

[M.M. Goodrich Papers](#)

**GOODRICH, M. M., 1925-
M.M. Goodrich papers, 1975-2006 (bulk 1983-2003)
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: M.M. Goodrich is a relative of a person with a serious mental illness (brain disorder). As a Quaker involved in issues of social justice, Goodrich devoted her early retirement years to advocacy on behalf of her family member and others similarly afflicted, especially those in the criminal justice system. In the early 1980s, she joined the Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI), later known as the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), and became an expert on forensics, the relation of mental illness to law, and on the treatment of the mentally ill in prisons.

Goodrich was founder and chair of NAMI's Forensic Network (1982-1986), and was also founder and co-chair (1982-1999) of the Forensic Committee of its New York chapter. In these roles, she worked on behalf of the imprisoned mentally ill and their families by writing articles; lobbying state legislators and mental health professionals; conducting workshops; giving presentations; and testifying before state and federal commissions.

Goodrich was educated at Mount Holyoke College and Columbia University and worked as a teacher and a librarian in New York City, California, and upstate New York. As of the writing of this finding aid, she had largely retired from activism but still retained a keen interest in the subject.

ORGANIZATION: Organized in four series: I. Subject/Correspondence Files; II. Presentations by Goodrich; III. Forensic Work/Forensic Committee; IV. Periodicals/Printed Material.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Correspondence, minutes, reports, conference materials, newspaper and magazine clippings, periodicals, newsletters, pamphlets, brochures, and other ephemeral printed matter documenting Goodrich's career as an advocate for the mentally ill in the criminal justice system. While the main geographic focus of her advocacy was on New York State, Goodrich's papers also illustrate national concerns relating to this topic in the last quarter of the 20th century.

The bulk of the papers concerns her work in forensics, the relation of mental illness to law, and her advocacy on behalf of the imprisoned mentally ill. Goodrich largely accomplished this as a member of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI), which later became the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and, in the early 21st century, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Included are minutes, agenda, correspondence, position papers, and brochures created by the Forensic Committee of NAMI New York State – originally known as HELP-MI (Help Exists for Loved Ones in

Prison Who are Mentally Ill) – as well as background information such as newspaper and magazine articles, and government reports.

Goodrich also created extensive subject files which can be found in Series I. These include not only newspaper and magazine articles, reports, and ephemera, but may also hold correspondence with other NAMI members, members of other advocacy and research groups, and with state government mental health professionals. There are also records of mental health conferences, largely in New York, and material documenting other mental health organizations.

In addition, there are a few of Goodrich's presentations and runs of several periodicals (with gaps), mostly NAMI publications.

LANGUAGE: English.

ACCESS: Researchers desiring to use the Goodrich papers must make written application to the Head, Archives & Special Collections, Columbia University Health Sciences Library, indicating the nature of their project and the proposed final product.

Researchers must complete an application guaranteeing that they will not divulge names or personally identifiable information of the mentally ill or their families (apart from that which appears in previously published material) in their notes or published findings.

PROVENANCE: Gift of M. M. Goodrich, 2006 (accession no. 2006.06.21).

SUBJECTS

Goodrich, M. M., 1925-
Alliance for the Mentally Ill.
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (U.S.)
Forensic psychiatry – United States.
Insanity (Law)
Mental illness – Family relationships.
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Goodrich, M. M.
Papers, 1975-2006

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| | 2 | Albany County Forensic Task Force: Conference, March 30, 2004 |
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