

# Guide to the Gerhard and Hella Adler Papers

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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 901

**CREATOR:** Adler, Gerhard, 1904-1988

**TITLE:** Gerhard and Hella Adler papers

**DATES:** 1873-1959

**BULK DATES:** 1908-1956

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 5.04 linear feet (11 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** In English and German.

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of material documenting aspects of the life and work of the Jungian analysts Gerhard Adler and Hella Adler. Material includes drawings, sketchbooks, diagnostic and other notes, handwriting samples, correspondence, and other material. Included are numerous oil, gouache, watercolor, chalk, and pencil "dream drawings," and drawings and sketches in books, on loose sheets, oil boards, and card scrolls.

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

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Maggs Brothers Ltd. on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2011.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Gerhard and Hella Adler Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## Processing Information

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This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization, upon acquisition in 2012. Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Gerhard Adler and Hella Adler

Gerhard Adler (1904-1989) and Hella Adler (1907-2009), husband and wife, Jungian analysts who helped found the Society of Analytical Psychology in 1945 and the Association of Jungian Analysts in 1977.

Gerhard was born in Berlin in 1904, studied under the psychologist Carl Jung in Zurich, and worked as an analyst and held a post in a child guidance clinic in England. His published works include: *The Living Symbol: A Case Study in the Process of Individuation* (1961), *Studies in Analytical Psychology* (1966), and *Dynamics of the Self* (1979). He co-edited the English translation of Jung's collected works (1953) and edited two volumes of Jung's correspondence (1973, 1984).

Hella was born in Berlin in 1907 and worked with Emma Jung in Zurich. Gerhard and Hella immigrated to England in 1936 to avoid Nazi persecution, and had two children, Michael (born in 1939) and Miriam (born in 1944). After the war, they lived in Hampstead, bringing up their family and seeing patients. Gerhard died in 1989, and Hella died in 2009.

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## Scope and Contents

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handwriting samples, correspondence, and other material. Included are numerous oil, gouache, watercolor, chalk, and pencil "dream drawings," and drawings and sketches in books, on loose sheets, oil boards, and card scrolls.

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## **Arrangement**

Organized into two series: I. Correspondence, Notes, and Other Papers, 1873-1959. II. Drawings and Artwork, 1951-1956, undated.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, Notes, and Other Papers, 1873-1959

2 linear feet (2 boxes)

Arranged alphabetically by format.

b.1	Account book	[1936]
b.1	Appointment calendars 3 Folders	1948-1950
Correspondence		
b.1	Adler, Gerhard	[circa 1920-1954]
b.1	Adler, Hella	[circa 1939-1941]
b.1	Börnstein, Walter	[circa 1908-1935]
b.1	Walter, Fritz	1917-1920, undated
b.1	Unsorted 5 Folders	1873-1953, undated
b.1	Diagnostic notes 7 Folders	1952, undated
b.1	Diary	1952
b.1	Handwriting samples (adults) 5 Folders	1930s, undated
b.2	Handwriting samples (children)	undated
b.2	Notes 19 Folders	1945-1956, undated
b.2	Photographs	1939, undated
b.2	Printed material	1912-1951
b.2	Statistics	undated
b.2	Stationery Hella Adler	undated
b.2	Unidentified writings 4 Folders	1941-1952, undated

**Series II: Drawings and Artwork, 1951-1956, undated**

3.04 linear feet (9 boxes)

Grouped by format or genre.

b. 2	Sketchbooks <i>14 Folders</i>	1951-1953, undated
b. 3	Sketchbooks (continued) <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 3	Drawings <i>2 Folders</i>	1952-1956
b. 3	Watercolor paintings	undated
b. 4	Clay sculpture	undated
b. 5 (Oversize)	Drawings and paintings <i>14 Folders</i>	1951-1953
b. 6	Drawings and paintings (continued) <i>4 Folders</i>	1951-1953
b. 7 (Oversize)	Rolled artwork <i>(10 rolls)</i>	1953-1954, undated
b. 8 (Oversize)	Rolled artwork <i>(11 rolls)</i>	1954, undated
b. 9 (Oversize)	Rolled artwork <i>(10 rolls)</i>	1953-1954, undated
b. 10 (Oversize)	Rolled artwork <i>(9 rolls)</i>	1953-1956, undated
b. 11 (Oversize)	Oil paintings <i>4 Folders</i>	undated

## **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**

Dream interpretation  
Graphology  
Jungian psychology  
Psychoanalysis  
Psychoanalysts  
Psychoanalysts

### **Genres / Formats**

Drawings (visual works)  
Sketchbooks

### **Names**

Adler, Gerhard, 1904-1988  
Adler, Hella, 1907-2009

### **Contributors**

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