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Biographical Sketch. Claire M. Fagin, R.N., Ph.D., F.A.A.N., and dean of the School of Nursing of the University of Pennsylvania, 1977-1991, is a leader of nursing with international reputation.

Fagin was born in New York City in 1926. She received her B.S. from Wagner College School of Nursing in Staten Island, New York (1948), M.A. from Teacher's College, Columbia University, and Ph.D. from New York University (1964). Her dissertation, "The Effects of Maternal Attendance during Hospitalization on the Behavior of Young Children", received national attention. She served as the director of the graduate program in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing at New York University from 1965-1969. She then served as chair and professor of the department of nursing at the Herbert Lehman College of the City University of New York from 1969 to 1977, during which time she developed a new baccalaureate nursing program that prepared nurses for primary care practice. In 1977 she assumed the position as dean of the School of Nursing of the University of Pennsylvania. Among her many accomplishments is her appointment as director of the Health Professions Institute of Lehman College and the Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center (1975), president of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, member of the Institute of Medicine, advisor for the World Health Organization, and as the first female board member of Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company. Under her leadership as dean at the University of Pennsylvania, the School of Nursing became a well-known and respected institution, visible both domestically and internationally. Fagin is the editor of several acclaimed books in the fields of psychiatric and pediatric nursing, including *Family Centered Nursing in Community Psychiatry: Treatment in the Home and Nursing in Child Psychiatry*. She has written numerous scholarly articles and papers and has given many speeches.

Fagin retired as dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing at the end of 1991. She still teaches, however, at the University of Pennsylvania and remains active with many professional and corporate organizations. She is president of the National League of Nursing, serves as committee member of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, serves on an

advisory panel on nursing of the World Health Organization, keeps her leadership position at the Provident Mutual Insurance Company, and continues to be member of the Institute of Medicine and member of the editorial board of the American Journal of Orthopsychiatry.

Summary. This collection spans Fagin's professional life, documenting both her educational and academic experiences prior to the appointment at the University of Pennsylvania and her work as dean of the School of Nursing of the University of Pennsylvania. Also included is an extensive collection of her speeches and articles and files documenting her association with various institutions other than the universities she attended or served. Included as well are important personal papers, correspondence, photographs, artifacts, and files of such sideline interest as involvement in New York City's West Side Urban Renewal Project through her local block association.

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Series I. Personal records and papers. This series contains valuable personal documents such as birth certificate, passports, transcripts, diplomas, awards, etc., as well as personal papers including diaries and correspondence. Also included in it is an autobiography.

Series II. Educational and academic experiences prior to 1977. This series is of papers accumulated in the period when Fagin studied or worked at the Columbia University, New York University and finally Herbert Lehman College of the City University of New York. Included in it are class notes, teaching notes, master thesis, dissertation, and readings on various specific subjects in her major field.

Series III. Dean of the School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania. This series documents Fagin's 15-year-long experience as dean of the School of Nursing of the University of Pennsylvania. It is one of the three major series of the collection. The series is divided into the following sub-series: deanship, administrative, conferences, correspondence, fund-raising, international activities, teaching material, and involvement in the university-wide activities.

Series IV. Addresses, papers, articles and other publications. Included in this series are the large number of addresses and papers Fagin presented on various occasions, the numerous articles published on various journals, and several monograph publications. It spans from 1953 to 1992.

Series V. Institutional associations. This series documents Fagin's extensive involvement with various organizations other than the universities and colleges she attended or worked in. The organizations are arranged alphabetically. Among them are American Academy of Nursing, American Orthopsychiatric Association, Commonwealth Fund, Institute of Medicine, Philadelphia Mayor's Commission on Health in the Eighties, National Institute of Mental Health, Provident Mutual Life Insurance, and World Health Organization.

Series VI. Photographs. This series includes a portrait photo taken on Fagin's graduation from high school in 1943. The rest are mostly group pictures taken on various social or ceremonial occasions. Also included are some snapshots taken with her family and friends.

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p.25-26 With a woman in each picture at social gatherings, undated
p.27 With Mimi Mahan, Andrea Hollingsworth, and Neville Strumpf in front of tent, undated
p.28 At a social gathering, undated
p.29 With representatives of American Nurses' Foundation, undated
p.30-33 At an award ceremony and dinner party, undated
p.34-38 In a CPR demonstration class, undated
p.39-45 Group pictures on accepting an award from the VNA of Greater Philadelphia, 1992

f.1 Casual pictures taken with or of family and friends

Slides

(slides) Portraits and group pictures, 20 frames

(slides) Charts and tables, 8 frames

Series VII. Video and audio tapes of interviews, 1982

Box 22

Interview with Claire Fagin by Susan Reverby, JUN-AUG 1982

7 cassette tapes

8 original (?) KCA tapes

8 VHS copy tapes

f.1-2 Transcripts

1 tape "Nurses of America," talk to Channel L Broadcast, 28 MAR 1989

2 tapes "Nurses of America: Alternatives to NYC Healthcare," 9 MAY 1989

1 tape Channel L Broadcast, 28 MAR 1989; and "Alternatives to NYC Healthcare," 9 MAY 1989; "Alternatives to Healthcare," 24 OCT 1989

Series VIII. Artifacts, 1979-1991

Box 23

Award tablets

Alumni Award, New York University Division of Nursing, 1979

Founders Award, Sigma Theta Tau of National Honor Society of Nursing, 1981

Alumnus Award, 50th anniversary of nursing at New York University, 1982

Award, American Nurses' Association Council in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing, 1986

Award from Hadassah on its 75th anniversary, 1987

Award from Association of Women Faculty and Administrators, 1991

Award Statue, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, 1981

A cut-and-paste cartoon piece on the selection of Claire Fagin as dean of the School of Nursing

of the University of Pennsylvania, undated

An ash-holder in honor of Claire Fagin's appointment as dean, undated

An imitated wine bottle in honor of the fifth anniversary of Claire Fagin's deanship, 1982

An aluminum cup entitled "Non-elitist visitor's drinking cup and administrative fund raising tool for the 1980's"