

# Guide to the Edith Banfield Jackson Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1296

**CREATOR:** Jackson, Edith Banfield, 1895-1977

**TITLE:** Edith Banfield Jackson papers

**DATES:** 1947-1959

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers include photographs, scrapbooks, correspondence, and memorabilia documenting Edith B. Jackson's Yale Rooming-In Research Project at the Grace-New Haven Community Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut. The impact of the rooming-in concept on the medical profession is also documented.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Yale University Historical Medical Library, 1980.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Separated Materials

Models of the rooming-in unit that were originally part of the collection were transferred to the Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2008.

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## Biographical / Historical

Edith Banfield Jackson was born in 1895. A graduate of Vassar College (B.A. 1916) and John Hopkins University (M.D. 1921), Jackson held various teaching positions at the Yale University School of Medicine from 1924 to 1929. After a brief hiatus in which she underwent training and analysis with Sigmund Freud, she returned to Yale in 1936 as professor in pediatrics and psychiatry and remained until her retirement in 1959. A child psychiatrist and pioneer in family-centered maternity and infant care and parent-infant bonding, she is best known for her work on the Yale Rooming-In Research Project. She developed the rooming-in plan to allow parents to have an increased role in the care of their newborn children within hospitals. From 1946 to 1952 Jackson directed the experimental rooming-in unit at the Grace-New Haven Community Hospital. The project served as the model for a new obstetrical unit at Yale-New Haven Hospital and stimulated change in the institutionalized care of mothers and infants.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

The papers are arranged by record type.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1	Guestbook	1947-1952
b. 1A	Plaque	[1950]
b. 2	<a href="#">Scrapbook with clippings, programs, and letters</a>	1954-1959
b. 2	Floorplan of Rooming-in Unit, Grace-New Haven Community Hospital	undated
b. 3	Photographs depicting labor, delivery, rooming-in in Grace-New Haven Community Hospital	circa 1950s
b. 4	Glass slides	circa 1950s
	Scrapbooks with clippings, programs, and letters	
b. 1B	1946-1948	1946-1948
b. 1C	1949-1951	1949-1951
b. 1D	1951-1953	1951-1953

## **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**

Medicine  
Newborn infants -- Care

### **Genres / Formats**

Scrapbooks

### **Names**

Jackson, Edith Banfield, 1895-1977

### **Corporate Body**

Grace-New Haven Community Hospital