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HELEN ESTHER FITZGERALD, 1914-1992

Papers, 1930-1985 [with gaps]

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Helen Esther Fitzgerald was born in 1914 in Lexington, Massachusetts. She was the daughter of John G. and Helen K. Fitzgerald. Helen E. Fitzgerald graduated from the Children's Hospital School of Nursing in 1935 and became a nurse anesthetist at Children's Hospital for six years. Helen E. Fitzgerald volunteered for the army after the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941 and was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, Fifth Harvard Medical Unit. She saw 45 months of active service as an operating room nurse anesthetist in both England and France and was part of the Normandy invasion of France in June 1944. After leaving the Army, Helen E. Fitzgerald did hematology research at the Blood Grouping Laboratories in Boston until her retirement in 1982.¹

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of nursing textbooks, photographs, diplomas, student exams and notes and various subject files. Also included in the collection are a ring, two nursing pins, a nursing cap and cloak.

¹ Information compiled from obituary in the *Lexington Minute-Man* Thursday, February 6, 1992.

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Series I: Textbooks

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| 1 | 1 | Goostray, Stella. <u>Drugs and Solutions for Nurses</u> . New York: MacMillan Company, 1928. |
| | 2 | Goostray, Stella. <u>An Introduction to Materia Medica Drugs and Solutions</u> . New York: MacMillan Company, 1932. |
| | 3 | Guedel, Arthur E., M.D. <u>Inhalation Anesthesia: A Fundamental Guide</u> . New York: MacMillan Company, 1937. |
| | 4 | Harmer, Bertha. <u>The Principles and Practice of Nursing</u> . New York: MacMillan Company, 1932. |
| 2 | 1 | Lucas, William Palmer. <u>Children's Diseases for Nurses</u> . New York: MacMillan Company, 1932. |
| | 2 | Muse, Maude B. <u>A Text-book of Psychology for Nurses</u> . Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders Co., 1932. |
| | 3 | Race, R. R. and Ruth Sanger. <u>Blood Groups in Man</u> . Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications, 1958 |

Series II: Subject Files

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| 4 | Anesthesia Reprints, 1933-1939 |
| 5 | Diplomas |
| 6 | Directory of Schools of Nursing in Massachusetts, 1948 |
| 7 | Exams |
| 8 | Log, Surgery |
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Series III: Artifacts

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Children's Hospital Nurse's pin
Children's Hospital 10 year Nurse's pin
Nurse's cloak and Nurse's cap |
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