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Biographical (or Historical) Sketch.

The Hospital was founded by Dr. Charles Bingham Penrose and a group of like-minded individuals for medical and surgical treatment of diseases of women, including poor women, seen as patients in the Philadelphia Dispensary. It was incorporated on January 10, 1888. The hospital began in 2 small rooms in a private house and by 1908 had 32 ward beds and 12 private rooms. The hospital merged with the University of Pennsylvania in 1939. The hospital was originally financed by private subscriptions and State aid. The Training School for Nurses of the Gynecean Hospital was a two year program entitling a student who graduated to take the State Board Examination.

Summary

This collection contains details of 34 student nurses at this hospital during the 1914 to 1918 period. Demographic information from application forms, letters of reference, grades, details of courses and evaluations of these students are included. There are requests of this information from institutions after the students had graduated.

Processing Notes

The documents originated from the files of the Nurses Alumni Association of the School of Nursing of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. They were placed in an untitled ledger in alphabetical order under the first letter of the surname of the student. The ledger is in poor condition with nearly all the pages with notations detached from the binding. The pages from the book contained the a 4-page application form and details of the time spent in the Training School such as appearance, deportment, affiliation at other institutions, grades obtained from various subjects and status on departure from the School. Requests for information after graduation were tucked into the alphabetical page containing that student's information. While most students were single there are several instances of married women or widows applying who are listed using 'Mrs. Those subsequently married are listed as [married name] after the entry. Not all students had pages of educational information or application forms. The pages of the ledger and all inserts were processed into folders in chronological order.

Series Description. This collection comprises 1 series:

Ledger description

The inside of the front cover lists: Mrs. H. F. Herrman,
40.00 - 4 dresses
14 aprons
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