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**Biographical Sketch.** Alice Merritt Robinson (1921-1983) was born in Sayville, New York in 1921. Inspired by World War II to become a nurse she attended the Duke University School of Nursing. From 1944 to 1948 she served as an army nurse, during which time she became interested in psychiatric nursing.

In 1947, Robinson returned to school to obtain her master's degree from the Boston University School of Nursing. She worked as a psychiatric nurse and clinical instructor at the Boston State Hospital, 1950-1955; at the Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kansas, 1955-1956; and at the Vermont State Hospital, Waterbury, Vermont, 1956-1962. In 1962 she left hospital nursing to become one of the associate editors of Nursing Outlook. She became the senior editor of Nursing Outlook in 1968 and resigned in 1970 when she felt that she was not getting enough support from her supervisor. Apparently there were some bad feelings in this parting. A minor controversy arose when Robinson gave her employer four months notice. She was instructed to clear out her desk immediately in a letter that implied she had been dismissed. During the years 1958 to 1970 she also served as a consultant to various Veteran's Administration hospitals. From 1971-1975 she was the senior editor of RN Magazine.

Through out her career Robinson was a sought after speaker. She gave speeches at graduations, to public organizations, and led workshops. In 1975 Robinson decided to venture into self employment by starting her own business called Specialized Consultants in Nursing (SCIN). The basis of the business was to provide workshops for nurses and people in the health profession as a means of continuing education. SCIN workshops covered such topics as Hypertension Control, Infection Control, and Clinical and Professional Writing as well as others. Other nurses and professionals were employed to help her with the workshops. The workshops were either sponsored by pharmaceutical companies or nursing organizations, or they were paid for by the participants. Robinson continued to run this business until her death in 1983.

Robinson was involved in several nursing organizations including the American Nurses Association (ANA) and the National League for Nurses (NLN). She was in charge of the 1956 NLN Midwestern Conference held at Topeka, Kansas. The Vermont League of Nurses elected Robinson its president in 1959. She was involved in a number of projects for both the ANA and the NLN and she supported student nurses' associations.

Throughout her life Robinson was very interested in writing. She had even considered pursuing a degree in English but decided to become a nurse instead. She did, however, write several articles and books during her career. Probably her best known work was a text entitled The Psychiatric Aide which ran for four editions. She wrote a number of other text books and many articles about various aspects of nursing practice. Robinson not only generated professional literature but she wrote fiction also such as the novel The Unbelonging, published in 1958. Author of several other unpublished fiction stories, Robinson's nonfiction work was better received.

**Summary.** The strength of this collection lies in the materials which relate to the professional training of nurses and nursing education issues, particularly with regard to psychiatric nursing. Robinson's work as a nursing instructor, administrator, and author are well documented by her speeches, annotated manuscripts for publication, personal and professional writings, employment files, and photographs. The collection also contains several journal issues and reprints of Robinson's writings.

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**Series Description.** This collection has been arranged into five series:

- Series I. Personal, 1921-1983
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Series I. Personal, 1921-1983. This series contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, and a scrapbook which pertain to Robinson's family and her personal life. Materials are arranged chronologically.

Series II. Career, 1947-1982. Included in this series are materials which deal with all aspects of Robinson's professional career: her education, her work as a psychiatric nurse, her speeches and speaking engagements, her work with Nursing Outlook and RN, her writing career, her own business, and the professional organizations with which she was involved. This series is arranged chronologically with some overlap due to commitments outside her full time job. The workshop materials are arranged chronologically according to the first date that the workshop was given.

Series III. Photographs, 1900-1982. Contained here are photographs of Robinson, her family, and friends at work and at play. The photographs are arranged chronologically. Two photo albums are also included.

Series IV. Diplomas, 1944-1948. Robinson's diplomas from Duke University for nursing and her BS in Nursing Education from Catholic University make up this series.

Series V. Publications, 1949-1982. The series is comprised of reprints of articles written by Robinson, journals and magazines collected by Robinson, and books written by her. This series is arranged chronologically for individual works and alphabetically for the publications.

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