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THE A. GRAMS PAPERS 1962-1977
(Predominantly 1962-1965)

Papers, 1962 - 1977

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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 Northern 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.

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Important subjects covered in the collection *are*:

ASSIST, School Age Laboratory, Recruiting, UNIPACS, Parent-Child relations, Sex education, Family and Society, School age laboratory

Among the important correspondents are:

Calvin J. Storley Michael D. Ursdan

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Paul Grams, Papers, 1975-77, Boxes 6-7:
Correspondence and other printed materials relating to P. Grams work as editor of various Merrill-Palmer Institute publications and as communications coordinator. Literary papers relating to the publications are included.

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Correspondence, papers and printed materials related to A. Grams work as head of the Human Development Department at the Merrill-Palmer Institute. Included in the papers *are* materials on the ASSIST (Activities to Stimulate/Support Innovation in Schools Today) center and correspondence of other staff members: J.Chantiny, I.Echols, F.Gould, C.S.Rothschild, and various articles they created or used in their work.

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