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MARY FLAGLER CARY CHARITABLE TRUST RECORDS

1897-2010
1968-2009 (bulk)

106 linear feet, 89 boxes

Series I. Grant Program Files
Series II. Trust Administration Files

2010
Descriptive Summary

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Materials are in English.

Abstract
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Administrative Information

Restrictions to Access
The collection is open to researchers.

Acquisition Information

Processing Information
The Mary Flagler Cary Charitable Trust Records were arranged by the foundation’s trustees when the office closed.

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Online Catalog Headings

Subject Names
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Cary, Melbert Brinckerhoff, 1892-1941
Flagler, Henry Morrison, 1830-1913
American Music Center (New York, N.Y.)
Cary Arboretum
Institute of Ecosystem Studies (New York Botanical Garden)
Mary Flagler Cary Charitable Trust
Mary Flagler Cary Music Collection (Pierpont Morgan Library)
Melbert B. Cary, Jr. Graphic Arts Collection
Natural Resources Defense Council
Nature Conservancy (U.S.)
New York Botanical Garden

Subject Topics
Charitable uses, trusts, and foundations—New York
Endowments—New York

Document Types
Grants
Photographic prints

Biographical/Historical Notes
Mary Flagler Cary (1901-1967) was the daughter of Harry Harkness and Anne Lamont Flagler, and the granddaughter of Henry Morrison Flagler, one of the founders of Standard Oil Company and a noted developer of the east coast of Florida. Raised in New York and on the family estate in Millbrook, New York, she married Melbert B. Cary Jr. (1892-1941) in 1923.

The Mary Flagler Cary Charitable Trust was established in January 1968, as a testamentary, charitable trust by the will of the late Mary Flagler Cary, with the purpose of preserving the family collections and the Cary estate, Cannoo Hills, in Millbrook, New York. It was established with a term limit of fifty years and assets of $72 million. Its founding trustees were Edward S. Bentley, Herbert J. Jacobi, Helen Stanton, and Frank B. Stubbs, later joined by Edward A. Ames, Phyllis J. Mills, and Paul B. Guenther. The Trust’s administrator was Lois M. Regan.

The Trust’s first emphases were on music in New York City and on the conservation of natural resources, both of which were of great interest to Mrs. Cary. Funding was later extended to include teacher-training programs, medical research, and various community organizations in the boroughs of New York City.

The Mary Flagler Cary Charitable Trust trustees were empowered to terminate the Trust at anytime, and decided to terminate on June 30, 2009. The Trust’s activities were regularly described in a series of published reports beginning in 1968, and summed up in their final report, A Trust Fulfilled: Four Decades of Grantmaking by the Mary Flagler Cary Charitable Trust, by Heide Waleson (New York: the Trust, 2009). Copies of all Trust reports are in box 89.
Collection Overview

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Series I, Grant Program Files holds material covering the relationships the Trust built with its grantees, and includes correspondence, financial accounting records, and reports and papers issued by the grantees. The series also holds material on the Flagler and Cary families; these files hold the earliest material in the collection.

Series II, Trust Administration holds minutes, financial records, and a series of reports issued by the Trust.
SERIES I. GRANT PROGRAM FILES

Organized into six subseries: Music Programs; Conservation Programs; Special Grants and Programs; Urban Environment Programs; Planning and Evaluation; and Miscellaneous.

Music Programs

1 History and background papers

Education

2-7 Community music schools
8-9 Youth orchestras and choruses
9 In-school programs
10-11 Professional training
12 Service organizations

Performance

12-17 Orchestras
17-19 Opera companies
19 Choral ensembles

Contemporary music

20-21 Ensembles
22-27 Presenters
28 Service organizations
29 Concert Artists Guild
29 Contemporary music projects
29 Commissioning program
Box

SERIES I. GRANT PROGRAM FILES

Music Programs

  Contemporary music
  Recording program

29  Grant files

30-31  Compact discs, 1988-2008

32  American Music Center

32  Composer Assistance Program

32  Live music for dance

33  Miscellaneous

Conservation Programs

34  History

35-48  Grant files (filed alphabetically by grantee)

49  Trust for Public Lands (deeds)

50-51  Out-of-program

Special Grants and Programs

52  Mary Flagler Cary Arboretum and Institute of Ecosystem Studies

53-62  New York Botanical Garden and Institute of Ecosystem Studies

63  Pierpont Morgan Library

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65  Rockefeller University

66  Yale University

67-71  Urban Environment Programs
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Miscellaneous

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80 Service organizations
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Trustee meetings minutes

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82 Volumes 10-18 1978-1987
83 Volumes 19-26 1987-1995
84 Volumes 27-33 1995-2002
85 Volumes 34-41 2002-2010

Financial and close-out records

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