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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FINDING AID

Title: MS 661 **Alumnae Association of the Training School for Nurses of the Garfield Memorial Hospital of Washington, D.C., Records, 1896 – 2007.**

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The **Alumnae Association of the Training School for Nurses of the Garfield Memorial Hospital of Washington, D.C.**, was organized on November 15, 1896 and operated for 111 years until its final meeting on April 28, 2007. The stated purpose of the organization was the mutual benefit of members, their improvement in professional work, and the establishment of a fund for sick nurses. Garfield Memorial Hospital (GMH), the first general hospital in Washington, was founded in 1882 as a permanent memorial to President Garfield who was assassinated in 1881. The school was founded in 1889 by Sophia French Palmer and the first class graduated in 1891. The first graduate of the school, Margaret A. Mullen, was founding member of the association. In September of 1896 Palmer invited delegates from GMH and 11 other schools to New York to form the Association of the Nursing School Alumnae Groups. This later became the American Nurses Association (ANA). In 1958 GMH was replaced by Washington Hospital Center (WHC).

Scope and Content: The Alumnae Association of the Training School for Nurses of the Garfield Memorial Hospital of Washington, D.C., Records, 1896-2007, consists of items relating to the Garfield Memorial Hospital, the Training School for Nurses as well as the Alumnae Association. The items therein include transactional documents, correspondence, newsletters, photographs, newspaper articles, scrap books, objects and other publications related to the training of nurses and the profession of nursing.

SERIES I: HISTORY, 1945-2001 consists of the history of President Garfield, the hospital's namesake, as well as the hospital itself and the practice and profession of nursing. In addition, there is a pamphlet "*Why a Cap?*", a history of nursing school caps. This series is arranged by document type and then chronologically.

SERIES II: HOSPITAL RECORDS, 1923-1957 consists of GMH charter, bylaws and rules as well as annual statements. This series arrangement is chronologically.

SERIES III: SCHOOL RECORDS, 1923-1957 consists of correspondence and *The Garfielder*, the school newspaper and two (2) alumnae directories. This series is arranged by document type and then chronologically.

SERIES IV: ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION RECORDS, 1900 - 2007, consists of legal documents, correspondence, Alumnae Association newsletters, and Miscellaneous documents. This series is arranged by document type and then chronologically.

SERIES VII: SCRAPBOOKS, 1940-1967 Giulia Babcock's scrap book, scrap book of newspaper clippings related to GMH, including GMH fundraisers, graduations, marriages, obituaries, the construction of WHC; Scrapbook of the class of 1951 consists of photographs and watercolor illustrations

SERIES VI: NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, 1930 - 2004, consists of newspaper clippings about the hospital and school. This series is arranged chronologically.

SERIES VII: PHOTOGRAPHS, 1896-1983 consists of class photographs, photographs of the hospital (interior and exterior), doctors, nurses, students and patients. This series is arranged chronologically.

SERIES VIII: AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS, date unknown, consists of a film labeled *Care of a Patient with Communicable Disease*

Donor: 2007.082, Alumnae Association of the Training School for Nurses of the Garfield Memorial Hospital of Washington, D.C.

Size: 1.35 cubic ft. (3 containers)

Restrictions: none

Related Materials:

Removed to library collection

Building on Yesterday, Becoming Tomorrow, 1958 - 1983 The Washington Hospital Center's First 25 years

Bulletin, July/August 1983

The Center Line, news of the Washington Hospital Center, May 1958

Heritage Hall/Hall of Fame *The Exhibition of American Nursing History*, n.d.

The Quarterly Review, the official publication of the Graduate Nurses Association of Washington, 1963

Stripes, GMH Yearbook, 1928 - 1956

Removed to objects collection: Nurses cap signed by several people, student nurse's cape, GMH memory plate, framed needlepoint of school song, circular velvet GMH plaque, framed embroidery commemorating the centennial with signatures of those who attended the celebration, lamp 7" tall manufactured by the Simplex Lamp Company of New York, two (2) glass domes, white nurse's uniform, white plate with wooden stand, four (4) plastic dolls wearing nurse uniforms, porcelain "genie style" lamp with gold trim, smaller porcelain "genie style" lamp, miniature cloth nurse's cap presented to Rachel D. Murphey by the class of 1943 in 1978, cuts of fabric to make a doll sized nurse's uniform, wood and silk block (stamp of GMH?), 1957 GMH class ring inscribed with the initials ADL, small nurse's cap, pattern for GMH nurse's cap donated by Catherine A. [?], class of 1941, nurse teddy bear, triangular piece of fabric stamped "operating room," student nurse's uniform with "Christina M. Jenkins" name tag, two (2) quilted pillows with alumnae signatures.

Container List

SERIES I: HISTORY, 1881-2001

Container 1

Folder 1: Sheet music of President Garfield's funeral march; magazine article about the President Garfield's house; postcard featuring a picture of his house; a self guided tour of Lawnfield; newspaper clipping of a comic featuring President Garfield

Folder 2: Histories of the Hospital; Histories of nursing

Folder 3: GMH Charter, bylaws and rules as well as the annual statements from 1914, 1927 & 1936

SERIES III: SCHOOL RECORDS, 1923-1957

Folder 4: Commencement announcements and programs, 1929-1953

Folder 5: ANA State Board Meeting Report 1943; Annual ANA questionnaire regarding national accreditation, 1923

Folder 6: Student Newspaper, *The Garfielder*, 1947-1957

Folder 7: School of nursing announcements, 1946-1947 as well as WHC nursing school announcement, 1946-1957

Folder 8: Capping Ceremony programs, 1948 - 1953

Folder 9: Alumnae directory, 1956

Folder 10: Alumnae directory, 1957

SERIES IV: ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION RECORDS, 1900 - 2007

Folder 11: Constitution, charter, articles of incorporation, bylaws and code of ethics, 1896-1958; Scholarship fund and application

Folder 12: Annual meeting announcements, 1957 - 1996

Folder 13: Minutes, 1938-1955

Folder 14: Minutes, 1957 - 2007; Treasurer's Reports, 1959 - 1997

Folder 15: Correspondence, 1943-1969 consists of letters regarding Camp Glyndon for diabetic children; class reunions; WHC's director of social activities asking for assistance with the WHC Alumnae Association; the GMH library fund; Brock's Nurse's Outfitting Company to retain GMH cap pattern post 1957; attempts to transfer the name of the GMH to the new WHC

Folder 16: Correspondence, 1974-1985 consists of letters regarding American Diabetic Association; American Journal of Nursing about the Sophia F. Palmer portrait; Fort Lincoln burial plot and certificate of ownership

Container 2

Folder 1: Alumnae Association Newsletters, 1963-2007

Folder 2: Miscellaneous, 1923-1953, consists of diploma and registered nurse certificate of Blanche McKinley, class philosophies, Florence Nightingale pledge, Class prayers, GMH greeting card, Prayer for Nurses, Probie's Lament (a song detailing the life of a GMH student); A Garfield Memorial Nurse (a poem) written by Ruth Harker Spangler, class of 1957, Award presented to E.

Clarence Rice, Pamphlet describing plans to enlarge GMH, Pamphlet asking for donations for GMH

Folder 3: Cadet Nurse Corps, 1993-2001, consists of clippings about the World War II Corps including a photograph of Ruth M. Puryear in her Army uniform and her obituary

SERIES V: NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, 1930-1983

Folder 4: Newspaper articles about the GMH and the nursing school

SERIES VI: PHOTOGRAPHS, 1896-1983

Folder 5: Class and school photographs, 1896-1958

Folder 6: Miscellaneous photographs, 1902 - 1983

Folder 7: Miscellaneous photographs, dates unknown

Folder 8: Miscellaneous photographs, dates unknown

Folder 9: Miscellaneous photographs, dates unknown

Container 3 Oversized

Folder 1: Class and school photographs, 1922-1929

Folder 2: Class and school photographs, 1930-1928

Folder 3: Class and school photographs, 1933-1938

Folder 4: Class and school photographs, 1940-1945

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Folder 5: Class photograph, 1923

SERIES VII: SCRAPBOOKS

Container 4

Folder 1: GMH scrapbook, 1940-1957

Folder 2: Giulia Babcock's scrapbook, 1944-1967

Folder 3: Class of 1951 scrapbook, 1951

SERIES VIII: AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS, date unknown

Film in canister labeled, "Care of a Patient with Communicable Disease"