

Scope and Content

The Denison House records are divided into three series:

- I. History
- II. Administration
- III. Program

These records document the settlement movement in the United States, the history and philosophy of Denison House, the women who started it, the people who worked there and those who took advantage of its services, its administration, and particularly its many neighborhood and summer programs.

Series I. History (#1-14), consists of the reminiscences of Vida Scudder, a paper on the "purposes" of Denison House, a radio talk (1945) by Edward Hudson (headworker), a 1980 slide show, and seven disassembled scrapbooks, containing mostly clippings.

Series II. Administration (#15-56), includes five sections in the following order: Board of Directors and Executive Committee minutes and reports, annual meeting documents, miscellaneous committee reports, some financial records, and material issued by related social and government agencies. Each section is arranged in chronological order.

Series III. Program (#57-115), documents Denison House activities and services. It consists of reports: by the College Settlement Association, by the headworker, by resident workers, and committee members, re: daily activities, attendance, and facilities; a disassembled Circolo Italo-Americano scrapbook; two disassembled albums, as well as reports, and photographs, about summer programs, other activities, and buildings; six disassembled scrapbooks of

mostly printed material (reports, pamphlets, tickets, office forms, newsletters, clippings, etc.), and some carbon copies of correspondence and reports; and two disassembled photograph albums. Each segment is arranged chronologically.

Documents such as Board of Directors minutes, reports by individuals and committees, meeting notices, etc. were preserved by Denison House both by category and pasted in scrapbooks with other items, more or less chronologically.