

# Guide to the Ernestine Wiedenbach Papers

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**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of personal and professional files which document Ernestine Wiedenbach's childhood, student days at Wellesley College, and career as a faculty member in the Yale University School of Nursing, where she directed the nurse-midwifery educational program. The papers include correspondence, dating from her retirement in 1966 and writings relating to her professional career. Also present are diaries spanning almost her entire life, excluding the years she spent on the Yale faculty.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Barbara B. Starr, 1993; C. Robert Bruns, 1994; and transferred from the Yale School of Nursing, 1994.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Ernestine Wiedenbach was born on August 18, 1900, in Hamburg, Germany. Her family moved to New York in 1909. She received a B.A. from Wellesley College in 1922, an R.N. from Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing in 1925, an M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1934, and a certificate in nurse-midwifery from the Maternity Center Association School for Nurse-Midwives in New York in 1946, where she also taught until 1951. Wiedenbach joined the Yale faculty in 1952 as an instructor in maternity nursing. She was named an assistant professor of obstetric nursing in 1954 and an associate professor in 1956, when the Yale School of Nursing established a master's degree program under which she directed the major in maternal and newborn health nursing. She is the author of books used widely in nursing education. Wiedenbach retired in 1966. She died on March 8, 1998.

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## Scope and Contents

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b. 1, f. 1	Biographical materials	1966, undated
	Correspondence [includes letters on retirement]	
b. 1, f. 2-5	1966 English	1966
b. 1, f. 6	1968-1974	1968-1974
b. 1, f. 7	1975-1976	1975-1976
b. 1, f. 8	1977 English	1977
b. 1, f. 9	1982-1986	1982-1986
b. 1, f. 10	1987 English	1987
b. 1, f. 11	1988, undated	1988, undated
	Diaries [with accompanying loose materials]	
b. 1, f. 12-13	1912-1915, 1917	1912-1915, 1917
	1916	
b. 1, f. 14-15	Volume I	
b. 1, f. 16	Volume II	
b. 2, f. 17	Loose materials [Vol. II]	
b. 2, f. 18-19	Volume III	
b. 2, f. 20-21	Volume IV	
b. 2, f. 22-23	Volume V	
b. 2, f. 24	1918-1922	1918-1922
b. 2, f. 25	Loose materials [1918]	
b. 3, f. 26-28	Loose materials [1919-1922]	
b. 3, f. 29-30	1936-1938	1936-1938
b. 3, f. 31-32	1946, 1948	1946, 1948
b. 3, f. 33-34	1948 English	1948
b. 4, f. 35-36	1966-1970	1966-1970
b. 4, f. 37-38	1971-1975	1971-1975

b. 4, f. 39	1976-1979	1976-1979
b. 4, f. 40	Memorabilia/clippings	1956-1970, undated
Writings		
b. 4, f. 41	1954, 1960-1963	1954, 1960-1963
b. 4, f. 42	1964-1965	1964-1965
b. 4, f. 43	1966-1967	1966-1967
b. 4, f. 44	1968 English	1968
b. 4, f. 45	1969-1970	1969-1970
b. 4, f. 46	1975, 1979	1975, 1979
b. 4, f. 47	undated	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**

Midwives  
Nursing -- Study and teaching  
Obstetrics

### **Names**

Wiedenbach, Ernestine

### **Corporate Bodies**

Wellesley College -- Students  
Yale University. School of Nursing  
Yale University -- Faculty