

Wilhelm Fliess Papers

A Finding Aid to the Papers in the Sigmund Freud Collection in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Wilhelm Fliess

Span Dates: 1894-1929

ID No.: MSS84880

Creator: Fliess, Wilhelm, 1858-1928

Extent: 70 items; 1 container; .4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in German

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Physician. Correspondence, writings, a reminiscence, and clippings chiefly concerning a plagiarism controversy involving Fliess, Sigmund Freud, Hermann Swoboda, and Otto Weininger. Also featured are letters from Josef Breuer to Fliess, a letter from Oscar Rie, and an undated reminiscence written by Fliess's son, Conrad Fliess.

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.

Personal Names

Breuer, Josef, 1842-1925--Correspondence.

Fliess, Wilhelm, 1858-1928.

Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939.

Rie, Oscar, 1863-1931--Correspondence.

Swoboda, Hermann, 1873-1962.

Weininger, Otto, 1880-1903.

Subjects

Bisexuality.

Plagiarism.

Related Names

Fliess, Conrad. Reminiscences (undated)

Occupations

Physicians.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Wilhelm Fliess were given to the Library of Congress by Anna Freud in 1970.

Additional items were given by the Sigmund Freud Archives between 1964 and 1987.

Processing History:

The collection consists of material transferred from the Sigmund Freud Papers in 1990 and 2001, including a letter from Oscar Rie (1895), two letters from Fliess (1894, 1925), and items concerning the plagiarism controversy.

Related Material:

Sigmund Freud's letters to Fliess (1887-1904), an important source on the formative years of psychoanalysis, are located in the [Sigmund Freud Papers](#) in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Wilhelm Fliess is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions:

The papers of Wilhelm Fliess are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Wilhelm Fliess Papers, Sigmund Freud Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Wilhelm Fliess (1858-1928) span the years 1894-1929 and include correspondence, writings, a reminiscence, and clippings, all of which are in German. A large portion of the papers concerns a plagiarism controversy surrounding the publication of Otto Weininger's *Geschlecht und Charakter* in 1903. Weininger's book contained theories on bisexuality similar to those developed by Fliess. Fliess alleged that Sigmund Freud had discussed his theories with Hermann Swoboda who then related them to Weininger. Included is a draft and published text of Fliess's pamphlet on the subject, *In Eigener Sache*. Accompanying the pamphlet are letters to and from Fliess and a clipping file concerning Fliess's allegations.

Also featured in the papers are letters dated 1894-1898 from Joseph Breuer, a letter from Oscar Rie dated 1895, an undated draft of a writing by Fliess entitled "Die Entdeckung der Dauernden Doppelgeschlechtigkeit: Eine geschichtliche Darstellung," and reminiscences by Fliess's son, Conrad Fliess, contained in a letter to Richard Pfennig.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	General correspondence
BOX 1	From
BOX 1	Breuer, Josef, 1894-1898
BOX 1	Rie, Oscar, 1895
BOX 1	To miscellaneous, 1894, 1925
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1902, undated
BOX 1	Reminiscences by Conrad Fliess (son), undated
BOX 1	Writings
BOX 1	“Die Entdeckung der dauernden Doppelgeschlechtigkeit: Eine geschichtliche Darstellung,” undated
BOX 1	<i>In Eigener Sache</i>
BOX 1	Drafts, circa 1906 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Published text, 1906
BOX 1	Related material
BOX 1	Clippings, 1906-1910, undated
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1906-1907, 1913-1929 (2 folders)