Collection Summary

Title: Louise Bates Ames Papers
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ID No.: MSS10868
Creator: Ames, Louise Bates
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Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm79010868
Summary: Child psychologist and educator. Personal and professional correspondence, diaries, manuscripts of articles and books, lectures and speeches, subject files, bibliography, photographs, newspaper clippings, biographical material on the Bates family, and other papers chiefly documenting Ames's career as a child psychologist.

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.

People
Ames, Louise Bates.
Bates family.
Bates, Annie E.--Correspondence.
Chase, Joan Ames--Correspondence.
Culbertson, James T. (James Thomas), 1911- --Correspondence.
Dodson, Fitzhugh, 1923- --Correspondence.
Elicker, Paul H.--Correspondence.
Gesell, Arnold, 1880-1961--Correspondence.
Gesell, Gerhard Alden, 1910-1993--Correspondence.
Ilg, Frances L. (Frances Lillian), 1902-1981. Frances Lillian Ilg papers.
Johnson, Eric W.--Correspondence.
Lye, Len, 1901-1980--Correspondence.
Mead, Margaret, 1901-1978--Correspondence.
Moylan, Daniel P. (Daniel Patrick), 1927-2003--Correspondence.
Métraux, Guy S. (Guy Serge)--Correspondence.
Métraux, Ruth W.--Correspondence.
Packard, Vance, 1914-1996--Correspondence.
Pitcher, Evelyn Goodenough--Correspondence.
Slosson, Richard L.--Correspondence.
Spock, Benjamin, 1903-1998--Correspondence.

Organizations
Gesell Institute of Child Development.
Yale University. Child Study Center.
Yale University. Clinic of Child Development.

Subjects
Advice columns.
Child development.
Acquisition Information


Processing History

The Ames Papers were processed by David Mathisen in 1996. The finding aid was revised and expanded by Margaret McAleer with the assistance of John Monagle in 2010. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

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1933-1936 Research secretary and personal assistant to Arnold Gesell, Clinic of Child Development, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1936 Ph.D., Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1938 Produced first film, "How Behavior Grows: The Sequential Patterning of Prone Progression"
1940-1944 Instructor, Clinic of Child Development, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1944-1950 Assistant Professor and curator of the Yale Films of Child Development, Clinic of Child Development, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1946 Published with Arnold Gesell, Frances Lillian Ilg, and Glenna E. Bullis *Child from Five to Ten* (New York: Harper & Brothers. 458 pp.)
1950 Founded with Frances Lillian Ilg the Gesell Institute of Child Development, New Haven, Conn.
1950-1968 Director of research and secretary-treasurer, Gesell Institute of Child Development, New Haven, Conn.
1951-1973 Coauthor of syndicated newspaper column *Child Behavior* (after 1962 called *Parents Ask*)
1952-1955 Weekly television series, *Child Behavior*
1965 Published with Frances Lillian Ilg *School Readiness: Behavior Tests Used at the Gesell Institute* (New York: Harper & Row. 396 pp.)
1968 Associate director and chief psychologist, Gesell Institute of Child Development, New Haven, Conn.
1970 Published *Child Care and Development* (Philadelphia: Lippincott Co. 426 pp.)
1973 Published *Rorschach Responses in Old Age* (New York: Brunner/Mazel. 219 pp.)
1974 Published with Joan Ames Chase *Don't Push Your Pre-schooler* (New York: Harper & Row. 212 pp.)
1976 Published series on child development with Frances Lillian Ilg, beginning with *Your Two-Year-Old: Terrible or Tender* (New York: Delacorte Press. 149 pp.)
1989 Published *Arnold Gesell: Themes of His Work* (New York: Human Sciences Press. 334 pp.)
1990 Reaffiliation of the Gesell Institute of Human Development with Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1991 Lecturer, Child Study Center, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1996, Oct. 31 Died, Cincinnati, Ohio

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Louise Bates Ames (1908-1996) span the period 1915-1989, with the bulk of the material dating from 1950 to 1975. The collection consists primarily of correspondence and manuscript material relating to Ames's career as a child psychologist, cofounder and codirector of the Gesell Institute of Child Development, and author of numerous books and articles on child behavior and child development. Included in the collection are family correspondence, correspondence with friends and professional associates, a sampling of letters related to the syndicated newspaper column *Parents Ask*, and manuscripts and related correspondence for several of Ames's books and articles. The collection is organized in six original series and five additions. The original series include *Family Correspondence*, *Special Correspondence*, *General Correspondence*, *"Parents Ask" Newspaper Column*, *Writings*, and *Miscellany*. The additions are dated according to the year of their arrangement and contain material organized in the same schema as the original part.

Ames's career as a child psychologist began in 1933 when she joined the staff of the Yale Clinic of Child Development as research secretary and personal assistant to the director, Arnold Gesell, with whom she worked until 1948. She received her doctorate in psychology from Yale University in 1936; was curator of the Yale Films of Child Development, 1944-1950;
and participated in the development of articles, books, and research projects in the field of child psychology. Material in the collection which relates to this period may be found in the following series: Family Correspondence, especially letters to Annie E. Bates; Special Correspondence, in particular correspondence with James T. Culbertson, Paul H. Elicker, Guy S. Métraux, and Ruth W. Métraux; Writings File, “Guide to the Yale Films of Child Development” by Louise Bates Ames; and Miscellany containing a diary, 1928-1937, and annual reports, 1939-1949.

After Gesell's retirement, the clinic separated from Yale University, and in 1950, Ames and her associate, Frances Lillian Ilg, founded the Gesell Institute of Child Development. The institute's name changed to the Gesell Institute of Human Development in 1978. The Gesell Institute is a private, nonprofit corporation for clinical research in the field of child psychology. Ames was Director of Research at the Institute until 1968 when she became codirector. In conjunction with her study of children's behavior at successive age intervals, Ames became one of the pioneers of rorschach psychological testing. References to this and other aspects of her work may be found in the Family and Special Correspondence series, in particular, the letters of Annie E. Bates, Joan Ames Chase, Len Lye, Guy S. Métraux, Ruth W. Métraux, and Evelyn Goodenough Pitcher. More detailed information about rorschach testing may be found in Ames's numerous books and articles, bibliographies of which are in Miscellany.

As the work of the Gesell Institute became increasingly recognized, requests for lectures, television appearances, and articles began to increase as well. This aspect of Ames's career is well documented in her papers. In the Special Correspondence series are files relating to her two television series, Child Behavior and The Gesell Institute Reports: Your Child and You. In 1951, Ames and Ilg began their syndicated newspaper column, Child Behavior, which in 1962 became known as Parents Ask. A sampling of unedited letters from the column for the period 1954-1964 is included in the collection as well as two sets of the edited and published columns covering the years 1967-1968. Research files of Robert M. Zingg on "wolf-children" are included in the 1977 addition.

Ames corresponded with numerous friends, colleagues, and associates, many of whom were prominent in their fields. Among those whose letters are contained in the Special Correspondence series are Fitzhugh Dodson, Arnold Gesell, Gerhard Alden Gesell, Len Lye, Margaret Mead, Daniel P. Moynihan, Vance Packard, and Benjamin Spock. Also in the Special Correspondence series are files concerning Ames's work with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and the White House Conference on Children and Youth in 1970-1971.

Among the papers are drafts, readers' proofs, and publishers' correspondence for seven of Ames's books: Child Care and Development(1970), Don't Push Your Pre-Schooler (1973), Infant and Child in the Culture of Today (revised edition 1974), Is Your Child in the Wrong Grade? (1957), Mosaic Patterns of American Children (1962), School Readiness (1964), and Stop School Failure (1972). In addition, there is correspondence relating to several book reviews and a draft essay for inclusion in the book Summerhill: For and Against, published in 1970 by Hart Publishing Company.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is arranged in eleven series:

- Family Correspondence, 1915-1975
- Special Correspondence, 1935-1975
- General Correspondence, 1941-1974
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- Writings, 1947-1974
- Miscellany, 1922-1975
- 1977 Addition, 1937-1977
- 1984 Addition, 1940-1983
- 1987 Addition, 1941-1986
- 1996 Addition, circa 1945-1996
Description of Series

Container  Series

**BOX 1-2**  **Family Correspondence, 1915-1975**  
Correspondence to and from family members, in particular Ames's mother, Annie E. Bates, and daughter, Joan Ames Chase. Included are Bates's rorschach responses that became the basis for **Ames's Rorschach Responses in Old Age**.  
Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

**BOX 2-7**  **Special Correspondence, 1935-1975**  
Correspondence to and from friends, colleagues, child psychologists, authors, newspaper editors, television producers, and government officials.  
Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

**BOX 8-9**  **General Correspondence, 1941-1974**  
Letters to and from the general public regarding the column Parents Ask and from psychologists and students concerning research projects and books. Some business correspondence is also included.  
Arranged chronologically.

**BOX 10-16**  **"Parents Ask" Newspaper Column, 1954-1968**  
A sampling of letters to and from readers of the syndicated column Parents Ask (called Child Behavior until 1962) and a set of columns for the years 1967-1968.  
Letters are arranged chronologically by year and thereunder alphabetically by name of correspondent. Columns are arranged chronologically.

**BOX 17-26**  **Writings, 1947-1974**  
Drafts, proofs, and publishers' correspondence relating to Ames's books and a small collection of articles written by others. Books are arranged alphabetically by title.  
Articles are arranged alphabetically by name of author.

**BOX 26**  **Miscellany, 1922-1975**  
Annual reports, awards, a diary, appointment calendars, lists of lectures, newspaper clippings, and receipts.  
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

**BOX 27-31**  **1977 Addition, 1937-1977**  
Correspondence with family, friends, colleagues, publishers, and the public; a subject file concerning the television program *Playmates/Schoolmates*; a writings file largely concerning *Don't Push Your Pre-schooler*; and miscellany. Also included are research files of Robert M. Zingg on "wolf-children."  
Arranged by family correspondence, special correspondence, general correspondence, subject file, writings file, miscellany, and the Robert M. Zingg Papers and alphabetically thereunder by name of person, subject, or type of material.

**BOX 32-40**  **1984 Addition, 1940-1983**  
Correspondence with friends, colleagues, publishers, and the public; diary excerpts, photographs, biographical material, and printed matter; condolence letters on the death of Ames's daughter; correspondence of Frances Lillian Ilg; research, lectures, and writings by Ames and Arnold Gesell; and files concerning the Gesell Institute of Child Development,
White House Conference on Children and Youth, and Ames's radio and television programs.
Arranged by special correspondence, condolences, general correspondence, diary excerpts, subject file, speeches and lectures file, writings file, and miscellany and alphabetically thereunder by name of person, subject, title, or type of material.

**BOX 41-42  1987 Addition, 1941-1986**
Correspondence with family, friends, colleagues, publishers, and the public; dream diaries; articles; lecture schedule; and biographical and genealogical information.
Arranged by subject file, correspondence, writings file, and miscellany and alphabetically thereunder by name of person, subject, title, or type of material.

**BOX 43-44  1988 Addition, 1941-1988**
Correspondence with family, friends, colleagues, and publishers.
Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent. Also includes Ames's Parents Ask newspaper column, 1986-1988.

**BOX 45-52  1996 Addition, circa 1945-1996**
Correspondence, biographical information, dream diaries, family history, fan letters, interviews, photographs, reminiscences, and writings.
Arranged by family correspondence, general correspondence, subject file, and writings and alphabetically thereunder by name of person, subject, title, or type of material.
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|           | See, Harold P., 1961-1964  
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**Writings, 1947-1974**

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**BOX 17**
*Child Care and Development*

Correspondence

Preliminary chapter outlines, 1966-1969

Draft (9 folders)

**BOX 18**
Draft (17 folders)

**BOX 19**
*Don't Push Your Pre-Schooler*

Typescript (5 folders)

Carbon copy (4 folders)

Reader's proof (3 folders)

**BOX 20**
*Infant and Child in the Culture of Today*, typescript for revised edition, 1974 (8 folders)
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**BOX 21**  
*Is Your Child in the Wrong Grade?*  
Correspondence, Harper & Row, Publishers, 1966  
Outlines  
First draft  
(3 folders)  
Printer's copy  
(3 folders)  
*Mosaic Patterns of American Children*  
Correspondence, 1950-1964  
(3 folders)  
Typescript  
(1 folder)  
**BOX 22**  
Typescript  
(7 folders)  
*School Readiness*  
Typescript  
(3 folders)  
**BOX 23**  
Typescript  
(5 folders)  
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**BOX 24**  
Carbon copy  
(2 folders)  
*Stop School Failure*  
Correspondence  
Manuscript No. 1  
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Reader's proof  
(2 folders)  
*Guide to the Yale Films of Child Development, 1947*  
Blanchard, Irene  
"A Study of Articulation Tests Suitable for Use with Institutionalized Mentally Retarded Children"  
**BOX 26**  
"Diagnostic Patterns of Artication"  
Cohen, Wilbur J., and Wallace K. Babington, "Implications of 1965 Federal Legislation for Mental Retardation"  
Crouch, Zilpha B., "Various Aspects of Teaching the Mentally Retarded Child with Emphasis on Information Value to the Speech Therapist"  
Waldon, Edgar F.  
"The Baby Cry Test: A Meaningful Acoustic Signal for Testing Subnormal Children"  
"The Baby Cry Test (BCT): A New Audiometric Technique for Testing Very Young Children"  
"Testing Hearing of Subnormal Children"
"Testing of Infants: Implications for Audio-Reflexometry"

**BOX 26**

**Miscellany, 1922-1975**

Annual reports, awards, a diary, appointment calendars, lists of lectures, newspaper clippings, and receipts.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

**BOX 26**

Annual reports, 1939-1949

Appointment calendars, 1953, 1960

Awards, bibliographies, and biographies, 1957-1974

Bibliography, 1933-1965

Certification, American Psychological Association, 1943

Diary, 1928-1937

Lists of lectures, 1952-1975

Journal of lectures, 1966-1967

News clippings, 1964-1965, undated

Pamphlets, 1951-1952, undated

Poem, 1922

Receipts, 1957-1963

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**BOX 27**

Family correspondence, Ames, Smith Whittier (former husband), 1937-1977

Special correspondence

Arthur, Phyllis-Marie, 1945-1977

Dickinson, Alice, 1974-1977

Hobson, Dick, 1948-1957

Lowenfeld, Margaret, 1966-1970

Lye, Ann and Len, 1962-1975

Métraux, Ruth W., 1966-1967

Ostler, Renée, 1967

Perris, Donald L. and Barbara, 1964-1977

Rodell, Fred and Janet, 1953-1976

Von Hilsheimer, George, 1967-1977

Wunderlich, Ray C., 1965-1975

**BOX 28**

General correspondence


(4 folders)

Correspondence with publisher regarding books reviewed by Ames, 1962-1974

Letters from fans, 1952-1977

Subject file, *Playmates/Schoolmates*, television program, 1975-1976
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  Miscellany  
  Letter from Arnold Gesell to Joan Ames Chase, 1952  
  Schedule of lecture and television appearances, 1976-1977  
  Robert M. Zingg papers  
  Correspondence, 1937-1945  
  "A-Z" miscellaneous  
  (2 folders)  
  Allen & Unwin Ltd.  
  *American Journal of Psychology*  
  *The American Weekly*  
  Davis, Kingsley  
  Dennis, Wayne  
  Eckels, Richard P.  
  Gates, R. R.  
  Gesell, Arnold |
| **BOX 30** | Harper & Brothers  
  Hollander, Sidney  
  Houghton Mifflin Co.  
  Hutton, J. H.  
  *Life* magazine  
  Literary Services-Mondiale Ltd.  
  Maxfield, Francis  
  Pakenham, Walsh H.  
  Redfield, Robert  
  Singh, J. A. L.  
  Singh, Mrs. J. A. L.  
  Vanguard Press  
  Wirth, Louis  
  Subject file  
  "Baboon" boy of South Africa  
  The "Tarzancito" case |
| **BOX 31** | Writings file  
  Gesell, Arnold, chronology of the "wolf-children"  
  Miscellany  
  Singh, J. A. L., "Diary of the wolf-children of Midnapore"  
  Zingg, Robert M.  
  Miscellany  
  Newspaper clippings regarding "wolf-children"  
  Photographs of "wolf-children"  
  Printed matter and bibliographic notes |
| **BOX 32-40** | 1977 Addition, 1937-1977  
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Ames's daughter; correspondence of Frances Lillian Ilg; research, lectures, and writings by
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Special correspondence
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Brilliant, Ira, 1959-1961
Bull, Nina, 1942-1947
Cox, Don and Jo, 1974-1977
Culbertson, James T., 1941-1976
Curnow, Wystan, regarding Len Lye, 1982
Ertel, Paul Y. and Inta, 1974-1978
Gesell, Arnold, 1955-1960
Homberger, Gin and Freddy, 1943-1981
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Ilg, Frances Lillian
With Ames, 1965-1978
With Margaret Mead, 1946-1966

BOX 33
Métraux, Ruth W. and Guy S., 1943-1982
(3 folders)
Scharbert, Beatrice, 1970-1976
Sheldon, William H., 1950-1978
Silverthorne, Pen, 1958-1964
Taylor, John I., circa 1951-1975
Webb, Rachel, 1973-1979
Wunderlich, Ray C., 1964-1965

BOX 34
Condolences on death of daughter, son-in-law, and grandson, 1974
(2 folders)
General correspondence
Of Ames, 1944-1983, undated
(6 folders)
Of Frances Lillian Ilg
1944-1951
(2 folders)

BOX 35
1952-1970
(9 folders)
Undated and Ilg miscellany

BOX 36
Diary excerpts, 1945-1982
Subject file
Adolescent rorschach responses, 1950-1959
Books received for review, 1951-1978
*Child Care and Development*, 1976-1981
*Child from Five to Ten*, by Frances Lillian Ilg, undated
Controversies with Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; Bernard B. Shapiro; Life magazine; and others, 1957-1980

First Five Years of Life, 1978-1979

Gesell, Arnold

Genius, Giftedness and Intelligence, undated

Sigma Xi lectures, 1947-1949 See also Container 38, Lectures by Arnold Gesell

Translations of books by, 1956-1958

BOX 37


(2 folders)

Infant and Child, 1972-1973


Marks, Philip A., 1974-1977

Playmates/Schoolmates television program, 1975-1976

Radio series, 1968

School Readiness, 1956-1966

Screen gems, 1970-1972

Society of Protective Techniques, 1968-1972

White House Conference on Children and Youth, 1970

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Infant and Child in the Culture of Today

Your Two Year Old

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