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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Russell Sage Foundation Records

**Inclusive Dates:** 1908-1942

**ID No.:** MSS57638

**Creator:** Russell Sage Foundation.

**Extent:** 43,250 items

**Extent:** 200 containers

**Extent:** 80 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm81057638>

**Summary:** Chiefly source material on small loan organizations, credit unions, and other lending agencies, domestic and foreign, as well as on installment selling, industrial banking, and supervision of lending.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### Organizations

Russell Sage Foundation.

### Subjects

Banks and banking.

Collection agencies.

Conditional sales.

Consumer credit.

Consumer finance companies.

Credit unions.

Finance--Law and legislation.

Finance.

Financial institutions.

Industrial loan associations.

Installment plan.

Loans, Personal.

Loans--Law and legislation.

Loans.

Savings and loan associations.

Savings banks.

Thrift institutions.

Usury.

### Places

United States--Economic conditions--20th century.

United States--Social conditions--20th century.

## Acquisition Information

The records of the Russell Sage Foundation were given to the Library of Congress by the foundation in 1949 and transferred to the Manuscript Division by the Reader Services Department in 1977. An addition that had been placed on loan to William Hayes Simpson of Duke University by the foundation in 1941 was reunited with the files in 1986.

## **Processing History**

The records of the Russell Sage Foundation were housed and listed in 1986. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

## **Copyright Status**

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Russell Sage Foundation is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## **Access and Restrictions**

The records of Russell Sage Foundation are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## **Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Russell Sage Foundation Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The records of the Russell Sage Foundation, founded by Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage in 1907 for the improvement of social and living conditions in the United States, span the years 1908-1942. The collection consists largely of source material on small loan organizations, credit unions, and other lending agencies, domestic and foreign, as well as on installment selling, industrial banking, and supervision of lending.

The collection is arranged as received by the Library, with the records organized by topic or type of financial institution. Main categories include small loan companies, credit unions, industrial banks, collection agencies, installment finance, consumer credit, employers' plans, usury, thrift, and service creditors.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged as received, with the material organized by subject and therein often by name of state..

## Description of Series

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<b>BOX 6</b>	(7 folders) Legislation Alabama-Illinois (20 folders)
<b>BOX 7</b>	Indiana-New Mexico (33 folders)
<b>BOX 8</b>	New York-Wisconsin (35 folders)
<b>BOX 9</b>	Hawaii-summaries (3 folders) History Alabama (12 folders)
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BOX 24	Massachusetts-Michigan (18 folders)
BOX 25	Michigan (19 folders)
BOX 26	Minnesota (23 folders)
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BOX 32	New Jersey-New York (16 folders)
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BOX 38	(7 folders)
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BOX 45	Rhode Island (17 folders)

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BOX 57	Florida-Indiana (48 folders)
BOX 58	Indiana-Maine (56 folders)
BOX 59	Maine-Massachusetts-Michigan (33 folders)
BOX 60	Massachusetts-Michigan (53 folders)
BOX 61	Minnesota-Nebraska (55 folders)
BOX 62	New Jersey (28 folders)
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BOX 78	North Carolina-Tennessee (24 folders)
BOX 79	Texas-Wisconsin (10 folders)
	Individual companies
	A (7 folders)
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BOX 82	H (15 folders)
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BOX 87	H-W, miscellaneous (50 folders)
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	State associations
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	Court decisions, California-various
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	(45 folders)
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<b>BOX 95</b>	(32 folders)
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	(23 folders)
<b>BOX 98</b>	Personal loan departments of banks
	(17 folders)
<b>BOX 99</b>	(16 folders)
<b>BOX 100</b>	(5 folders)
	Model law
	(3 folders)
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	Legislation
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<b>BOX 102</b>	Wisconsin-summaries
	(4 folders)
	History
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	(8 folders)
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	Individual banks
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	Non-departmental personal loan departments, Arkansas-Summaries (10 folders)
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BOX 108	Minnesota-Summaries (30 folders)
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	Statistics (16 folders)
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	General (5 folders)
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BOX 123	(3 folders)
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BOX 125	Foreign
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BOX 126	Canada-England
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	(12 folders)
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	Reports
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	(2 folders)
BOX 132	(2 folders)
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## Credit Unions

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	Legislation
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BOX 136	Massachusetts-Tennessee (24 folders)
BOX 137	Texas-Wisconsin (9 folders)
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BOX 138	Idaho-New York (44 folders)
BOX 139	New York (35 folders)
BOX 140	New York-Wisconsin (29 folders)
	Summaries (8 folders)
	Statistics
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BOX 142	Massachusetts-Minnesota (31 folders)
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BOX 175	A series, L-W (6 folders)
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	Associations and companies (3 folders)
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BOX 178	(7 folders)
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BOX 181	Statistics (27 folders)
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