Provenance

There are no formal records of acquisition of the Henry Phipps Psychiatric Clinic collection. However, the records belonged to Dr. Oskar Diethelm during his affiliation with Johns Hopkins Medical School where he was an Instructor and Associate in Psychiatry from 1927-1932 and Associate Professor of Psychiatry from 1932-1936. In 1936 Dr. Diethelm was appointed Professor of Psychiatry at Cornell University Medical College and the collection has been housed here.
The collection is comprised of 1.2 cubic ft. housed in three .4 cubic ft. boxes.

Access Restrictions

Box 2 folders 3, 4, 6-8, 17, 19 and Box 3 folder 1 are restricted due PHI (private health information). The folders have been removed from Box 2 and 3 and stored separately.

History

The Henry Phipps Psychiatric Clinic was opened in 1913 and is a division of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. The clinic was funded in part by Henry Phipps. Dr. Adolf Meyer was Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Psychiatric Clinic of Johns Hopkins Hospital beginning in 1909.

At the Phipps Clinic the leadership of Meyer shaped developments along two mutually supporting lines. First, Meyer strove to gain scientific recognition of the functioning human being as the central feature in psychiatry. He strove toward insuring a practical
acknowledgement of, and a realistic dealing with, the psychological modes of human 
functioning. To this end he developed and taught a philosophical orientation to psychiatry known 
as psychobiology. Second, in the practical work of the clinic Meyer insisted upon a pluralistic 
and pragmatic collection of all available facts about a given patient as the basis for action. The 
voluminous case records so gathered became the main research material of the Phipps Clinic.

Scope and Content

The collection is arranged into three series. The names of the series and the years they 
encompass are as follows:

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STAFF CONFERENCES (Series I, 1929 – 1936, 1 1/4 boxes) were attended by the entire staff 
of psychiatrists and residents every morning six days a week. Dr. Diethelm, as Chief Resident 
Physician, selected the speaker who was to present the discussion. Dr. Meyer presided and 
occasionally spoke during the entire conference. Often there were invited guests who spoke 
about specific topics such as psychobiology, history and psychoanalysis. Nearly every patient 
admitted was discussed at some time during the staff conferences.

PSYCHIC RESEARCH (Series II, 1932 – 1941, 1 1/4 boxes) consists of transcripts of 
interviews conducted by Dr. Meyer with three women. These people professed to be psychics 
and the interviews were conducted along these lines.

TEACHING AND COURSE MATERIAL (Series III, 1926 – 1932, 2 folders) consists of 
some of Dr. Meyer’s material he used in teaching psychiatry to first through fourth year students 
at Johns Hopkins University. These include examinations, outlines, and handouts prepared by 
Meyer for distribution to students about various aspects of psychiatry.

Inventory

Box 1
Series I  STAFF CONFERENCES
Folder 1  Background information about staff conferences  1968
        2  Discussion of panic  1/1930
3 General topics, education and psychiatry, delinquency, schizophrenic deterioration 5-6/1932
4 Introductory staff presentation by Adolf Meyer 9/1932
5 Historical discussion. Dr. Rosett’s description of his neurological research 1-2/1933
6 Dr. Meyer on symbolization 2-4/1933
Dr. Diethelm on panic
7 Interview with Dr. Kubie. Dr. Diethelm on Rorschach and handwriting analysis.
Dr. Meyer on psychobiology 11-12/1933
8 Dr. Meyer on teaching first year psychopathology course 2/1934
Dr. Meyer on teaching staff
9 Teaching psychobiology 2-5/1934
Historical review
Dr. Guttmacher on court psychiatry
10 General discussion 5/1934-4/1935
Dr. Meyer on psychobiology and behaviorism
Social medicine
11 Psychoanalysis 4-5/1935
Dr. Barbu on state hospitals
Dr. Meyer on teaching
12 Introductory staff meeting 9/1935
Dr. Meyer on teaching
Dr. Meyer on current psychiatric concepts
13 Description of treatment 9-10/1935
Dr. Rado
14 Compulsion neurosis 10/1935

Box 2
Series I STAFF CONFERENCES
Folder 1 Case presentations 11/1933 and 1/1936
Dr. Diethelm on chronic alcoholism
Clinical description of schizophrenia
2 Relationship to state hospitals 3/1932
Frank Leiton
3 Case presentations RESTRICTED n.d.
Three case descriptions
Form for test for hospital attendant
4 Notes on cases examined at Spring Grove State RESTRICTED 1-4/1932
Hospital by Dr. Barbu

5 Report of Dr. Meyer re: Spring Grove and Springfield State Hospitals 5/1932

6 Description of patient RESTRICTED 1929

7 Legal case, defendant RESTRICTED 1929

Testimony by Dr. Diethelm

8 Case presentation by resident RESTRICTED 1929

Series II PSYCHIC RESEARCH

9 Psychic research - Miss Cross 1/26/1933
Interviewed by Dr. Meyer

10 Psychic research - Mrs. Garrett 11/14/1932
Interviewed by Dr. Meyer

11 Mrs. Garrett 11/15/1932

12 Mrs. Garrett 11/16/1932

13 Mrs. Garrett 11/17/1932

14 Mrs. Garrett 11/18/1932

15 Mrs. Garrett 11/19/1932

16 Mrs. Garrett 11/21/1932

17 Mrs. Garrett RESTRICTED 11/22/1932

18 Mrs. Garrett 11/23/1932

19 Dr. David Levy’s results of Rorschach Test given 1-9/1933
to Mrs. Garrett and related material RESTRICTED

Box 3

Series II PSYCHIC RESEARCH

Folder 1 Psychic research - Mrs. Massingbird-Rogers RESTRICTED 4/1940
Interviewed by Dr. Meyer

2 Mrs. Massingbird-Rogers 4/1940-1/1941

3 Mrs. Massingbird-Rogers 1/1941

4 Mrs. Massingbird-Rogers 1-2/1941

Series III TEACHING AND COURSE MATERIAL

5 First through fourth years 1926-1932

6 First and second years n.d.