

Alumnae Association of Mercy-Douglass
Hospital School of Nursing
Records, 1939-1987

MC 27

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Historical Sketch. The Mercy-Douglass Hospital was formed in 1948 on the basis of the two hospitals serving a predominantly black patient population in Philadelphia: the Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital and Mercy Hospital. After the two hospitals merged in 1948 to form the Mercy-Douglass Hospital and School for Nurses (later renamed as School of Nursing), the Mercy Hospital Alumni Association was renamed as the Alumnae Association of the Mercy-Douglass Hospital School of Nursing. The alumnae association meets monthly with the exception of July and August to carry on its functions and activities. It has survived both the school of nursing, which graduated its last class in 1960, and the Mercy-Douglass Hospital, which closed in 1973.

Summary. This collection consists of two parts: records of the alumnae association in the period of Mercy Hospital and records of the organization under its present name. It complements the Mercy-Douglass Hospital records (MC 78) in that the latter are exclusively hospital and school records organically created before the hospital closed in 1973. The alumnae association collection contains history accounts of the hospital and the school as prepared by the alumni, minutes of alumni meetings, programs of various kinds of activities the association sponsored, newsletters, correspondence, clippings, and material the association collected of other organizations.

Series Description. This collection has been arranged into three series:

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Series I. Mercy Hospital Alumnae Association, 1948-1949. This series includes one file of meeting minutes prior to the merger of Douglass Memorial and Mercy Hospital.

Series II. Alumnae Association of Mercy-Douglass Hospital, School of Nursing, 1939-1987. Included in this series are documentation of the history of Mercy-Douglass school of nursing and the alumnae association (1918-1973), also the constitution and by-laws (1959). In this series are programs of home-coming for the Philadelphia and other state chapters; newspaper clippings concerning the activities of the hospital and school of nursing; and the study "Career Achievements for Graduates" (1909-1960).

Series III. Other Organizations, 1941-1985. In this series are files with whom the Alumnae Association has had contact. It documents a study of Negro nurses done by the Local Association of Colored Graduate Nurses of Philadelphia and Vicinity (1946); and includes programs and newsletters from the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses (1941-1949).

Series IV. Photographs, 1949-1982. There are 598 photographs in this series depicting

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special events, such as, the naming of the new nurse's home for L.G. Warlick (1956); reunions; alumnae meetings and home-comings. It includes photographs from Grace Manning Green's scrapbook (Class of 1930).

Series V. Artifacts. This contains two (2) small souvenir glass vases from the hospital family reunion (1987).

Series VI. Ephemera, 1896-1968. This series includes scrapbooks; announcements for a benefit concert (1896); and a poster for the school of nursing basketball game (1951).

Series I. Mercy Hospital Alumnae Association, 1948-1949

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Series II. Alumnae Association of Mercy-Douglass Hospital School of Nursing, 1939-1987

f.1 Constitution and bylaws, 1959

f.2 History of Mercy-Douglass Hospital and School of Nursing, 1948-1973

f.3 History of the Alumnae Association of Mercy-Douglass Hospital School of Nursing, no date

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f.5 Annual Reunion, agenda, with financial reports, 1978-1985

f.6 Budgets, 1981-1982

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Mary E. Mahoney, First Graduate Nurse, AFPO Magazine Section,

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September 24, 1954

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- f.2 "Chronic Illness: Problems of Professional Education," (after 1946)
- Medical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania
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- National Conference of Hospital Administrators
- f.4 Questions for round table discussion, 1946
- Local Association of Colored Graduate Nurses of Philadelphia and Vicinity
- f.5 "Survey of Negro Nurses in Philadelphia," summary, 1946
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Series V. Artifacts

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Hospital Family Reunion, October 3, 1987"

Series VI. Ephemera, 1896-1962

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f.1	Scrapbook, Grace Manning Green, Class of 1930
f.2	Scrapbook, Hospital and School of Nursing Functions and Activities, 1930-1962
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