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Freedmen's Hospital Nurses Alumni Club of Philadelphia

Records, 1973-1986

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Biographical or Historical Sketch. Freedmen's Hospital was established in 1865 as the Freedmen's Bureau for the "relief of freed men and refugees" by the War Department of the United States. This was due in part to the many freed slaves who migrated to Washington D.C. following the Civil War. Four years after the hospital's founding, they relocated to the campus of Howard University. The School of Nursing was founded in 1894 as an eighteen month program which was later expanded two years. In 1909, the length of study was increased to three years. In the early twentieth century, the school affiliated with a number of institutions in the Washington area in addition to Howard, such as the Gallanger Municipal Hospital and the D.C. General Hospital. The hospital phased out the school and graduated its last class in 1973. Howard University opened their baccalaureate school of nursing the following year to replace Freedmen's. Over Freedmen's 79 year period, it graduated 1,700 nurses.

The Freedmen's Hospital Nurses Alumni Clubs, based in Washington D.C. coordinates local clubs around the country. The Freedmen's Hospital Nurses Alumni Club of Philadelphia, founded in 1966, was established to promote goodwill among its graduates, to participate in community health and cultural and educational programs, and to support the scholarship fund of the Freedmen's (and later) the Howard University Federation.

Summary. This collection includes five folders of miscellaneous materials that document some of the activities of the Philadelphia club. There is also one publication of oral interviews produced by the national office.

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

Series I. Miscellaneous Files

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Box 1

- Philadelphia Club
- f.1 Philadelphia Club History, 1973
 - f.2 Membership List, Uniform and Pin Chronology
 - f.3 Photographs
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- National
- f.5 Freedmen's Hospital Nurses Alumni Clubs, *The Fifty Year Graduates of Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing Tell Their Story*