

THE ARTHUR CARR COLLECTION

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Provenance

The Arthur Carr Collection of letters and photographs was donated to the Archives of Psychiatry (now the Oskar Diethelm Library) of New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center by Arthur Carr, Ph.D. in July 1988. Dr. Carr is Professor of Clinical Psychology in Psychiatry of the Westchester Division of New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. There are no restrictions on use of the material. The collection consists of 4 folders.

In June 1989 Arthur Carr presented the Oskar Diethelm Library with an audiotape of his 1960 interview with the adult little Hans, Herbert Graf.

Biography

Letters and photographs from four individuals comprise this collection. Short biographical notes for them follow:

Lauretta Bender, M.D., born 1897, died 1987, psychiatrist. Her professional interests included adolescence, children and neurology. She held a variety of posts in New York City.

Carney Landis, Ph.D., born 1897, died 1962, psychologist. His research included work in psychopathology, brain function, and vision. He taught for many years at Columbia University.

Henry Murray, Ph.D., born 1893, died 1988, psychologist. He was a pioneer in the development of personality theory. He taught at Harvard University for almost 40 years. He was one of the early American-born psychoanalysts and a selector of undercover agents for the Office of Strategic Services in World War II.

Zygmunt A. Piotrowski, Ph.D., born 1904, died 1985, psychologist. His interests included personality, projection tests, and prognosis. He taught at Columbia University and New York University.

Scope and Content, Inventory

The collection is comprised of a small quantity of short letters and photographs from the four individuals named above, sent to Arthur Carr. The letters are of a personal nature, and the dates span from ca.1960-1988.

Folder 1	Lauretta Bender, photographs and notes	1973-1983
2	Carney Landis, photograph and postcards	ca. 1960
3	Henry Murray, photograph and note, obituary	1978-1988
4	Zygmunt A. Piotrowski, note	1971
5	Hans Graf (Little Hans), audiotape	n.d.

Related information:

A reel-to-reel audiotape of an interview by Arthur Carr with the adult Little Hans, Herbert Graf, is an accretion to this collection. Hans was the first born (1903) of psychoanalyst Max Graf, who was one of Freud's closest disciples. Four and a half year old little Hans had a sexually oriented phobia that started after the birth of his sister. He was seen by Freud. Psychoanalysts hailed the story of little Hans as the first confirmation of Freud's theory of infantile sexuality obtained by direct observation of a child. It was also the first example of child analysis and the first control analysis on record.

The audiotape is supplemented by a transcription and a letter by Arthur Carr, and an obituary of Herbert Graf, 1973. Two articles about the possible source for the name of Little Hans complete this donation.