
Western Theological Seminary
**W99-1238.** Advancement Office.
Records, 1885, 1964-ongoing. 2.25 linear ft.

**Abstract**

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Accession No: W99-1238
Provenance: Development Office
Donor: Western Theological Seminary
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**History**

Stuart Post served as the Director of the Development Office at Western Theological Seminary, 1970-1973.

**Scope and Content**

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  Rochester
  Saratoga
  Schnectady
  Schoharie
  Chicago
  Illiana
  Illinois
  Wisconsin
  Holland
  Kalamazoo
  Lake Erie
  Muskegon
  North Grand Rapids
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  Bergen
  Newark
  New Brunswick
  Palisades
  Paramus
  Passaic
  Philadelphia
  Raritan
  Brooklyn
  Mid-Hudson
  New York
  Orange
  Nassau-Suffolk
  Queens
  Rockland-Westchester
  California
  Cascades
  Central California
  Dakota
  Cascades
  Central California
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