. Watkins vs. Bigelow Ramsey County District Court Ruling
18. Watkins vs. Bigelow Inventory and Schedule of Real Estate, 1905
19. Watkins vs. Bigelow Correspondence, 1904-1905
20. Watkins vs. Bigelow Package of Copied Petitions

Box 3D, Wilder Estate Papers, 1884-1905

1. V. M. Watkins Papers, 1891-1905
2. Power of Attorney, A.H. Wilder to V.M. Watkins, 1884-1894
3. State of Missouri vs. Firsee, 1904
4. A. H. Wilder & H. Greve Building and Party Wall Agree and Plat Map
5. Plat Map of Simpson Property
6. Potomac Electric Co. Papers

Box 3E, A.H. Wilder Estate Deeds, Resolutions, and Decrees, 1886-1910

1. Cook County, Minnesota Deed, 1893
2. Custer County, Montana Deed, 1896
3. Jackson County, Minnesota Deeds, 1899
4. Murray County, Minnesota Deed, 1895
5. Province of Manitoba Deed, 1896
6. Nobles County, Minnesota Deeds, 1896-1910
7. Nobles County, Minnesota Land Examination

8. Ramsey County, Minnesota Deed, 1896
9. Ramsey County, Minnesota Deed, West St. Paul R.E. Improvement, 1886-1891
10. Watonwan County and Cottonwood County Land Examinations
11. A. Gotzian's Rearrangement of Sigel's Addition, 1890
12. R.E. & P.P. in Alexandria County, Virginia, 1895-1897
13. Finch, VanSlyck, Young, and Company Contract, 1890
14. Northern Steamship Co. and Great Northern Railway Co. Resolutions, 1891

Box 3F, A. H. Wilder Estate Deeds, Resolutions, and Decrees, 1864-1910

1. A.H. Wilder Estate Deeds, Resolutions, and Decrees, 1864-1913
2. Ashland County, Wisconsin Deed & Correspondence, 1871-1910
3. Osceola County, Iowa Indenture, 1910
4. Nobles County, Minnesota Deed, 1888
5. Chippewa County, Minnesota Deeds, 1895-1899
6. Obrien County, Iowa Quitclaim Deeds to Sioux City & St. Paul Railroad Co., 1890
7. Obrien County, Iowa legal Opinion, Correspondence, Clippings, 1885-1895

Box 3G, A.H. Wilder Family Baptismal Gowns

1. Baptismal Gown (fair condition)

Box 3H, A. H. Wilder Family Baptismal Gowns

1. Baptismal Gown (minor discoloration and small tear)
2. Baptismal Gown (discoloration and large tear at seem)

Box 3i, A. H. Wilder Books - Shakespeare and Dickens, Inscribed gifts from A.H. Wilder to Antoinette Wilder Broadwater, 1893-1894

1. Eleven volume set of Shakespeare's works, each book inscribed, "Wilder Broadwater from her friend, A.H. Wilder, December 25, 1893"
2. Fourteen volume set of Dickens' writings, each book inscribed, "Wilder Broadwater. In loving memory of Amherst H. Wilder, Christmas 1894."

Drawer 3, Wilder Family

1. Wilder Family- Amherst Letters (photocopies)
2. Wilder Family – Oakland Cemetery
3. Wilder Family – Interview with Acquaintances
4. Wilder Family – Wilder, Minnesota
5. Wilder Family - Genealogy

Box 4: A.H. Wilder Charity/Foundation Records, 1904-1918

Box 4A, Wilder Charity, 1904-1910

1. Leather Bound: Articles of Association, 1904; Wilder Charity Minutes, 1904-1910(Large ledger on top of box)

Box 4B, Wilder Charity, 1905-1918

1. Articles of Association, 1905
2. Roll Book, 1910
3. Amherst H. Wilder Charity Annual Report, 1917-1918 (available at MN Digital Library)

Box 4G, Wilder Foundation Papers, Books, Clippings, & Ephemera, 1903-2003

1. "Wilder Charity: Legal History and Documents," 1948
2. Slack, Hiram Worcester. "Directory of Charitable and Benevolent Organizations." St. Paul, Minnesota: Amherst H. Wilder Charity, 1913 (available at MN Digital Library)
3. Wilder Foundation Newspaper Clippings, 1903-2003 (Wilder Health advert available at MN Digital Library)
4. Report of Visiting Nurses to Wilder Charity Board, 1909-1910 (includes synopsis of work and statistics for reporting years)

Drawer 4, Early Programs, 1872-1994

1. Historical – Early Programs: Relief Department
2. Historical – Early Programs: Visiting Nurses
3. Early Programs – Nurseries: Nursery for the Visually Handicapped
4. Historical – Early Programs: Health Care Centers, 1918-1921 (clinic reports, correspondence)
5. Historical – Early Programs: Wilder Free Dispensary, 1897-1994
6. Historical – Early Programs: Dr. Aronovici Housing Study, 1917-1957 (Housing Conditions in the City of Saint Paul: Report Presented to the Housing Commission of the St. Paul Association by Dr. Carol Aronovici 1917, correspondence, clippings) (available at MN Digital Library)
7. Historical – Breck School: General (origins, history, correspondence)
8. Protestant Home: The Home for the Friendless, 1872-1967 (binder includes records, correspondence, clippings)

Box 10: Children & Family Services, 1865-1916

Box 10F, Protestant Orphan Asylum and Child Services Inc., 1879-1916

1. Protestant Orphan Asylum: By-Laws, 1906
2. Protestant Orphan Asylum: History
3. Protestant Orphan Asylum: Photographs and Postcard (available at MN Digital Library)

Drawer 5, Protestant Orphan Asylum Ledgers, 1865-1915

1. Protestant Orphan Asylum – Matron's Book, 1886 (available at MN Digital Library)
2. Protestant Orphan Asylum – Children Admitted, 1865-1885
3. Protestant Orphan Asylum – Children Admitted, 1879-1892 (available at MN Digital Library)
4. Protestant Orphan Asylum – Records: Volume I, 1865-1883
5. Protestant Orphan Asylum – Records: Volume III, 1899-1916 (available at MN Digital Library)
6. Protestant Orphan Asylum – Minutes: Volume III, 1892-1898
7. Protestant Orphan Asylum – Minutes: Volume IV, 1898-1905
8. Protestant Orphan Asylum – Minutes: Volume V, 1905-1915