

# **Josef Breuer Papers**

## **A Finding Aid to the Papers in the Sigmund Freud Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Josef Breuer Papers

**Span Dates:** 1859-1970

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1859-1925)

**ID No.:** MSS60392

**Creator:** Breuer, Josef, 1842-1925

**Extent:** 425 items ; 2 containers plus 1 in vault ; 1.4 linear feet ; 1 microfilm reel

**Language:** Collection material in German and English

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

**Summary:** Physician and physiologist. Chiefly photocopies and transcripts of correspondence, biographical material, legal documents, certificates, a eulogy, printed matter, photographs, and an oil portrait of Breuer documenting his career as a physiologist and his collaboration with Sigmund Freud on the study of hysteria.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Billroth, Theodor, 1829-1894--Correspondence.

Brentano, Franz, 1838-1917--Correspondence.

Breuer, Josef, 1842-1925.

Brewer family--Correspondence.

Ebner-Eschenbach, Marie von, 1830-1916--Correspondence.

Exner, Siegmund, 1846-1926--Correspondence.

Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939--Correspondence.

Gomperz, Theodor, 1832-1912--Correspondence.

Jodl, Friedrich, 1849-1914--Correspondence.

### Subjects

Hysteria.

Medicine--Practice--Austria--Vienna.

Physiology.

Psychoanalysis.

### Occupations

Physicians.

Physiologists.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of Josef Breuer, physician, physiologist, and colleague of Sigmund Freud, were given to the Library of Congress by his granddaughters Maria Kann and Mrs. Felix Ungar, by Mrs. Erich Schiff, and by the Sigmund Freud Archives between 1952 and 1993.

### Processing History

The papers of Josef Breuer were arranged and described in 1985. The collection was expanded and revised in 1991 and 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2007.

## Copyright Status

It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions.

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Josef Breuer 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 or reel number, Josef Breuer Papers, Sigmund Freud Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1842, Jan. 15	Born, Vienna, Austria
1859	Entered medical school, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
1867	Completed medical studies
1868	Married Mathilde Altmann
1875-1885	Privatdozent in internal medicine
1880	Began observation and treatment of "Anna O."
1894	Elected to the Viennese Academy of Science, Vienna, Austria
1895	Published with Sigmund Freud <i>Studien über Hysterie</i> . Leipzig: F. Deuticke
1925, June 20	Died, Vienna, Austria

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Josef Breuer (1842-1925) span the years 1859-1970 with the bulk of material dating from 1859 to 1925. The collection consists of correspondence, biographical material, legal documents, certificates, a eulogy, printed matter, photographs, and an oil portrait of Breuer. Most of the items are photocopies or transcripts. The location of the original documents is unknown.

Correspondents include Theodor Billroth, Franz Brentano, Siegmund Exner, Sigmund Freud, Theodor Gomperz, Friedrich Jodl, Maria von Ebner-Eschenbach, and various members of Breuer's family.

Typed transcripts of correspondence, only some of which can also be found among the photocopied manuscripts, are reproduced on microfilm received as part of the collection.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and alphabetically thereunder by name of person or type of material.

# Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Originals, transcripts, and photocopies
BOX 1	Billroth, Theodor, 1891-1892
BOX 1	Brentano, Franz, 1895-1905 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Breuer, Georg, 1894-1925
BOX 1	Breuer, Hans, 1903-1924
BOX 1	Breuer, Káthel, 1906
BOX 1	Breuer, Mathilde (wife), 1859-1877, undated (2 folders)
BOX 1	Bryant, George (grandson), with cover letter from Bryant to K. R. Eissler, 1924-1925, 1969
BOX 1	Chrobak, Rudolf, 1909-1910
BOX 1	Exner, Adolf, 1894
BOX 1	Exner, Siegmund, 1892-1912
BOX 1	Brüll, Ignaz, 1866, 1908-1911, 1923
BOX 1	Fleischl, Otto von, 1912-1922
BOX 1	Forel, August, 1907
BOX 1	Freud, Sigmund, 1886
BOX 1	Frisch, Anton von, 1908
BOX 1	Gomperz, Theodor, circa 1901-1908
BOX 1	Jodl, Friedrich, 1904-1917
BOX 1	Lichtheim, Prof., 1922-1923
BOX 1	Lichtheim, Else, circa 1925
BOX 1	Meyer, H. H., 1925
BOX 1	Quix, G. H., 1911
BOX 1	Salten, Felix, 1924
BOX 1	University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, dean, medical faculty, 1885
BOX 1	Wenckback, [?], 1918
BOX 1	Wolf, Hugh, 1882
BOX 1	Unidentified, 1909, 1923
REEL 1	Microfilm of typewritten transcripts, including items not in Breuer Papers (Microfilm shelf no. 20,441). Correspondents include:
REEL 1	Breuer, Georg, including an attached account of a long discussion "mit zwei 'Alteren' jüdischen Studentenverbindung 'Kadimah,'" 1894, 1924
REEL 1	Breuer, Mathilde (wife), 1877
REEL 1	Ebner-Eschenbach, Maria von, 1883-1915
REEL 1	Exner, Siegmund, 1893
REEL 1	Fleischl, Ida von, 1894
REEL 1	Fleischl, Otto von, 1916
REEL 1	Frisch, Anton von, 1908
REEL 1	Jodl, Friedrich, and Margarete, 1905-1917
REEL 1	Paoli, Betty, poem, 1891

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REEL 1	Wolf, Hugo, 1882
BOX 2	Miscellany
BOX 2	Articles and obituaries regarding associates of Breuer, 1935-1958, undated
BOX 2	Biographical file, 1891-1970, undated
BOX 2	Hartmann, Bertha, eulogy by Breuer, 1916
BOX 2	Legal documents, certificates, and other material, 1859
BOX 2	Photographs, circa 1900-1920, undated
BOX VA 1	Oil portrait of Breuer, undated