

Adoption files, Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department and successor agencies

1915 – 2004

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Records Location

These records are part of [Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors \(1849 - c. 1987\)](#)

Details

Files containing personal information about adopted children and their adoptive parents. Arranged alphabetically by adopting parent's surnames from 1971.

Access Conditions

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