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- I. Title Stirling School Records, 1967-1974.
- II. The papers of the Stirling School deposited in the Library on 1980, by Dorothy Asch, headmistress ~~as a gift. xxxxxxxxxx~~ as a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 3 feet
Approximate number of items: 1,800
- IV. Restrictions: confidential material in boxes VI and VII (50 YEARS RESTRICTION)
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the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: Stirling School was founded by Dr. Dorothy Asch to meet the educational needs of a segment of the primary school population which she felt had been neglected. She was particularly interested in working with "quick-minded" boys and girls. The curriculum of the school was designed to stimulate the student through first-hand experiences with nature, art, music, science and enhanced by field trips to newspapers, radio stations, airports, etc. Classes were kept to a limit of no more than 16 pupils. Each child was allowed to proceed at his or her own pace.
Stirling School was incorporated on Aug. 23, 1967. Space was rented in 1967 in the Baptist Church on Shepard Avenue in Hamden. In 1969, a new school building with space for four classrooms was completed on a site on Shepard Avenue, Hamden. By 1974, a national recession was in progress, rising costs and falling enrollment forced the trustees to close the school.
- VIII. Analysis:
Materials are essentially arranged in chronological order within each section. Box I contains Board of Directors official records and papers dealing with the organization of the school. Box II contains business records, bills, and tax statements. Box III contains bank statements, cancelled checks, and records of tuition payments. Box IV contains a scrapbook of newspaper clippings and snapshots of the school and its students. Stirling stories are mostly newsletters to parents, informing them of the progress of the school and of its needs. Also included is a copy of the Sunday New Haven Register Sep. 20, 1970, pictorial section which has a feature article about Stirling School. Box V contains curriculum materials and student roll books. Box VI

Box VI contains student standardized test results, arranged alphabetically.
Box VII contains student progress reports, also arranged alphabetically.

Oversize I: A. Stirling School logos on heavy plastic
B. " " " on tissue paper
C. " " layout for promotional literature

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Certificate of incorporation (8/23/1967)	(3)
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- Folder D: Insurance Management Inc. - insurance policies covering workmen's compensation and coverage on the school building. (5 items)
- Premium notices on the insurance (12 items)
- Folder E: Correspondence with other schools, professionals, and individuals expressing interest in the school. (c.20 items)
- Letters of application for a teaching position (c.15 items)
- Letters from Wiggin and Dana, school legal counsel (10 items)
- Letters to Bandmaster, Dept. of the Army Support Band in regard to their performing at the dedication of the school. (1)
- Letter to local TV station regarding coverage of the school dedication. (1)
- Correspondence with Town of Hamden assessor regarding tax exempt status of the school (2 items)
- Assorted letters to school suppliers of educational materials, to persons supplying services, and requests to State of Connecticut for free shrubs (c.10 items)
- Letter to parents from Dr. Asch (1)
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Box I (cont.)

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- Assorted informal notes containing ideas for press re-
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Box II

- Folder A: Bills for supplies from Cobbs (c.20 items)
 Bills for school texts from J.B. Lippincott (7 items)
 Bills for school supplies from J.L. Hammett (c.30 items)
 Assorted bills from educational supply companies (c.20 items)
- Folder B: Assorted bills for protective services, government taxes, etc. (c.12 items)
- Folder C: Assorted bills for utilities, lumber supplies, paper supplies, etc. (c.75 items)
- Folder D: Cash book, Financial Records book 1968-74 (2 items)
- Folder E: Federal tax form 1967-74 (c.100 items)

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- Folder A: Bank statements, canceled checks Sept. 29, 1967-June 26, 1972 (c.100 items)
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- Folder F: Bank check book stubs 1967-74 (4 items)

Box IV

- Folder A: Stirling Stories: informational communications to parents on a monthly basis. 1967-74 (c.70 items)
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Box V

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Box VI

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- Folder H: Student progress reports W (c.50 items)

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