Flora Hommel Papers
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Creator: Flora Suhd Hommel

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*Maternity Center Association Records; Archival Collections at Health Sciences Library, Columbia University

13 films were transferred to the Reuther A-V Department.

PLEASE NOTE: Material in this collection has been arranged by series ONLY. Folders are not arranged within each series – we have provided an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout several boxes within any given series.
History
Flora Suhd Hommel was one of the pioneers who brought the Lamaze psychoprophylactic method of painless childbirth to the United States, establishing an important teaching organization in Detroit, the Childbirth Without Pain Education Association (CWPEA). She championed the rights of women to control childbirth, creating a grass-roots movement contemporaneous with the women’s movement of the 1960s-1970s. Flora Suhd was born in Detroit on March 16, 1928. Her career began with training from Dr. Pierre Vellay and Dr. Fernand Lamaze, while living in France from 1946-1953. She returned to Detroit and received a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Wayne State University in 1958. The CWPEA was established that same year and continued into the 1990s, training thousands of expectant parents (over 17,000 according to one 1989 report) in the methods of painless childbirth and hundreds of teachers and birth coaches (called monitrices). It was incorporated as a non-profit educational and scientific institution in 1964. As the CWPEA’s executive director, Hommel supervised a large core of volunteers (most of them former childbirth students), oversaw an extensive schedule of classes and film showings, trained teachers and monitrices, worked with the medical establishment to bring the new childbirth methods into hospitals, and attempted to establish the CWPEA’s own birthing center in the 1980s (it was never realized).

Hommel and the CWPEA were important catalysts in establishing similar childbirth and parenting organizations and teacher-monitrice accreditation programs across the United States. She served as a consultant and lectured extensively to childbirth, parenting and medical workshops and conferences across the U.S, and was a prominent member of the International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA) and the American Society for Psycho-Prophylaxis in Obstetrics (ASPO, now Lamaze International). From the 1980s on, Hommel was involved with several health care and political organizations, including the Detroit Health Advisory Commission and the Grey Panthers, fighting the “medicalization” of childbirth, the lack of health care for women, the rampant rise in cesarian births, and many other social and political issues facing women, seniors and families. Some of the awards Hommel received during her career include induction into the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame, Wayne State University’s “Detroit Distinguished Women” award, a key to the City of Detroit awarded by Mayor Coleman Young in 1973 and Honorary Life Membership in the International Society of Psychoprophylaxis in Obstetrics.
**Scope and Content**

Hommel’s papers reflect her career working with the Lamaze method. Most of the collection is comprised of CWPEA documents and correspondence from its establishment through the 1990s—records of events, classes, and projects, including the birthing center and the making of an American version of the well-respected French childbirth film “Naissance.” Of particular interest may be the many birth reports—extensive narrations of the birth experiences of CWPEA students. There is substantial overlap between correspondence in Hommel’s personal papers and the CWPEA correspondence. A sampling of newsletters and documents from national childbirth and parenting organizations is included in the papers. Several boxes of ICEA materials and a small amount of ASPO materials are located in Series III.

**Important Subjects:**

- American Society for Psycho-Prophylaxis in Obstetrics (ASPO)
  - now Lamaze International
- Childbirth education
- Childbirth—History—20th century
- Childbirth—Social aspects—United States
- Childbirth—Study and teaching—United States
- Childbirth—United States—History
- Childbirth without pain
- Childbirth Without Pain Education Association (CWPEA)
- International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA)
- Lamaze method of childbirth
- Medical education
- Natural childbirth—methods
- Natural childbirth—study and teaching
- Natural childbirth—United States
- Nursing education
- Obstetrics—Psychosomatic aspects
- Obstetrics—Social aspects—United States
- Psycho-prophylaxis in childbirth
- Women and health
- Women health reformers United States

**Important Correspondents:**

- Dr. Leon Chertok
- Marjorie Karmel
- Dr. Niles Newton
- Dr. Pierre Vellay
- Cecilia Worth
Arrangement
The collection is arranged into 4 series.

**Series I**: Personal, 1940s-2000s (Boxes 1-2)
**Series II**: CWPEA, 1950s-1990s (Boxes 2-13)
**Series III**: Professional Activities, 1950s-2000s (Boxes 13-22)
**Series IV**: Audio-Visual, 1960s-1980 (Boxes 23-25, 13 film reels)

Folders in each series are simply listed by their location within each box. They are not arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout several boxes within each series.

Film reels in Series IV are numbered by item (1-13).

**Series I**
**Box 1**
1. Personal: Correspondence, undated
2. Personal: Correspondence, various dates
3. Personal: Correspondence and documents, 1953-1959
4. Personal: Correspondence, 1970s
5. Personal: Marriage to Jack White, cards and correspondence, 1972
6. Personal: Correspondence with legislators, 1970s-1990s
7. Personal: Resumes and biographies, various dates
8. Personal: Awards and honors, various dates
10. Personal: Holiday cards, probably early 1970s
11. Personal: Workshops, conferences, appearances, 1960s
15-17. Personal: Publicity, various dates
18-19. Personal: Notes, calendars, ephemera, various dates
25. Personal: Appointment books, 1980s-1990s
27. Personal: Notebook, early 1970s
29-30. Personal: Speeches and writings, various dates

**Box 2**
1. Personal: McNulty letter, Redbook magazine, 1970
2. Personal: Book manuscript, chapter 1, and correspondence, 1975
3. Personal: Correspondence and documents re American Journal of Nursing article, 1960s
4. Personal: Book on analgesics and birth, with Dick Goodman, notes, undated
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5. General correspondence, 1959-mid-1960s
6. General correspondence, letters and documents from physicians, 1950s-1970s
7. General correspondence, teaching students, monitres, nurses, 1970s
8-10. General correspondence, from students, undated
11. General correspondence, from students, 1957-1959
12. General correspondence, from students, 1960
13-13. General correspondence, from students, 1961
15-16. General correspondence, from students, 1962
17-18. General correspondence, from students, 1963
19. General correspondence, from students, 1964
20. General correspondence, from students, 1965
21. General correspondence, from students, 1966
22. General correspondence, from students, 1967
23. General correspondence, from students, 1968-1969
24. General correspondence, from students, 1969-1971
25. General correspondence, from students, 1970s
26. General correspondence, from students, 1980s

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1. CWPEA, correspondence, undated
2. CWPEA, correspondence, 1958-1962
3. CWPEA, correspondence, 1963-1965
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8. CWPEA, correspondence, 1966
9-11. CWPEA, correspondence, 1966-1967
12-14. CWPEA, correspondence, 1967
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19-21. CWPEA, correspondence, 1969
22-23. CWPEA, correspondence, 1970
24. CWPEA, correspondence, 1971

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1. CWPEA, correspondence, 1972
2. CWPEA, correspondence, 1973
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5. CWPEA, correspondence, 1974-1975
6. CWPEA, correspondence, 1975
7. CWPEA, correspondence, 1976
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10. CWPEA, correspondence, 1978
11. CWPEA, correspondence, 1979
12. CWPEA, correspondence, 1980
13. CWPEA, correspondence, 1981
14. CWPEA, correspondence, 1982
17. CWPEA, correspondence, 1985-1986
18. CWPEA, correspondence, 1987-1989
19. CWPEA, correspondence, 1990s-2000s
20. CWPEA, correspondence, requests, 1970s
21. CWPEA, correspondence with various organizations and individuals, Flint, MI, 1965
22. CWPEA, correspondence with various childbirth organizations, 1960s
23. CWPEA, correspondence with Childbirth Preparation Service, Jackson, MI 1965-1971
25. CWPEA, correspondence Dayton Childbirth Education Association, 1965-1971
27. CWPEA, correspondence, names for market research, 1966
28. CWPEA, Sinai Hospital correspondence, 1969-1972
29. CWPEA, correspondence with schools, 1965-1966
30. CWPEA, correspondence with various publishers, 1970s
31. CWPEA, correspondence, geographical-Michigan, 1969-1971
32. CWPEA, correspondence, geographical-Ohio, 1969-1972
33. CWPEA, correspondence, geographical-New Jersey, New York, 1969-1971
34. CWPEA, correspondence, geographical-North Carolina, South Carolina, 1969
35. CWPEA, correspondence, geographical-Minnesota, Mississippi, 1968-1972
36. CWPEA, correspondence, geographical-Kentucky, Tennessee, 1969-1971
37. CWPEA, correspondence, geographical-Louisiana, 1969-1971
40. CWPEA, correspondence, geographical-Florida, Georgia, 1969-1970
42. CWPEA, correspondence, geographical-Central East Coast, 1969-1972
44. CWPEA, correspondence, geographical-Texas, Utah, 1969

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1-3. CWPEA, correspondence, president’s file, 1966
4. CWPEA, correspondence, Marjorie Karmel, 1959-1964
5. CWPEA, correspondence, Cecilia Worth, 1960s
6. CWPEA, correspondence, Fran Mineo, 1965-1970
7-8. CWPEA, Dr. Pierre Vellay, correspondence and documents, 1960s-1980s
9. CWPEA, Dr. Pierre Vellay, photographs, 1963
10. CWPEA, board of directors, meeting minutes, 1964-1965
11. CWPEA, board of directors, meeting minutes and other documents, 1966
12. CWPEA, board of directors, meeting minutes, 1967
13. CWPEA, board of directors, meeting minutes, 1968
14. CWPEA, board of directors, meeting minutes, 1969
15. CWPEA, board of directors, meeting minutes, 1970
16. CWPEA, board of directors, meeting minutes, 1971
17. CWPEA, board of directors, meeting minutes, 1972
18. CWPEA, board of directors, meeting minutes, 1973-1974
19. CWPEA, board of directors, meeting minutes, 1975
20. CWPEA, board of directors, meeting minutes, 1976-1977
21. CWPEA, board of directors, meeting minutes, 1978-1979
22. CWPEA, board of directors, meeting minutes, 1980-1981
23. CWPEA, board of directors, meeting minutes, 1982-1984
24. CWPEA, board correspondence and documents, 1960s
25. CWPEA, board correspondence and documents, 1970s-1980
26. CWPEA, minutes, general meetings, various dates
27. CWPEA, annual reports, various dates
28. CWPEA, Flora’s notes re board, various dates
29. CWPEA, executive director’s contracts, various dates
30. CWPEA, internal dispute, 1966
31. CWPEA, personnel policies manual, undated
32. CWPEA, various reports and memos, 1966
33. CWPEA, various documents, 1960s
34. CWPEA, various documents and correspondence, 1966-1968
35. CWPEA, various documents, 1967-1970
36. CWPEA, staff and event lists, various dates
37. CWPEA, policies of Women’s Hospital, 1965
38. CWPEA, downriver chapter, 1965-1966
39. CWPEA, orientation packet, approximately 1980
40. CWPEA, office policies and procedures, 1960s
41. CWPEA, form letters to doctors, 1970s-1980s
42. CWPEA, resources and addresses, various dates
43. CWPEA, board ballots, 1972-1975
44. CWPEA, committee reports, 1966

Box 6
1. CWPEA, notes and various documents, 1965-1967
2. CWPEA, various documents, 1966-1972
3. CWPEA, criticisms and complaints, 1970s-1980s
4-6. CWPEA, book information and orders, 1960s-1980s
7. CWPEA, birthing and parenting supplies, 1970s
8. CWPEA, t-shirt contest, 1979
9. CWPEA, 25th anniversary, 1983
10. CWPEA, City of Detroit, CETA “workstation” project, 1977-1979
11. CWPEA, various documents and correspondence, 1980-1983
12. CWPEA, brochures, 1960s-1970s
13. CWPEA, Dy-Dee Diaper Service, documents and referral payments, 1970s-1980s
14. CWPEA, articles of incorporation, 1964
15. CWPEA, Hospital Maternity Services Survey, planning and completion, 1965
16. CWPEA, Hospital Maternity Services Survey, correspondence and documents, 1965
17. CWPEA, Hospital Maternity Services Survey, correspondence, 1965
18. CWPEA, Hospital Maternity Services Survey, responses, 1965
19. CWPEA, various events, 1960s-1980s
20. CWPEA, coffee socials, 1967
22. CWPEA, newsletters and memors, drafts and texts, 1965-1966
23. CWPEA, brochure design, 1967
24. CWPEA, brochure, 1973
25. CWPEA, brochure, 1999-2000
26. CWPEA, various administrative documents, various years
27. CWPEA, organization data, undated
28. CWPEA, funding, information and sources, various dates
29. CWPEA, Childbirth Education Week proclamations, various dates
30. CWPEA, housing committee, 1970-1971
31. CWPEA, scheduling committee, 1971
32. CWPEA, doctor referral letters, 1976
33. CWPEA, newcomers committee, 1970s
34. CWPEA, forms and form letters, 1960s-1980s
35. CWPEA, appearances and exhibits, 1962-1974
36. CWPEA, conferences, 1971
37. CWPEA, conference, 1974
38. CWPEA, conference, 1976
39. CWPEA, conference, 1978
40. CWPEA, The Childbearing Years, conference, 1981
41. CWPEA, Womanhood conference, evaluation results, undated
42. CWPEA, hospital and doctor information, various dates
43. CWPEA, visit of Dr. Elliott Philipp, 1966
44. CWPEA, Dr. Niles Newton, correspondence and documents, 1970s-1980s
45-46. CWPEA, visit of Dr. Leon Chertok, 1966
47. CWPEA, Dy-Dee Diaper Service, documents and referral payments, 1970s-1980s
48. CWPEA, articles of incorporation, 1964

Box 7
1-3. CWPEA, by-laws, various dates
4. CWPEA, proposed by-laws change, 1973
5. CWPEA, resolutions of unincorporated society, 1970s
7. CWPEA, office and facilities, various dates
8-10. CWPEA, legal and tax-exempt documents, various dates
11. CWPEA, audit, 1980
12. CWPEA, financial reports, 1960s-1970s
13. CWPEA, non-profit documents, 1968-1982
14. CWPEA, budgets and finance issues, 1966
15. CWPEA, various budget and financial documents, various years
17-19. CWPEA, general meetings questionnaire, 1967
20. CWPEA, organization descriptions and documents, various dates
21. CWPEA, personnel, teachers and volunteers, various dates
22. CWPEA, promoting positive pregnancy class, 1981
23. CWPEA, membership committee, 1961-1962
24. CWPEA, membership forms and letters, various dates
25. CWPEA, memberships, various dates
26. CWPEA, volunteers, 1960s
27. CWPEA, Michigan Human Services Network, 1978
28. CWPEA, physician and medical members, various dates
29. CWPEA, class information, 1970-1971
30. CWPEA, class information and registration, various dates
31. CWPEA, ICEA membership and information, 1970s-1980
32. CWPEA, memberships in other organizations, 1970s-1980s
33. CWPEA, publicity committee, 1970s
34. CWPEA, listings, various dates
35. CWPEA, public relations and publicity, media information and correspondence, 1960s-1970s
36. CWPEA, media correspondence, 1975-1976
37. CWPEA, press releases, 1966
38. CWPEA, press releases and publicity, various dates
39. CWPEA, radio shows and public service announcements, various dates
40. CWPEA, publicity and clippings, various dates
41. CWPEA, publicity and clippings, 1960s
42. CWPEA, publicity and clippings, 1965-1966
43-44. CWPEA, publicity and clippings, 1970s
45. CWPEA, publicity and clippings, 1980s

Box 8
1. CWPEA, film, forms and script for showings, undated
2. CWPEA, film, documents and correspondence, various dates
3. CWPEA, film, project proposals and planning, 1960s
4. CWPEA, film, French documentaries on childbirth, 1950s-1960s
5. CWPEA, film, flyers and publicity, various dates
6. CWPEA, film, correspondence re sponsorship and promotion, 1970-1971
7. CWPEA, film, transcript and photo, undated
8-9. CWPEA, film, correspondence and information, 1970-1971
10. CWPEA, film, inquiries and rental, 1971-1972
11. CWPEA, film, inquiries and rental, 1973-1975
12. CWPEA, films of other organizations, various dates
13. CWPEA, film questionnaire, undated
14. CWPEA, film, high school evaluations, undated
15. CWPEA, film, attendees, 1963-1965
16-17. Childbirth Without Pain Alumni Association (CWPA), various documents, 1960s
18-19. CWPA, class reunion questionnaires, 1968-1970
20. CWPA-CWPA, newsletters and memos, 1961-1965
21. CWPA, newsletters and memos, 1966
22. CWPA, newsletters and memos, 1967
23. CWPA, newsletters and memos, 1968
24. CWPA, newsletters and memos, 1969
25. CWPA, newsletters and memos, 1970
26. CWPA, newsletters and memos, 1971
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34. CWPA, newsletters and memos, 1979
35. CWPA, newsletters and memos, 1980
36. CWPA, newsletters and memos, 1981
37. CWPA, newsletters and memos, 1982
38. CWPA, newsletters and memos, 1983-1984
39. CWPA, newsletters and memos, 1985-1986
40. CWPA, newsletters and memos, 1987-1988
41. CWPA, record book, 1958-1959
42. CWPA, class descriptions and locations, various dates

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1-3. CWPA, class lists, various dates
4-5. CWPA, class lists, mass ledger book, 1970s
6. CWPA, class ledger notebook, 1980s
7. CWPA, class synopses and teaching information, various dates
8. CWPA, class schedules, 1970s
9. CWPA, class information and lists, 1978-1980
11. CWPA, teacher training and certification, ICEA information, 1970s
12. CWPA, teachers’ meetings, 1970s
13. CWPA, teacher-monitrice training, correspondence, 1970s
15. CWPA, various teaching documents and correspondence, 1960s-1980s
16. CWPA, teacher-monitrice training material, various dates
17. CWPA, teacher-monitrice training material, synopsis and Class 1, various dates
18. CWPA, teacher-monitrice training material, Class 2, various dates
19. CWPA, teacher-monitrice training material, Class 3, various dates
20. CWPA, teacher-monitrice training material, Class 4, various dates
21. CWPA, teacher-monitrice training material, Class 5, various dates
22. CWPA, teacher-monitrice training material, Class 6, various dates
23. CWPEA, teacher-monitrice class notes, various dates
24. CWPEA, monitrice materials, Carol (Vicki) Koenig, 1970s
25. CWPEA, teacher examination questions, various dates
26-30. CWPEA, teacher and monitrice certification exams, various dates
31-32. CWPEA, teacher and monitrice billings, various dates

Box 10
1. CWPEA, reports to physicians, notebook, 1960s
2. CWPEA, hospital and health department information and forms, various dates
3. CWPEA, survey of obstetrics practices in Detroit area, 1977
4. CWPEA, birth announcements, various dates
5-6. CWPEA, student birth reports, undated
7-8. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1959-1960
9. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1959-1962
10. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1960s
11-12. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1960-1961
13-14. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1960-1965
15. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1960-1969
16. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1961-1964
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19-22. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1962-1965

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1. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1962-1967
2-3. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1963
4. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1963-1965
5. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1964
6. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1965-1966
7. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1965-1967
8-9. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1966-1967
10. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1967
11-12. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1968
13-14. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1969
15-16. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1970
17-18. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1971
19-20. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1972
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1. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1974
2. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1975
3. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1976
4. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1977
5. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1978-1979
6. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1980s
7. CWPEA, student birth reports, 1990s, 2004
8. CWPEA, monitrice reports, sampling, 1960s
9. CWPEA, monitrice reports, sampling, 1970-1973
10. CWPEA, monitrice reports, sampling, 1971-1975
11. CWPEA, monitrice reports, sampling, 1976-1978
12. CWPEA birthing center, organizational information, 1980s
13. CWPEA birthing center, correspondence and documents, 1978-1980s
14. CWPEA birthing center, March of Dimes proposal, 1983
15. CWPEA birthing center, Comprehensive Health Planning Council of Southeastern Michigan proposal, undated
16. CWPEA birthing center, various proposals, 1980s
17. CWPEA birthing center, United Foundation grant, 1984
18. CWPEA birthing center, correspondence re grants and funds, 1983-1984
20. CWPEA birthing center, resources and information, 1980s
21. CWPEA birthing center, medical information, 1980s
22. CWPEA birthing center, funding information 1980s
23. CWPEA birthing center, correspondence with medical professionals, 1980s
24. CWPEA birthing center, survey, 1979-1980
25. CWPEA birthing center, committee documents, 1980s
26-27. CWPEA birthing center, draft plans, 1980s
28-29. CWPEA birthing center, background papers, 1980s
30. CWPEA birthing center, other centers, 1970s-1980s
31. CWPEA birthing center, Maternity Center Association information, 1970s-1980s
32. CWPEA birthing center, Birthplace (Florida) information, 1978-1979
33. CWPEA birthing center, Hutzel and Providence hospitals, birth centers, 1970s-1980s
34. CWPEA birthing center, funding proposals, 1980s
35. CWPEA birthing center, patient consent form, draft, undated
36. CWPEA birthing center, renovation and equipment, 1980s
37. CWPEA birthing center, staff recruitment, 1980s

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1. CWPEA birthing center, block grant information, 1980s
2. CWPEA birthing center, “packet originals,” 1980s
3. CWPEA birthing center, support letters, 1980s
4-5. CWPEA birthing center, plans, 1980s
6. CWPEA birthing center, liability and insurance, 1980s
7. CWPEA birthing center, correspondence with health department and others, 1980s
8. CWPEA birthing center, plans for certificate of need, 1980s
9. CWPEA birthing center, applications to Department of Public Health, 1980s
10. CWPEA birthing center, guidelines from various organizations, 1970s-1980s

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**Box 13**
12. Wayne State University, childbirth education teacher training workshop, 1979
13. Wayne State University, childbirth education teacher training workshop, 1980
14. Henry Ford Hospital classes, undated
17. Various workshops and conferences, 1978-1979
25. Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Board, 1976-1977
26. Detroit and Wayne County Health Board/Commission, 1970s
27. Herman Kiefer Clinic, 1970s
29. Women’s Hospital, Detroit, 1960s

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2. Various social service organizations, 1970s-1980s
3. Various health care and social service organizations, Detroit and Michigan, 1970s-1980s
4. La Leche League, 1958-1970s
5. Nursing organizations and information, 1960s-1980s
9. National Childbirth Trust, teaching materials, 1960s
11. Center for Continuing Education of Women, University of Michigan, 1970s
12. OB-Lamaze Group, 1977-1980s
13. YWCA, 1950s-1960s
15. American Society of Childbirth Educators, 1970s
17. Association for Childbirth Education, 1966-1967
20. Various childbirth organizations, 1970s-1980s
21. Other childbirth organizations, hospitals, Michigan, various dates
22. Other childbirth organizations, Lansing, Michigan, various dates
23-24. Childbirth and parent organizations, Michigan, various dates
25. Childbirth and parent organizations, New England and Canada, various dates
26. Childbirth and parent organizations, New York and New Jersey, various dates
27. Childbirth and parent organizations, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, various dates
28. Childbirth and parent organizations, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Kentucky, various dates
29. Childbirth and parent organizations, southern states, various dates

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1. Childbirth and parent organizations, Ohio, various dates
2. Childbirth and parent organizations, Illinois and Indiana, various dates
3. Childbirth and parent organizations, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, various dates
4. Childbirth and parent organizations, Wisconsin and Minnesota, various dates
5. Childbirth and parent organizations, southwest states various dates
6. Childbirth and parent organizations, Texas, various dates
7. Childbirth and parent organizations, California, various dates
8. Childbirth and parent organizations, Washington and Oregon, various dates
9. Overseas and international childbirth organizations, various dates
10. Various health pamphlets, 1980s
11. Professional publications, Rose Laboratory clinical education aids, numbers 1-18, 1976
18. Various government health and safety pamphlets, 1950s-1960s
19. Michigan Department of Health, various pamphlets, 1940s-1970s
20. Michigan Department of Health, information on maternal nutrition, 1961

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2. Professional publications, tuberculosis, 1950s
4. Professional publications, various nursing reports, 1950s-1960s
6. Professional publications, various health publications, 1950s-1980s
7. Report of Medical Exchange Mission to the USSR, maternal and child health, 1960
8. Parent information, women’s health and contraception, various dates
9. Parent information, breast feeding, various dates
11. Teaching materials, medical information and curricula, various dates
12. Teaching materials, medical illustrations and visual aids, various dates
13. Teaching materials, Childbirth Without Pain manuals, 1970s
15-17. Teaching materials, infant care and development, various dates

Box 17
1-4. Teaching materials, pregnancy and delivery, various dates
5. Social and political issues and events, 1950s-1960s
6. Social and political issues and events, 1970s
7. Social and political issues and events, 1980s
8. Social and political issues, various women’s events, 1950s-2000s
9. Social and political issues and events, 1980s-1990s
10. Social and political issues, NARAL and NOW, 1970s
12. Social and political issues, Judaism and Israel, 1970s-1990s
15. Social and political issues, Mayor Coleman Young, various dates
17. Ethelene and George Crockett, correspondence and documents, 1960s-1970s
25-26. Medical and social issues, various dates

Box 18
1-2. Fathers in delivery room, various dates
3-4. Child development and parenting, various dates
5-8. Medical articles, various dates
9. Medical articles, reprints, 1940s-1960s
10. Research papers on husband’s role in childbirth, 1965, 1972
11. Legislation re father at childbirth, 1975
12. James Clark Moloney, papers and articles, 1960s
13. Cornelian Corner of Detroit, publications 1940s-1960s
15. Teamsters health center, 1970s-1980s
16. Sex education project, possibly 1960s
17. Sex education, 1960s
18. Sex education in public schools, 1969
19. High school classes, 1960s
22. Family health campaigns, 1980s
23-25. Teen pregnancy, clippings, 1980s
26. Infant mortality, 1980s-1990s
27. Obstetrics, 1980s
28. Nurses and midwives, various dates
29. Home births, 1970s-1980s
30. Circumcision, 1980s-1990s
31. Cesarean birth, various dates
32. Hypnosis in childbirth, various dates
33. Jane Lee, clippings, 1950s-1970s
34. Drugs, alcohol and smoking in pregnancy, various dates
Box 19

2. Childbirth in France, clippings, 1950s-1970s
4. Articles of interest, 1968-1985
5-6. Articles of interest, 1977-1980s
7-8. Articles of interest, 1979-1982
9. Articles of interest, 1982-1985
10. Articles of interest, 1982-1985
11. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), correspondence, 1960s
12. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), various documents, 1960s-1970s
13. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), Flora’s notebook, 1960s
15. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), correspondence, 1964
16. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), correspondence and documents, 1965
17. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), various documents, 1964-1965
19. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), various membership documents, 1960s-1980s
20. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), correspondence, 1965-1966
22. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), Hommel correspondence, 1965-1967
23. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), various board and leadership documents, 1960s-1970s
25. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), president’s reports and biennial reports, 1970s
27. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), teacher’s documents, 1970s
28. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), application for teacher training program, Childbirth Education Association of Rhode Island, 1974
29. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), teacher services committee, 1970s
Box 20

1. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), exhibit committee, correspondence, 1965-1966
2-3. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), various conferences and conventions, 1960s
4. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), convention documents, 1964
5. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), exhibit correspondence, 1964-1967
8. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), convention report, 1966
9. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), convention, Detroit, 1968
10. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), convention various documents, 1968
11. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), various conferences and conventions, 1970s-1980s
12. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), sites for exhibits, 1960s
13. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), correspondence, 1975
15. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), various documents, 1980-1984
16. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), correspondence re medical company, Bogota, Columbia, 1965
18. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), various publications 1960s-1980s
19. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), Michigan, various documents, 1960s-1980s
20. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), Midwest region, various documents, 1960s-1980s
21. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), Midwest regional conference, 1971
22. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), Midwest regional conference, 1975
23. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), Midwest survey of family-centered maternity care, undated
31. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), Childbirth Preparation Kit, January 1967

Box 21
1. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), convention program and abstracts, 1964
2. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), regional conferences report, 1965
3. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), convention report, 1966
4. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), western regional conference report, 1967 April
5. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), midwestern regional conference report, 1967 June
6. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), convention report, 1971
7. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), midwest regional conference report, 1971 May
8. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), eastern regional conference report, 1971 May
10. International Childbirth Education Association (ICEA), convention proceedings, 1976
11. American Society for Psycho-Prophylaxis in Obstetrics (ASPO), documents and bylaws, various dates
13. American Society for Psycho-Prophylaxis in Obstetrics (ASPO), various documents, 1960s
15. American Society for Psycho-Prophylaxis in Obstetrics (ASPO), various documents, 1966-1969
16. American Society for Psycho-Prophylaxis in Obstetrics (ASPO), correspondence and documents, 1970s
17. American Society for Psycho-Prophylaxis in Obstetrics (ASPO), correspondence and documents, 1980s
20. American Society for Psycho-Prophylaxis in Obstetrics (ASPO), newsletters, 1960-1969

**Box 22 (OS)**
1. Testimonial Resolution, Detroit City Council, 1995 June 9
2. Proclamation, Childbirth Education Week, 1978 October 22-28
3. Avant-Garde magazine, 1968 November
4. Tableau de l’Accouchement Sans Douleur
5. Five teaching cards with lists and terms
6. “No Nukes,” posters, undated
7. Life magazine, “Drama of Life Before Birth,” 1965 April 30
8. Femmes Françaises, special edition, undated
10. “Naissance (Birth),” film poster, 1965 May 28
11. Membership certificate, La Société Internationale de Psycho-Prophylaxie Obstetricale, 1965 July 25
12. “Expectant Parent Classes,” poster, undated

**Series IV**

**Box 23**
1. Personal photo, 1990
2. Student and baby photos, most 1960s
3. CWPEA, publicity photos, 1960s
4. CWPEA, office photos, undated

**Box 24**

**Audiocassettes**
1. 4, 60-minute cassettes, with accompanying letter from Mrs. Harold Koenig, undated
2. 1, 60-minute cassette, in envelope marked “Tape of radio interview, WXYZ,” 1975 February
3. 1, 60-minute cassette, includes note “Lamaze 2/12/80 2nd class,” from certification exam of Ellen Becker, 1980
4. 1, 60-minute cassette, marked “Lamaze class T. Hanson,” from certification exam of Teri L. Hanson, undated
5. 1, 60-minute cassette, marked ‘Presentation on labor and delivery and anesthesia to high school class,” 1976
6. 1, 90-minute cassette, marked “Me ICEA-76 Wyoming,” probably 1976
7. 1, 92-minute cassette, case marked “Claudia’s recital, June 1976”
8. 1, unmarked, white cassette
9. 1, 60-minute cassette, Side 1 marked “Thu lunch=Enkia,” Side 2 marked “Thu lunch Joyce Garrett,” undated
10. 1, 60-minute cassette, Side 1 marked “Flora Hommel Psychoprophylaxis and (illegible), undated
11. 1, 60-minute cassette, marked “Yishida,” undated
12. 1, 60-minute cassette, Side 1 marked “Racism in OB-Poindexter,” undated
13. 1, cassette, “A Doctor’s View of America’s Health with Dr. Tim O’Connor,” 1996
14. 1, 60-minute cassette, Side 1 marked “Morning Nov 15, 94; Side 2 marked “marriage stuff including mother and Coleman Young (illegible), possibly 1974
15. 1, 90-minute cassette, one side marked “Lesson 4”; other side “Lesson 3” and illegible, undated
16. 1, cassette, Side 1 marked “Consumers Margot Edwards,” undated
17. 1, cassette, Pediatric Basics Audio Magazine, Focus on Health Supervision, 1988
18. 1, 90-minute cassette, marked “Claudia’s Sabor a Cabaret,” 1985 January 21
19. 1, 60-minute cassette, cassette marked “IRS (tax) 1989”; case marked “Gritando Otra Verdad, Tape I,” undated
20. 1, 60-minute cassette, cassette marked “Don’t Bother Me, I Can’t Cope”; case marked “Gritando Otra Verdad, Tape II,” undated
22. 1, 120-minute cassette, one side marked “Family Forum-May 22, 1983 Birth and Bonding-Flora Hommel Speaker Copy”
23. 1, cassette, Side A marked “Results Radio KPLX-KLIF Gary Cogill-Flora Hommel”; Side B marked “Flora Hommel,” undated
24. 1, cassette, Capitol Radio Networks, one side marked “WOMC F. Hommel July 11, ’89
25. 1, cassette, Side 1 marked “Lenden Smith,” undated
27. 1, 60-minute cassette, cassette marked “Dinner Speaker Sept 6, 1974”; case insert marked “Sept 6, 1974 Judith Levy introduced by Dr. Murray Enkins”
28. 1, 90-minute cassette, marked “603,” undated
29. 1, 60-minute cassette, marked “Sandra Poole,” undated
30. 1, 60-minute cassette, cassette marked “Development of Family Centered Maternity Care in Two Hospitals”; box marked Mary Ann Oess, undated
31. 1, 90-minute cassette, Side 1 marked “No. 202 H-10? J.D.,” undated
32. 1, 60-minute cassette, cassette marked “Can I be Ms or Mom Norma Swenson continued,” undated
33. 1, 90-minute cassette, cassette marked “504 Impt of Monitrice”; case insert marked “Norma Swenson Our Bodies Ourselves Women and Health Care” and “Swenson 70,” undated
34. 1, 90-minute cassette, cassette marked “No. 703 Is Childbirth Normally Painless”; case insert marked “Helen Wessel-Sat. aft. No. 703,” undated
35. 1, 90-minute cassette, cassette marked “Dr Cassels No. 404”; case marked “404 Dr. Cassel Neo-natal research on mother-infant relationships,” undated
36. 1, 90-minute cassette, cassette reads “Brewer 50”; cased marked “Dr. Brewer,” undated
37. 1, 90-minute cassette, cassette marked “No. 102”; case insert marked “Dr Thomas Brewer No. 102 Controversies over Nutrition in Pregnancy”; case marked “No. 102 Dr. Brewer Nutrition in Preg,” undated
38. 1, 90-minute cassette, cassette marked “Teacher Training 604,” undated
39. 1, 90-minute cassette, cassette marked “Monitrice training 704,” undated
40. 1, 90-minute cassette, cassette marked “Dr. Blitz 601,” undated
41. 1, 90-minute cassette, cassette marked “Morgolis 201 J.D.,” undated
42. 1, 90-minute cassette, cassette marked “Dr. Biashi 301”; case insert marked No. 301 9-6-74 Dr Biashi Myra Bayes
43. 1, 90-minute cassette, cassette marked “302.” Note: much of tape unwound from spool.
44. 1, 90-minute cassette, cassette marked “Done”; case insert marked “Monitrice Julie and Sherry,” undated
45. 1, 90-minute cassette, cassette marked, “No. 202 Enkin,” undated
46. 1, 90-minute cassette, cassette side 1 marked “Workshop 103”; side 2 marked “No. 103 Complete”; case insert marked “No. 103 How the hospital can enhance the family experience Sr Collette, Kristine Pierce,” undated

Tape reels
47. 1, 7” reel magnetic tape, box marked “blank=duplicate of Beaumont meeting,” undated
48. 2, 7” reels in white boxes from Jay Hathaway Production Services, marked “ICEA ’68 Session VII and Session VIII,” probably 1968
49. 1, 7” reel, Ferrodynamics magnetic recording tape, back of box marked [Dr. Pierre] “Vellay 63 1st part,” probably 1963
50. 1, 7” reel, Ferrodynamics magnetic recording tape, back of box marked [Dr. Pierre] “Vellay 63 side no. 2 Beauman(?) side no. 1 blank,” probably 1963
51. 1, 7” reel, Ferrodynamics magnetic recording tape, back of box marked [Dr. Pierre] “Vellay 1963 2nd part,” 1963
52. 1, 7” reel, Galaxy magnetic recording tape, back of box marked “Channel 2 side no. 1 monitrice nothing(?); Channel 2 side no. 2 techniques of conduct of labor; Channel 1 side no. 2 Principles of continued P.P.M; side no. 1 Principles of P.P.M.,” undated
53. 1, 7” reel, Scotch recording tape, box marked “Copy 3,” undated
54. 1, 7” reel, Realistic recording tape, box marked “Guestcall-Helen Wessel,” undated
55. 1, 7” reel, Galaxy magnetic recording tape, note inside box reads “Flora: interview April 12, 1966 WTAK,” 1966
56. 1, 7” reel, white box, back of box marked “ICEA-Midwestern Regional Conference Jackson, Michigan June 22-24, 1967,” other extensive notes, 1967
57. 2, 7” reels, Shamrock recording tape, notes on back listing various lectures and panels, undated
58. 1, 5” reel, Scotch magentic tape, note inside box: “ Side 2, 0-31 end of class, end of review class then discussion, 118 question-125,” undated
59. 1, 5” reel, Scotch magnetic tape, reel marked with tape: “7” and “1st class Flora Hommel Sunday afternoon.” Box marked “Sunday 1-3 T.M.A. 6-9 T.M.A.,” undated
60. 1, 5” reel, Scotch magnetic tape, reel marked with tape: “3” and “Sunday Evening Flora Hommel.” Box marked “Flora Hommel Trained childbirth teachers training sides 3 and 4 Sunday evening,” undated
61. 1, 5” reel, Sony professional recording tape, box marked “Sat. Workshop 2nd in the morning S. Ballian(?),” undated
62. 1, 5” reel, Brand Five magnetic recording tape, box marked “Trudy Haynes Thu April 25, 1963”
63. 1, 5” reel, Scotch recording tape, box marked “copy of concert March 9, 1969 Ann Uttermann pianist Claudia Hommel soprano”
64. 1, 5” reel, Scotch magnetic tape, box marked “American Naissance 7-1/2 IPS. Edited track-from Nursery to Delivery © CWPEA and P—and Popcorn, 1970”

Box 25
1. 2 paper “envelopes” containing loose spools of tape, all unidentified
2. 1 paper “envelope” containing three 3-1/4 reels, all unidentified
3. 1 paper “envelope” containing 9 spools of film negatives, 9 individual negatives, and 2 envelopes with loose negatives
4. 1 unboxed 7” reel, marked “Paul Winter”
5. 1 unboxed 7” reel, marked “Sister Stella”
6. 1 unboxed 7” reel, marked “401 Dr Levin Struggle against sexism racism 303 Wessel”
7. 1 box, Kodak Super 8 cartridge color movie film, with CWPEA address sticker, unidentified
8. 1, 3” reel, Scotch recording tape, box marked “WERB radio played March 23 1964”
9. 1, 3” reel, Shamrock recording tape, box marked “Helen Wessel and Dr. Lee (nutrition) 69 ICEA-Western 7-25”
10. 1, 3” reel, Shamrock recording tape, box marked “Phillip McArdle Roeper Winter 68 A song for Jewel May ‘68”
11. 1, 3” reel, Shamrock recording tape, box marked “me and Kirby,” undated
12. 1, 5” reel, Scotch magnetic tape, reel marked “The Detroit News Carol and Flora Hommel childbirth”; box marked “WWJ AM-FM-TV The Detroit News, “undated”
13. 1, 7” reel, Allegro magnetic recording tape, box marked “May 7 ’66 Chertok Detroit meeting side no. 2, blank no. 1”
14. 1, 7” reel, Shamrock magnetic recording tape, box marked “Smothers Bros. March 24 ‘68 Flora—Lou Gordon”
15. 1, 7” reel, Shamrock magnetic recording tape, note inside box: “Channel 50 Oct 31 interview, in a fine(?) 100 revolutions Channel no. 2”
16. 1, 7” reel, Irish high fidelity recording tape, box marked “Beaumont-Vellay my Lansing”
17. 1, 7” reel, Cathedral Hi-Fi tape, box marked “Class 5”
18. 1, 7” reel, Cathedral Hi-Fi tape, box marked “side no. 1=no. 3 class”
19. 1, 7” reel, white-box recording tape, box marked “Class 1 and 2”; paper inside with notes about class Nov. 9, 1960
20. 1, 7” reel, white-box recording tape, box marked “Class 3 and 4”
21. 1, 7” reel, white-box recording tape, box marked “Class 5 and 6”
22. 1, 7” reel, Cathedral Hi-Fi tape, box marked “English script of movie” and “2nd side up to 342 class record”
23. 1, 7” reel, white-box recording tape, box marked “Connie Page Show” and “I. CBE Wednesday night celeb. 15th anniv. After 840: improvis. II. Ross Furney(?)”
24. 1, 7” reel, white-box recording tape, box marked “Naissance English translation by Flora N. Hommel”
25. 1, 7” reel, white-box recording tape, box marked “Boyd first to…150 singing 238 Barry Anne Holden side no. 2 pitch to Rev Baret? 55 Dickson 175 Goshal”
26. 1, 7” reel, grey-box magnetic recording tape, box marked “L’accouchement sans douleur”
27. 1, 7” reel, black-and-white-box recording tape, box marked “Shelly Berman on TV” and “Side I Ch I Shelley Berman Side I Ch II McCarthy-Kennedy debate”
28. 1, 7” reel, black-and-white-box recording tape, box marked “Medical Vellay” and “2 meetings (run faster? Or more clearly) 3 copies for ordinary tape recorder” and “Vellay Beaumont and Women’s”
29. 1, 7” reel, Scotch recording tape, box marked “Dr and Mrs. Pierre Vellay, Conversation Wed. May 1, 1960, 1:50-2:00 pm”
30. 1, 7” reel, Scotch magnetic tape, box marked “Pulled on H-I equip 5/1/63 All of side no. 1, part side no. 2, recorded 3-3/4 ¼ track”; note inside reads “Recorded 5-1-63 all of side one, part of side two recorded 3-3/4 ¼ track”
31. 1, 7” reel, Shamrock recording tape, box marked “Dr. Chertok-Toronto ICEA convention (1966)”
32. 1, 7” reel, Allegro magnetic recording tape, box marked “Toronto 66 convention, me at 195-670 side no. 2 Chertock-Enkin”
33. 10 unmarked audio cassettes

Films
1. “Mother and Child”
2. “Triumph of Childhood”
3. “Birth of a Family”
4. “Your Baby Arrives;” Preview copy, Bellevue Maternity Hospital
5. “Minor Discomforts of Pregnancy, Questions About Labor”
6. “After Your Baby”
7. “A Family is Born”
8. “Journey with a Friend”
9. “Naissance”
10. Unidentified film; Childbirth without Pain Education Association
11. Unidentified film
12. Unidentified film
13. Unidentified film