

Frieda Fromm-Reichmann Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Frieda Fromm-Reichmann Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1895-1996

Bulk Dates: 1933-1958

ID No.: MSS83685

Creator: Fromm-Reichmann, Frieda

Extent: 1,600 items

Extent: 5 containers

Extent: 1.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English, German, and French

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

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Summary: Psychoanalyst. Correspondence, biographical material, and writings relating primarily to Fromm-Reichmann's work as a psychoanalytic therapist specializing in the treatment of psychosis and schizophrenia.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Frieda Fromm-Reichmann were given to the Library of Congress by Virginia Gunst in two installments, 1996-1997. Additional material was given by George Marx in 2010.

Custodial History

The papers of Frieda Fromm-Reichmann in this collection are primarily those collected by Virginia Gunst as Fromm-Reichmann's longtime editorial assistant and executor of her estate. The bulk of the collection was found at Fromm-Reichmann's desk at Chestnut Lodge, Rockville, Maryland, at the time of her death. The remaining material was maintained by Gunst in her role as editorial assistant or collected by Gunst after Fromm-Reichmann's death.

Processing History

The papers of Frieda Fromm-Reichmann were arranged and described by Katherine Madison in 2023.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Frieda Fromm-Reichmann is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

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

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Frieda Fromm-Reichmann Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1889, Oct. 23	Born, Karlsruhe, Germany
1913	M.D., University of Königsberg, Königsberg, Germany
1914-1916	Assistant and head, University of Königsberg psychiatric clinic, Königsberg, Germany
1916-1918	Managed 100-bed military hospital for soldiers with brain injuries
1918-1920	Scientific assistant, Institute for Research into the Consequences of Brain Injuries, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
1920-1924	Specialist, Dr. Heinrich Lahmann's Sanatorium, Weisser Hirsch, Dresden, Germany
1924-1933	Private practice, Heidelberg, Germany
1926	Married Erich Fromm (separated 1930, divorced 1942)
1929	Cofounder, Frankfurt Psychoanalytic Institute (aka Psychoanalytic Institute of Southwest Germany), Frankfurt am Main, Germany
1933-1934	Private practice, Strasbourg, France
1935	Immigrated to the United States
1935-1957	Psychiatrist, Chestnut Lodge, Rockville, Maryland
1939-1941	President, Washington Psychoanalytic Society
1943	Cofounder, William Alanson White Institute, New York, N.Y.
1950	Published <i>Principles of Intensive Psychotherapy</i> . Chicago: University of Chicago Press
1955	Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University
1957, Apr. 28	Died, Rockville, Maryland
1964	Publication of <i>I Never Promised You a Rose Garden</i> by Joanne Greenberg (as Hannah Green), Fromm-Reichmann's former patient, featuring a character based on Fromm-Reichmann ("Dr. Fried")
2021	"Frieda's Cottage" at Chestnut Lodge designated a National Historic Landmark

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Frieda Fromm-Reichmann span the years 1895-1996, with the bulk of the material dating from 1933 to 1958. The collection documents the life and work of Fromm-Reichmann as a German Jewish refugee and a practicing psychoanalyst specializing in the treatment of psychosis and schizophrenia. The papers are primarily in English and German, with some French.

The collection documents Fromm-Reichmann's psychoanalytic approach to psychosis in the 1940s and 1950s, while she worked on the staff of Chestnut Lodge psychiatric hospital in Rockville, Maryland. The bulk of material consists of reprints and draft copies of many of Fromm-Reichmann's articles on the topics of psychoanalysis, mental hospitals, and psychosis, as well as a near-complete draft manuscript of her 1950 book, *Principles of Intensive Psychotherapy*. Many of these drafts include the handwritten edits of Fromm-Reichmann's longtime editorial assistant Virginia Gunst. Also included are materials documenting aspects of Fromm-Reichmann's 1955-1956 fellowship at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. Little material documents Fromm-Reichmann's life or work with patients at Chestnut Lodge.

The collection also documents Fromm-Reichmann's birth and education in Germany, her emigration from Germany in 1933, and her relationship with her mother, Klara Reichmann, and sister, Grete Reichmann, as well as her efforts to aid them and her mother-in-law, Rosa Fromm, in immigration to the United States in the late 1930s. The collection also contains material related to Gertrud Jacob, Fromm-Reichmann's friend, fellow psychiatrist, and fellow German Jewish refugee, including Jacob's own immigration and travel documents from France and British Mandate Palestine.

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged alphabetically by topic or material type.

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

Burnham, Donald L. (Donald Love), 1922-2008--Correspondence.

Fromm, Rosa.

Gunst, Virginia, 1905-2001.

Hornstein, Gail A., 1951- --Correspondence.

Hornstein, Gail A., 1951- To redeem one person is to redeem the world : the life of Frieda Fromm-Reichmann.

Jacob, Gertrud, 1893-1940.

Reichmann, Grete, 1892-1973.

Reichmann, Klara, 1867-1952.

Organizations

Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (Stanford, Calif.)

Chestnut Lodge (Psychiatric Hospital : Rockville, Md.)

Subjects

Education--Germany.

Jews, German--United States.

Psychiatric hospitals--Maryland--Rockville.

Psychiatric hospitals.

Psychiatry--United States.

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