

Guide to the Catherine Strunk Amatruda Papers

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CREATOR: Amatruda, Catherine Strunk, 1903-

TITLE: Catherine Strunk Amatruda papers

DATES: 1929-1983

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.83 linear feet (5 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of writings, research data, correspondence, examination materials, and printed material documenting the professional career of Catherine S. Amatruda, a pediatrician at Yale University and author of several articles and books. The papers highlight Amatruda's clinical research and writing on the norms for infant development and methods for the developmental diagnosis of infant behavior and her collaborative work with Arnold Gesell.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Joseph V. Baldwin, 1983.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical / Historical

Catherine S. Amatruda was born March 4, 1903 in Ithaca, New York. Amatruda held the position of research pediatrician at the Clinic of Child Development at Yale University, and was appointed to the Department of Pediatrics and the Child Study Center at Yale. She collaborated on many books, including *Developmental Diagnosis* (1941). Amatruda died on September 1, 1949, in New Haven, Connecticut.

Scope and Contents

The Catherine Strunk Amatruda Papers consist of correspondence, writings, research data, examination materials, and printed material, which document Catherine Amatruda's professional career as a research pediatrician at Yale University. The papers highlight Amatruda's clinical research and writing on the norms for infant development and methods for the developmental diagnosis of infant behavior and her collaborative work with Arnold Gesell.

The Amatruda Papers are organized in five series. SERIES I, *DEVELOPMENTAL DIAGNOSIS*, contains annotated drafts of the child development study written by Amatruda and Arnold Gesell. This work is the outgrowth of years of clinical research with infants and young children. Amatruda's annotations are often quite extensive, and reflect substantive changes in the format and content of the volume. Appendices (folder 21) contain a series of charts and tables which outlines much of the experimental work conducted.

SERIES II, *DEVELOPMENTAL SCHEDULES*, contains the raw data used in the formulation of schedules for *Developmental Diagnosis*. Portions of the data in these files are unpublished, however. Data recorded in parentheses appear to be that of Amatruda, while Gesell's normative data are recorded without parentheses. Asterisks next to data items indicate representative behavior in children at that particular age level.

SERIES III, *TOPICAL FILES*, contains annual reports, articles, book reviews, correspondence, lectures, miscellanea, and photographs. Annual reports (folder 40) date from 1929 to 1951 and include summary statements on the yearly work of the Yale University Clinic of Child Development and Child Study Center. These reports contain updates on the progress of literary and research projects for Amatruda, Gesell, and others, as well as evaluations of the ongoing work of the entire institution. Articles (folders 41-43) consist of medical and scientific articles written by Amatruda, Gesell, and others.

Correspondence (folders 45-48) contains a single folder of letters to Amatruda (folder 45). These letters are brief notes of thanks or inquiry and include one from Yale president Charles Seymour, who congratulated Amatruda on her book *Developmental Diagnosis*. The correspondence of Toby (William T.) Amatruda, Catherine Amatruda's son, is arranged in this series (folder 46). Toby and Joseph V. Baldwin, a long-time colleague of Catherine Amatruda, exchanged letters in 1981-1982. Baldwin responded in

great detail to requests for biographical and personal information on Amatruda, and he also contributed manuscript materials to the Amatruda Papers. Among his contributions are letters with Arnold Gesell (folder 47). These letters are routine notes, frequently confirming speaking engagements. Two clippings, however, contain articles about the Yale Child Study Center. Baldwin also included his correspondence on the donation of the Amatruda Papers to Yale University (folder 48).

Other material arranged in this series consists of book reviews of *Developmental Diagnosis* and other works by Amatruda (folder 44), lectures delivered at a psychiatry seminar (folder 49), photographs of Amatruda with patients (folder 51), and miscellaneous notes and papers (folder 50).

SERIES IV, EXAMINATION MATERIALS, contains a collection of children's toys, such as rattles, balls, blocks, bells, crayons, cards, rings, and books. Other objects include a bottle with pellets, a spoon, penknife, and paper. These items were used extensively in the course of testing conducted by Amatruda.

SERIES V, PRINTED MATERIAL, contains published works which Amatruda authored or contributed to in her professional career.

Arrangement

Arranged in five series: I. *Developmental Diagnosis*, 1940-1941. II. Developmental Schedules, 1941. III. Topical Files, 1929-1983. IV. Examination Materials, n.d. V. Printed Materials, 1934-1945.

Collection Contents

Series I: Developmental Diagnosis, 1940-1941

0.5 linear feet (1 box)

This series contains drafts of chapters and related information for *Developmental Diagnosis*. Files are arranged in chapter sequence, with miscellaneous chapter drafts organized at the end of the series.

b. 1, f. 1	Preface	1941
b. 1, f. 2	Introduction	1941
	Chapters	
b. 1, f. 3	I. The Development of Behaviour	1941
b. 1, f. 4	II. The Developmental Examination of Behaviour	
b. 1, f. 5	III. Norms of Development	1941
b. 1, f. 6	IV. The Conduct of the Examination	1941
b. 1, f. 7	V. Problems of Differential Diagnosis	1941
b. 1, f. 8	VI. Amentia and Retardation	1941
b. 1, f. 9	VII. Amentia of High Grade	1941
b. 1, f. 10	VIII. Amentia of Low Grade	1941
b. 1, f. 11	IX. Endocrine Disorders	1941
b. 1, f. 12	X. Convulsive Disorders	1941
b. 1, f. 13	XI. The Neurological Diagnosis of Infant Behaviour	1941
b. 1, f. 14	XII. Cerebral Injury	1941
	XIII. Special Sensory Handicaps	1941
	See: box 1, folder 15	
b. 1, f. 15	XIV. Deafness	1941
b. 1, f. 16	XV. Precocity	1941
b. 1, f. 17	XVI. Environmental Retardation	1941
b. 1, f. 18	XVII. Clinical Aspects of Child Adoption	1941
b. 1, f. 19	XVIII. Diagnosis and Guidance	1941
b. 1, f. 20	XIX. Developmental Supervision	1941
b. 1, f. 21	Appendices A-D	1941
b. 1, f. 22	Illustrations: memos	1941
b. 1, f. 23	Glossary	1941

Chapters (continued)

b. 1, f. 24	Drafts: chapters	1940-1941
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Series II: Developmental Schedules, 1941

0.5 linear feet (1 box)

This series contains a group of developmental schedules for infants and pre-school children. Portions of the data were used in *Developmental Diagnosis*. (See: Series I.)

These schedules are arranged according to the ages of the children tested, with summary material placed in the first folder and undated material organized at the end of the series.

Actual names of children have been anonymized in these files. The unanonymized original developmental schedules have been destroyed.

b. 2, f. 25	Quarterly summaries	undated
b. 2, f. 26	4-8 weeks	undated
b. 2, f. 27	12-16-20 weeks	undated
b. 2, f. 28	24-28-32 weeks	undated
b. 2, f. 29	36-40-44 weeks	undated
b. 2, f. 30	48-52-56 weeks	undated
b. 2, f. 31	15 months	undated
b. 2, f. 32	18 months	undated
b. 2, f. 33	21 months	undated
b. 2, f. 34	24 months	undated
b. 2, f. 35	27 months	undated
b. 2, f. 36	30 months	undated
b. 2, f. 37	36 months	undated
b. 2, f. 38-39	Miscellaneous	undated

Series III: Topical Files, 1929-1983*0.5 linear feet (1 box)*

This series contains files arranged alphabetically by the type of material.

b. 3, f. 40	Annual reports	1929-1951
	Articles	
b. 3, f. 41	Amatruda, Catherine S.	1936-1951
b. 3, f. 42	Gesell, Arnold	1932-1943
b. 3, f. 43	Others	1932-1943
b. 3, f. 44	Book reviews	1941-1943
	Correspondence	
b. 3, f. 45	General	1941-1950, undated
b. 3, f. 46	Amatruda, Toby (William T.)	1981-1982
b. 3, f. 47	Gesell, Arnold	1944-1978, undated
b. 3, f. 48	Yale University	1979-1983
b. 3, f. 49	Lectures A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	undated
b. 3, f. 50	Miscellanea A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1944, 1952, undated
b. 3, f. 51	Photographs A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	undated

Series IV: Examination Materials, undated

1.17 linear feet (1 box)

This series consists of the materials used in child development tests. These toys, games, and miscellanea are arranged in a single box.

b. 4	Child testing materials	undated
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Series V: Printed Materials, 1934-1945*0.5 linear feet (1 box)*

This series contains printed material arranged alphabetically by title.

b. 5	<i>Biographies of Child Development</i> English	1939
b. 5	<i>Developmental Diagnosis</i> English	1941
b. 5, f. 53	<i>The Embryology of Behaviour</i>	1945
b. 5, f. 54	<i>History of Special Education for Mentally Deficient Children in Connecticut</i> English	1936
b. 5, f. 55	<i>Infant Behaviour</i> English	1934

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

Child development -- Testing
Medicine
Pediatrics
Physicians
Women

Names

Amatruda, Catherine Strunk, 1903-
Gesell, Arnold, 1880-1961

Corporate Bodies

Yale University. Child Study Center
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