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**MS.COLL. BETTY FLINT PAPERS**

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Papers relating to research carried out by Professor Betty Flint, psychologist, specialist in the field of infant development and early childhood education, and faculty member at the Institute for Child Study from 1948 to 1995. Betty Flint's research focuses on the security of infants and the subsequent development of children who as infants were deprived of early maternal care. Research materials and drafts for Betty Flint's books and articles are included in this collection. Material dates from 1948 to 1998.

Collection donated by Betty Flint in 1998. Accession no. 98.051.

Restrictions on access

Betty Flint carried out detailed longitudinal studies over a thirty-year period on individual children who were institutionalized in the Neil McNeil Home in Toronto and published three books based on her findings. The data collected for these studies forms a large part of this collection. Since subjects are identified by name, access to this section of the collection is restricted. Application should be made to the Ethics section of the University of Toronto's Research and International Relations, Simcoe Hall (Website: [www.library.utoronto.ca/rir/ethics/human.htm](http://www.library.utoronto.ca/rir/ethics/human.htm)) and to the Blatz Advisory Committee.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL OUTLINE

- 1920 Born, Toronto
- 1944 B.A., University of Toronto
- 1944-47 Supervisor, Wartime Day Nursery
- 1945 Diploma Child Study, University of Toronto
- 1948 M.A., University of Toronto
- 1948-56 Clinical psychologist, Children's Aid, Metropolitan Toronto (part time)
- 1948 Appointed to research assistantship, Institute of Child Study (ICS), U of T, (part time)
- 1950 Began to work on committee to develop the Early Childhood Education Programme at Ryerson.
- 1952-57 Director of first course given in Early Childhood Education, Ryerson
- 1952 First President of the Early Childhood Education Association of Ontario (founding member)
- 1952 Received first grant to support the development of the Flint Infant Security Scale (grant support continued to 1970)
- 1953 Began working with children at Neil McNeil Home, a Catholic orphanage in Toronto.
- 1954
- 1957 Published *The Security of Infants* (University of Toronto Press)
- 1957 Received first in a series of grants to begin longitudinal study of selected children from Neil McNeil Home.
- 1958 Appointed Assistant Professor, ICS
- 1967 Published *The Child and the Institution; a Study of Deprivation and Recovery* (University of Toronto Press)
- 1967 Film by N.F.B. on her work: *Differences between Institutionally Reared and Home Reared Children*.
- 1971 Appointed Associate Professor, ICS
- 1974 Published *Manual and Scale: Flint Infant Security Scale* (Guidance Centre); revised 1977; 1983; 1989 (Institute of Child Study).
- 1976 Appointment in School of Graduate Studies, U of T
- 1977 Appointed Professor, ICS
- 1978 Published *New Hope for Deprived Children* (University of Toronto Press)
- 1981 Parent-Infant Centre at ICS opened (founded by B. Flint)
- 1983-86 Associated Instructor, OISE
- 1985 Retired from ICS. Appointed Professor Emeritus, ICS
- 1986 Received grant for final interviews of subjects of her longitudinal studies for follow up book

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- 1987            Film: *New Hope for Deprived Children*. Produced at ICS, with support from the Laidlaw Foundation.
- 1996            Published *Pathways to Maturity: Insights from a Thirty Year Study of Deprived Children* (University of Toronto Press)

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**CONTAINER LIST**

**Box 1 BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL**

Curricula Vitae, 1983-1989. 3 folders.

**EARLY WORK**

"Longitudinal Study of Attentive Behaviour of a Group of Pre-School Children", May 1948. M.A. thesis for University of Toronto. Bound typescript.

**SECURITY OF INFANTS**

Papers relating to Betty Flint's research and publication of book, *Security of Infants* (University of Toronto Press, 1957). 2 folders.

"Summary of play studies made for book in spring 1955; an evaluation of play observations as part of the Pre-school Mental Health Scale". Typescript.

Correspondence re publication of book.

**FLINT INFANT SECURITY SCALE RESEARCH AND DATA**

Papers relating to Betty Flint's research and drafts for *Manual and Scale: Flint Infant Security Scale*. (Toronto: Institute of Child Study, 1974. Rev. eds. 1977; 1983). 46 folders.

Research papers 1966-1983.

Drafts and revisions; proofs.

**Box 2**

Correspondence relating to publication of book

Correspondence with other researchers using the FISS.

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## NEIL MCNEIL RESEARCH MATERIALS.

**Box 2** Papers relating to research carried out by Betty Flint and Mary Kilgour on children in the Neil McNeil Home, Toronto.

Offprints and typescripts of papers based on Neil McNeil study. 3 folders.

Mary Kilgour. "A Developmental Study of the mental health of Institutionalized Infants", 1956. Diploma study. Typescript (carbon copy)

"The Role of the Child Care Worker." Typescript. 3 folders.

Includes questionnaires to parents and analysis.

Mary Kilgour. "Casework and Research: a Compatible Integration". Typescript. ca. 1961.

"A Follow-up of Institutionalized Infants' Concept Formation Ability in Pre-Adolescence". 1969. Xerox of typescript.

"Conceptual Development in Institutionalized Children Following Adoption". Typescript.

"Mental Functioning in Binet & Rorschach Protocols of Neil McNeil Subjects". Typescript.

Offprints of articles by Betty Flint; Anne Taylor.

**Box 3A** Papers re Betty Flint's book *The Child and the Institution; a Study of Deprivation and Recovery*. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1966). 8 folders.

Typescript.  
Contracts.  
Reviews.

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## NEIL MCNEIL RESEARCH MATERIALS

- Box 3A** Papers re Betty Flint's book, *New Hope for Deprived Children* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1978). 14 folders.
- Typescripts.  
Contract, 1976  
Research papers: offprints, book reports, abstracts.  
Reviews  
Correspondence
- "The Role of the Child Care Worker". Typescript. 3 folders.  
Questionnaires and analysis
- Box 3B** Background papers on the Neil McNeil programme. 1956-67. 15 folders.  
Notes, articles, month by month reports, photos., etc.  
Correspondence re access to files. 1985-86.
- Box 4** Slides of Neil McNeil Home, ca. 1955-60. 100 35mm slides.
- Box 5** Film: "Neil McNeil Home". 8mm. 2 reels. Approx. 350 ft. per reel.
- Box 6** Video cassette: "New Hope for Deprived Children". (Copy made by University of Toronto Media Centre)

## NEIL MCNEIL RESEARCH DATA.

## RESTRICTED ACCESS.

Boxes  
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Records for individual children in Neil McNeil Home who received intervention as part of research project. Listed by number or name.

Records contain tests, reports, and assessments carried out with children while they were in the Neil McNeil Home. Include home placement reports, papers relating to their adaptation to home, school and community after adoption, and notes on their development and careers as adults. Also includes material by and on adoptive parents. (See detailed outline of records in appendix to this guide).