

Edith Jacobson

A Register of Her Papers in the Sigmund Freud Collection in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Edith Jacobson

Span Dates: 1922-1977

ID No.: MSS59360

Creator: Jacobson, Edith

Extent: 2,800 items; 14 containers plus 1 oversize; 5.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and German

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

Abstract: Psychoanalyst. Correspondence, writings, artwork, and other papers chiefly relating to Jacobson's psychiatric practice, psychoanalysis, the study and treatment of depression, and object relations theory.

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.

Personal Names

Jacobson, Edith.

Subjects

Depression, Mental.

Imprisonment--Psychological aspects.

Object relations (Psychoanalysis)

Political refugees--Germany.

Political refugees--United States.

Psychiatry--Practice--Germany--Berlin.

Psychiatry--Practice--New York (State)--New York.

Psychoanalysis.

Women political prisoners--Germany.

Locations

Germany--History--1933-1945.

Related Names

Jacobson, Edith. An American oak tree.

Occupations

Psychiatrists.

Psychoanalysts.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Edith Jacobson, psychoanalyst, were donated to the Library of Congress by the Sigmund Freud Archives in 1980.

Processing History:

The papers of Edith Jacobson were arranged and described in 1999. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Edith Jacobson is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Edith Jacobson Papers, Sigmund Freud Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1897, Sept. 10	Born, Haynau, Germany
1922	Received medical degree, University of Munich, Munich, Germany
1922-1925	Pediatric internship, University Hospital, Heidelberg, Germany Internship and residency in internal medicine, Munich University Hospital, Munich, Germany
1925-1928	Residencies, Oppenheim Neurological Clinic and Department of Psychiatry, Charité Hospital, Berlin, Germany
1925-1929	Psychoanalytical training, Berlin Psychoanalytic Institute, Berlin, Germany
1929	Began practice of psychiatry and psychoanalysis, Berlin, Germany
1934	Appointed training analyst, Berlin Psychoanalytic Institute, Berlin, Germany
1935-1938	Imprisoned by Nazis for refusal to give information on patients to the Gestapo
1938	Escaped from Germany and emigrated to the United States
1940-1977	Private psychoanalytic practice, New York, N.Y.
1942	Appointed training analyst, New York Psychoanalytic Institute, New York, N.Y.; served as member of faculty and on educational committee
1964	Published <i>The Self and the Object World</i> . New York: International University Press
1971	Published <i>Depression: Comparative Studies of Normal, Neurotic, and Psychotic Conditions</i> . New York: International University Press
1978, Dec. 8	Died, Rochester, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Edith Jacobson (1897-1978) span the years 1922 to 1977 and relate primarily to her career as a psychoanalyst. They include [correspondence](#), [writings](#), artwork, and a small amount of other professional and personal items. Much of the professional writing is in English, but most of the correspondence and poetry is in German.

[Writings](#) by Edith Jacobson and her colleagues in the field of psychoanalysis comprise the major portion of the collection. Topics include the study and treatment of depression and depressive conditions and object relations theory. One of Jacobson's early papers examines the psychological effects of imprisonment on female political prisoners and is based on her observations while being held as a prisoner by the Nazis before World War II. A brief description of her own experience as a prisoner can be found in a compilation of unpublished short stories and essays entitled "The American Oak Tree."

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Correspondence, 1936-1977](#)
- [Writings, 1935-1977](#)
- [Miscellany, 1922-circa 1970](#)
- [Oversize, undated](#)

Description of Series

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Correspondence, 1936-1977

Letters received and a few copies of letters sent, primarily of a personal nature. Most in German. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent and chronologically therein.

BOX 3-14

Writings, 1935-1977

Drafts and typescripts of books, papers, reviews, critiques, and poetry by Jacobson and papers and poetry written by others. Arranged by type of material, then alphabetically by name of author and chronologically therein.

BOX 14

Miscellany, 1922-circa 1970

Pencil sketches, charcoal drawings, watercolors, reports of professional meetings, and a few personal items. Arranged by type of material and chronologically therein.

BOX OV 1

Oversize, undated

Drawings. Described according to the series, folder, and container from which the items were removed.

Container List

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- BOX 11 Milrod, David, n.d.
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- BOX 12 Natterson, Joseph M., 1965
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Miscellany, 1922-circa 1970

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