

## Winifred E. Bain, (1940-1955)

Archives, Wheelock College Library  
Boston, MA 02215

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**Title:** Records of the Office of the President.

**Date:** 1924-1986

**Term of Office:** 1940-1955

**Quantity:** .5 cubic feet, [11 folders]

**Collection ID Number:** 1B

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### Biography

Winifred Bain was the second President of Wheelock College. Born in Portage, Wisconsin, she taught kindergarten in Minnesota and Wisconsin for eleven years before graduating from the University of Chicago in 1924. A Rockefeller Foundation fellowship made it possible for her to study at Columbia University, where she received her Master's and Ph.D. degrees, and where she remained as an assistant professor, teaching at the experimental New College from 1932 until its closure in 1940. In 1935, her book *Parents Look at Modern Education* was awarded a best book of the year medal by Parents Magazine. The newly created Board of Trustees at Wheelock School chose Bain to succeed Lucy Wheelock as Principal in 1940. Under Bain's leadership, Wheelock School became Wheelock College in 1941 and was authorized to award a four-year Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Bain's new title became President of Wheelock College, a title she kept until her retirement in 1955. During her administration Wheelock began offering graduate degrees and summer classes and received national accreditation. Enrollment grew, and many buildings were added to the campus, including new dormitories and a new library. In addition to her duties at Wheelock, Bain served as the Editorial Board Chairman of the Association for Childhood Education (ACEI) from 1940-1947, as President of the ACEI from 1947-1949, and as Financial Consultant to ACEI from 1950 until her death in 1965. She was a trustee of Wheelock College, a member of the U.S. commission for early childhood education, and from 1950-1956 a member of the executive board of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Bain also found time to publish over fifty articles and three books, including *Leadership in Childhood Education*, *Images and Realities: A History of Wheelock College 1888-89 to 1963-64*.

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### Scope and Content

The Bain Collection in the Records of the Office of the President documents the life and professional work of Winifred E. Bain, second President of Wheelock College. The collection is made up of biographical materials, items documenting Bain's involvement in professional activities, writings and lectures by Bain, and administrative records of the Office of the President

at Wheelock College. The collection is organized into two series with the second series being organized into three sub-series.

- I. Biographical**
- II. Professional Work**
  - 1. Professional Affiliations and Activities**
  - 2. Writings and Lectures**
  - 3. Wheelock College Administrative**

Further information about Winifred E. Bain may be found in the Winifred E. Bain Collection held by the ACEI Archives. The ACEI Archives were given to the University of Maryland in 1987. Contact the Curator of Historical Manuscripts and Archivist, University of Maryland at College Park Libraries, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742-7011 (301-405-9058). The URL for the ACEI archives is <http://www.acei.org/archives.htm>. The University of Maryland online catalog may be found at <http://www.lib.umd.edu/ARCV/>.

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## **Restrictions**

### **Access:**

Access to the collection is unlimited. Researchers are allowed to view all pieces of the collection. The archives is open by appointment only. Call the Reference Librarian at (617) 879-2222 to make an appointment.

### **Copyright:**

Requests to publish material from the collection should be submitted to the Library Director.

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## **Cataloging Entries**

The following catalog entries provide controlled subject access to the collection. All these entries are searchable in the Wheelock College Library's online catalog to find materials of related interest.

Bain, Winifred, 1889-1965  
Wheelock, Lucy, 1857-1946  
Leeper, Mary  
Wheelock College -- History  
Early childhood education -- History

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Acquisition:**

The collection was the donation of Wheelock faculty and staff.

## **Processing Information:**

The collection was re-processed by Jill Snyder in April of 2002. The collection was initially organized by Laura Reade and Judy Ceven. The collection was rearranged based on archival principles. Accession correspondence as well as inquiries into information from the archives was removed from the collection. Acidic materials such as newsprint were photocopied onto acid-free paper and then discarded unless the original had some intrinsic value.

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## **Series Description**

### **Series I:**

#### **Biographical, 1940-1986**

Contains newspaper clippings, remembrances published in 1965 in *Childhood Education* and *ACEI Branch Exchange*, and a short biographical sketch. Includes the Board of Trustees announcement of Bain's appointment to President and of a scholarship fund in her honor. Also contains a finding aid for the Winifred E. Bain Collection at the ACEI Archives.

### **Series II**

#### **Professional Work, 1932-1965**

Documents Bain's professional work. Contains information about Bain's work within the educational community, Bain's writings on education, and administrative records of the Office of the President at Wheelock College. The series is divided into three sub-series:

- 1. Professional Affiliations and Activities**
- 2. Writings and Lectures**
- 3. Wheelock College Administrative**

#### **Subseries 1. Professional Affiliations and Activities, 1932-1964**

Documents the professional affiliations and activities of Winifred Bain. Newspaper clippings, project reports, correspondence, and programs of events can all be found. Bain's efforts for legislation in support of kindergartens make up the bulk of these materials. Includes several pamphlets published by the ACEI, the U.S. Department of Education, and others, as well as correspondence with legislators in New York and with the Director of Kindergartens in Hawaii. A transcript of Bain's 1940 New York radio broadcast on "State Aid for Kindergartens" is also included.

#### **Subseries 2. Writings and Lectures, 1924-1965**

Contains Bain's published writings and typescript lectures on early childhood education. Check the Wheelock College Library Catalog at <http://www.wheelock.edu/library> for other writings by Bain.

#### **Subseries 3. Wheelock College Administrative, 1942-1955**

Documents some Bain's work at Wheelock College. Consists mainly of Annual Reports of the President, 1952-1955, and a very small selection of correspondence, including a proposal for Wheelock's publicity program in 1943.

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## Container List

### Box 10

#### Series I: Biographical

- Biographical Material, 1940-1965 and 1986, **Folder 1**
- Association for Childhood Education International - Archives - Winifred E. Bain and Mary E. Leeper, 1965 and 1989 [Guide's and finding aids for ACEI Archives. Also contains registry of Mary Leeper's papers], **Folder 2**

#### Series II: Professional Work

##### Subseries 1. Professional Affiliations and Activities

- Professional Activities, 1932-1953, **Folder 3**
- Legislation Affecting Kindergartens, 1935-1947, **Folder 4**
- Defense of Kindergartens and Nursery Schools, 1933-1961 (bulk 1938-1940), **Folder 5**

##### Subseries 2. Writings and Lectures

- Published writings, 1924-1961, **Folder 6**
  - “A Practical Handbook for Students in Observation, Participation, and Teaching in Kindergarten, First, Second and Third Grades,” by Winifred E. Bain, Gertrude Burns, and Eva Jane Van Sistine, 1924.
  - “A Tentative Analysis of Teachings in Nursery School Kindergarten and First Grade,” 1929 (2 copies).
  - “A Study of the Attitudes of Teachers Toward Behavior Problems,” *Childhood Education* vol. 5, no. 1, March 1934 (2 copies).
  - “Parents Look at Modern Education,” *Bulletin of the State University of Iowa* no. 59, 1938.
  - “Concepts are a Long Time Growing,” *Childhood Education* November 1944.
  - “Teachers in Action Through Professional Organizations,” *Childhood Education* September 1944.
  - “We Do What We Want to Do,” *Childhood Education* December 1947.
  - “When Human Values Appear in Our Schools, It’s Fun and Brings Results,” *Childhood Education* December 1954.
  - “Rainbow Over the Brink,” *Childhood Education* May 1956.
  - “A Story of Transition Years, Wheelock School – Wheelock College,” *Wheelock College Alumnae Newsletter* vol. 31, April 1961.
  - “With Life so Long, Why Shorten Childhood?” *Childhood Education* September 1961, reprint November/December 1981 (2 copies).
- Lectures, 1958-1965, **Folder 7**

##### Subseries 3. Wheelock College Administrative

- Annual Report of the President, 1952-1953, **Folder 8**

- Annual Report of the President, 1953-1954, **Folder 9**
- Annual Report of the President, 1954-1955, **Folder 10**
- Correspondence, 1942-1948, **Folder 11**