



## **JOHN MONEY PAPERS**

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## Descriptive Summary

### Title

John Money Papers

### Creator

Money, John, 1921-2006

### Extent

Number of containers: 3 archive cartons  
Linear feet: 1 linear foot

### Date

1802-1993 (bulk 1980-1984)

### Repository

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California

### Abstract

Writings, lectures, course materials, printed materials from research, and miscellaneous items created and collected by psychologist/sexologist Dr. John William Money. The bulk of the collection is a complete carbon-copy set of Money's lectures from his class, "Biosocial Aspects of Human Sexuality" at Johns Hopkins University, in fall 1980. The collection also includes a number of Money's early writings; article off-prints; and his "Autobiographical Statement," later re-titled "Explorations in Human Behavior" and published in the second volume of *The History of Clinical Psychology in Autobiography* (1993), edited by C. Eugene Walker.



## Administrative Information

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### Preferred Citation

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### Indexing Terms

This collection is indexed under the following terms:

- Gender identity
- Money, John, 1921-2006
- Psychosexual development
- Sex differentiation
- Sexology

### Acquisitions Information

Donated by John Money in several installments between 1998 and 2001.

### Processing Information

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## Biography

John William Money was born on July 8, 1921 in Morrinsville, Waikato, New Zealand. He grew up in a conservative, evangelical Christian family, which may have influenced his research focus later in life. He received his undergraduate degree in psychology from Victoria University in 1943, then emigrated to the United States to pursue graduate education. He studied social relations in the Psychological Clinic at Harvard University, receiving his Ph.D. in 1952. The next year, he joined the faculty of Johns Hopkins University Medical School, where he taught and carried out sexology research for over 50 years. He founded the Psychohormonal Research Unit at Johns Hopkins University Medical School and coined the term “gender role” in 1955, which he later expanded to “gender-identity/role” (GI/R).

Throughout his career, Money authored numerous publications on sexology, including *Venuses Penuses* in 1986 and the controversial *Man and Woman, Boy and Girl*, coauthored with Anke Ehrhardt in 1972. In the latter, Money and Ehrhardt expressed the view that gender was malleable and could be altered through external factors such as prescribed hormones and behavior therapy. To support this hypothesis, Money cited the “John/Joan” case, in which he advised a Canadian couple whose son’s genitals had been severely damaged in a circumcision gone awry to raise the child as a female. The family acted according to this advice; the child underwent surgery to construct a vagina and began estrogen treatment. Money followed “Joan’s” progress for five years and declared the treatment successful. However, as soon as “Joan” was informed about the treatment at the age of fourteen, he reclaimed a male identity and underwent sex reassignment surgery. Despite this action, “John” remained deeply troubled and committed suicide in 2004.

According to his colleagues, Money was very distressed by the outcome of that case and preferred not to re-examine it. Dr. Richard Green, an emeritus professor at the University of California, Los Angeles and one of Money’s former colleagues, publicly defended Money’s actions, explaining that Money had no way of knowing that the treatment would backfire. Other researchers, however, find fault with Money’s research practices regarding the case.

Despite this debate, Money’s impact in the field of sexology remains undisputed. His research marked the first steps toward a new understanding of gender that is still developing today.

Money died of complications from Parkinson’s disease on July 7, 2006 in Towson, Maryland. He was survived by eight nieces and nephews. Many originals of his lectures and research are housed at the Kinsey Institute.

### Sources:

Carey, Benedict. “John William Money, 84, Sexual Identity Researcher, Dies.” *New York Times*. 11 July 2006.

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Stein, Mark, ed. “Money, John and Anke Ehrhardt.” *Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History in America*. New York: Thompson-Gale, 2004.

## Scope and Content and Container List

This collection consists of one series, divided into four subsections: Writings, Teaching, Printed Materials and Miscellaneous. Money's writings are arranged chronologically; from early works (1953-1956), to article off-prints (1957-1984), to his Autobiographical Statement (with accompanying curriculum vitae), later titled "Explorations in Human Behavior" for publication in volume two of C. Eugene Walker's compilation, *The History of Clinical Psychology in Autobiography* (1993). Money's course materials from his teaching and administrative experience at Johns Hopkins University and a complete carbon-copy set of his lectures from Fall 1980 are also arranged chronologically by category. A small number of printed materials that Money collected during his research are also included in the collection, arranged by author. The last category contains miscellaneous items, including a copy of a *New York Times* article about Money.

### Box Folder

		<b>Writings</b>
1	1	Early Writings. 1953-1956
1	2	Article Off-prints. 1957-1984
1	3	Autobiographical Statement/Explorations in Human Behavior. 1993.
		<b>Teaching</b>
1	4	Biosocial Aspects of Human Sexuality, Handout. 1980
1	5-19	Biosocial Aspects of Human Sexuality, Lectures 1-15. 1980
1	5	Lecture 1
1	6	Lecture 2
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1	20	Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Introduction to Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences, Course Outline, 1969-1970
2	1-4	Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, First Year Program
2	1	Clinical Syndromes Study Guide, 1982-1983
2	2	Course Outline, 1983-1984
2	3	Readings 2, 1983-1984
2	4	Readings 3, 1983-1984

- 2     5-8     Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; Year II Program, Course Outline
- 2     5             1971-1972
- 2     6             1972-1973
- 2     7             1973-1974
- 2     8             1974-1975

**Printed Materials**

- 3     1     American Association on Mental Deficiency. *Directory, Appendix A: Listing of State and Private Training Schools and Homes for the Retarded*. 1958
- 3     2     Clive Michael Boutilier v. U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service. U.S. Supreme Court, October Term, 1966. No. 440. Amicus curiae brief of the Homosexual Law Reform Society of America.
- 3     3     *Jaqueline Foroni rendue a son véritable Sexe, ou Rapport, Réflexions et jugement présentés à l'Académie de Mantoue, par la Classe de Médecine, sur le sexe d'un individu vivant, connu sous le nom de Jaqueline Foroni*. 1802 (photocopy)
- 3     4     Erwin J. Haeberle. *The Birth of Sexology; A History in Documents*. 1983
- 3     5     Magnus Hirshfeld, *Was eint und trennt das Menschengeschlecht?* 1919 (photocopy)
- 3     6     *Homophile Studies*; ONE Institute Quarterly. Volume 8, No. 22. 1970
- 3     7     National Institute of Public Health. *Report on the XYY Chromosomal Abnormality*. 1970
- 3     8     Brad Wilson. *Sweet Hollow Cook Book*. 1968

**Miscellaneous**

- 3     9     Miscellaneous. 1985-1990