K. R. Eissler Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: K. R. Eissler Papers
Span Dates: 1907-1991
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1950-1988)
ID No.: MSS78926
Creator: Eissler, K. R. (Kurt Robert), 1908-1999
Extent: 650 items ; 2 containers plus 1 oversize ; 1.8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English and German
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Psychoanalyst and author. Correspondence, writings, research files, and printed matter concerning Eissler's writings on Sigmund Freud and his activities as secretary of the Sigmund Freud Archives.

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
Erikson, Erik H. (Erik Homburger), 1902-1994--Correspondence.
Federn, Ernst--Correspondence.
Freud, Anna, 1895-1982--Correspondence.
Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939.
Tausk, Victor, 1879-1919.
Wagner-Jauregg, Julius von, 1857-
Weiss, Edoardo, 1889-1939--Correspondence.

Organizations
Sigmund Freud Archives.

Subjects
Psychoanalysis--Societies, etc.
Psychoanalysis.
War neuroses.
World War, 1914-1918.

Occupations
Authors.
Psychoanalysts.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of K. R. Eissler, psychoanalyst and author, were given to the Library of Congress by Eissler and the Sigmund Freud Archives between 1960 and 1997.

Processing History
The papers of K. R. Eissler were arranged and described in 2002. The finding was revised in 2010 when restricted items came open for research use.
Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

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

Biographical Note

Date  Event
1908, July 2  Born, Vienna, Austria
1934  Ph.D. in psychology, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
1936  Married Ruth Selke (died 1988)
1937  M.D., University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
1938  Member, Vienna Psychoanalytic Society
      Emigrated to the United States
1943  Volunteered for active military duty, Army Medical Corps
Post-1945  Established a private psychoanalytic practice, New York, N.Y.
1951  Cofounded and named secretary, Sigmund Freud Archives
1979  Published *Freud und Wagner-Jauregg vor der Kommission zur Erhebung militärischer Pflichtverletzungen*. Wien: Löcker
1985  Resigned as secretary, Sigmund Freud Archives
1999, Feb. 17  Died, New York, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Kurt Robert Eissler (1908-1999) span the years 1907-1991, with the bulk of material dating from 1950 to 1988. The papers are in English and German and contain correspondence, writings, research files, and printed matter documenting Eissler's research and writings on Sigmund Freud and his activities as secretary of the Sigmund Freud...
Archives, an organization founded by Eissler and other psychoanalysts in 1951 to collect and preserve Freud’s letters and writings. Several of Eissler’s writings are represented in the papers. Also included are research files related to his book, *Freud und Wagner-Jauregg vor der Kommission zur Erhebung militärischer Pflichtverletzungen* (1979), concerning Freud’s testimony in an investigation of Julius von Wagner-Jauregg’s treatment of war neuroses during World War I. Prominent within these files is a large assemblage of photocopied Viennese newspaper articles dated 1913-1922. The collection also includes an article written by Eissler in 1981 critiquing Paul Roazen’s 1969 book on Freud and Victor Tausk entitled *Brother Animal: The Story of Freud and Tausk*. Accompanying a draft of Eissler’s article is correspondence between Eissler and Freud family members, associates, and scholars written soon after the publication of Roazen’s book. Among those with whom Eissler corresponded about Roazen are Erik H. Erikson, Ernst Federn, Anna Freud, and Edoardo Weiss. An addition contains formerly closed material and includes correspondence with Paula Fichtl, Ernst Freud, and Margarethe von Trautenegg, among others.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein alphabetically by name of person, title of work, or type of material. An addition is filed at the end.
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