

Paul Federn Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Paul Federn Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1864-1975

Bulk Dates: 1895-1950

ID No.: MSS52514

Creator: Federn, Paul, 1871-1950

Extent: 7,200 items

Extent: 24 containers

Extent: 9.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and German

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

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Summary: Psychoanalyst. Correspondence, case file, speeches and writings, newspaper clippings, and printed matter pertaining to Federn's family and his career in the field of psychoanalysis.

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

Aichhorn, August, 1878-1949--Correspondence.
Alexander, Franz, 1891-1964--Correspondence.
Bernays, Edward L., 1891-1995--Correspondence.
Bernfeld, Siegfried, 1892-1953--Correspondence.
Bonaparte, Marie, Princess, 1882-1962--Correspondence.
Brill, A. A. (Abraham Arden), 1874-1948--Correspondence.
Deutsch, Felix, 1884-1964--Correspondence.
Deutsch, Helene, 1884-1982--Correspondence.
Eitingon, M. (Max), 1880-1943--Correspondence.
Federn family.
Federn, Ernestine--Correspondence.
Federn, Paul.
Federn, Solomon--Correspondence.
Federn, Wilma Bauer, 1884-1949--Correspondence.
Fenichel, Otto--Correspondence.
Ferenczi, Sándor, 1873-1933--Correspondence.
Freud, Anna, 1895-1982--Correspondence.
Glover, Edward, 1888-1972--Correspondence.
Groddeck, Georg, 1866-1934--Correspondence.
Hollòs, István, 1872-1957--Correspondence.
Horney, Karen, 1885-1952--Correspondence.
Ignotus, 1869-1949--Correspondence.
Jelliffe, Smith Ely, 1866-1945--Correspondence.
Jones, Ernest, 1879-1958--Correspondence.
Kris, Ernst, 1900-1957--Correspondence.
Lehman, Herbert H. (Herbert Henry), 1878-1963--Correspondence.
Meng, Heinrich, 1887-1972--Correspondence.
Nemon, Olen--Correspondence.
Oberndorf, Clarence P. (Clarence Paul), 1882-1954--Correspondence.
Pfister, Oskar, 1873-1956--Correspondence.
Rado, Sandor, 1890-1972--Correspondence.
Rank, Otto, 1884-1939--Correspondence.

Reik, Theodor, 1888-1969--Correspondence.
Róheim, Géza, 1891-1953--Correspondence.
Sachs, Hanns, 1881-1947--Correspondence.
Simmel, Ernst, 1882-1947--Correspondence.
Stärcke, August, 1880-1954--Correspondence.
Tamm, Alfchild--Correspondence.
Tausk, Victor, 1879-1919--Correspondence.
Velikovsky, Immanuel, 1895-1979--Correspondence.
Webster, Doris--Correspondence.
Wertham, Fredric, 1895-1981--Correspondence.
Zulliger, Hans, 1893-1965--Correspondence.

Subjects

Psychoanalysis.

Occupations

Psychoanalysts.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Paul Federn, psychoanalyst, were given to the Library of Congress by his son Ernst Federn in 1967. Additional material was received from the Sigmund Freud Archives from 1985 to 1987.

Processing History

The papers of Paul Federn were arranged and described in 1975 by Michael McElderry. Additional material was incorporated into the collection in 1985-1986 by David Mathisen. In 2002, further additions were processed and part of the collection was reprocessed by Michael Spangler. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Transfers

Most photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Paul Federn 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, Paul Federn Papers, Sigmund Freud Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1871, Oct. 13	Born, Vienna, Austria
1895	Graduated, Medical School, University of Vienna, Austria
1895-1902	Internship, General Hospital, Vienna, Austria
1902	Established practice specializing in internal medicine Introduced to Sigmund Freud
1904	Joined the inner circle of Sigmund Freud as an adherent of psychoanalysis
1905	Married Wilma Bauer (died 1949)
1908	Helped organize Vienna Psychoanalytic Society; named comptroller of the society
1914	Traveled to New York, N.Y., to treat a patient, lecture, and tour
1914-1918	Served as a doctor in the Austrian army
1924	Elected vice president of the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society; became personal deputy to Sigmund Freud
1926	Selected as coeditor of <i>Internationale Zeitschrift für Psychoanalyse</i>
1938	Emigrated from Vienna, Austria, and settled in New York, N.Y.
1940	Developed concept of "ego diseases"
1944	Expanded concepts of "dream phenomenon" and the "dreaming ego"
1946	Granted a license to practice medicine in New York
1950, May 4	Died, New York, N.Y.
1952	Posthumous publication of <i>Ego Psychology and the Psychoses</i> , edited with an introduction by Edoardo Weiss (New York: Basic Books. 375 pp.)

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Paul Federn (1871-1950) span the years 1864-1975, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1895-1950. The collection includes correspondence from many early practitioners of psychoanalysis documenting the last three decades of Federn's career. The papers are in German and English and are organized in the following series: [Correspondence](#), [Case File](#), [Speeches and Writings](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Addition](#).

The [Correspondence](#) series is arranged in family and general groupings. [Family correspondence](#) includes letters exchanged between family members and close friends dating chiefly from the 1890s to the 1920s. Frequent correspondents include Federn's wife, Wilma Bauer Federn, and his parents Solomon, a Viennese physician, and Ernestine Federn. [General correspondence](#) is comprised primarily of incoming letters from professional colleagues, friends, and organizations. Initially trained in internal medicine, Federn was an early member of Sigmund Freud's inner circle of psychoanalysts. As a student and close associate of Freud and an original member of the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society, he was actively involved in the development of the field of psychoanalysis. His writings centered chiefly on the psychology of the ego. Letters include discussions of patients, developments in the field of psychoanalysis, and personal notes. There is extensive correspondence from analysts István Hollós and Heinrich Meng. There is also correspondence from Herbert H. Lehman, governor of New York and United States Senator. Other notable correspondents include August Aichhorn, Franz Alexander, Edward L. Bernays, Siegfried Bernfeld, Princess Marie Bonaparte, A. A. Brill, Felix and Helene Deutsch, Max Eitingon, Otto Fenichel, Sándor Ferenczi, Anna Freud, Edward Glover, Georg Groddeck, Karen Horney, Ignatus (1869-1949), Smith Ely Jelliffe, Ernest Jones, Ernst Kris, Olen Nemon, Clarence P. Oberndorf, Oskar Pfister, Sandor Rado, Otto Rank, Theodor Reik, Géza Róheim, Hanns Sachs, Ernst Simmel, Alfhild Tamm, Immanuel Velikovsky, Doris Webster, Fredric Wertham, and Hans Zulliger.

The [Case File](#) contains material pertaining to patients Federn treated in New York where he settled after emigrating from Vienna in 1938. The files include Federn's notes, correspondence, and patient's writings.

[Speeches and Writings](#) by Federn are scant with only fragments of articles, notes, notebooks, and diary fragments extant in the file. Draft copies of speeches and writings sent to Federn by colleagues including Edward Hitschmann, István

Hollòs, and Ignacio Matte Blanco complete the file. [Miscellany](#) includes children's drawings, an emigration guide for psychoanalysts, newspaper clippings, and printed matter.

The [Addition](#) supplements the collection with correspondence of Heinrich Meng, Hanns Sachs, August Stärcke, Alfhild Tamm, Victor Tausk, and others. It also includes family papers and genealogical material, school and university papers, printed matter, and speeches and writings, including a typescript of an article by Federn's daughter, Annie Urbach, entitled "Memories of My Father."

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

- [Correspondence, 1864-1969](#)
- [Case File, 1926-1948](#)
- [Speeches and Writings, 1886-1972](#).
- [Miscellany, 1885-1950](#)
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BOX 1	Blau, Albert, 1901-1906, 1938, undated
BOX 1	Blau, Minna, 1900-1904, undated
BOX 1	Federn, Ernestine (mother), 1872-1927, undated (2 folders)
BOX 1	Federn, Ernst (son), 1939-1969
BOX 1	Federn, Ludwig, 1872-1901, undated (2 folders)
BOX 1	Federn, Solomon (father)
BOX 1	1872-1885
BOX 2	1886-1912, undated (2 folders)
BOX 2	Federn, Wilma Bauer (wife)
BOX 2	From
BOX 2	Bauer, Moriz, and Rosa Adelheid Rechnitz (Wilma's parents), 1900-1903
BOX 2	Blau, Albert and Minna, 1899-1904, undated
BOX 2	Blau, Bernhardt, 1900-1902
BOX 2	Miscellany, 1901-1938
BOX 2	Schlesinger-Eckstein, Therese, 1902-1914
BOX 2	To
BOX 2	Federn, Ernestine
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BOX 3	1912-1929, undated (3 folders)
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BOX 9	Fischer, Max, 1892-1898, undated
BOX 9	Miscellany
BOX 9	Bauer family, 1898-1902, undated
BOX 9	Federn family, 1867-1950, undated (2 folders)
BOX 9	Spitzer family
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BOX 9	Undated
BOX 9	Unidentified, 1870-1918, undated
BOX 10-19	General Correspondence, 1864-1950 Primarily letters received with copies of letters sent. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization and thereunder chronologically.
BOX 10	Aichhorn, August, 1931-1948, undated
BOX 10	Alexander, Franz, 1934-1947
BOX 10	"A" miscellaneous, 1926-1949, undated (2 folders)
BOX 10	Ball, Erna, 1936-1950
BOX 10	Ball, Felix, 1938-1939
BOX 10	Bergler, Edmund, 1930-1943, undated
BOX 10	Bernays, Edward L., 1938-1942
BOX 10	Berne, Eric, 1943-1950
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BOX 10	Blanton, Smiley, 1942-1949, undated
BOX 10	Bonaparte, Marie, Princess, 1928-1946, undated
BOX 10	Brill, A. A. and Rose, 1931-1940, undated
BOX 11	"B" miscellaneous, 1898-1950, undated (4 folders)
BOX 11	Chadwick, Marion, 1920-1930
BOX 11	Churchill, Frank Spooner, 1939-1945, undated

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BOX 11	Deutsch, Felix and Helene, 1927-1948
BOX 11	"D" miscellaneous, 1920-1949, undated
BOX 12	Eisenstein, Victor W., 1946-1948, undated
BOX 12	Eissler, K. R. and Ruth Selke, 1932, 1941-1949
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BOX 12	Fahrenkamp, Gertrud and Karl, 1926-1930
BOX 12	Fenichel, Otto, 1928-1946
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BOX 12	Fleischer, George Leopold, 1940-1944, undated
BOX 12	Freud family
BOX 12	Freud, Anna, 1929-1950
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BOX 12	"F" miscellaneous, 1892-1949, undated (2 folders)
BOX 12	Glover, Edward, 1944-1947
BOX 12	Goodman, Jack, 1946-1949
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BOX 12	Heller, Judith and Victor K., 1932-1946
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BOX 13	Hollós, István, 1913-1950, undated (3 folders)
BOX 13	Holmgren, Gunnar, 1921-1947
BOX 13	Hoopes, James P., 1941-1948, undated
BOX 13	Horney, Karen, 1931
BOX 13	"H" miscellaneous, 1892-1949, undated (2 folders)
BOX 13	Ignotus (1869-1949), 1930, 1941-1942, undated
BOX 13	International Universities Press, 1947-1948
BOX 13	"I" miscellaneous, 1930-1949
BOX 13	Jekels, Ludwig, 1927-1949, undated
BOX 13	Jelliffe, Smith Ely, 1927-1940
BOX 13	Jones, Ernest (1879-1958), 1926-1950, undated
BOX 13	"J" miscellaneous, 1873-1949, undated
BOX 13	Kris, Ernst, 1928, 1947-1949, undated
BOX 13	Kubie, Lawrence S., 1940-1947
BOX 14	"K" miscellaneous, 1864-1950, undated (3 folders)
BOX 14	Lehman, Herbert H., 1914-1950
BOX 14	"L" miscellaneous, 1892-1950, undated (3 folders)
BOX 14	Meiers, Joseph, 1946-1950, undated
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BOX 15	Munro, Adèle, 1932-1939
BOX 15	"M" miscellaneous, 1913-1950, undated (2 folders)
BOX 15	Nemon, Olen, 1931-1949, undated
BOX 15	Nunberg, Herman, 1928-1949, undated
BOX 15	"N" miscellaneous, 1910-1949, undated
BOX 15	Oberndorf, Clarence P., 1928-1946
BOX 15	"O" miscellaneous, 1914-1950
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BOX 15	<i>Psychiatric Quarterly</i> , 1942-1950 (2 folders)
BOX 16	"P" miscellaneous, 1891-1950, undated (3 folders)
BOX 16	Rado, Sandor, 1928-1949
BOX 16	Rank, Otto, 1912, 1920
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BOX 16	"R" miscellaneous, 1902-1949, undated (2 folders)
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BOX 16	"Sa-Sp" miscellaneous, 1891-1949, undated (2 folders)
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BOX 17	"V" miscellaneous, 1924-1949, undated
BOX 17	Webster, Doris, 1938-1950, undated (2 folders)
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BOX 17	Wertham, Fredric, 1946
BOX 17	White, George Monroe <i>See Container 15, Psychiatric Quarterly</i>
BOX 17	Wittels, Fritz, 1926-1949
BOX 17	"Wa-We" miscellaneous, 1914-1950, undated
BOX 18	"Wh-Wy" miscellaneous, 1894-1950, undated
BOX 18	Yiront, Poldi, 1948
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BOX 18	Unidentified
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BOX 19	Undated (2 folders)
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BOX 19	Burroughs, William S., 1944-1945, undated
BOX 19	Cohen, William, 1948
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BOX 19	Fineberg, Fannie
BOX 19	Glauber, Helen, 1944, undated
BOX 19	Goldberg, Benjamin, 1938-1943, undated
BOX 19	Kurtz, Susanne, undated
BOX 20	Lederer, Natalie, 1945-1948, undated
BOX 20	Leitner, Rudolf, 1941-1945, undated
BOX 20	Levy, Walter, 1945-1948
BOX 20	Miscellaneous notes on unidentified patients, 1943-1947, undated
BOX 20	Morpurgo, Luciano, 1943
BOX 20	Pennell, Francis, 1926, 1947-1948, undated
BOX 20	Rubin, Henry, 1945, undated
BOX 20	Silard, Elizabeth, 1947, undated
BOX 20	Strouse, Robert, 1944-1945
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BOX 20	Tucker, Robert, 1945, undated
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BOX 20-23	Speeches and Writings, 1886-1972 Typed and handwritten articles, notes, poems, speeches, and a book. Arranged alphabetically by name of author.
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BOX 21	Diary fragments, 1895-1896
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Speeches and Writings, 1886-1972

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BOX 22	Bjerre, Poul, article, undated
BOX 22	Burrow, Trigant, article, 1925
BOX 22	Facher, Seymour, suicide note, undated
BOX 22	Federn, Ernst, article, 1972
BOX 22	Federn, Wilma, poem, 1930
BOX 22	Hitschmann, Edward, speech, 1902
BOX 22	Hollòs, István, article, undated
BOX 22	Kochler, Carl, speech, 1886
BOX 22	Korber, H., speeches, 1915, undated
BOX 22	Malmud, Rose S., short stories, undated
BOX 22	Matte Blanco, Ignacio, typescript of book, 1943
BOX 22	Peine, Eva, poem, undated
BOX 22	Schajowicz, Ludwig, typescript of book, undated
BOX 22	Schnabl, Ludwig, dissertation, 1933
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BOX 23	Unidentified, undated (3 folders)
BOX 23	Miscellany, 1885-1950 Certificates, financial and legal records, newspaper clippings, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and thereunder chronologically.
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BOX 23	Certificates, 1895-1900, 1947
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BOX 23	Passport, 1930-1939
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