

Princess Marie Bonaparte Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Marie Bonaparte Papers

Span Dates: 1889-1962

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1913-1961)

ID No.: MSS13169

Creator: Bonaparte, Marie, Princess, 1882-1962

Extent: 6,300 items ; 33 containers ; 13 linear feet

Language: Collection material in French, German, and English

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

Summary: Psychoanalyst and author. Journals, correspondence, drafts of writings, notebooks, legal records, obituaries, genealogical notes, photographs, watercolor drawings, and printed matter relating to Bonaparte's involvement in the field of psychoanalysis.

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

Allendy, René, 1889-1942--Correspondence.

Bibring, Edward, 1894-1959--Correspondence.

Bibring, Grete L. (Grete Lehner), 1899-1977--Correspondence.

Bonaparte, Marie, Princess, 1882-1962.

Bonaparte, Marie, Princess, 1882-1962. Cinq cahiers écrits par une petite fille entre sept ans et demi et dix ans et leurs commentaires. 1939-1951.

Bonaparte, Marie, Princess, 1882-1962. Mémoire des disparus. 1952-1958.

Briand, Aristide, 1862-1932--Correspondence.

Brunswick, Ruth Mack--Correspondence.

Eitingon, M. (Max), 1880-1943--Correspondence.

Federn, Paul--Correspondence.

Ferenczi, Sándor, 1873-1933--Correspondence.

Fliess, Wilhelm, 1858-1928.

Freud, Anna, 1895-1982--Correspondence.

Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939--Correspondence.

Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939.

Hartmann, Dora, 1902-1974--Correspondence.

Hartmann, Heinz, 1894-1970--Correspondence.

Hesnard, A. (Angelo), 1886-1969--Correspondence.

Jones, Ernest, 1879-1958--Correspondence.

Lacan, Jacques, 1901-1981--Correspondence.

Laforge, René--Correspondence.

Lagache, Daniel, 1903-1972--Correspondence.

Lampl, Hans--Correspondence.

Lampl-de Groot, Jeanne--Correspondence.

Loewenstein, Rudolph Maurice--Correspondence.

Meng, Heinrich, 1887-1972--Correspondence.

Nacht, Sacha, 1901-1977--Correspondence.

Odier, Charles--Correspondence.

Parcheminey, Georges--Correspondence.

Pichon, Edouard, 1890-1940--Correspondence.

Róheim, Géza, 1891-1953--Correspondence.

Sachs, Hanns, 1881-1947--Correspondence.

Saussure, Raymond de, 1894-1971--Correspondence.

Schur, Max--Correspondence.
Williams, Margaret (Lay child analyst)

Organizations

International Psycho-Analytical Association--Correspondence.
Internationaler Psychoanalytischer Verlag--Correspondence.

Subjects

Dreams--Psychological aspects.
Dreams.
Emigration and immigration.
Jewish refugees.
Jews--Mexico--Baja California (Peninsula)
Lay analysis (Psychoanalysis)
Psychoanalysis--France.
Psychoanalysis.
Psychoanalysts.
World War, 1939-1945--Refugees.

Places

Baja California (Mexico : Peninsula)
Europe--Emigration and immigration.
United States--Emigration and immigration.

Occupations

Authors.
Psychoanalysts.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Princess Marie Bonaparte, psychoanalyst and author, were bequeathed to the Library of Congress by Bonaparte through Anna Freud in 1964. Additional material was given by the Sigmund Freud Archives between 1983 and 1987 and by Jeffrey Masson in 1988. A photograph of Bonaparte was purchased in 1999.

Processing History

The papers of Marie Bonaparte were arranged and described in 1964 and 1982. A revised finding aid was prepared when additional material received between 1983 and 1999 was incorporated into the collection in 2002. The finding aid was further revised when Bonaparte's notes on Sigmund Freud's letters to Wilhelm Fliess came open for research use in 2010.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

Restrictions apply governing the use, photoduplication, or publication of items in this collection. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for information concerning these restrictions. In addition, many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1882, July 2	Born, Saint-Cloud, France
1907	Married Prince George of Greece and Denmark (died 1957)
1924	Read <i>Introduction à la psychanalyse</i> . (Paris: 1922), Simon Jankélévitch's translation of Sigmund Freud's introductory lectures on psychoanalysis Published under the pseudonym A. E. Narjani "Considérations sur les causes anatomiques de la frigidité chez la femme," <i>Bruxelles Médical</i> . (Apr. 27)
1925-1927	Analyzed by Sigmund Freud
1926	Founder, Société Psychanalytique de Paris, Paris, France
1927	Founder, <i>Revue française de psychanalyse</i>
1928	Began treating analysands
1929	Provided financial assistance to the nearly bankrupt Internationaler Psychoanalytischer Verlag
1933	Published <i>Edgar Poe</i> . Paris: Denoël et Steele
1934	Founder, Institute de Psychanalyse, Paris, France
1937	Purchased from Reinhold Stahl Sigmund Freud's letters to Wilhelm Fliess Published <i>Topsy, Chow-Chow au poil d'or</i> . Paris: Denoël et Steele
1938	Facilitated the immigration of Sigmund Freud and his family to London, England
1939-1951	Published <i>Cinq cahiers écrits par une petite fille entre sept ans et demi et dix ans et leurs commentaires</i> . Paris: Printed for the author. 4 vols.
1940	Translated and published <i>Métapsychologie</i> , by Sigmund Freud. Paris: Gallimard
1941-1944	Spent war years in Cape Town, South Africa
1946	Published <i>Mythes de guerre</i> . London: Imago Publishing Co.
1950	Secured legal representation for Margaret Williams, a child analyst sued by the Ordre des Médecins for practicing medicine without a medical degree
1951	Published <i>De la sexualité de la femme</i> . Paris: Presses universitaires de France
1952	Elected vice president, International Psycho-Analytical Association
1953	Published <i>A la mémoire des disparus</i> . Paris: Printed for the author
1962, Sept.21	Died, Saint-Tropez, France

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Princess Marie Bonaparte (1882-1962) span the years 1889-1962, with the bulk of the material dating from 1913 to 1961. The collection documents Bonaparte's interest and involvement in the field of psychoanalysis. The papers are in French, German, and English and include journals, memoirs, correspondence, drafts of writings, notebooks, legal documents, obituaries, genealogical notes, photographs, watercolor drawings, and printed matter arranged in six series: [Journals](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), [Writings](#), an [Addition](#), and [Closed](#) material.

The [General Correspondence](#) series consists of letters to Bonaparte by fellow psychoanalysts including Edward Bibring, Grete L. Bibring, Ruth Mack Brunswick, Max Eitingon, Paul Federn, Sándor Ferenczi, Anna Freud, Dora Hartmann, Heinz Hartmann, Ernest Jones, Hans Lampl, Jeanne Lampl-de Groot, Rudolph Maurice Loewenstein, Heinrich Meng, Géza Róheim, Hanns Sachs, and Max Schur. Relatively few of Bonaparte's outgoing letters are included in the series other than numerous letters written by her to Eitingon between 1925 and 1941.

The [General Correspondence](#) series traces Bonaparte's introduction to psychoanalysis in the 1920s and her subsequent rise to prominence in the field due perhaps to her close relationship with Sigmund Freud. The series documents her willingness to expend her personal influence and financial resources on behalf of individual psychoanalysts, psychoanalytic organizations, and publishing endeavors in France and elsewhere. Letters from René Allendy, A. Hesnard, Jacques Lacan, René Laforgue, Daniel Lagache, Sacha Nacht, Charles Odier, George Parcheminey, Edouard Pichon, Raymond de Saussure, and other French psychoanalysts illuminate her role in the establishment and development of psychoanalysis in France. Bonaparte's role in facilitating the emigration of psychoanalysts, most notably Sigmund Freud, from Nazi-controlled countries prior to World War II and the immigration of European analysts to the United States after the war is also documented. The geographical range of Bonaparte's correspondence reflects the extent of the psychoanalytic movement's diaspora and the breadth of her activities and associations.

The [Subject File](#) series contains correspondence from the International Psycho-Analytical Association and the Internationaler Psychoanalytischer Verlag, information concerning Bonaparte's purchase of Freud's letters to Wilhelm Fliess in 1937, obituaries and genealogical notes, and a photograph of Bonaparte. Other files relate to Margaret Williams, an American child analyst in Paris who was sued by the French medical establishment for practicing medicine without a medical degree. Included are letters from psychoanalysts pertaining to lay analysis in various countries, copies of interrogatories and depositions, newspaper clippings, and notes by Bonaparte providing an historical survey of lay analysis. Also included in the series is a proposal sent by Bonaparte to William C. Bullitt and Franklin D. Roosevelt in late 1938 recommending that the United States purchase Baja California from Mexico and establish a Jewish refugee state there. Bonaparte noted that she had developed the plan in consultation with Freud.

A small [addition](#) contains Bonaparte's notes on Sigmund Freud's letters to Wilhelm Fliess that came open for research use in 2010.

The bulk of the Bonaparte Papers remains closed to research use. The [Closed](#) series includes Bonaparte's journals dated 1913-1927 and 1959-1961; her dream journals dated 1923-1961; unpublished portions of her memoir; and a series of five original notebooks and watercolor drawings created by Bonaparte as a child that became the basis of her book, *Cinq cahiers écrits par une petite fille entre sept ans et demi et dix ans et leurs commentaires*. Also closed are short writings by Bonaparte, many of which are autobiographical. The closed correspondence includes typescripts of letters exchanged between Bonaparte and the French statesman Aristide Briand between 1914 and 1931. The collection also contains a large number of letters exchanged by Freud and Bonaparte between 1925 and 1939. Also included are a series of notebooks in which Bonaparte recorded the progress of her analysis with Freud.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in six series:

- [Journals, 1913-1961](#)
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- Closed, 1889-1961

Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1	<u>Journals, 1913-1961</u> Journals <i>See Closed</i> Arranged chronologically.
BOX 1-9	<u>General Correspondence, 1914-1961</u> Correspondence with related attachments. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent and therein chronologically.
BOX 9-10	<u>Subject File, 1923-1962</u> Correspondence, notes, notebooks, court records, lists, obituaries, genealogical notes, photograph, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material and therein chronologically.
BOX 10	<u>Writings, 1889-1961</u> Drafts of books and short literary works, notes, notebooks, outlines, and watercolor drawings. Arranged alphabetically by type of publication and therein alphabetically by title.
BOX 10	<u>Addition, post-1937</u> Bound notebook containing notes by Bonaparte on Sigmund Freud's letters to Wilhelm Fliess. Arranged chronologically in a single volume.
BOX X 1-X 23	<u>Closed, 1889-1961</u> Journals, correspondence, drafts of writings, notes, notebooks, and watercolor drawings. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

Container List

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BOX 1	Alexander, Franz, 1928, 1934-1940, 1949-1959, undated Allendy, René, 1928-1939 "A" miscellaneous, 1938-1960 Bernfeld, Siegfried, and Suzanne Bernfeld Cassirer, 1937, 1952-1954 Bibring, Edward and Grete L., 1936-1940, 1948-1960, undated (2 folders) Breuer, Elsa, 1936-1948 Briand, Aristide <i>See Closed</i> Brunswick, Ruth Mack, 1925-1945 (8 folders)
BOX 2	"B" miscellaneous, 1930-1960, undated (4 folders) Cassirer, Suzanne Bernfeld <i>See Container 1, Bernfeld, Siegfried, and Suzanne Bernfeld Cassirer</i> Choisy, Maryse, to Anna Freud, 1946-1947 "C" miscellaneous, 1928-1960, undated (2 folders) Deutsche, Helene, 1929-1935, 1951 "D" miscellaneous, 1946-1960, undated Eissler, K. R. and Ruth, 1938, 1950-1961 (3 folders) Eitingon, Max From, 1927-1946, undated (5 folders) To, 1925-1941, undated (3 folders)
BOX 3	Empeirikos, Andreas, 1940, 1948-1958 Erikson, Erik, 1933, 1949, undated Federn, Paul, 1933-1938, 1946-1947, undated Ferenczi, Sándor, 1927-1933 Flournoy, Henri, 1927-1946, 1952-1955 Freud, Anna <i>See Closed</i> Freud, Sigmund <i>See Closed</i>

General Correspondence, 1914-1961

Container

Contents

	"F" miscellaneous, 1929-1960, undated (2 folders)
	Garma, Angel, 1936, 1946, 1952-1953, undated
	Geleerd, Elisabeth R., 1939, 1955-1957
	Gillespie, William H., 1953-1960 (2 folders)
	Glover, Edward, 1934-1939, 1949-1953, 1960, undated
	Greenacre, Phyllis, 1951-1955
	"G" miscellaneous, 1933-1960, undated (2 folders)
	Hartmann, Heinz and Dora, 1930-1960, undated (3 folders)
	Hesnard, A., 1928-1937, 1945-1949, 1960, undated
	Hoffer, Wilhelm and Hedwig, 1936-1939, 1947-1960, undated
	"H" miscellaneous, 1932-1959 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Jekels, Ludwig, 1929-1939, 1953, undated
	Jones, Ernest, 1928-1959, undated (3 folders)
	Jury, Paul, 1932-1936, 1951-1952
	"J" miscellaneous, 1932-1951
	Kouretas, D., 1949-1959, undated
	Kris, Ernst and Marianne, 1932, 1942-1960
	"K" miscellaneous, 1938-1960, undated
	Lacan, Jacques, 1933, 1939, 1948-1952, undated
	Laforgue, René, 1924-1961, undated (4 folders)
	Lagache, Daniel, 1935-1939, 1945-1960, undated
	Lampl, Hans, and Jeanne Lampl-de Groot, 1936-1940, 1946-1960 (2 folders)
BOX 5	Lebovici, Serge, 1952-1959, undated
	Lechat, Fernand, 1935-1959, undated
	Lehrman, Philip R., 1929-1932, 1951-1953
	Leuba, John, 1933-1951, undated
	Loewenstein, Rudolph Maurice, 1931-1960, undated (5 folders)
	Logre, Benjamin Joseph, 1952-1959, undated
	"L" miscellaneous, 1929-1959, undated (2 folders)
	Marty, Pierre, 1940, 1953-1961
	Meng, Heinrich, 1932-1939, 1955-1960
BOX 6	"M" miscellaneous, 1929-1960, undated (2 folders)
	Nacht, Sacha, 1933-1937, 1947-1960, undated (2 folders)
	"N" miscellaneous, 1936-1958, undated

General Correspondence, 1914-1961

Container

Contents

- Odier, Charles and Ilse, 1916-1954, undated
(3 folders)
"O" miscellaneous, 1929-1954
Pankejeff, Sergius, 1929, 1935-1938, 1946-1947, 1951-1954
Parcheminey, Georges, 1928-1953
(2 folders)
Pichon, Edouard, 1924-1940, undated
(2 folders)
"P" miscellaneous, 1933-1959
Ramzy, Ishak, 1953, undated
Rodker, John
1939-1948
(2 folders)
BOX 7 1949-1958, undated
(5 folders)
Róheim, Géza
1920, 1928-1939
(6 folders)
BOX 8 1945-1953, undated
Roos, Allan, 1960
"R" miscellaneous, 1928-1960
Sachs, Hanns, 1928-1946
(3 folders)
Sachs, Wulf, 1941-1949, undated
Sarasin, Philipp, 1933, 1939, 1947-1959
Saussure, Raymond de, 1928-1958, undated
(4 folders)
Schiff, Paul, 1932-1943
Schlumberger, Marc, 1934-1938, 1945, 1950
Schur, Max, 1924-1942, 1951-1960, undated
(3 folders)
Servadio, Emilio, 1934-1939, 1947-1957
Sessions, Barbara, 1931-1939, undated
(2 folders)
Simmel, Ernst, 1929-1931
Spitz, René A., 1933-1939, 1945-1960, undated
BOX 9 Sterba, Richard and Editha, 1934-1937, 1954, undated
Storfer, A. J., 1928-1932, 1938, 1943
"S" miscellaneous, 1930-1960, undated
(2 folders)
Tamm, Alfchild, 1932-1934
Tarachow, Sidney, 1960
"V" miscellaneous, 1947-1959
Williams, Margaret, 1950-1957, undated *See also Container 10, same heading*
"W" miscellaneous, 1928-1960, undated
(2 folders)

General Correspondence, 1914-1961

Container

Contents

Zavitzianos, George, 1948-1960, undated
(4 folders)
Zilboorg, Gregory, 1932
Collectively signed letter, postcards, and telegrams, 1935-1960
Unidentified, 1937-1940, 1956-1959, undated

BOX 9-10

Subject File, 1923-1962

Correspondence, notes, notebooks, court records, lists, obituaries, genealogical notes, photograph, and printed matter.
Arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material and therein chronologically.

BOX 9

Conférence des Psychanalystes de Langue Française, draft of opening remarks, 1938
Dreams, notes *See Closed*
Freud, Sigmund
Letters to Wilhelm Fliess, purchase, 1937 *See also Closed*
List and excerpts of Freud's letters to Bonaparte cited in Ernest Jones's biography of Freud
See Closed
Medical treatment by Antoine Lacassagne *See Closed*
Record of Bonaparte's analysis *See Closed*

BOX 10

International Psycho-Analytical Association, 1955-1961
Internationaler Psychoanalytischer Verlag, 1934, undated
Jewish settlement in Baja California, proposal, 1938
Living Thoughts Library, 1938-1939
Newspaper clippings, list of, undated
Obituaries and genealogical notes, 1961-1962, undated
Photograph of Bonaparte, undated
William, Margaret, case *See also Container 9, same heading*
Clippings, 1953
Correspondence, 1950-1953
Court documents, 1951-1953
(3 folders)
Notes by Bonaparte, 1951, undated

BOX 10

Writings, 1889-1961

Drafts of books and short literary works, notes, notebooks, outlines, and watercolor drawings.
Arranged alphabetically by type of publication and therein alphabetically by title.

BOX 10

Books *See Closed*
Notes and outlines, 1939, undated
Short literary works *See Closed*

BOX 10

Addition, post-1937

Bound notebook containing notes by Bonaparte on Sigmund Freud's letters to Wilhelm Fliess.
Arranged chronologically in a single volume.

Addition, post-1937

Container

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BOX 10	Notes by Bonaparte on Sigmund Freud's letters to Wilhelm Fliess, post 1937
BOX X 1-X 23	Closed, 1889-1961 Journals, correspondence, drafts of writings, notes, notebooks, and watercolor drawings. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.
BOX X 1	Journals (Container 1) Journal No. 1, "Journal d'une femme, le bonheur d'être aimée," 1913 1918 (15 folders) Journal No. 2 Outline, undated Text 1919 1920 Jan. 13-30 (2 folders)
BOX X 2	Feb. 1-May 4 1921-1922 (10 folders)
BOX X 3	1923 1924 Jan. 24-Sept. 5 (3 folders)
BOX X 4	Sept. 24-Dec. 29 1925-1927 (5 folders) "Journal de ma vieillesse," 1959-1961 (5 folders)
BOX X 5	General Correspondence Briand, Aristide (Container 1) From, 1918-1925 (5 folders) To, 1914-1931 (8 folders) Freud, Anna, 1960-1961 (Container 3) Freud, Sigmund (Container 3) From 1925-1927 (7 folders) 1928 Jan.-Apr. May-Nov. (2 folders)
BOX X 6	1929-1937 (19 folders)
BOX X 7	1938-1939 (3 folders)

	To
	1925-1927
	(12 folders)
BOX X 8	1928-1932
	(15 folders)
BOX X 9	1933-1939
	(12 folders)
	To Freud and Bonaparte from others enclosed in the Freud-Bonaparte correspondence, 1926-1939
BOX X 10	Subject File
	Dreams, notes (Container 9)
	1923-1940
	(14 folders)
BOX X 11	1941-1961
	(12 folders)
	Freud, Sigmund
	Letters to Wilhelm Fliess, purchase, 1936-1937, 1951-1954 (Container 9)
	List and excerpts of Freud's letters to Bonaparte cited in Ernest Jones's biography of Freud, 1961 (Container 9)
	Medical treatment by Antoine Lacassagne, 1939, 1954 (Container 9)
BOX X 12	Record of Bonaparte's analysis (Container 9)
	Notebooks
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	(9 folders)
BOX X 13	1925, Nov. 17-1926, Jan. 7
	(7 folders)
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	(6 folders)
	Selected excerpts, 1925-1929
	Handwritten
	(3 folders)
	Typescript
	(2 folders)
BOX X 16	Writings
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BOX X 17	(15 folders)
BOX X 18	(15 folders)
BOX X 19	(16 folders)
BOX X 20	(10 folders)
BOX X 21	<i>Cinq cahiers écrit par une petite fille entre sept ans et dix ans et leur commentaires</i>
	Notebooks, 1889-1892
	(5 folders)
	Watercolor drawings, 1889
	Short literary works (Container 10)

	"Le bonheur d'être aimée," 1914-1919, undated (4 folders)
	"La chambre aux rideaux d'or," 1920-1921 (2 folders)
	"Deutsche Gedichte," 1943-1946, undated
	"Exil austral," 1941-1943 (2 folders)
	"Le Fils," 1937
	"La Guerre et mon fils," 1941
BOX X 22	"Les Lettres brûlées," 1929 (3 folders)
	"Le Livre de l'enfant et des bêtes," undated
	"Une Mère et un fils," undated
	"La Moitié d'un coeur," undated (6 folders)
	"Les Murs," undated
	"Narcisse au soleil couchant," undated
	"Pascal," 1926-1927 (2 folders)
BOX X 23	"Le Passage de Sappho," circa 1947-1948
	"La Survivante," 1915-1919
	"Vaga," 1961, undated (4 folders)
	"Le Vieux Compagnon," 1939