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## **Mary Agnes Burniston Brazier Papers - Supplement, 1941-1995, bulk 1988-1995**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Mary Agnes Burniston Brazier Papers. Supplement.

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**Creator:** Brazier, Mary A. B. (Mary Agnes Burniston), 1904-1995.

**Extent:** 1 carton, (1.5 linear feet)

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**Abstract:** This carton of documents augments the previously donated papers of Mary A. B. Brazier (UCLA Biomedical Library, Manuscript Collection number 42), who was internationally respected as a neurophysiologist, historian, author, and editor. It contains correspondence of her retirement years with former colleagues and lasting friends, and adds some biographical details of her youth and formative years to the information in the main collection. There are numerous photographs of persons and places tied to her professional travel. The collection also contains documentation of financial grants from the National Institutes of Health awarded or continued during the period covered. [Note: Box 1 of this collection, #42A, comprises and is labeled as Box 28 of collection #42.]

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### **UCLA Catalog Record ID**

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### **Acquisition Information**

The materials were donated by Dr. Brazier's heirs in 2010.

### **Scope and Content**

The bulk of the materials consists of correspondence from Dr. Brazier's retirement years, and photographs of her and her scientific colleagues and friends. There are also short autobiographical reminiscences.

The collection is organized into the following series:

Series 1. Neurophysiology and Neurophysiologists., 1947-1995. 52 folders

Series 2. Professional and Personal Materials, 1941-1995. 21 folders

### **Related Material**

UCLA BIOMEDICAL LIBRARY HISTORY AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR THE SCIENCES. Manuscript Collection #42: Mary Agnes Burniston Brazier Papers.

### **Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

### **Subjects**

Brazier, Mary A. B. (Mary Agnes Burniston), 1904-1995.

Electroencephalography--history.

Neurophysiology--history.

Series 1. **Neurophysiology and Neurophysiologists. 1947-1995**

**Physical Description:** 52 folders

**Arrangement**

chronological within folders

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Subseries 1. **Individuals 1947-1995**

**Physical Description:** 50 folders

Box 1, Folder 1

**Adey, William Ross (W. Ross Adey), 1922-2004.**

**Scope and Content Note**

correspondence (1988-1995); Adey reprints (1960-1993); various reprints on possible biological effects of electromagnetic fields (1992); photographs

Box 1, Folder 2

**A - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1994-1995**

**Scope and Content Note**

Lord Addison (some information about Brazier's London addresses as a student and a newly-wed); John James Abbott (obituary)

Box 1, Folder 3

**Barlow, John S., 1925- . 1988-1995**

**Scope and Content Note**

correspondence; "The Electroencephalogram: its Patterns and Origins" by John S. Barlow: pre-publication reviews, printed post-publication reviews, some chapter drafts; "A Chinese-Russian-English Dictionary" by John S. Barlow: announcement and sample pages

Box 1, Folder 4

**Bates, John A.V., 1918-1993. 1990-1993**

**Scope and Content Note**

correspondence; "The Times" obituary

Box 1, Folder 5

**Bekhtereva, N. P. (Natalia Petrovna), (Bechtereva, Natasha), 1924-2008. 1990-1994**

**Scope and Content Note**

correspondence; 8x10" portrait

Box 1, Folder 6

**B - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1988-1994**

**Scope and Content Note**

Reginald Bickford; Dietmar Biesold; Colin Blakemore; Nathaniel Buchwald; UCLA Brain Research Institute (miscellaneous memos and announcements); Theodore Bullock; Pierre Buser; Arlette Buser

Box 1, Folder 7

**Cobb, Stanley, 1887-1968. 1947-1948**

**Scope and Content Note**

memo from Cobb concerning Brazier's salary; group photograph of Dr. Cobb's department personnel, Massachusetts General Hospital

Box 1, Folder 8

**Cobb, W. A. (William Albert), 1913-1999. 1988-1995**

**Scope and Content Note**

correspondence; photographs and realtor brochure of Blackwater House, Dr. Cobb's home

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- Box 1, Folder 9                    **Crandall, Paul H., 1923- . 1989-1995**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   correspondence; Crandall reprint "The UCLA Epilepsy Program: historical review, 1960-1992"
- Box 1, Folder 10                   **C - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1988-1995**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   Gastone G. Celesia (includes information on a 1994 Citizen Ambassador Program Clinical Neurophysiology Delegation to China, to which Brazier was invited); Robert C. Collins; Thomas F. Collura; Mary Conley; Richard Creese (includes snapshot of Dr. and Mrs. Creese); funeral notice for Otto Detlef Creutzfeld
- Box 1, Folder 11                   **D - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1984**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   A tribute, Max Dondey, 1924-1983  
   **Note**  
   for snapshot of Dondey, see folder #59
- Box 1, Folder 12                   **Ellingson, Robert J. 1989-1995**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   correspondence
- Box 1, Folder 13                   **E - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1989**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   Jerome Engel (Pete)
- Box 1, Folder 14                   **Flanigin, Herman F., 1895-1988. 1990**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   correspondence; typescript for a chapter on "The history of surgical treatment of epilepsy in North America", by H. Flanigin et al.
- Box 1, Folder 15                   **F - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1988-1990**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   Sally Field; Stanley Finger; Kathryn Ferguson Fink ("in Memoriam"); Alex Forbes (photograph); Marion Fremont-Smith (Mrs. Paul...); Joyce M. Fried
- Box 1, Folder 16                   **G - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1990-1993**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   Thomas A. Gibbons; Roger W. Gillian ("In memoriam"); Geoffrey H. Gold; Eli S. Goldensohn; Murray Goldstein; F. Golla; Ellen Grass
- Box 1, Folder 17                   **Herrmann, Christian, Jr. 1989-1995**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   correspondence; newspaper clippings
- Box 1, Folder 18                   **H - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1990-1994**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   Diane E. Haines; Richard N. Harner; Charles E. Henry (Chuck); Thomas Hutton
- Box 1, Folder 19                   **Ingvar, David H., 1924-2000. 1988**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   one letter, and reply
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- Box 1, Folder 20      **Jasper, Herbert Henri, 1906-1999. 1990-1993**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 correspondence; meeting announcements
- Box 1, Folder 21      **J - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1989-1994**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 Ian Jeffers; Bernice Jeffrey (Wenzel); Russell A. Johnson
- Box 1, Folder 22      **Koestler, Arthur, 1905-1983. 1988-1994**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 correspondence re. letters and a Koestler manuscript that Brazier deposited with the  
                                 Koestler Archive at Edinburgh University; checklist of Koestler Archive at Edinburgh  
                                 Univ. Library, 1987  
                                 **Note**  
                                 Koestler planned to write about the brain physiology that lies behind psychological  
                                 behavior (see 9 May '88 letter) in his second volume of "Insight and Outlook", and  
                                 asked Dr. Brazier, whom he had met at a Cambridge dinner party, to comment on his  
                                 manuscript
- Box 1, Folder 23      **K - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1990-1995**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 Dan W. Kass; Peter Kellaway; John Russell Knott ("In memoriam")
- Box 1, Folder 24      **Lindsley, Donald Benjamin, 1907-2003. 1989-1995**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 correspondence; Lindsley c.v.
- Box 1, Folder 25      **L - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1990-1991**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 Denis Leigh; Robert B. Livingston; Liliana Lubinska (Lubinska)
- Box 1, Folder 26      **MacLean, Paul D., 1913-2007. 1989-1995**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 correspondence
- Box 1, Folder 27      **Magnus, Otto. 1991-1995**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 correspondence
- Box 1, Folder 28      **Magoun, Horace Winchell, 1907-1991. 1991-1993**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 reprints of two memorial articles; three portraits; note to Brazier from Dr. Magoun's  
                                 daughter, Elizabeth Provenzano
- Box 1, Folder 29      **McIlwain, Henry, 1912-1992. 1988**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 one short note from Dr. McIlwain
- Box 1, Folder 30      **Melnechuk, Theodore. 1995**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 one letter from Melnechuk, plus photocopies of short publications
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- Box 1, Folder 31      **Naquet, Robert, 1923-2005. 1988-1995**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 correspondence
- Box 1, Folder 32      **N - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1991-1993**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 Neuroscience Abstracts; Marc R. Nuwer; E. Niedermeyer
- Box 1, Folder 33      **Ormerod, W. E. 1990-1992**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 correspondence, centered on a bust of Richard Caton  
                                 **Note**  
                                 Dr. Ormerod is Caton's grandson
- Box 1, Folder 34      **O - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1991-1992**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 Ynez O'Neill; David Ottoson
- Box 1, Folder 35      **P - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1989-1994**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 Terry Picton; Ladd Prosser; Dominick P. Purpura
- Box 1, Folder 36      **Remond, Antoine (Tony Rémond), 1917-1998. 1989-1995**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 correspondence
- Box 1, Folder 37      **Rosenblith, Walter A., 1913-2002. 1993-1994**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 one letter; reprint of Rosenblith foreword to "So human a brain", ed. by Anne Harrington
- Box 1, Folder 38      **Sawyer, Charles H., 1915-2006. 1990-1995**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 correspondence; newspaper clippings
- Box 1, Folder 39      **Scheibel, Arnold B. 1989-1995**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 correspondence
- Box 1, Folder 40      **Sonnenschein, Ralph R. 1989-1994**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 correspondence
- Box 1, Folder 41      **Storm van Leeuwen, W. 1989-1995**  
                                 **Scope and Content Note**  
                                 correspondence; photo of Storm van Leeuwen's house in Holland  
                                 **Note**  
                                 Storm van Leeuwen's nickname, Ims, is found often throughout Brazier's letters

Box 1, Folder 42

**S - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1966, 1986-1995**

**Scope and Content Note**

Sasha (1966); Edward Schwarzschild; Pepe Segundo (Jose Pedro Segundo); Ernst-August Seyfarth regarding Ernst Theodor von Bruecke (Brücke); Harold W. Shipton; Oliver Sacks ("New Yorker" article "To see and not to see", 1993)

**Note**

Sasha was a student who acted as simultaneous translator for a Brazier lecture in Leningrad

Box 1, Folder 43

**Tower, Donald Bayley, 1920-2007. 1987-1994**

**Scope and Content Note**

correspondence; five Tower reprints

Box 1, Folder 44

**T - Miscellaneous correspondence. 1988-1994**

**Scope and Content Note**

Helen M. Tepperman; Barry R. Tharp; Bernard Towers; Jan Trabka

Box 1, Folder 45

**Ukhtomskii (Uchtomsky), A. A. (Aleksei? Alekseevich), 1875-1942. 1960, 1972-1975**

**Scope and Content Note**

typed list "Selected writings of Alexie Alexeevich Uchtomsky, 1903-1951"; correspondence; a few typed pages of a biography of Uchtomsky; newspaper review of the "Dictionary of Scientific Biography" from the "Times Literary Supplement", 1970; two 5x7" portraits, and snapshot of Uchtomsky and Shaternikov, with negatives

**Note**

Brazier was invited to write a biography of Uchtomsky for the DSB

Box 1, Folder 46

**van Duijn, Hans. 1989-1995**

**Scope and Content Note**

correspondence; snapshots of Brazier and van Duijn

Box 1, Folder 47

**Verzeano, Michael. 1990-1994**

**Scope and Content Note**

correspondence

Box 1, Folder 48

**Welch, John B. 1989-1993**

**Scope and Content Note**

correspondence; newspaper clippings with portraits

Box 1, Folder 49

**W - Miscellaneous. 1965, 1991-1994**

**Scope and Content Note**

Norbert Wiener: "in memoriam", 1965, and book reviews by John Barlow and by Alex Andrew of "Norbert Wiener" by Pesi R. Masani; Jerome B. Wiesner, obituary

Box 1, Folder 50

**Zottoli, Steven J. 1994**

**Scope and Content Note**

correspondence

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Subseries 2. **Institutions and Societies 1975-1994**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

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Box 1, Folder 51

**Burden Neurological Institute, Bristol, England. 1975**

**Scope and Content Note**

"The Burden Neurological Institute Limited, Report, April 1974-March 1975"

Box 1, Folder 52

**IBRO (International Brain Research Organization). 1989, 1994**

**Scope and Content Note**

draft copy of "Early history of IBRO: the birth of organized neuroscience", ed. by Louise Marshall, with photocopies of figures and captions, and correspondence concerning the manuscript; issue of "IBRO News", v. 17, no. 3, 1989; photocopied pages from "International Brain Research Organization: birth and development", 1978

Series 2. **Professional and Personal Materials 1941-1995**

**Physical Description:** 21 folders

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Subseries 1. **Brazier's Research Publications 1947-1985**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

Box 1, Folder 53

**Brazier reprints and reports. 1947-1980**

**Scope and Content Note**

five reprints or photocopies (some partial); one typed report; one typed presentation to 4th meeting of Eastern Association of Electroencephalographers (1946?)

Box 1, Folder 54

**Published reviews of "A History of Neurophysiology in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries", by Mary A.B. Brazier. 1985**

**Scope and Content Note**

eighteen reviews; some correspondence with the publisher, and with Edwin Clarke, one of the reviewers

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Subseries 2. **Miscellaneous Professional and Research Materials 1961-1991**

**Physical Description:** 4 folders

Box 1, Folder 55

**Career grant award, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness: "Computer aided research on the brain". 1961-1966**

**Scope and Content Note**

original proposal with letters of recommendation; correspondence; various government and university documents

Box 1, Folder 56

**Research grant, National Institutes of Health: "Electrophysiological studies of the epileptic brain". 1977**

**Scope and Content Note**

grant application

Box 1, Folder 57

**Research grant, National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke: "The historical development of neurophysiology". 1980-1991**

**Scope and Content Note**

grant documents; correspondence

Box 1, Folder 58

**Publication grant, National Library of Medicine: "The Historical Development of Neurophysiology". 1979-1982**

**Scope and Content Note**

grant documents; correspondence

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Subseries 3. **Honors and Awards 1962-1989**

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

Box 3, Folder 59

**Doctorate honoris causa in Medicine, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, 26 March 1976. 1975-1976**

**Physical Description:** photos mounted on black album sheets

**Scope and Content Note**

copy of letter announcing the offer of honorary doctorate from the University of Utrecht; 13 mounted snapshots of the ceremony in the cathedral; additional snapshots of Storm van Leeuwen's house in Zeeland the day after the ceremony; negative and 4x6" copy of the diploma

Box 1, Folder 60

**Miscellaneous honors. 1962, 1967, 1983, 1989**

**Scope and Content Note**

newspaper interview, with portrait, on the occasion of winning the "Los Angeles Times" Women of the Year Award (1962); certificate of the inclusion of Mary A. Brazier in the 5th edition of "Who's Who of American Women" (1967); newspaper clipping on receiving "Woman of the Year" award from the Muses of the California Museum of Science and Industry, Los Angeles (1983); announcement of the establishment of two scientific awards by the International Federation of Societies for Electroencephalography and Clinical Neurophysiology: The M.A.B. Brazier Young Investigator Award, and The W. A. Cobb Young Investigator Award (1989)

Box 1, Folder 61

**Nomination for Albert Lasker Medical Research Award. 1964**

**Scope and Content Note**

letter to the A. and M. Lasker Foundation, signed by Drs. Sherman M. Mellinkoff and H. W. Magoun

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Subseries 4. **Miscellaneous Personal Materials 1941-1995**

**Physical Description:** 12 folders

Box 1, Folder 62

**Curriculum vitae. 1964, probably 1988**

**Scope and Content Note**

short c.v. dated 1964; very complete undated c.v.; various other pages

Box 1, Folder 63

**Autobiographical materials. 1982, 1992**

**Scope and Content Note**

copy of a letter to Oliver Brazier (her son) and his wife, explaining about Dr. Brazier's vision problem; nine-page typed autobiography, plus additional notes; correspondence with Christine Gladwin at Sidcot School about a planned history of the school

**Note**

Brazier, her brother Guy Burniston Brown, and her husband, Leslie Giddens Brazier had all attended Sidcot, a coeducational Quaker boarding school

- Box 1, Folder 64                    **American Association of Neurological Surgeons. 1991**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   correspondence with Roy C. Selby who, on behalf of the Association's Archives Committee, wanted to arrange a video or audio interview with Brazier, to record reminiscences regarding her professional life and career  
   **Note**  
   Brazier firmly declined the invitation
- Box 1, Folder 65                    **Portraits and snapshots of M.A.B. Brazier. 1941-1993**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   eleven solo photographs, many undated, one negative; includes photograph and cover portrait used on "Modern Medicine", v. 29, Oct. 30, 1961
- Box 1, Folder 66                    **Photographs of Brazier with colleagues and friends. 1950-1993**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   snapshots from meetings and travel; some people, places, and times are identified: Prague; Vienna, with H. Petsche; the Remonds (Rémond), L.A. and Paris; committee meeting at Holmby St., L.A.; EEG ski meetings; Anokhin in Moscow; Grey Walter and Asratyan; Paul Simenon at Lake Tahoe
- Box 1, Folder 67                    **Photographs of UCLA Medical Center. 1959-1990**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   photos of ground breaking for the Brain Research Institute, construction, and finished building; aerial view of UCLA Medical Center; group portrait of Anatomy Department (1970's?)
- Box 1, Folder 68                    **Photographs from Europe. 1976**  
   **Physical Description:** photos mounted on black album sheets  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   13 pages of snapshots and maps of: Hellmuth Petsche's family and summer house at Emmersdorf, Austria; Melk Monastery, and surrounding landscapes of the Danube valley; some participants of an IBRO symposium in Vienna; scenes of Venice, during European EEG Congress; scenes from drive from Venice to Paris with Max Donday and wife, and pictures of their house as St. Ismier.
- Box 1, Folder 69                    **Photographs of colleagues and friends.**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   named are H. Magoun and Lord Adrian; John Barlow; a rare photograph of V.M. Bekhterev (Bechterev) when young; and a few unidentified photos and negative
- Box 1, Folder 70                    **Einstein and Eddington. 1950, 1980, 1991**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   negative and photocopy of a short letter from Albert Einstein to Brazier (1950); correspondence re. a snapshot of Einstein and Arthur Stanley Eddington, taken in front of the Cambridge University Astronomical Observatory by Brazier's father; negative and copy of the snapshot; negative and copy of an Eddington portrait  
   **Note**  
   Arthur S. Eddington and Dr. Brazier's father were first cousins
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Box 1, Folder 71

**Roper, Laura Wood (Mrs. W. Crosby Roper, Jr.). 1990-1995**

**Scope and Content Note**

correspondence

**Note**

Laura Roper was a friend of long standing

Box 1, Folder 72

**Other miscellaneous correspondence. 1961-1995**

**Scope and Content Note**

Dorothy Jeakins (1914-1995): correspondence; photographs of Dr. Brazier's 1961 Los Angeles apartment; magazine article and illustrations of Dorothy Jenkins' Montecito, CA house; Geoffrey A. Wigham: correspondence about Sidcot, the Quaker boarding school in England that he and Brazier attended; Anna: letter

**Note**

Dorothy Jeakins was a three-time Academy Award-winning costume designer; Anna was Dr. Brazier's longtime secretary at UCLA

Box 1, Folder 73

**Correspondence with the UCLA Biomedical Library. 1986-1993**

**Scope and Content Note**

correspondence with Victoria Steele and Katharine E.S. Donahue, successive heads of the History and Special Collections Division, concerning the various materials Dr. Brazier had given to the library