
Guide to the Evelyn Berger Brown Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Evelyn Berger Brown collection

Dates: 1898-1989

Bulk Dates: (Bulk) 1966-1980

Collection number: GTU 90-2-01

Creator: Brown, Evelyn Berger

Collection Size: 12 boxes, 1 folio
7 linear ft.

Repository: The Graduate Theological Union. Library.
Berkeley, CA 94709

Abstract: This collection consists of Evelyn Berger Brown's professional papers from the mid-1960's to her retirement in the mid-1970's. There is very little personal material. A large portion of the collection consists of material concerning her extensive community lecturing, from the 1930's to the 1980's.

Shelf location: 2/J/2-2/J/4

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

Collection is open for research.

Access Restrictions

Three files restricted until 2024 (25 years from 1999). Located in Restricted Box 1, ff 6-8, 3/B/1.

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Evelyn Berger Brown in 1990

Biography

Evelyn Berger Brown (1896-1990) was born Evelyn Miller in Hanford, California, July 11, 1896, daughter of Bishop George A. Miller and Margaret Rose Miller. George Miller, a Methodist minister, served local churches in California then became a missionary, later a bishop, in the Philippines, Costa Rica, Chile, and Argentina. Evelyn therefore grew up in these various places, and when older, taught in mission schools (1917-19) and served as a field worker among youth (1921-23).

Evelyn received an A.B., 1921, and M.A., 1930, from Stanford University, and a Ph.D. in psychology, 1932, from Columbia University. She also studied in Mexico and Spain and was fluent in Spanish. After receiving the Ph.D., she served as Dean of Women and Professor of Spanish at Allegheny College. Her teaching experience included, at various times, the University of Idaho, San Diego State College, University of the Pacific, and the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School.

In 1939, Evelyn married Jesse Berger. Then in 1941, Evelyn Miller Berger founded the East Bay Psychological Center in Oakland, California, later named the Evelyn Berger Center for Counseling and Psychotherapy after her retirement. Her work and style of therapy centered on the importance of an individual's religious faith in handling psychological problems. The staff always included ordained ministers of different denominations. She had a large and successful counseling practice, held workshops for ministers teaching counseling techniques, and, in the wider community, lectured and taught extensively on family problems, marriage, teenage difficulties, and general emotional disturbances. Evelyn frequently appeared on radio and television as well as hosting her own local shows in the San Francisco Bay Area: "Successful Parents" on radio, and "Cross Winds" and "It's a Family Affair" on TV. Her writing included published articles in church publications and professional journals, and books.

Evelyn was a dedicated member of the Methodist Church and supported the church strongly throughout her life. She was the first California-Nevada Conference president of the Women's Society of Christian Service, and served on various Conference committees and commissions. She was on the Boards of several Conference missions. Evelyn and her husband Jesse were active with youth organizations. She was later a donor to and supporter of the Methodist colleges, Scarritt College, the University of the Pacific, and Drew University establishing lectureships and scholarships.

After Jesse's death in October 1971, Evelyn married C. Maxwell Brown in November 1972. On their retirement, they moved to the Lake Park Methodist retirement residence in Oakland, California. Evelyn Berger Brown died there on November 20, 1990.

(For more extensive biographical information, see Biographical Data, Box 9, ff 45, and "Bits and Pieces", a memoir, Box 8, ff 19-20.)

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection was taken from the retirement home of Evelyn Berger Brown by the Archivist. Evelyn had moved to the Lake Park Residence in Oakland, CA from her large home of several years. At the time of the move she indicated to the Archivist that she had discarded most of her earlier professional and personal files and correspondence. This collection consists of her professional papers from the mid-1960's to her retirement in the mid-1970's. There is very little personal material. A large portion of the collection consists of material concerning her extensive community lecturing, from the 1930's to the 1980's.

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Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Psychologists--United States
Psychologists--Biography
Psychology--United States--History--Sources
Psychology--Women--History--Sources
Psychology--Clergy--History--Sources
Marriage Counseling--United States
Family Psychotherapy--United States
Counseling of Clergy
Counseling of Clergy Family Relationships
Methodists--Biography
Women in church work
Radio Programs
Television Programs
Miller, George Amos, 1868-1961

box-folder 1-6 **Correspondence 1966-1976**
 box-folder 1-4 **Alphabetical 1966-1976**
 box-folder 1 **A-G 1966-1976**
 box-folder 2 **F-K 1966-1976**
 box-folder 3 **L-R 1966-1976**
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 box-folder 5:1-3 **General 1977-1988**
 box-folder 5:4-6:6 **Lecture correspondence - concerning lecture dates, places and arrangements 1966-1977**
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box-folder 6:7-10 **Lectures 1936-1976**

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 box-folder 7:3-5 **Various Programs and Lectures 1946-1950 1965-1984 undated**
 box-folder 7:6-7 **Lectures given: lists of titles and venues 1936-1986**
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Note

Note: Evelyn B. Brown had a series of small three-ring binders with typed notes and outlines, dated and undated. The binders had headings on the outside cover, the contents were tabbed with titles or topics.

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 box-folder 8:3-4 **Parent/Child/Family Relationships n.d.**
 box-folder 8:5 **Travel n.d.**
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box-folder 8:6-26 **Publications 1923-1988**

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 box-folder 8:6 ***La Joven* (in Spanish) 1923**
 box-folder 8:7 **Extra Curricular Activities for the Spanish Department, Pamphlet and Correspondence 1942-50**
 box-folder 8:7b ***Who Matter Most, Today's Children* 1954**
 box-folder 8:8 ***The Minister and Family Counseling*, MSS ca. 1963-64**
 box-folder 8:9-11 ***Triangle*, book and correspondence 1971-1975**
 box-folder 8:12 **Loneliness, correspondence 1974**
 box-folder 8:13-16 ***This One Thing I Do: the story of Alice Weed*, correspondence 1982-1987**
 box-folder 8:17-18 ***Formula for a Happy Marriage*, (sample chapters) and correspondence, MSS 1983-1985**
 box-folder 8:19-20 ***Bits and Pieces: EBB Memoir*, MSS 1986**
 box-folder 8:21-22 ***Pricetag*, a novel, MSS drafts 1984-1988**
 box-folder 8:23 **Suggestions for Writing a Religious Play, MSS and published pamphlet n.d.**

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- box-folder 8:24-26 **Family Affair, MSS n.d.**
 - box-folder 9:1-6 **Faucets (Sections: Hostility, Guilt, Fear, Low Self-Esteem, Wrenches), MSS n.d.**

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 - box-folder 9:7-9 **Radio Show: Successful Parents, correspondence and show scripts 1944**
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 - box-folder 9:22 **TV Show: Family Forum, correspondence 1963-64**
 - box-folder 9:23 **Filmstrips: Cathedral Films, scripts 1965**
 - box-folder 9:24 **TV and radio scriptwriting workshops ca. 1964**
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 - box-folder 9:30-45 **Subject files 1923-1987**
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 - box-folder 9:31 **American Association of Marriage Counselors 1966-74**
 - box-folder 9:32 **American Board of Counseling Services 1966**
 - box-folder 9:33 **American Institute of Family Relations 1966-75**
 - box-folder 9:34 **Jesse Berger Scholarship, University of the Pacific 1969-87**
 - box-folder 9:35 **Berkeley Baptist Divinity School 1963-1972**
 - box-folder 9:36 **Bibliographies/Book Lists 1960-1968**
 - box-folder 9:37-44 **Bishop and Mrs. George A. Miller Lectureship, University of the Pacific 1961-1987**
 - box-folder 9:45 **Evelyn Berger Brown, biographical data 1896-1990**
 - box-folder 10:1 **Evelyn Berger Brown Family Trust, 2nd amendment 1989**
 - box-folder 10:2-4 **Case studies 1946-1966**
 - box-folder 10:5 **Drew University, United Methodist Archives (Bishop Miller Collection) 1970-1986**
 - box-folder 10:6 **East Bay Psychological Center (also called the Psychological Consultation Center and the Evelyn Berger Center) ca. 1940-1975**

 - box-folder 10:7 **Graduate Theological Union, Correspondence 1967**
 - box-folder 10:8 **"The Topsey Growth of a Counseling Center", East Bay Psychological Center 1989**
 - box-folder 10:9 **Licenses 1950-1987**
 - box-folder 10:10-11 **Bishop George A. Miller Collection, Drew University, United Methodist Archives n.d.**
 - box-folder 10:12 **List of Photographs sent and returned 1963-65**
 - box-folder 10:13-16 **Referrals, from ministers, doctors, lawyers 1966-1969**
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 - box-folder 10:20-21 **Staff Applicants from APA Employment Bulletin 1966-1967**
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 - box-folder 10:25 **Women's Athletic Club, Oakland 1947-48**
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 - box-folder 11 **Photographs 1898-1981**
 - box-folder 11:1-22 **Photos covering Evelyn's childhood, high school, college and graduate years 1898-1933**
 - box-folder 11:9 **Father 1924**
 - box-folder 11:11-15 **Trip to Spain 1927**
 - box-folder 11:22 **Parents 1937**
 - box-folder 11:23-30 **Photos are career woman portraits of her from professional studios. 1931-1981**
 - Folio 1 **Mounted photo of Evelyn Miller ca. 1931**

 - box-folder 1 **Restricted Material**

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box-folder 1:7 **American Baptist Seminary of the West/Berkeley Baptist Divinity School Psychological Testing 1962-69**
box-folder 1:8 **Test Reports 1979 1982**