Mary Louise Ainsworth Papers

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Abstract: This collection contains materials related to the life and work of Mary Louise Ainsworth, a student of the C.G. Jung Institute in Zurich and a former President of the Analytical Psychology Club of San Francisco. Materials include correspondence, photographs, academic paperwork, and Zurich Institut program guides. The inclusive date range is 1948-1976.

Language of Material: English

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Biography/Administrative History

Mary Louise Ainsworth was born on September 16, 1904 in Moline, Illinois as the fifth child of Charles Henry and Mary Augusta Ainsworth. She graduated from Moline High School and received her bachelor’s degree from Oberlin College. She continued her schooling at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois where she earned her master’s degree in Music Education. She returned to Moline briefly to teach piano and music appreciation, but elected to move to New York City in 1939. While living in New York, she enrolled in classes in creative writing and painting at Columbia University. Music and painting were life-long interests for Mary. In the early 1940s Mary contributed to the war effort by wrapping bandages as a Red Cross volunteer. It was also during this period that she became interested in human psychology and moved to Switzerland to study at the C.G. Jung Institut in Zurich. She studied at the Institut from 1948-1956. Upon returning to the United States, she chose to settle in Berkeley, California. Mary was an active member of her East Bay community. She joined the First Congregational Church and became active in the Berkeley chapter of the Sigma Alpha Iota music sorority and the Analytical Psychology Club of San Francisco. She became President of the APC-SF in 1969. Mary died on February 25, 2002 in Oakland, California.

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection contains materials related to the life and work of Mary Louise Ainsworth, a former President of the Analytical Psychology Club of San Francisco and a life-long student of Jungian psychology. The collection documents her experience studying at the C.G. Jung Institut in Zurich and the many relationships that formed as a result. The collection contains letters from C.G. Jung, Emma Jung, and Carl Meier, among others. Materials include correspondence, photographs, academic paperwork, and Zurich Institut program guides. The inclusive date range is 1948-1976.

Indexing Terms

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Jung, C.G. (Carl Gustav), 1875-1961
Meier, Carl Alfred