

NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LIBRARY

Manuscripts

No. #87

Date processed: July, 1978

- I. Title CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS COLLECTION, 1833 - 1933
- II. The papers of See Table of Contents
deposited in the Library on , by
In converted the deposit to a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1/2
Approximate number of items: 15
- IV. Restrictions: None
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of
in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of
the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated
to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
- VI. Press release was issued on

VII. Biographical note:

The New Haven Orphan Asylum (Children's Center, Children's Community Center) was organized in February, 1833, by the "New Haven Female Society for the Relief of Orphans, Half Orphans, and Destitute Children" which arranged to raise funds to rent a house on Grove Street. The orphanage opened in May, 1833, with six children.

A new building opened on Elm Street on August 25, 1855, the gift of James Brewster, on land given to it by the town of New Haven. It could accommodate 150 children.

The children were indentured to employers at the age of twelve. Some were sent out to the West. The NHOA was among the first child-caring institutions in Connecticut to care for children of Union soldiers.

The NHOA merged with the Mt. Carmel Children's Home, the Crippled Children's Aid Society, and the Civic Protection Association's Babies Emergency Home to become the Children's Community Center. It moved to new quarters at 1400 Whitney Avenue in 1925. As of 1926, the organization went on record saying it could and would meet almost any children's problems in New Haven other than those needing hospital care.

For further information see, Willard E. Solenberger, One Hundred Years of Child Care in New Haven, Children's Community Center of the New Haven Orphan Asylum, 1933; and New Haven Orphan Asylum Annual Reports, 1st - 100th, 1833 - 1940.

The New Haven Mutual Aid Association was founded in 1833 by Henry Peck, Russell Bradley, and William Mansfield to help families of young mechanics in times of illness and distress. Any person of good health was eligible to join upon payment of three dollars. Monthly assessments were twelve and one-half cents. Benefits of three dollars a week were given during periods of need.

The American National Red Cross Relief Committee was organized in May, 1898, and dissolved in March, 1899, for the purpose of providing "relief of the sick and wounded during the war with Spain."

The American Red Cross was founded in 1881. Its original function was to contribute to the relief of the sick and wounded in war. It later extended its services to the fields of national disaster. During the Spanish-American War it acted as distribution agent for the State Department, sending food, clothing, medicines, and hospital supplies to Cuba.

For more detailed information, see The Red Cross in Peace and War by Clara Barton, Meriden, Conn., 1912.

VIII. Analysis:

This collection is divided into two half boxes and one oversize container. The first box holds the framed handwritten copy of the original New Haven Orphan Asylum State Charter and a poster. The second contains a ledger, a bound copy of a script for a pageant, a broadside, donation lists, correspondence, and a membership certificate. The oversize item is a Red Cross certificate.

The number of items contained in each folder is indicated in brackets following the folder's title. For a more detailed breakdown of the collection, see the Table of Contents.

Added March, 1980

The Charitable Society of New Haven was founded for the relief of persons "reduced from a comfortable condition in life, by losses...misfortunes,preference given to those who have been members of the Society or their descendants." The Society's members included many New Haven notables and prominent New Haven families. See the Dyer White Papers, Ms. #62A for accounts and records, 1743-1842.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Box I:New Haven Orphan Asylum (Children's Center)State Charter of the New Haven Orphan Asylum (Gift of Miss Rachel Trowbridge)

"A true copy of record, examined by Thomas Day, Secretary, 1833" (Framed, three pages, handwritten)

Poster

Illustrated Lecture on Gardens by Beatrix Farrand, benefit of the New Baby House at the New Haven Orphan Asylum, n.d.

Box II:Ledger (of Mrs. George W. Curtis, 254 Prospect Street, New Haven, Connecticut)

Soliciting Committee, Donation Day Association, 1873-1907

Historical notes

Gentlemen's Soliciting Committee, 1873-1887

Chairmen

Amount collected

Donation Day Association, 1888 - 1907

Officers

Amount collected

Honorary members

Executive committee

Chairmen of collection districts

Collectors

"The Crusade for Children" 1933 (Gift of George Dudley Seymour)

Bound copy of script of Centennial Pageant, Children's Community Center, presented to commemorate one hundredth anniversary of New Haven Orphan Asylum (later name changed again to Children's Center), typewritten, 39 pages

Folder A: Miscellaneous Papers [6]

Broadside, March 27, 1833

"Mr. Augur's Exhibition of Sculpture representing Jephthah meeting his daughter, benefit for the establishment of an Orphan Asylum"

Box II: Folder A: Miscellaneous Papers, Continued

Correspondence between Miss Tina M. Phipps and Judge
A. McC. Mathewson, October, 1906

Lists, typewritten:

Names of gentlemen who have served ten years or more
on Donation Day Association, 1903
Collectors, 1907

New Haven Mutual Aid Association

Folder B: Certificate of Membership, Henry Peck, 1835 [1]

Poor condition (fire and water damage?), should not
be handled

Overize Item I: American National Red Cross Relief Committee [2]

American National Red Cross Relief Committee certificate
presented to the Sanitary and Relief Association, New
Haven, Connecticut (1898-1899)

Torn section of matting: "Presented by THE RED CROSS SOCIETY,
to "THE CONNECTICUT SANITARY AND RELIEF ASSOCIATION,"
whose headquarters were in the New Haven Colony Historical
Society Building during the Spanish War of 1898"

Added December, 1979:

Box II: Folder A1: Newspaper clippings, 1908, 1909

ADDENDUM (March, 1980)

Box II: Folder C: Ledger

Records of the Charitable Society of New Haven, 1807-1815.
Constitution, pp. 1-3; minutes, pp. 32-44.

Box II, cont.

- | | | |
|-----------------------|--|---------|
| Folder C ₁ | Civic Federation of New Haven Constitution [1909] | (3) |
| Folder D | General Hospital Society of Conn. 1934, 1947 | (10) |
| Folder E | Miscellaneous charities lists and notices, 1876-1967 | (15) |
| Folder F | Connecticut Temperance Society 1842 letter and pledges | (3) |
| Folder G | Temperance Society, Second Washington of New Haven Roll book (part used for business accounts).1844 | (1v) |
| Folder H | Visiting Nurse Association, History of house, 1930, n.d. | (2, 1v. |
| Folder I | Visiting Nurse Association, photographs 35 Elm St.1978 | (39) |
| Folder J | Neighborhood Project and Gertrude Hart Day Cooperative Nursery School 1945-52 | (75) |