The Merrill-Palmer Institute Collection was placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in January of 1982 and were opened for research in May of 1989. The Grams papers are part of the Merrill-Palmer Institute Administration Collection.

Armin Grams was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 20, 1924. He received a B.S. in Education from Concordia Teachers College in 1945, a M.A. at DePaul University in 1947 and a Ph.D in Child Development at Northwestern University in 1952 and attended Northwestern Theological Seminary in 1958-59. He was a teacher and principal in elementary schools in Chicago, 1945-49; was Assistant Professor of Education and Psychology at DePaul University 1949-55; Associate Professor of Psychology at Wisconsin State College, LaCross 1955-57; Instructor in Child Development University of Minnesota 1957-62; Head of the Human Development Program at the Merrill-Palmer Institute 1962-71; Professor of Early Childhood & Human Development, University of Vermont 1971.

His professional interests were in developmental psychology, parent-child relations, and child rearing. He was a member of many professional societies and published many articles in journals. He was the author of a number of books in the parent-child field.

The papers of Armin Grams reflect his position at the Merrill-Palmer Institute where he supervised and collaborated with a number of staff members whose papers are included in his files: J. Chantiny, I. Echols, F. Gould and C.S. Rothschild.

Included in the Grams papers are the Paul Grams files. Paul was the son of Armin Grams. His papers indicate that he worked as editor of various Merrill-Palmer publications from 1975-77, and also worked as communications coordinator.
Important subjects covered in the collection are:
ASSIST, School Age Laboratory, Recruiting, UNIPACS, Parent-Child relations, Sex education, Family and Society, School age laboratory

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