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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Creator	Italian Welfare League.
Title	Italian Welfare League Records
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1940-1969
Date [inclusive]	1916-1987
Extent	123.0 Linear feet in 243 manuscript boxes.
Language	English

Language of Materials note Mostly in English, with some Italian and other European languages.

Abstract The Italian Welfare League, founded in 1920 by a small group of women who several years earlier had been active in other social welfare causes. Their aim was to aid poor and needy Italian families, who for any number of reasons requested help. As the years progressed, a greater emphasis was placed on aiding the newly arrived immigrants both at the New York docks upon their initial entry into the country, and at the League's office when problems arose. This help was needed by immigrants because of complicated restrictions, quotas, and rules which had to be observed. In order to raise funds for their work, League members held a number of social events throughout the year. Records of the League are especially strong in case files dealing with immigrants for an approximate 30 years span covering the 1940s-1960s. Documents well represented within the collection include social events sponsored by them to help raise funds. Though the files of the various presidents who governed the League are also found, many of them are rather fragmentary. In order to better

conduct its business, the League over the years established a number of committees, the records of which can also be found in this collection.

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

The Italian Welfare League, initially organized as a the Italian Welfare Committee, was founded in 1920 by a small group of women "to promote the interests of, and (to) look after the needy Italians in New York." The leading founding members were Carolyn Perera and Marghertia De Vecchi. These women and others were active also in the Italo-American Relief Committee, the Italian Auxiliary No. 380 of the American Red Cross, and the Italian Committee for Discharged Soldiers.

In 1922, the organizers sought official recognition by incorporating under the laws of New York State. They also began establishing committees, including the Women's Auxiliary Committee, the Junior Committee, the Ellis Island Committee, the Social Service Committee, and the Child Welfare Committee, all of which were external committees, which reached out on a more broad basis to the public. Internal committees included the House Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Ways and Means Committee.

The League occupied a number of different locations, including 345 Lexington Avenue, 34 East 29th Street, 315 East 28th Street, 1008 First Avenue, and 250 57th Street in Manhattan, as well as branch offices on Ellis Island and 133 Union Street, Brooklyn. The Ellis Island office assisted Italians detained on the Island because of irregularities in their immigration documents and assisted those who were about to be deported or otherwise leaving the country. The League briefly also had a representative in Washington DC.

The League sought to recruit membership, worked to sensitize Italian-Americans and the public to the needs of less fortunate Italian-Americans. In 1927, the League assisted 15,000 individuals since 1920. By that point, the organization was made up of 1400 members.

Part of the League's work focused on social work. It assisted those who needed aid in meeting monetary emergencies such as payment for food, rent, clothing, or other necessities or those who needed aid in securing a job, translating a document, or finding medical service in time of illness. The League also focused on immigration and naturalization case work, which sought to aid those emigrants who were trying to meet criteria for permanent entrance to the country and to deal with the ramifications involved in achieving that goal. Much of the work revolved around a small group of professional social workers, aided by volunteers. One of the social workers was the League's Executive Secretary, Angela Carlozzi Rossi, who assumed her post in 1934 and worked for the league until her retirement in 1973. She was also aided by her assistant Frank Traverso.

The Italian Welfare League also worked with organizations with similar goals with government agencies. Members came into contact with Italian-American groups which sought to aid those of their background in social and cultural ways. In the 1980s, personal contact with immigrants or others needing assistance had lessened, however, the League became active in raising funds for charitable purposes or other events. Organizations aided include hospitals and nursing homes, and grants made for medical research on sicknesses, like Cooley's anemia and blindness, and provided scholarships to students pursuing advanced degrees in social service. In 2001, the I Nostri Bambini program founded as a result of babies of Italian

heritage born fatherless in the World Trade disaster. Their present headquarters are at 8 East 69th Street in the building of the Columbus Club.

Scope and Contents note

The records of the Italian Welfare League contain materials dating from their inception in 1920 up until 1987. The bulk of the materials date from 1920 to the 1960s, whereas there is only fragmentary materials from the 1970s and 1980s. Records are also fragmentary during the World War II period in the early 1940s, when the League's activities were temporarily suspended. The sub-groups document the sixteen committees the League formed to carry out its functions. Some committee holdings contain fuller records than others, not only because they may have been in existence for longer, but also because of the nature of their work and activity.

Materials of special importance include minutes of the Board of Directors; files of the first president, Carolyn Perera; files of the Executive Secretary, Angela Carlozzi Rossi who by virtue of her office and tenure with the League was responsible for overseeing much of the organizations activities; financial documents including family case accounts detailing aid given to needy families; subject files which contain annual reports, historical material, and material on the conductor Arturo Toscanini; files of the Child Welfare Committee dealing with work on behalf of some needy orphanages in post-World War II in Italy; files of the Women's Auxiliary Committee dealing with the Titian Ball, an annual event on a grand scale which helped raise needed funds; the files of the Ellis Island Committee; and the individual case files dealing with immigrants. Within the case files, researchers will find the anxieties, the emotions, and the hopes of people trying to enter the country at a time when various quota systems and restrictions barred or impeded them.

An examination of the collection will indicate to researchers the working of an organization in the forefront to help Italian immigrants and offering aid to needy Italian-American causes. It will shed light on the complexities involved in maintaining offices, raising funds, and working with organizations having allied interests, all this during a period which witnessed great changes in social concepts and legal statuses.

Arrangement note

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 Sub-Group II: Presidents
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Series C: Mrs. Jackson Spears
Series D: Mrs. Norman J. MacGaffin
Series E: Mrs. Richard F. Bemporad
Series F: Mrs. George M. Bragalini
Series G: Mrs. Anthony Mele
Series H: Mrs. Emanuel Lazzaro
Series I: Mrs. Charles Pisano
Series J: Mrs. Michael J. Cafiero
Series K: Mrs. John V. Corrado
Series L: Mrs. Rocco Veneroso
Series M: Mrs. Gustave Chiarello
Series N: Mrs. Edward Giaimo
Series O: Helen Greco
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Series B: American Red Cross, Italian Auxiliary No. 380
Series C: Italian Committee for Discharged Soldiers
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Sub-Group XVIII: Reorganization Committee

Sub-Group XIX: Sewing Committee
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Sub-Group XXI: Ways and Means Committee
Sub-Group XXII: Women's Auxiliary Committee
Series A: Minutes of Meetings and Correspondence
Series B: Social Events, Titian Ball
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Sub-Group XXIII: Immigration and Allied Social Welfare Case Files
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Series B: "Ready Reference" Office Materials
Series C: Reports, Brochures, and Allied Printed Items collected by the League
Series D: Periodicals
Series E: Microfilm

Administrative Information

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Conditions Governing Use note

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This collection was donated after 1987 from the Italian Welfare League headquarters.

Processing Information note

The collection was processed thanks to a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. In 2013, this collection was entered into the Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS. A box and folder list exists, but is currently not available online.

Existence and Location of Copies note

Some copies are located with the original finding aid.

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Emigration and immigration |z United States
- Immigrant families |x Services for |z United States.
- Immigrants |z Italy.
- Italian Americans |x Economic conditions.

Other Finding Aids note

The original inventory is available in print upon request.

Sub-Group I: Board of Directors**Collection Inventory****Sub-Group I: Board of Directors 1928-1981****Scope and Contents note**

The Board of Directors had the overall responsibility of governing the affairs of the League, and directed its legal affairs. In large measure, this was accomplished through the organization's president, executive director, and allied staff; and through various committees which were formed. These records cover the period 1936-1976.

Series A: Minutes of Meetings 1941-1976**Box**

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Scope and Contents note

Minutes cover year years 1941-1976 (excepted are 1943, 1965, 1970-1971, 1973). Those which cover the years the years 1947-1965 are bound in soft covers, other years are loose.

Series B: General Correspondence and other Documents 1928-1981**Box**

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Scope and Contents note

Included in this series is a small attendance book covering the period 1928-1935 not only for the Board but for several committees as well; some agenda of meetings; reports of various committees; and copies of letters issued by the Executive Secretary and the President of the League together with related documents probably used at meetings for discussion purposes. Much of the correspondence consists of notices of meetings sent to members, and similar membership concerns. Materials other than the attendance roll

Sub-Group II: Presidents

cover the years 1936-1981, with the exception of 1937-1938, 1943, 1978-1980 with only fragmentary holdings for later years.

Sub-Group II: Presidents**Scope and Contents note**

Several women were elected over the years by the League's Board of Director and served for various periods ranging from one or two years to as many as two decades as was the case with the first president. There are no presidential files for the years 1976-1983. Records of the presidents are composed essentially of general correspondence and some supportive documents, all of which concern the activities of the League, from 1920 to 1975.

Series A: Carolyn Perera 1920-1942**Box**

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Scope and Contents note

Mrs. Perera was the first President of the League and held that office for the longest period. Her files cover the years 1920-1923 and 1931-1942 with an occasional letter predating the League's official establishment

Series B: Mrs. Carl P. Doelger Jr. 1947-1949**Box**

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Series C: Mrs. Jackson E. Spears 1947-1949**Box**

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Series D: Mrs. Norman J. MacGaffin 1950**Box**

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Series E: Mrs. Richard F. Bemporad 1951-1952**Box**

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Series F: Mrs. George M. Bragalini 1953-1955**Box**

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Series G: Mrs. Anthony Mele 1956-1958**Box**

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Series H: Mrs. Emanuel Lazzaro

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Sub-Group III: Executive Secretary

Clippings regarding League Activities; Photographs of child with cerebral palsy and a concert sponsored by the League 1986

General Correspondence; Luncheon and Fashion Show; Newspaper Clippings; First Annual Rose Petal Ball journal 1978-1987

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Sub-Group III: Executive Secretary 1942-1979**Box**
11-13**Scope and Contents note**

The Executive Secretary had the responsibility and duty to oversee the everyday running of the League. As such she worked closely with the President, was a liaison to the various committees, and handled most correspondence. The individual who served the longest in that position was Angela M. Carlozzi, later Angela M. Carlozzi Rossi, a professional social worker who occupied that office sometime around 1934. Essentially, it is her files which are found herein with but a scattering of material of her successor, Carmela Di Bella, who succeeded sometime in 1972.

These files are rather fragmentary, amounting to less than 1 and a half cubic feet. They cover the period 1942 to 1979 (excepting 1943-1946, 1950, 1976 and 1978) but many years are barely represented. Many documents probably have been alienated from this group and transferred to others in this Collection.

By and large documentation consists essentially of copies of letters sent by Mrs. Rossi on behalf of the League and cover a multitude of topics including mention of a number of immigration cases. Much of the 1948 correspondence concerns support of orphan children in Italy, while much of the 1962 file concerns an award given to Mrs. Rossi by the Italian government, and several photographs depicting the ceremony are included. Also found are about 30 other photographs a few of which are oversized, and not all of which are identified. Some depict Mrs. Rossi and other officers, while others depict some events sponsored by the League. These photographs range in years from ca. 1946-1968. Finally, it should be noted that some correspondence is personal in nature, that is, some personal papers of Mrs. Rossi are found occasionally, especially when mention is made of the

Sub-Group IV: Records of Pre-Existing Organizations

"Gadabouts", and informal group of Mrs. Rossi's friends who kept each other informed concerning travel or other events.

Sub-Group IV: Records of Pre-Existing Organizations**Scope and Contents note**

A few of the individuals responsible for organizing the Italian Welfare League had for several years prior to that event been active in other social welfare agencies, more specifically in helping to alleviate problems resulting from Italy's participation in World War I. The provenance of the records in this small sub-group [about one half of a cubic foot] is unclear, but it would seem that the League's first president, Carolyn Perera, and Margherita De Vecchi both at whom were especially active in these organizations, transferred their records to the League's headquarters upon the demise of these earlier groups, especially since the League was to function along similar lines and several items among the records were more in the nature of personal papers. Apparently the earlier organizations soon ceased to function after the end of the War, their chief raison d'être for existing having come to a close.

Records refer to three allied but distinct organizations, namely, the Italo-American Relief Committee; the American Red Cross, Italian Auxiliary No.30; and the Italian Committee For Discharged Soldiers, and all concern aid given to needy individuals. The most voluminous material found for the American Red Cross, Italian Auxiliary.

Series A: Italo-American Relief Committee**Box**

Financial Documents 1915

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Relief Shipments to Italy 1915-1916

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General Correspondence 1916-1918

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Series B: American Red Cross, Italian Auxiliary No. 380**Box**

General Correspondence undated

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Relief Shipments to Italy 1919

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Series C: Italian Committee for Discharged Soldiers**Box**

General Correspondence 1918-1920

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Soldiers' Lists 1919

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Financial Documents 1918-1920

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Sub-Group V: Financial Records**Series A: Family Case Accounts 1921-1937****Box**

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Scope and Contents note

These accounts represent the earliest activities of the League. At one time they were bound in book form but were unbound. These accounts were entered by hand on simple forms which indicated monies received (essentially the League received funds for these

Series B: Membership Dues

accounts from the Italian Consulate Office), and monies expended on needy Italian-American families especially for groceries. They cover the years 1921 to 1937.

Series B: Membership Dues 1926-1953**Box**
16**Scope and Contents note**

These lists are typewritten and indicate names of members and amount of dues paid. The record was also used to record bank deposits, and also represents some of the earliest days of the League. Though covering the period 1926 to 1953, no records exist for 1927, 1943-1947, and 1949.

Series C: Social Service Welfare Fund Ledger Sheets 1922-1931**Box**
17**Scope and Contents note**

These statements were originally in a ledger labelled "Social Service Welfare Fund". They cover the years 1922 to 1931 and their purpose was to indicate expenses for "Office" and for "Social Service" for the most part. Some ledger sheets are also devoted to the listing of Funds", "Salaries" and "Sundries", as well as transactions with one or two banks. These records deal with the League's Brooklyn and Ellis Island stations, as well as with its New York Office.

Series D: Office Expense Statements 1925-1934**Box**
17**Scope and Contents note**

These statements of office expenses were issued essentially on a monthly basis and listed the expenses occurred by the League in maintaining its offices at Brooklyn and Ellis island as well as in New York. They consist generally of two typewritten pages, cover the years 1925 to 1934, and were signed by the executive secretary of the time, Carlotta N.V. Schiapelli.

Series E: General Donations 1934-1942**Box**
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Series F: Annual Financial Reports**Scope and Contents note**

These records are one-page typescripts summarizing donations made to the League by non-members for the most part, and cover the years 1934 to 1942. The years 1934, 1935 and some of 1936 do not list names per se but only what appears to be a code number in some other ledger. It would appear that these pages were once in volume form.

Series F: Annual Financial Reports 1942-1967**Box**
18**Scope and Contents note**

Generally consisting of about 4 or 5 pages, these reports were issued to the League by accounting firms after audit of the pertinent financial records.

Series G: Monthly Financial Reports 1950-1974**Box**
18-19**Scope and Contents note**

These reports cover the years 1950 to 1974? but It should be noted that not all months are necessarily represented in each year. They generally consist of one page but usually with some attachments such as a bank deposit slip or a receipt, or work papers.

Series H: General Resolutions 1945-1971**Box**
18-19**Scope and Contents note**

These Resolutions or Certificates were documents issued by the League designating the (First) National City Bank of New York "a depository of the funds of this Corporation...". These cover the years 1945, 1951, 1953, 1956 to 1959, 1963, and 1971.

Series I: Bills and Invoices 1952-1974**Arrangement note**

Series I: Bills and Invoices

Arranged alphabetically

Scope and Contents note

These approximately half of a cubic foot of records are a sampling of an original two cubic feet of records. These items are dated essentially for the decade of the 1960s though certain portions date back to 1952 or forward to 1974. They are bills (usually receipted) for various services rendered to the League.

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Astro Office Furniture Supply Co. 1960s	20	3
De Graw Printing Co. 1960s	20	4
Goldsmith Brothers Stationary Co. 1960s	20	5
Gramercy Press 1960s	20	6
Helmsley-Spear Real Estate Co. 1960s	20	7
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Series J: Internal Revenue Matters and related Income Tax Matters

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Singer Postage Meter Co. 1960s	20	16
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Western Union 1960s	20	18
Miscellaneous 1960s	20	19

Series J: Internal Revenue Matters and related Income Tax Matters 1933-1976**Box**
21-22**Scope and Contents note**

Covering the years 1933, 1937, 1938, 1942, 1944 to 1961 and 1963 to 1976, this approximately one cubic foot of records consists of copies of tax returns filed with the Federal or New York State Income Tax Bureaus. Included are some work sheets, payroll forms and similar related documents. Not all years are represented equally in volume.

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Sub-Group VI: Subject Files (General Correspondence and other Documents)

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Bank Statements and Cancelled Checks 1952-1956, 1966-1968

Sub-Group VI: Subject Files (General Correspondence and other Documents)**Scope and Contents note**

This subgroup contains documents of a varied nature such as letters, memoranda, and reports, and in varying degree cover the years 1916 to 1973, the bulk of documents are from the 1950s and 1960s. Subjects were designated by the Executive Secretary or other workers at the League with but slight alteration by the processing archivist. These subject headings, while probably initiated by the League for easier office retrieval, at the same time reflected the thrust or interests of the League. It is also a reflection in some instances of materials accumulated by the League as a result of contact with government agencies or by holding members in other organizations with similar purpose, so that in this sense these materials were not generated by the League but rather received and accumulated by them during the course of activity. It is evident that upon occasion, there will be found stray documents alienated by the League's staff members from other sub-groups. Most likely this was done because they found them to be more useful here. For example, herein will be located some of the League's annual reports and constitution. On occasion there will be need to reference more than one subject to find complete material concerning that subject or topic. It should also be noted that for the majority of subjects little documentation exists, some having less than ten items in their file.

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Abruzzi Pilot Project 1960-1961

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Academy of Saint Cecilia October 1969

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Accreditation of League 1958

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Adoption 1955-1961, 1968

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Italian War Orphans and channeled this group's funds as well as these of the League's to specific orphanages in Italy.

Scope and Contents note

Records of the Child Welfare Committee cover the period 1944 to 1955 and measure approximately 1 cubic foot. Latter years are not represented as fully as the earlier ones. Records consist largely of correspondence (in Italian as well as English) with some photographs, newspaper clippings, financial statements, or other documents.

The file for 1945 contains about 35 lists (usually 1 page) of orphans housed in various Roman orphanages and schools. Originally, these pages were inserted into a scrapbook-type volume, and the lists were probably numbered for easier referral when the need arose. Also found for these years are some 50 newspaper clippings largely concerned with a benefit concert held at Carnegie Hall and performed by Arturo Toscanini.

The file for 1946 contains approximately 60 photographs of a trip undertaken by the League's President, Mrs. Carl Doelger, in May. These largely depict orphan children receiving shoes and other necessities. Two or three photographs may be extraneous scenes of other Italian children, perhaps in the United States. The file further includes two small photo albums. One consists of about 20 photographs of young boys in Naples at the Centro Pro Figli del Popolo; the other contains about 80 photographs depicting scenes at a boy's village in Italy.

The file for 1948 also contains several photographs pertaining at least in part to the godparent activity of the Committee.

Sub-Group VIII: Ellis Island Committee 1920s-1950s**Biographical/Historical note**

This Committee served as a liaison for the League to a very broad organization called the General Committee of Immigrant Aid at Ellis Island and New York Harbor (slight alteration in name took place over the years). This group was composed of representatives of organizations engaged in welfare work.

Sub-Group IX: House Committee

Among them were the Salvation Army, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Traveler's Aid, the American Federation of International institutions; and similar.

Scope and Contents note

These records were created and amassed by the League's representative on the umbrella organization, the General Committee of Immigrant Aid at Ellis Island and New York Harbor. A minor portion was generated by the Ellis Island Committee itself as internal records such as reports to the League's president. Dated from the 1920s through the 1950s, and amounting to approximately one cubic foot, distribution is uneven with some years represented sparingly or not at all, especially the World War II years when immigration activities were virtually at a stand still.

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The House Committee's function was essentially to oversee the physical plant out of which the League operated at any given time. Thus, it was responsible for acquiring proper insurance coverage, for the payment of rent, and similar concerns. The Committee worked closely with the League's Treasurer, and a Finance Committee which is occasionally mentioned in the documentation, and in all probability records of these other offices, especially the treasurer are interspersed herein.

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Scope and Contents note

The Immigration Committee (sometimes known as the Immigration and Naturalization Committee) compiled statistics on the work of the League with immigrants, prepared a monthly report on the League's activities in this regard, and analyzed trends and happenings in the field. It obviously worked closely with the Executive Secretary and her assistant, and it would appear that the "Daily Report Sheets" and the miscellaneous documentation described below are alienated files from the Executive Secretary Sub-group.

Less than half of a cubic foot of records exist for the Immigration Committee. These comprise typewritten narrative reports for the period ca. 1958 to 1967; and samples

Sub-Group XI: Junior Committee

of "Daily Report Sheets" for the period ca. 1955 to 1964; some monthly statistical reports of activities for the period ca. 1955 to 1967 and a small quantity of miscellaneous documentation regarding applications by immigrants for various purposes in 1968. The "Daily Report Sheets" herein are a sampling of a somewhat larger quantity which was discarded, with the exception of the file for May 1959 retained in its entirety as an example. The purpose of these sheets was simply to note briefly appointments of the Executive Secretary or her assistant, and the number of mail or telephone calls answered by League's office workers.

Sub-Group XI: Junior Committee 1934-1973**Box**
57-58**Scope and Contents note**

The Junior Committee was composed of younger women and according to a 1953 Rule and Regulation it sought "to further the interests of its members in Italian Welfare, Culture and Advancement." Essentially, the Committee helped to raise funds for a number of projects such as the support of two orphanages which the League aided in Italy, and to help needy and orphaned children both on Welfare Island and at the Divine Providence Orphanage in New York City. To help raise these funds the Committee sponsored a number of social events. The Committee was formed sometime in the early 1930s and was officially disbanded at the beginning of 1973.

Records of the Junior Committee measure approximately 1 cubic foot. Among documents found besides the General Correspondence are occasional contracts for musicians or others performing at the events sponsored by the Committee; samples of tickets issued for their functions; some membership lists and assignments; and an occasional bill. Letters are generally to or from members and letters of thanks from those who benefited by the Committee's activities. Occasionally are found some photographs taken at events. Material dated for 1934 consists of a small scrapbook of newspaper clippings and photographs.

Sub-Group XII: Membership Committee 1936-1974**Box**
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Sub-Group XIII: Men's Advisory Committee

As its name implies, the Membership Committee strove to obtain members for the League, and to this end carried on correspondence with prospective members, as well as with current members to collect dues, answer inquiries, and the like. It issued a brief report, usually monthly. Judging from some documents this Committee may have initially been known as the Mailing Record and Publicity Committee.

Records of the Membership Committee measure approximately one cubic foot. Though covering the years 1936 and 1944 to 1974, records are unevenly distributed with some years barely represented. There are general correspondence and membership Lists. included with the former are some very brief reports. Many membership lists are undated but are probably for the late 1950s or early 1960s. Dated lists are for 1946, 1949-1956, 1964-1965, 1967,1974. Lists are more in the nature of rough drafts or corrected drafts. One is labelled "General Mailing" and, therefore, not necessarily a membership, while one or two other lists may be restricted to officers. A few miscellaneous documents also found in this Series such as a seating plan for a dinner, this was probably used as a tool for getting prospective members.

Sub-Group XIII: Men's Advisory Committee 1947-1957**Box**
61**Scope and Contents note**

Almost from its inception, the League established a Men's Advisory Board. By 1947 this advisory board evolved into an official committee of the League called the Men's Advisory Committee, However, it was dissolved at the beginning of 1951, but reactivated in 1957 and once more called the Men's Advisory Board.

Records of the Men's Advisory Committee are extremely fragmentary measuring about one quarter of a cubic foot. They consist essentially of General Correspondence especially letters addressed to potential members. Years covered are 1947-1949, and 1957.

Sub-Group XIV: Nominating Committee 1946-1974**Box**
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Sub-Group XV: Personnel Committee

The function of this small Committee was to nominate officers and members of the Board of Directors, and to discuss other related matters.

Records of the Nominating Committee date from 1946-1974 with the years 1947-1952 not represented at all. Not all years are represented equally with years in the decades of the and 1940s-1970s being the least represented. Records consist of brief reports, work papers; minutes of meetings; and some scattered correspondence, essentially letters to Board Members informing them of their election, and occasional letters of acceptance or similar. Records measure about half of a cubic foot.

Sub-Group XV: Personnel Committee 1920s-1960s**Box**

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Scope and Contents note

This small committee, sometimes known as the Personnel Practices Committee, set up rules for staff members and office procedures, and was involved to some extent in the hiring of personnel.

Records of the Personnel Committee amount to less than a quarter of a cubic foot and are dated from the decade of the 1920s through the 1960s. They consist essentially of correspondence with prospective employees of the League with some related documents, these being dated in the 1950s and 1960s. Also included is a volume labelled "Salaries, Vacations, Regulations" which covers the 1920s to the 1940s. Only a minor portion of the volume has been utilized. Besides a few regulations, there are also found data on salaries paid to various staff members with a note stating that some of the earlier material "was gathered from material found in the files", while the later material "was compiled by Carlotta N.V. Schiapelli, Executive Secretary".

Sub-Group XVI: Port and Dock Committee 1947-1972**Scope and Contents note**

The chief and primary function of the Port and Deck Committee was to meet and greet emigrant passengers arriving from Italy and help fill requests or needs which any of these individual might have had. Often relatives and friends of these emigrants who lived in other parts of the country and who

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could not meet these individuals at the New York City piers would ask the League to do so. Committee members were especially helpful in translating for the emigrants and seeing them on their way either to various parts of Greater New York or other areas of the country. In the early period of their activity, virtually all business of the Committee was conducted at the New York City docks since ocean liners were the chief means of travel used by emigrants. In later years, on occasion, Committee members began to meet individuals at the City's airports. Except for a very few supervisors to oversee activity and prepare reports, Committee members were to a great extent individuals who volunteered their services.

Reports 1952-1972

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Scope and Contents note

This is the largest Series and consists of approximately 5 and a half cubic feet. The earliest reports are for October 1952, the latest for March 1972 with some reports for the earlier years lacking. The main purpose of the reports was to provide information in statistical form on the activities of committee members on any given day when an ocean liner arrived in port. For each individual assisted, a form was filled in giving ship's name, name of the individual destination, amount of baggage and same similar data. These forms were then grouped by name of ship and a monthly Statistical Report summarizing the number of individuals assisted, and their destination, was prepared. Frequently, a pertinent note, letter or other document was appended to individual reports. Though some slight alteration in the design of a form or report occurred over the years, this was minor, and information reported on them stayed essentially the same. For some later years reports became more statistical in nature and there is loose information on individuals themselves.

General Correspondence 1947-1971

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Scope and Contents note

This Series covers the years 1947-1971, with the exception of 1970, and measures half of a cubic foot. Most correspondence deals with requests from individuals for assistance for

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relatives. Lesser portions deal with internal affairs of the Committee such as directories from other agencies and notices from steamship lines.

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Scope and Contents note	
<p>The function of this small Committee was to publicize some of the activities of the League. Essentially, this was done by providing press releases to local newspapers and on occasion to some local radio stations. Records of the Public Relations Committee consist largely of newspaper clippings and copies of letters sent to newspapers with occasionally some press releases.</p>	
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Sub-Group XIX: Sewing Committee**Scope and Contents note**

The re-organization Committee was in all probability a very short-lived group and may have served on a very interim basis only. Only two documents comprise these records. One are minutes of a December 21, 1950 meeting called to dissolve the Men's Advisory Committee; the other a copy of a January 23, 1951 letter sent to members of the Men's Advisory Committee notifying them of the dissolution.

Sub-Group XIX: Sewing Committee 1953-1956**Box**
78**Scope and Contents note**

This small Committee was charged with the task of providing Italian ocean liners with infant clothing to be used in the event of a birth at sea or some similar contingency or emergency. Records are extremely fragmentary, consisting only of about 30 items such as some brief reports, general correspondence, a few photographs, and similar related documents, and they cover the years 1953-1956.

Sub-Group XX: Social Service Committee 1948-1973**Box**
79-81**Scope and Contents note**

The Social Service Committee worked very closely with and through the Women's Auxiliary Committee, and was a small unit formed to channel requests for funds made to the League by various charitable groups. These, for example, included Harlem House, a community center in East Harlem; the New York Association For the Blind; and Camp Nyda run by the New York Diabetes Association. The Committee analyzed requests from these groups and made available to them various financial aid. Especially during earlier years, the Committee was very active in providing funds for children to attend summer camp. The Committee also worked with individual immigrant families which were referred to them for various reasons, and granted scholarships to a few individuals pursuing higher studies especially in the field of social work.

Records of the Social Service Committee cover the years 1948-1973 and measure about 1 and a half cubic feet. They consist essentially of General Correspondence especially

Sub-Group XXI: Ways and Means Committee

regarding the awarding of grants, and for some of the earlier years, about seventy to one hundred 5 x 8" index cards which contain comments on the effects of camp life on children supported by the League. Available as well for most years are minutes at some meetings or brief reports. General Correspondence covers the years 1948 to 1973 and 1965 to 1973; Camp Statements are for the years 1948 to 1955; while Minutes and Reports are for 1948 to 1972.

Sub-Group XXI: Ways and Means Committee 1947-1962**Box**
82**Scope and Contents note**

The Ways and Means Committee was a unit with a goal similar to that of the Women's Auxiliary Committee, that is, the raising of funds. It did so by sponsoring various luncheons or social events, and more especially by sponsoring a dinner-dance at the Breezy Point Surf Club in the Rockaway area of New York City. Records measure somewhat less than half of a cubic foot and cover the period ca. 1947-1962. They consist essentially of some general correspondence regarding arrangements for their activities, together with an occasional financial report and similar related documents such as promotional brochures issued by entertainment centers. Material pertaining exclusively to the Breezy Point dinner-dance is dated 1959 to 1962 and is arranged together, while the other materials cover 1947-1969.

Sub-Group XXII: Women's Auxiliary Committee 1949-1980**Scope and Contents note**

The Women's Auxiliary Committee was formed in 1949 with the express purpose of aiding the League by raising funds for its charitable purposes. This it did by organizing a number of social functions throughout the years, the most lavish of which was the Titian Ball held in honor of a distinguished individual. Other events held on a yearly basis were the Primavera or Spring Luncheon, and the Get Together Luncheon. Through these events, the Committee was able to both publicize and make known the League's work and pay tribute to deserving individuals including some members of the Board of Directors; and to raise substantial amounts to help such other committees as the Port and Deck Committee and the Social Service Committee, and generally support the work of the League. Records of

Series A: Minutes of Meetings and General Correspondence

the Women's Auxiliary Committee measure approximately 3 and a half cubic feet, are arranged into five Series, and cover, with various gaps, the years 1949-1980.

Series A: Minutes of Meetings and General Correspondence 1949-1975**Box**
83-85**Scope and Contents note**

Spanning the years to 1949-1975, this small Series amounts to some 1 and a half cubic feet. Though documentation exists for every year, many years are represented with but one at two documents, especially in the latter years. Minutes for 1949 to 1963 were gathered together in soft bound covers. Correspondence is primarily among membership such as advising of meeting dates or welcoming new individuals into the Committee. Other correspondence involves negotiating for events to be sponsored and similar.

Series B: Social Events - The Titian Ball 1951-1973**Scope and Contents note**

Records relating to the Titian Ball cover the years 1951-1973 and measure about 4 cubic feet. Some at these years are represented fragmented with but a very few documents. Records for the decade 1960s are the most voluminous. These records are essentially General Correspondence with business or individuals regarding the taking of advertisements for a journal which the League produced for the events; correspondence and negotiations with hotels and musicians for their services; and correspondence involving invitations to the Ball. This Series covers the years 1952 to 1953, and 1956 to 1973. Found as well are some financial reports summing up receipts and expenditures, and some Work papers, bills and invoices. This Series covers the years 1951 to 1973. Further are found copies of the journal produced for the event, this Series covering the years 1951 to 1956, 1961, 1963 to 1968, 1970, and 1972.

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During the years in which the event was held, it was known sometimes by several different, or combination of names simultaneously. For example, it was at times called the Spring Luncheon, the Fashion Show, and very occasionally the Card Party. However, for all practical purposes the event was titled the Primavera Luncheon, and as with the Titian Ball but on a lesser scale, its purpose was to raise funds for the League. Records of this event cover the years 1952 to 1975 and measure about 2 and a half cubic feet. Some years are represented only sparingly with 1974 not represented at all. Records are essentially General Correspondence with business individuals soliciting gifts or contributions; and miscellaneous documents such as invitations, copies of programs, newspaper clippings, and an occasional photograph. Documentation in this Series covers the years 1956-1975. Found as well are some financial reports, bank deposit slips, and some miscellaneous bills and invoices covering the years 1952-1973.

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Scope and Contents note

The Get Together Luncheon was described as a "spring-board" for the Committee's Primavera Luncheon and was held in early winter. It was also a vehicle for the

Series E: Social Events - Miscellaneous

Committee to try to bring together new members. Records are extremely fragmentary measuring only about one quarter of a cubic foot. They cover the years 1959 to 1971 and consist of some general correspondence, appeal letters, and an occasional financial item.

Series E: Social Events - Miscellaneous 1949-1980**Scope and Contents note**

Though it is not entirely clear if all the events listed herein were sponsored by the Committee, they have been grouped here as a unit nevertheless. Records are extremely fragmentary (1980 documents, for example are only two or three in number) and consist of some general correspondence, invitations, financial documents, and similar items measuring about half of a cubic foot.

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Sub-Group XXIII: Immigration Case Files and Allied Social Welfare Case Files 1940s-1960s**Scope and Contents note**

This sub-group measuring approximately 61 cubic feet is the largest in this Collection (indeed, approximately half of the Collection) and personifies the chief thrust of the League, especially during post World War II years, and through the 1960s, that is, with and for Italian immigrants. Several thousand individuals or families are represented by the files herein, and broadly speaking, the vast majority were seeking assistance in acquiring of United States citizenship. These immigrants either sought the aid of the League directly or were referred by other organizations or individuals.

The League carried on complex negotiations on behalf of these emigrants from Italy, guided by existing and often complex federal laws on the subject. For example, besides setting quotas for different nationality groups, the laws of the time stipulated a set of "preferences" for individuals. Immigrants could claim a "First Preference" to enter the country if they were unmarried sons and daughters of United States citizens; a "Second Preference" if they were a spouse or unmarried sons or daughters of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; a "Third Preference" if they were members of the professions and scientists and artists of exceptional ability; a "Fourth Preference" if they were married sons and daughters of United States citizens; and so forth. Naturally, the law stipulated other conditions which had to be met and other ramifications, and indeed as might be expected changed or took on different nuances over the course of years.

Thus, League workers aided immigrants not only in what might be termed an "initial" or "routine" sense at the port of debarkation by acting as translators, obtaining public transportation for those

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travelling alone to other parts of the country, and similar as personified by some of the activities of the Port and Dock Committee, but also in a more serious or substantial sense as depicted in these records, aiding those immigrants whose entrance into this country was more tenuous and after arriving had certain difficulties. To cite some examples we may list immigrants perhaps incorrectly classified as to "preference"; those who had health problems (tuberculosis, for example); others who have had permission to enter the country only on a condition of finding employment; while others who may have entered illegally or for any reason faced deportation; while still others who once arrived changed their mind and needed help to return to their native country.

From time to time original folders carried notations made by the League workers which gave the particular thrust or subject matter of the file. These, to cite some instances were notations such as "Pre-examination, Non preference"; "N/Q Visa (presumably non quota visa); "Voluntary Departure"; "BC." involving British Council and individuals from Canada; "Adjustment of Status"; "Certificate of Registry"; "Pre Examination"; and "Suspension of Deportation". Also from time to time would be notations as to the preference involved (1st, 2nd, 3rd) or the type of form needed to process the case, or most pertinent to that particular case. A minor sampling of the original folders have been retained and formed into a Series of this Subgroup to better indicate to the researcher what is meant. Also formed into a small Series are samples (blank) of some of the forms which were used by the League's staff in their work in helping the emigrant.

While no particular file can be said to be typical, it can be stated that in many instances they will contain not only the governmental forms pertinent to that individual case but also some supportive documents such as a birth or marriage certificate, or a letter from an employer, or a statement from a bank attesting to the solvency of the individual, a photograph, or some similar document.

Files are arranged alphabetically by the first letter of the last name of the individual involved (in a relatively few cases the League arranged a file by the name of a relative or the name of an employer or prospective employer). They are arranged by decade from the 1940s-1960s, and within decade in near but not strict alphabetical order. It must be noted that in some instances documents, exclusive of supporting documents such as copies of birth or marriage records, are dated over several or more years. The governing principal has been to file that particular case into the decade represented by the earliest documents therein. Usually, however, a case was begun and ended within the framework of a decade. A very small number of these case files are arranged by "Preferences" (Fourth Preference and Varied Preferences]. These are all for the decade of the 1950s, and we note that the Varied Preferences may occasionally have a Fifth Preference Case File among them.

Series A: Immigration Case Files - General

For all practical purposes it may be said that most cases were handled by the League's Mr. Frank Traverso who in the 1940s was Assistant to the Executive Secretary, and who in the 1950s and 1960s had the title Immigration Consultant. Perhaps to a slightly lesser extent, the Executive Secretary, Angela Carlozzi Rossi, also was involved both by virtue of her Office, as well as the fact of being a professional degree-holding social worker. Researchers should also be aware that some of the League's activities on behalf of needy Italian families, can be found in either sub-groups especially the Social Service Committee, and Financial Records (Family Case Documents Series). It must also be noted here that while the overwhelming number of cases in this sub-group do indeed deal with immigrants and emigration matters, there will be found occasional social welfare cases dealing with other matters (adoption, for example). It was not always possible or feasible to separate these cases, but in those instances where it was appropriate this was done and said cases arranged into a "Miscellaneous Social Welfare Cases" Series. Again, it must be noted that some of these years also contain some immigration related case work, and in some instances may contain documents perhaps alienated from other sub-groups. This Series is a very minor and fragmented one measuring only about 3 cubic feet. We also note that a very small amount of immigration cases were never entered by the League workers into specific files. That is, for whatever reason (perhaps extremely routine in nature and quickly settled, or a newer method of treating some cases) a folder for the individual in question was never prepared. These cases (for the 1960s and very early 1970s) have also been grouped together into a Miscellaneous Chronological Series.

Finally we note that the period covered is the decade of the 1940s and the 1950s and the 1960s with but a scattering of records for the 1920s, 1930s, and 1970s.

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Over the course of its involvement with social concerns and immigration problems, the League acquired and collected a number of periodicals, reports, and similar publications of interest to it. Some publications were professional journals in the field of social work (eg - the American Association of Social Workers Bulletin), while others were issued by groups with allied interest -- the American immigration and Citizenship Conference News -- or received through membership in organizations, or in one way or another collected by the League especially through its Executive Secretary. Holdings range from just a single issue or two to runs of several years. To a lesser extent the League itself also issued a few flyers or similar items, and these too are represented in this sub-group. It must also be remembered that some publications or printed items (brochures, etc.) are found scattered in some other sub-groups in this Collection.

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234**Scope and Contents note**

A small group of material evidently kept by the League staff to quickly consult as needed. For example, found here are copies of some public laws dealing with immigration; regulations of the Immigration and Naturalization Service; and similar. Dated ca. 1930s to 1960s.

Series C: Reports, Brochures and Allied Printed Items 1960s-1970s**Box**
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The most extensive Series in this subgroup, these periodicals reflect on the involvement of the League with social concerns and immigration problems. These publications total to about 3 and a half cubic feet are arranged in alphabetical order. Dates are approximate and do not necessarily represent full runs for any particular year.

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