Guide to the Edith Banfield Jackson Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1296

CREATOR: Jackson, Edith Banfield, 1895-1977

TITLE: Edith Banfield Jackson papers

DATES: 1947–1959

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers include photographs, scrapbooks, correspondence, and memorabilia documenting Edith B. Jackson’s Yale Rooming-In Research Project at the Grace-New Haven Community Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut. The impact of the rooming-in concept on the medical profession is also documented.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Transferred from the Yale University Historical Medical Library, 1980.

Conditions Governing Access
The materials are open for research.
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**Preferred Citation**

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**Separated Materials**

Models of the rooming-in unit that were originally part of the collection were transferred to the Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2008.

**Biographical / Historical**

Edith Banfield Jackson was born in 1895. A graduate of Vassar College (B.A. 1916) and John Hopkins University (M.D. 1921), Jackson held various teaching positions at the Yale University School of Medicine from 1924 to 1929. After a brief hiatus in which she underwent training and analysis with Sigmund Freud, she returned to Yale in 1936 as professor in pediatrics and psychiatry and remained until her retirement in 1959. A child psychiatrist and pioneer in family-centered maternity and infant care and parent-infant bonding, she is best known for her work on the Yale Rooming-In Research Project. She developed the rooming-in plan to allow parents to have an increased role in the care of their newborn children within hospitals. From 1946 to 1952 Jackson directed the experimental rooming-in unit at the Grace-New Haven Community Hospital. The project served as the model for a new obstetrical unit at Yale-New Haven Hospital and stimulated change in the institutionalized care of mothers and infants.

**Scope and Contents**

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**Arrangement**

The papers are arranged by record type.
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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.

Subjects
Medicine
Newborn infants -- Care

Genres / Formats
Scrapbooks

Names
Jackson, Edith Banfield, 1895-1977

Corporate Body
Grace-New Haven Community Hospital