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Records, 1924-2004

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ACQUISITION:

The collection was donated to the hospital archives by Patty Diaz, President of the School of Nursing Alumnae Association, on Wednesday, February 23, 2000.

In May 2009, Ann Lennihan of the School of Nursing Alumni Association, donated additional materials to the Children's Hospital Archives after the Alumni Association officially disbanded.

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PROCESSING:

The collection was processed by a student in the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science master's degree program in archival management.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

The Children's Hospital Training School was founded by the Sister's of St. Margaret in 1889. What started out as a two-year program extended to a three-year program by 1895. In 1907, the training school officially became the Children's Hospital School of Nursing. Affiliations with other hospitals were established with the New England Deaconess Hospital and the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital during the years of 1915-1920. By 1917, the Sisters of St. Margaret withdrew their affiliation with the hospital and the school. In 1921 the Simmon's College-Children's Hospital five-year B.S. degree program began and ran until 1937. The Children's School of Nursing was among the first to be "accredited by visitation" by NLNE. In 1953 they received their first accreditation by the new National League for Nursing and remained fully accredited till its closure. By 1964, Northeastern University had also replaced Simmons College for basic core classes. In 1974, the school of nursing was informed of their eventual closure and their resources were to be merged with Curry College to develop an articulated A.D.-B.S. program in Nursing. The last graduating class of the Children's Hospital School of Nursing was in 1978; by that point the school could boast 2,369 graduates to its name.

Finally, in 1989 the School of Nursing Alumnae Association celebrated their 100th anniversary of the founding of the school on National Nurses Day, May 6th. The Alumnae Nurses Association produces annual newsletters, sponsors local events, luncheons and dinners and helps keep the nurses in contact with one another through out the years.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection is comprised of six series; Financial Records, Meeting and Minutes, Papers and Projects, Publications/Print Materials, Membership Records, and Correspondence.

Several books/volumes were removed from this collection to the Archives office shelves. These books range from student/alumnae copies of textbooks to general materials about the School of Nursing (such as Stella Goostray's memoirs). Listed below are the volumes removed, with information about the alum (if available) who donated the volume to the School of Nursing Alumnae Association Archives.

- *Lorna Doone* / by R.S. Blackmore (from the Gardner House Student Library)
- *An introduction to material medica : Drugs and solutions* / by Stella Goostray, B.S., M.Ed., R.N., 1939 (Donation of Emily B. Marks)
- *Fifty years : A history of the School of Nursing the Children's Hospital Boston* / by Stella Goostray
- *Memoirs : Half a century in nursing* / by Stella Goostray, 1969 (2 copies, 1 donated by Emily B. Marks)
- The Nurse's Alumnae Bulletin, bound volume collection, v. 1-11, 1916-1929
- *One hundred years at Children's* / by Lendon Snedeker, M.D. (Donation of Helen Blood Vose, class of 1926)
- *Textbook of anatomy and physiology* / by Diana Clifford Kimber, Carolyn E. Gray, A.M., R.N., and Caroline E. Stackpole, A.M. (Donation of Emily B. Marks)
- *The Fountain Overflows* / A Novel by Rebecca West, 1956 (From the Reference Library, The School of Nursing, The Children's Hospital)

In addition, the novel *Lorna Doone* / by R.S. Blackmore (from the Gardner House Student Library) was removed and discarded from the Archives collection.

APPRAISAL NOTE:

Publications including *The News*, *Children's Today*, *Children's World*, and *Inside Children's*, have been moved to the Hospital Publications Collection. Impermanent records that were beyond their retention period were discarded (scholarship applications).

PRESERVATION NOTE:

Metal paperclips and many of the staples have been removed from the documents.

Several brittle documents have been restricted for preservation.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS:

I. Financial Records, 1925-1990s.

Box 1

Arranged alphabetically by folder topic.

The series contains all financial information associated with the Nurses Alumnae Association between 1940 until approximately 1998. Auditors and treasurer reports make up the majority of the series. It also contains a number of proposed budgets from 1940-1993 with some gaps. Three folders contain miscellaneous financial information from 1940-1980, including bills, receipts and budgetary concerns of the association.

II. Meetings & Minutes, 1957-2000

Box 1

Three subseries: Annual Meeting Minutes, Board of Director's Minutes and Meeting Agendas. Arranged alphabetically, by folder topic, with the Board of Director's Minutes encompassing the majority of the series information.

A. Annual Meeting Minutes, 1970-1988

Contains the recorded minutes of the annual meeting of the Alumnae Nurses Association with some gaps between meetings and years.

B. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 1957-1992

Largest section of the series contains the majority of the minutes recorded at the board of directors meetings.

C. Meeting Agendas 1983-1992

Contains the planned agendas for the board of director meetings.

III. Papers & Projects, 1921-1998

Boxes 1 & 2

A. Centennial Papers, 1987-1989

Contains the information on planning and hosting celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the School of Nursing, such as invitations, fundraising information and budgetary papers.

B. Committee Papers, 1921-1998

The largest section in the series in contains information of a number of committees ranging from the Alumnae Day Planning Committee of the 1980s to the Free Bed Relief Fund of the 1920s. This series may be of interest to researchers looking for information on the Alumnae Association's war efforts and contributions to the hospital.

IV. Publications/Print Materials, 1924-1990s

Boxes 2 & 3

Contains information regarding any publications or printed materials produced by or about the Alumnae Association. This series contains annual invitations to the Annual Alumnae Day and

Meeting, annual reports, the association's by-laws, newsletters, news articles, presidents updates and information regarding the Society of the Sisters of Saint Margaret.

V. Membership Records, 1940-1993

Boxes 3 & 4

Contains information on members and officers of the Alumnae Association. Applications for memberships from 1953-1954, curriculum vitae of past presidents and officers during 1976, 1979 and officer information from 1940-1993 (with gaps).

VI. Correspondence, 1919-1993.

Box 4

A. General Correspondence, 1940-1992

This section holds the general correspondence of the Alumnae Association, broken down by year. It comprises most of the series.

B. Anniversary Class Letters, 1983-1984

This is a few pieces of correspondence dealing with and discussing the anniversary class of that year. Photos are also contained in this section of a nurse who moved from Boston to Alaska.

C. Scholarship Information, 1940-1992

Correspondence to and from the Alumnae Association, discussing the scholarship applications and award letters given to students to help pay toward furthering their educations in the nursing profession.

VII. Alumnae Memorabilia and Materials

Box 4

Contains materials donated to the School of Nursing Alumnae Association by alums, the families of alumnae, and others affiliated with Children's Hospital and with the School of Nursing. Materials include remembrances of alumnae, memorabilia--such as photographs, nurse caps, stuffed animals, miniature statues, newspaper articles, and books. Folders listed by alum name, which varies between married names and maiden names. All names, if applicable or available, are noted in parentheses. Included is a file of materials related to Ethel Trafton.

BOX LIST:

Box Folder

SERIES I: Financial Records, 1925-1990s.

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| 1 | Auditors Reports, 1935-1939 |
| 1 | Auditors Reports, 1940-1941 |
| 1 | Auditors Reports, 1964, 1970-1971 |

Box Folder

- 1 Auditors Reports, 1973-1979
- 1 Auditors Reports, 1980-1992
- 1 Financial Information 1940s-50s
- 1 Financial Information 1960s
- 1 Financial (miscellaneous), 1970-1988
- 1 Proposed Budgets 1940-1993
- 1 Treasurer Reports, 1925-1933
- 1 Treasurer Reports, 1934-1939
- 1 Treasurer Reports, 1970s
- 1 Treasurer Reports, 1980s
- 1 Treasurer Reports, 1990s

SERIES II: Meetings & Minutes, 1957-2000

A. Annual Meeting Minutes

- 1 Annual Meeting Minutes, 1904-1938
- 1 Annual Meeting Minutes, 1939-1957
- 1 Annual Meeting Minutes, 1970-1988
- 1 Annual Meeting Information, 2000

B. Board of Director's Minutes

- 1 Board of Director's Minutes, 1957-1959
- 1 Board of Director's Minutes, 1960-1964
- 1 Board of Director's Minutes, 1965-1969
- 1 Board of Director's Minutes, 1970-1974
- 1 Board of Director's Minutes, 1976-1979
- 1 Board of Director's Minutes, 1980-1983
- 1 Board of Director's Minutes, 1984-1986
- 1 Board of Director's Minutes, 1987-1989
- 1 Board of Director's Minutes, 1990-1992

C. Meeting Agendas

- 1 Meeting Agenda's, 1983-1992

Box Folder

SERIES III: Papers & Projects, 1921-1998

A. Centennial Papers

- 1 Centennial Celebration #1, 1987-1989
- 1 Centennial Celebration #2, 1987-1989
- 1 Centennial Celebration #3, 1987-1989
- 2 Centennial Celebration #4. 1989
- 2 Memorial Sculpture Papers, 1988
- 2 Centennial Packet, 1989
- 2 Centennial Communications, 1987-1989
- 2 Centennial Budget/Financial Papers, 1987-1989

B. Committee Papers

- 2 Ad Hoc Committees, 1978-1998 (w/gaps)
- 2 Alumnae Day Committee, 1970-1985
- 2 Alumnae Day Information, 1950-1960
- 2 Committee On Program, 1969-1970, 1990
- 2 Committee to Investigate the Future Role of Alumnae Association, 1978
- 2 Contact Hour Program Data, 1987
- 2 Directory Committee Notes/Correspondence, 1978-1990
 - Directories, 1976-1978, 1990
 - Directory Supplements, 1981- 1990
- 2 Free Bed Relief Fund 1921-1936
- 2 Final Directory Committee, 1977-1978
- 2 Finance Committee, 1979-1984
- 2 Membership Committee
- 2 Membership Questionnaire (1)
- 2 Membership Questionnaire (2) 1984-1985
- 2 Nomination Committee, 1979
- 2 Scholarship Committee, 1939
- 2 Organ Donation and Transplantation, 1988
- 2 Project World Papers, 1991

Box Folder

SERIES IV: Publications/Print Materials, 1924-1990s

- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1916
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1920
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1921
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1922
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1923
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1924
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1925
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1926
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1927
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1928
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1929
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1930
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1931
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1932
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1933
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1936
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1937
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1938
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1939
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1940
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1941
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1942
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1943
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1944
- 2 Alumnae Bulletin, 1949
- 3 Annual Invitations and Programs, 1960-1990s, 2002
- 3 Annual Reports, 1926
- 3 Annual Reports, 1950-1969
- 3 Annual Reports, 1970-1999
- 3 By-Laws 1924-1979 (with gaps)

Box Folder

- 3 By-Law Revisions 1957- 1991 (with gaps)
- 3 Calendar, 2000
- 3 Constitution and By-laws, Circa 1930s
- 3 Directory, 1955
- 3 Directory, 1963
- 3 Directory, 1967
- 3 Directory, 1968
- 3 Directory 1976-1978, 1980
- 3 Directory Supplements
- 3 Newsletters, 1933-1961 (with gaps)
- 3 Newsletters, 1986-1996
- 3 Newsletters, 1997-2004 (with gaps)
- 3 Newspaper Articles, 1979, 1985
- 3 Presidents Updates, 1984-1992
- 3 Eleanor Book Benefit – News Clippings, 1930
- 3 Society of Saint Margaret’s Newspaper clippings, 1978-1992
- 3 School of Nursing Alumnae Association Photograph File, undated and 1938-1997

SERIES V: Membership Records, 1940-1993

- 3 Application for Membership 1953-1954
- 3 Curriculum Vitae, 1976, 1979
- 3 Officer Information, 1932, 1940-1970
- 3 Officer Information, 1980s-1993
- 3 Final Membership Survey – 1978, classes of 1907-1929
- 3 Final Membership Survey – 1978, classes of 1930-1934
- 3 Final Membership Survey – 1978, classes of 1935-1939
- 3 Final Membership Survey – 1978, classes of 1940-1944
- 3 Final Membership Survey – 1978, classes of 1945-1949
- 3 Final Membership Survey – 1978, classes of 1950-1954
- 3 Final Membership Survey – 1978, classes of 1955-1959
- 3 Final Membership Survey – 1978, classes of 1960-1965

Box Folder

- 3 Final Membership Survey – 1978, classes of 1966-1969
- 4 Final Membership Survey – 1978, classes of 1970-1974
- 4 Final Membership Survey – 1978, classes of 1975-1978

SERIES VI: Membership Records, 1919-1993

A. General Correspondence

- 4 Correspondence, 1919
- 4 Correspondence, 1920
- 4 Correspondence, 1921
- 4 Correspondence, 1923
- 4 Correspondence, 1930, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1936
- 4 Correspondence, 1940-1945
- 4 Correspondence, 1946-1949
- 4 Correspondence, 1950-1952
- 4 Correspondence, 1953-1955
- 4 Correspondence, 1956-1959
- 4 Correspondence, 1960-1964
- 4 Correspondence, 1965-1969
- 4 Correspondence, 1970
- 4 Correspondence, 1971-1972
- 4 Correspondence, 1973-1974
- 4 Correspondence, 1975-1977
- 4 Correspondence, 1978-1979
- 4 Correspondence, 1980-1984
- 4 Correspondence, 1985-1986
- 4 Correspondence, 1987
- 4 Correspondence, 1988
- 4 Correspondence, 1989
- 4 Correspondence, 1990
- 4 Correspondence, 1991
- 4 Correspondence, 1992

Box Folder

B. Anniversary Class Letters

4 10th Anniversary Class Letters (Class of 1973), 1983-1984

C. Scholarship Information

4 Scholarship Information/Application, 1940 -1969

4 Scholarship Information/Application, 1970-1979

4 Scholarship Information/Application, 1980-1989

Series VII: Alumnae Memorabilia and Materials

4 Graduates' Experiences – a compilation of writings by alumni (in binder)

4 Class of 1950 – Reunion Pictures, circa 2000

4 Bacon, Carolyn (Handley) – Class of 1954 – Postcards, grades, correspondence, journal, calendar

8 Bailey, C.J. – Pen/Ink drawing of Gardner House – See **Oversize Box 8**

5 Blood, Helen (Vose) – Class of 1926 – Includes photograph and Children's nurse's pin

5 Branch, Mary Chapman – Class of 1936 – Photographs, correspondence, nursing cap charm

5 Burmeister, Charlotte R. – Class of 1941 – Photographs, essays, clippings, correspondence, etc

5 Butler, Barbara (Gessert) – Class of 1934 - photographs

5 Campbell, Mary (King) – Class of 1946 – 1 of 2 – U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps.

5 Campbell, Mary (King) – Class of 1946 – 2 of 2

5 Clark, Esther

8 Daland, Lois Mansfield – CH Nurses Hat and Pin (See **Oversize Box 8**)

5 Danforth, Ellen R. – Class of 1929 – SON pin, Photographs, Correspondence

5 Fitts, Esther L. – Class of 1923 – Photograph scrapbook – My Career at the Children's Hospital – Boston, August 30, 1920 to October 31, 1923

5 Foster, Mildred – Class of 1928 – Photo Album

5 Hamel, Vicki – Class of 1978 – Class President's Address, Graduation Day, May 21, 1978

5 Hamilton, Carolyn (Carson) – Class of 1928 – Poem

5 Heath, Lucy (Allen) – Class of 1931 – Cards, Correspondence, pamphlets,

Box Folder

- publications – Part 1 of 3
- 5 Heath, Lucy (Allen) – Class of 1931 – Cards, Correspondence, pamphlets, publications – Part 2 of 3
- 5 Heath, Lucy (Allen) – Class of 1931 – Cards, Correspondence, pamphlets, publications – Part 3 of 3
- 5 Hecht, Susan (Sullivan) – Class of 1945 – Correspondence, Memoir “The Salad Day”
- 5 Horan, Alice M. – Class of 1942
- 5 Howe, Constance (Gruemer) – Class of 1950 – Correspondence and essay/school work
- 5 Hunter, Lois (Moser) – Class of 1956-II – Scrapbook, copies of clippings and photos taken from the 1953-56 years of the scrapbook of Lois Hunter Moser
- 5 Klein, Marjorie Comstock – Class of 1940 – Copies of Letters Home during first year at SON (in binder)
- 5 Lebaron, Judith (Brewer) – Class of 1962 – “Class of 1961 School of Nursing” booklet with updates (about a decade later) from alumnae
- 5 Locke, Mary (Sinclair) – Class of 1937 – Information about Mary Locke and her book, *My China: The Way it Was* – Book is on display in Archives and is in Library catalog
- 5 Marks, Emily (Bregger) – Class of 1948 – Nursing Pin, bracelet, memorabilia, correspondence, publications – part 1 of 2
- 5 Marks, Emily (Bregger) – Class of 1948 – Nursing Pin, bracelet, memorabilia, correspondence, publications – part 2 of 2
- 8 Marks, Emily (Bregger) – Class of 1948 – See also Oversize Box 8: Children’s Hospital Boston teddy bear
- 5 McKewen, Ruth A. – Class of 1929 – Photographs, correspondence
- 5 Moody, Ruth (Loud) – Class of 1949 – Clippings, and publications from the McLean Hospital in Waverly Massachusetts
- 5 Olson, Virginia Wilder – Class of 1942
- 5 Parkis, Ellen W. – Clippings
- 5 Peterson, Ann Maria – Class of 1954 – Copy of Goostray’s *Problems in Solutions and Dosage*
- 5 Saint Claire, Louise (Young) – Class of 1955-II – Memorabilia, including program from the “Folly of CMC” and a copy of a newsletter, *The Strawberry Box*
- 5 Stacy, Phebe (Henry) – Class of 1948 – Admission to CH School of Nursing –

Box Folder

- Part 1 of 2
- 5 Stacy, Phebe (Henry) – SON Affiliations, class materials, correspondence –
Part 2 of 2
- 8 Stacy, Phebe (Henry) – See **Oversize Box 8** for Oversize clippings
- 5 Stocker, Sylvia (Watts) – Class of 1940 – Variety of materials concerning her
acceptance into the SON program, information about the closing of the SON, and
information about fees and tuitions.
- 5 Trafton, Ethel (See also: Oral History Colletion, VF) – Programs, flyers, photograph,
book Part 1 of 2
- 5 Trafton, Ethel – In Appreciation of Ethel M. Trafton – Binder/Gift from Alumnae
Association in 1978 with clippings, photographs, etc.
- 8 Trafton, Ethel – See also **Oversize Box 8**, Ethel Trafton Photo Album/Scrapbook
- 5 Vesey, Muriel B. – Class of 1930 – Includes a photograph, and remembrances
by alumnae of Miss Vesey
- 5 Woodward, Dorothy Bell – Class of 1924 – Includes staff photograph
- 5 Young, Joyce (Stahl) – Class of 1948 – note reads: “This photo of a Cadet nurse
handbag was sent to me by Shirley Brock Ryan (48-II) ...”
- 6 Philips, Esther H. – Class of 1920 – Scrapbooks, 1918-1921

Series VIII: Historical Exhibit

- 7 School of Nursing Historical Exhibit Materials, 1989

Oversize Materials

- 8 Contains oversized items, as noted in Series VII folder descriptions.
1989 [Miniature] Model of Nurse Sculpture (from Prouty Garden) – File contains
information about this piece, and about the donor to the SONAA Archives