

THE RALPH CROWLEY PAPERS

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Provenance

Dr. Crowley bequeathed his papers to the Archives of Psychiatry (now the Oskar Diethelm Library), New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. The papers arrived after 1984 through the efforts of his sons.

The collection is comprised of 2 cubic ft. housed in five .4 cubic ft. boxes;

There are no restrictions regarding use of the collection.

Biography

Ralph Manning Crowley was born in Madison, Wisconsin in 1905 and died in 1984. He received his M.A. in psychology in 1928 from the University of Wisconsin, where he was strongly influenced by Norman Cameron. Crowley became an analyst of Lionel Blitzstein, who introduced the psychodynamic approach to Crowley. He began analytic training at the Chicago Analytic Institute. In 1934 he began residency training at the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital in Baltimore. Crowley completed his training at the Washington-Baltimore Psychoanalytic Society training program, where he first became influenced by Harry Stack Sullivan.

Crowley became a member of the faculty of the Washington-Baltimore Psychoanalytic Institute in 1938 and a Training Analyst in 1941. He moved to New York City in 1946 in order to set up a private practice. He was soon asked to be a faculty member and training and supervisory analyst at the William Alanson White Institute and, in 1948, he was made a Fellow. He helped organize the Low Cost Psychoanalytic Service of the Institute, and was its Director and Director of

Clinical Services from 1948 until 1960. He held distinguished consultantships and hospital appointments. He was a Past President of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and of the William Alanson White Psychoanalytic Society. He had approximately 65 publications to his credit.

Scope and Content

The collection is divided into three series: PAPERS RELATING TO HARRY STACK SULLIVAN, NON-SULLIVAN PAPERS, and AUDIOTAPES.

PAPERS RELATING TO HARRY STACK SULLIVAN (Series I, 1927-1982, 3 boxes) consist principally of Crowley's notes pertaining to Sullivan's psychoanalytic theories, including notes he took as a student of Sullivan's while attending the Washington-Baltimore Psychoanalytic Society in 1935. Crowley prepared additional notes about Sullivan for a course Crowley taught at the William Alanson White Institute in New York City. This series also includes Crowley's notes, drafts and correspondence for a biography of Sullivan he was preparing. Of particular interest are several letters written in the 1970's by Sullivan's adopted son, Jimmie, concerning his initial relationship with Sullivan. Additional correspondence regards Crowley's bibliography of Sullivan's works. Also included in this series are published and unpublished articles written about Sullivan by individuals other than Crowley, as well as copies of some of Sullivan's papers. There are also a small number of Sullivan's personal papers such as photographs, a caricature, and copies of his medical school diploma and death certificate. Crowley identified contents of groupings of his papers by writing notes on brown manila envelopes. Some of these have been saved and are placed in the appropriate folders.

NON SULLIVAN PAPERS (Series II, 1934-1975, 2 folders) consist of general correspondence and reprints by Clara Thompson.

AUDIOTAPES (Series III, 1945-1975, 2 boxes). This series consists of audiotapes about Sullivan; several record a symposium held at Chestnut Lodge Research Institute in Maryland regarding various aspects of Sullivan's psychoanalytic theories. There are both reel to reel and cassette tapes of the symposium. A few tapes are presentations by Dorothy Blitsten, Patrick Mullahy, Marion Langer and Clifton Read. One tape made by Crowley records versions of his biography of Sullivan. Crowley's notes on the tapes, as well as correspondence, form part of this series. The quality of the tapes is frequently poor; portions of them are inaudible.

Inventory

Box #1

Series I

PAPERS PERTAINING TO HARRY STACK SULLIVAN

Folder 1	Sullivan's personal papers, including photographs, caricature by Henry Major, letter, copies of medical school diploma, and death certificate	ca. 1945-1949
2	Notes written by Crowley on books, articles, and a course taught by Sullivan in 1935 and 1944	1935-1944
3	Notes written by Crowley on books, articles, and a course taught by Sullivan in 1935 Notes for a course Crowley taught about Sullivan	1930's-1960's
4	'Sullivan as Clinician' Crowley's supervision with Sullivan Notes on Sullivan	1937-1938
5	Retyped notes Crowley prepared on Sullivan	1971
6	Crowley's notes re Sullivan's views on schizophrenia	1940
7	Crowley's notes on Sullivan's life. Correspondence, reprints about Sullivan	1950-1973
8	Notes and administrative letters on a course Crowley gave at White Institute	1969-1972
9	Crowley's notes re: Sullivan on therapy	1969-1971
10	Verbatim cases	n.d.
11	Notes on Dr. Bullard's reminiscences of Sullivan Bullard's obituary	1972
12	Crowley's notes on Sullivan's seminars, quotes	n.d.
13	Crowley's notes on Sullivan's "Theory of Sexual Development"	

	Essay "On the Difficulties of Teaching Sullivanian Interpersonal Theory"	n.d.
14	Crowley's drafts of paper "Sullivan: Treatment of Psychosis"	n.d.
15	Crowley's quotes of Sullivan's published writings	n.d.
16	Crowley's notes on Sullivan	n.d.

Box # 2

Series I

PAPERS PERTAINING TO HARRY STACK SULLIVAN

Folder 1	Material re: Crowley's biography of Sullivan Includes letter from Jimmie Sullivan	1970's
2	Material re: Crowley's biography of Sullivan for an encyclopedia article. Includes letters from Jimmie Sullivan	1970's
3	Crowley's notes and outlines for his biography of Sullivan	1970's
4	Letters sent to Crowley for his biography of Sullivan. Includes letters by Helen Perry	1962-1976
5	Crowley's draft of biography of Sullivan and other material re: Sullivan	1970-1973
6	Agenda for 1974 symposium on Sullivan Galley proof of Crowley's short biography of Sullivan used in symposium	1970-1974
7	Correspondence and notes for Crowley's biography of Sullivan	1971-1976
8	Notes and drafts of Crowley's papers "Notes on Sullivan's Approach to the Science of Man" and Sullivan's "Concepts of Unique Personality"	1970-1971
9	Crowley's correspondence re: bibliography Old bibliography	1970-1976
10	Crowley's bibliography of Sullivan	1970-1974

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| 11 | Manuscript by Arthur David Robbins, "Harry Stack Sullivan: The Man or His Work" | 1980 |
| 12 | "Sullivan's Approach in Therapy with his Comments on Particular Patients" by Jane Pearce | 1950 |
| 13 | Crowley's essay re Sullivan's importance | 1980 |

Box # 3

Series I PAPERS PERTAINING TO HARRY STACK SULLIVAN

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| Folder 1 | Reprints of Sullivan's papers | 1927-1948 |
| 2 | Articles about Sullivan | 1949-1962 |
| 3 | Articles about Sullivan | 1971-1982 |
| 4 | Glossary re: interpersonal dictionary. Article by Herbert A. Rosenfeld "Infantile Anxiety and Psychosis" | 1962 |
| 5 | Articles written by David Elkind | 1972 |
| 6 | Correspondence and papers re: Sullivan. Includes letters from Dorothy Blitsten | 1966-1977 |

Series II NON SULLIVAN PAPERS

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| 7 | General correspondence | 1934-1975 |
| 8 | Reprints by Clara Thompson | 1942-1959 |

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Series III AUDIOTAPES

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| Folder 1 | Tape I of Sullivan symposium at Chestnut Lodge Research Institute re: homosexuality, catatonia, paranoia, etc. | 10/1945 |
| 2 | Tape II of Sullivan symposium at Chestnut Lodge Research Institute on sexual behavior and classification, needs for intimacy | |

	and tenderness, lust, dynamism and loneliness, and schizophrenia	11/1969
3	Tape III of Sullivan symposium at Chestnut Lodge Research Institute on blushing, modes of experience, etc.	10/1945
4	Tape IV of Sullivan symposium at Chestnut Lodge Research Institute on personal inventory and therapy, dream experience, conduct of therapy, etc. Includes Crowley's notes on tape	10/1945
5	Two cassette tapes from published works of Sullivan "The Illusion of Personal Individuality"	n.d.
6	Audiotape and Crowley's notes from Sullivan tape on blushing	n.d.
7	Copy of a Sullivan tape, unidentified	n.d.

**Box # 5
Series II**

AUDIOTAPES

Folder 1	Tape of Dorothy Blitsten's discussion of Sullivan Crowley's notes on tape recording	10/21/1969
2	Ralph Crowley on Sullivan as clinician Patrick Mullahy on Sullivan in relation to Mullahy's recent book and personal reminiscences and development of ideas	11/1969
3	Tape of Marion Langer and Clifton Read on Sullivan	11/16/1971
4	Tape of Crowley's biographies of Sullivan-long and short versions Outline of biography	1/12/1974
5	Correspondence re: Sullivan tapes	1973-1975

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Folder 6	Correspondence with Clara Thompson	1945-1958
7	Correspondence with Lawrence Kubie, Norman Cameron and others re: Harry Stack Sullivan, and other matters	1970-1975

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| 8 | Comments made by Dexter Bullard re: Sullivan | 1969 |
| 9 | Correspondence and death certificate of Sullivan
Correspondence re: other matters | 1949-1978 |