



GOUCHER COLLEGE

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES

Lilian Welsh Papers

An Inventory

Creator: Welsh, Lilian
Title: Lilian Welsh Papers
Dates: 1894-1954
Abstract: Biographical materials, professional papers, photographs and memorabilia document the life and work of Lilian Welsh, Goucher College professor.
Extent: 1 container, 0.2 linear feet
Language: English
Repository: Goucher College Library
Call #: MS 0006

Biographical Sketch

Lilian Welsh, born in Columbia, Pennsylvania in 1858, graduated from Columbia High School at the age of 15. Welsh then taught from 1873 to 1881 at Millersville State Normal School in Pennsylvania. From 1881 through 1886, she served as principal of Columbia High School. In 1889, she earned her M.D. degree from the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania and pursued the study of chemistry at the University of Zurich. Welsh moved to Baltimore in 1892 where she practiced medicine with Mary Sherwood.

In 1894, Welsh was invited to join the faculty of the Woman's College of Baltimore (later Goucher College). She became the professor of anatomy, physiology, hygiene and physical training, implementing the European system of physical training at the college. While at Goucher College, Welsh served both the school and the state in education and treatment concerning the flu epidemic of 1918. In 1919, Goucher alumnae honored Welsh by endowing the Lilian Welsh Professorship Fund.

In addition to her work at Goucher, she was involved in a variety of educational and public health organizations, including the Arundell Good Government Club of Baltimore, the Southern Sociological Congress, the National Conference of Charities and Correction,

State Federation of Women's Clubs, the Baltimore Association for the Promotion of the University Education of Women, and the Committee on Public Instruction of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland. In 1917, she was one of the physicians tasked with investigating the Federal workhouse at Occoquan, Virginia, where they established a progressive model penal system.

In 1924, Welsh retired from her work at Goucher College with an honorary degree of Doctorate of Law from the college. Welsh died in February 1938. In 1954, Goucher College honored her memory through the dedication of the Lilian Welsh Gymnasium.

Scope and Contents

Lilian Welsh Papers (1894-1938) include biographical materials, professional papers, photographs and memorabilia relating to the life and work of Lilian Welsh. The collection is arranged into three series. Series I consists of biographical information on Welsh, including condolence letters on her death and obituaries. Series II includes correspondence, works published by Welsh, and documentation of Welsh's involvement in various organizations. Series III consists of programs photographs, ephemera, and articles from a scrapbook belonging to Welsh.

Organization of the Collection

Series I. Biographical Materials

Series II. Professional Papers

Series III. Photographs and Memorabilia

Restrictions

Open for research.

Index Terms

People

Guth, William Wesley (lcnaf)

Welsh, Lilian, 1858-1938 (lcnaf)

Organizations

American Medical Association (lcnaf)

Arundell Good Government Club of Baltimore
Baltimore Association for the Promotion of the University Education of Women
Goucher College (lcnaf)
Maryland Agricultural College (lcnaf)
Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland (lcnaf)
National Conference of Charities and Correction (U.S.) (lcnaf)
Southern Sociological Congress (lcnaf)
State Training School for Girls
Teachers' Retirement Fund in Baltimore

Subjects

Physical education and training (lcsh)
Women—education (lcsh)
Hygiene (lcsh)
Influenza—Research (lcsh)
Medicine--Study and teaching (lcsh)
Physiology (lcsh)
Maryland—History—20th Century

Document Types

Letters (correspondence) (aat)
Personal Papers (aat)
Photographs (aat)

Related Material

Physical Education Department Papers. Goucher College Library.

Administrative Information

Acquisition

Found in Archives

Processors

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Cassie Brand, 2009

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Container List

Series I. Biographical Materials

Folder 1: Obituaries and memorials, 1938; dedication of the new gymnasium in her honor, 1954; and biographical information in articles of the 1980s and 1990s.

Folder 2: Publications and articles about Lilian Welsh.

Series II. Professional Papers

Folder 3: Correspondence and related papers, 1890-1911, including original note from Lilian Welsh to a “Miss Sussberger” of Reisbach, Germany, 1890; a letter of introduction to the Department of State, 1894; and correspondence related to her medical practice, publications, and work with committees and organizations. Correspondence with the Office of the Board of Trustees of the Teachers’ Retirement Fund in Baltimore, 1910-1911, relates to her selection as an examining physician of the Board.

Folder 4: Correspondence and related papers, 1914-1924, and undated, including correspondence and minutes of committees on the Maryland Agricultural College and State Training School for Girls, 1914.

Folder 5: Certificates for Lilian Welsh, including appointment to the Board of Commissioners of Public Schools of Baltimore City, 1897; membership to the American Medical Association, 1908; appointment as Maryland’s representative to the Southern Sociological Congress, 1912, and to the National Conference of Charities and Correction, 1913.

Folder 6: Publications and writings of Lilian Welsh and related materials, 1900-1923, and undated, including essays on medical education and notes for her speech to Goucher students on the Greater Goucher Fund campaign.

Folder 7: Notes and information concerning the Goucher College Health Program during the 1918 flu epidemic.

Series III. Photographs and Memorabilia

Folder 8: Programs and publications from organizations with which Welsh was affiliated, 1901-1917, including the Arundell Good Government Club of Baltimore, the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland, and the Baltimore Association for the Promotion of the University Education of Women.

Folder 9: Photographs of Welsh, 1918, 1920, 1924, 1933, and undated.

Folder 10: Articles collected by Welsh, primarily on health and educational issues, ca. 1880-1919, some include references to Welsh.