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## Biographical / Historical

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Dorothy Ann Mereness, R.N., Ed.D., F.A.A.N., was Dean of the School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania from 1965 to 1977 and a pioneer in the development of psychiatric nursing.

Born 1910 in Kearney, Missouri, Mereness started her career as an elementary school teacher in Las Animas, Colorado. However, in 1938 with "parental scorn", as Mereness later recalled, she resigned her position as sixth grade teacher to become a nurse, a profession that her father

had earlier forbidden her to enter, and enrolled at the Frances Payne School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University.

Only after two years at Case Western Reserve did Mereness's interest in psychiatric nurse develop. During the summer of 1940 she took psychiatric and communicable disease nursing. This class was among the first to use the textbook *Psychiatry for Nurses* by Dr. Louis L. Karnosh, a professor at Case Western Reserve and Director of the Psychiatric Division of Cleveland Hospital. Karnosh's work fascinated Mereness. She often traveled across town by public transportation to hear Karnosh's lectures, and she eventually became co-author and finally sole author of Karnosh's book. Even after Mereness stopped authoring the popular textbook, now in its thirteenth edition, the publishers kept her name as part of the title.

After graduating from Case Western Reserve in 1941, Mereness became Instructor of Psychiatric Nursing at City Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, a position that she accepted only after learning that Dr. Karnosh had recommended her. However, Mereness stayed at City Hospital for four years. The War Department listed her position as "essential," since few medical personnel were qualified to treat soldiers suffering from the traumas of war. When the war ended, Mereness left Cleveland City Hospital to explore other professional opportunities. After a brief stay as Educational Director of a hospital-based nursing program, Mereness returned to psychiatric nursing, a specialty that she held to for the rest of her career. Mereness enrolled in the graduate psychiatric nursing program at the University of Pittsburgh,

and became part of the faculty upon graduation. Later an innovative approach to psychiatric care at the Massachusetts Health Center, which involved nurse/patient therapeutic interactions, aroused her interest and on that account Mereness accepted a position at Boston University.

However, after only a year in Boston, Mereness left to pursue her doctoral studies at Teacher's College, Columbia University. During this period, Mereness co-wrote the graduate psychiatric nursing curriculum for New York University. Before even finishing her dissertation, Mereness became Head of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing at NYU. After ten years at the University, Mereness moved south to Philadelphia to be the Dean of the School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania.

Throughout her career, Mereness devoted herself to the full development of her chosen profession. From 1965-1969, she hired four black faculty members at Penn, a bold and imaginative action given the circumstances of the times. Mereness also strongly believed that it was essential to participate in nursing organizations. Even while serving as Dean, she chaired numerous committees of various nursing organizations including the National League for Nursing and Nurses' Educational Funds. After her retirement in 1977, Mereness continued her amazing volume of work. She served as Emeritus Professor at Penn until 1979, taught for a year part-time at Villanova University, and was Educational Advisor for the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing from 1981 to 1984. From March 1984 until just a year and a half before her death, Mereness served as Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Nurses' Association.

Mereness published more than 45 articles and books between 1951 and 1991. Her last article was published posthumously in *Nursing Outlook*. She was the recipient of many awards including distinguished alumni awards from every nursing program that she attended and

honorary doctorate from Villanova and Holy Family College in Philadelphia. She was also honored by the American Nurses' Association, the Pennsylvania League for Nursing, and the Southeastern Pennsylvania League for Nursing. Mereness died at 80 at Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia after a brief illness during the Spring of 1991.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Nursing
- Nurse
- Personal papers
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- University of Pennsylvania. School of Nursing
- Mereness, Dorothy Ann
- Columbia University. Teachers College

## Collection Inventory

### Personal, 1910-1991

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains Mereness's personal papers. It includes biographical information such as autobiographical writings, biographical sketches, resumes, obituary materials and newspaper clippings. Also included are Mereness's speeches and papers--mainly on the topics of the therapeutic role of nurses and nursing education--commencement addresses, awards, correspondence and programs in which she participated.

#### Biographical information

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| Autobiographical sketches (includes MS for Fifty Years of Nursing and an oral history transcript edited by Patricia D'Antonio, PhD), 1968-1991 | box 1     | folder 1 |
| Biographical sketches and resumes, 1976-1990   | box 1     | folder 2 |
| Birth certificate, 1910  | box 1     | folder 3 |
| Newspaper appearances, 1951-1985   | box 1     | folder 4 |
| Obituary materials and correspondence, 1991  | box 1     | folder 5 |
| Partial History of Mereness's family, undated  | box 1     | folder 6 |

#### Papers and speeches

| Title/Description   | Instances |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| The Therapeutic Role of the Nurse "Factors Influencing the Psychiatric Nurse's Role and Function," circa 1958; "Improving the Emotional Aspects of Nursing Care," circa 1958 "The Nurse's Role in the Rehabilitation of the Mentally Ill," circa 1958; "Understanding the Psychological Needs of Patients and Families," 1958; "Nurse as an Individual in a Changing World," circa 1968; "Psychiatric Nursing in Today's Hospitals", 1959 | box 1     | folder 7 |

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|---|-------|-----------|
| The Relationship of Professional Nursing to the Care of the Aged, 1962; "Implications of the Full Professional Role of the Nurse," circa 1962; "Bibliotherapy: Its Use in Nursing Therapy," October 1962; "The Potential Significant Role of the Nurse in Community Mental Health...", 1962; "What is Mental Health Content," 1963; "The Role of the Psychiatric Nurse in Therapy," 1963; "Improving Our Therapeutic Inter-personal Skills," June 1963; "The Role of the Nurse in Community Mental Health Centers," 1964  | box 1 | folder 8  |
| "The Nurse in the Psychiatric Setting," 1965; "Improving the Nurse's Therapeutic Potential in Psychiatric Situations," 1967; "The Nurse's Developing Role in Community Psychiatry," March 1967; "Evolving Roles for the Nurse in the Psychiatric Situation," March 1967; "Family Therapy: An Evolving Role for the Psychiatric Nurse," April 1967; "Psychotherapeutic Nursing," May 1967; "Take a Look at Your Self Image and the Effects on Your Nursing Practice," June 1965; "Your Self-Image and Your Practice," January 1966; "The Practice of Therapeutic Nursing in the Clinical Setting and in the Community," July 1967; "The Nurse as an Individual Caring for the Alcoholic Patient," September 1967; "Identifying and Determining Patient Needs," March 1968; "The Image of the Professional Nurse," March 1969; "Maintenance of Optimum Mental Health...", March 1969; "Nursing-One Step Toward Total Individuality," October 1969 | box 1 | folder 9  |
| The Potential Contribution of Nursing in Solving the Health Care Crisis, April 1972; "The Nurses' Role in Primary Care," March 1975; "The Psychiatric Patient's Right to Know," April 1976; "The Nurse's Use of Interpersonal Relationships as a Therapeutic Tool," November 1978   | box 1 | folder 10 |

## Nursing Education

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|---|-----------|-----------|
| Education for Meeting Changing Responsibilities in Psychiatric Nursing, 1964; "The Dynamics of Teacher-Learner Relationships," May 1965; "Your Education-Your Future," May 1966; "Providing a Democratic Educational Climate," June 1966; "The Nurse Faculty Member in a Diploma School Can Teach in a College Program," November 1968; "The Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs," May 1971; "Baccalaureate Education in Nursing," 1971; "An Overview of the Educational Opportunities Available to Nurses in the Middle Years," November 1974; "History of Nursing Educational Patterns and the Impact...", April 1974; "What Has Happened to the Philosophy of Integrating Mental Health Concepts into the Basic Curriculum", May 1976; "Evaluation and Research for Improved Graduate Education Curriculum...", | box 1     | folder 11 |

February 1977; "Graduate Education, as One Dean Sees It," October 1975; "Meeting Health Care Needs Through Graduate Education in Nursing," August 1977

## General

| Title/Description   | Instances |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Nursing Travels the Road to Professional Maturity, circa 1959; "The Hospital Administrator's Role in Improving Patient Care" 1960; "Problems and Issues in Contemporary Psychiatric Nursing," 1964; "Looking Ahead at Psychiatric Nursing," 1966; "Psychiatric Nursing-Today and Tomorrow," October 1966; "The Dynamics of Change," October 1966; "The Changing Situation in the Health Care Picture," November 1970; "A Look at the Future with the Zodiac Nurse," November 1970 | box 2     | folder 12 |
| Psychiatric Nursing: Past, Present and Future, October 1972; "The Growth of the Physician's Assistant and its Effect Upon Professional Nursing," 1972; "Historical Perspective: Nursing in the Twenty-first Century," April 1977  | box 2     | folder 13 |
| Commencement addresses, 1952-1982   | box 2     | folder 14 |
| Sigma Theta Tau, National Honor Society for Nurses, speeches, 1960-1973   | box 2     | folder 15 |
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This series contains materials of the organizations in which Mereness participated. They include the University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing, the National League for Nursing, the Pennsylvania League for Nursing Steering Committee for Continuing Education in Psychiatry, the Southeastern Pennsylvania League for Nursing, the Nurses' Educational Funds, the Pennsylvania Nurses' Association, the Pennsylvania Nurses' Association Commission on Nursing Practice, Pennsylvania Nurses' Association Conference Group on Psychiatric Nursing Practice, and Pennsylvania Nurses' Association District One. The series begins with the file of the University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing. Perhaps the most important item in this section is a rewritten history of the School of Nursing prepared by Mereness. The rest of the School of Nursing's file includes a few annual reports, programs, correspondence and publications. The remaining organizations are arranged alphabetically with state and local chapters as well as committees attached as subseries to the parent institutions. Thus, Pennsylvania League for Nursing (PLN) is arranged as subseries to the National League for Nursing, the Southeastern PLN is created as a subseries of PLN, and the PLN Steering Committee for Education in Psychiatry, a committee to study psychiatric nursing education, is also a subseries of PLN.

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| Report: "Function of the Consultant", 1960                   | box 7     | folder 111 |
| Publication: Brochure, 1964                                  | box 7     | folder 112 |
| Nursing Research, list of editorial advisory committee, 1967 | box 7     | folder 113 |
| Perspectives in Psychiatric Care, magazine, 1964, 1968, 1983 | box 7     | folder 114 |

## Sigma Theta Tau, National Honor Society for Nursing

| Title/Description  | Instances |            |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Correspondence, 1965-1976  | box 7     | folder 115 |
| Program, 1953-1984   | box 7     | folder 116 |
| Publication: Newsletters, 1979   | box 7     | folder 117 |
| Teacher's College, Columbia University, Nursing Education Alumni Association, annual report, 1975-1976 | box 7     | folder 118 |

### Miscellaneous

| Title/Description  | Instances |            |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Approved certified registered nursing programs in Pennsylvania, 1990 | box 7     | folder 119 |
| Directory of Nurses with an Earned Doctoral Degree, 1969             | box 7     | folder 120 |

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## Photographs, 1928-1990

### Scope and Contents

This series contains both personal and professional pictures of Mereness. Included are portraits and other individual pictures of Mereness, ceremonial photographs, group pictures, and pictures of Mereness's colleagues.

### Portraits of Mereness

| Title/Description   | Instances |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| High school graduation picture, 1928                                | box 8     | photo 1   |
| circa 1932  | box 8     | photo 2   |
| Frances Payne School of Nursing graduation picture, 1941            | box 8     | photo 3   |
| circa 1950  | box 8     | photo 4   |
| 1952  | box 8     | photo 5   |
| 1965  | box 8     | photo 6   |
| 1965  | box 8     | photo 6.1 |
| 1965  | box 8     | photo 6.2 |
| 1965  | box 8     | photo 6.3 |
| 1965  | box 8     | photo 6.4 |
| Official Portrait as dean of school of nursing at Penn, [1965-1977] | box 8     | photo 6a  |
| 1990  | box 8     | photo 7   |

### Other Individual Pictures of Mereness

| Title/Description   | Instances |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| At desk, City Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, circa 1945                               | box 8     | photo 8   |
| At desk, City Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, circa 1945                               | box 8     | photo 8.1 |
| At desk, City Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, circa 1945                               | box 8     | photo 8.2 |
| Speaking at a workshop at Tuskegee, Visiting Association, 1963                    | box 8     | photo 9   |
| At desk in the Dean's office, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, 1965 | box 8     | photo 10  |
| Standing in business suit, 1966   | box 8     | photo 11  |

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| Conducting a workshop from a podium, Topeka, Kansas, March, 1968                                  | box 8 | photo 12   |
| Conducting a workshop from a podium with shot of audience, Topeka, Kansas, March 1968             | box 8 | photo 13   |
| Dressed for the Silver Anniversary of the School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, May 1975 | box 8 | photo 14   |
| Dressed for the Silver Anniversary of the School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, May 1975 | box 8 | photo 14.1 |
| Sitting at a table, circa 1978  | box 8 | photo 15   |
| Sitting at a desk at the House of Delegates of the American Nurses' Association, 1984             | box 8 | photo 16   |
| Sitting at desk at the office of the State Board of Nurse Examiners in Harrisburg, 1984           | box 8 | photo 17   |

## Ceremonial Photographs

| Title/Description   | Instances |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Mereness with Barbara Schutt and Elizabeth Cleino at the Sigma Theta Tau Tea, 1965  | box 8     | photo 18   |
| Mereness and Juanita Watson, Chairman of the Silver Anniversary Committee, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, with a University chair, May 1975 | box 8     | photo 19   |
| Mereness with Evelyn Barnett, 1976 president of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, receiving past A.A.C.N. president citation, 1976           | box 8     | photo 20   |
| Mereness receiving Honorary Degree from Villanova University, May 1978  | box 8     | photo 21   |
| Mereness holding Honorary Degree while talking to Villanova administrator, May 1978   | box 8     | photo 22   |
| Mereness talking to two Villanova administrators upon receiving Honorary Degree, May 1978   | box 8     | photo 23   |
| Mereness with other recipients of the Honorary Degree from Villanova, May 1978  | box 8     | photo 24   |
| Receiving Honorary Recognition for Distinguished Service Award, Pennsylvania Nurses' Association, September 1978  | box 8     | photo 25   |
| Mereness receiving Distinguished Contribution to Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Award, American Nurses' Association, June 1984                           | box 8     | photo 26   |
| Mereness receiving Distinguished Contribution to Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Award, American Nurses' Association, June 1984                           | box 8     | photo 26.1 |
| Mereness receiving an Honorary Membership into the American Academy of Nursing, 1984  | box 8     | photo 27   |

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| Mereness receiving an Honorary Membership into the American Academy of Nursing, 1984                               | box 8 | photo 27.1 |
| Mereness greeting guest at a dinner celebrating her Honorary membership into the American Academy of Nursing, 1984 | box 8 | photo 28   |
| Mereness with colleague at fiftieth anniversary dinner, School of Nursing, University of Pittsburgh, Spring 1990   | box 8 | photo 29   |

## Other group pictures

| Title/Description  | Instances |              |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| Head nurses at City Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, and Mereness, who taught psychiatric nursing, 1942  | box 8     | photo 30     |
| Head nurses at City Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, and Mereness, who taught psychiatric nursing, 1942  | box 8     | photo 30.1   |
| Mereness surrounded by New York University students, 1964  | box 8     | photo 31     |
| Mereness sitting at table with School of Allied Medical Profession administrators, May 1970  | box 8     | photo 32     |
| Past officers of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, October 1976   | box 8     | photo 33     |
| Mereness with members of the Class of 1941, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve, fortieth anniversary reunion, 1981 | box 8     | photo 34     |
| Mereness at the dinner party in honor of her 80th birthday, 1990   | box 8     | photo 34.a-c |

## Pictures of Mereness's colleagues

| Title/Description   | Instances |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Lira Eldridge, Boulder, Colorado, August 1978   | box 8     | photo 35 |
| Elinor Hule in front of closed garage on snowy day, Christmas 1989  | box 8     | photo 36 |
| Hildegard E. Peplau, 1930   | box 8     | photo 37 |
| Hildegard E. Peplau and grand nephew, David Erich Garden, 1982, 1984, 1989  | box 8     | photo 38 |
| Miriam Stuzman Schibler, December 1989  | box 8     | photo 30 |
| Dr. Margretta Styles, former President of the American Nurses' Association 1986-1988, and former Dean, School of Nursing, University of California at San Francisco | box 8     | photo 40 |
| Miscellaneous photographs, 1960-1984  | box 8     | folder 1 |
| Negatives, 1945-1976  | box 8     | folder 2 |

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box 8

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains collected books and cassette tapes and artifacts. The two books are Karnosh's A Psychiatrist's Anthology and Faddis's A School of Nursing Comes of Age. The two cassette tapes are the recordings of a speech by Gaylord P. Harnwell, former president of the University of Pennsylvania, and of a television advertisement for nursing. Among the artifacts are plaques and Mereness's Emeritus Professor medallion.

**Books**

box 9

**Title/Description****Instances**

Karnosh, Louis, M.D. A Psychiatrist's Anthology, 1935, presented as gift to Mereness, October, 1940; Faddis, Margene. A School of Nursing Comes of Age, 1973, signed copy from author to Mereness, 1973

**Tapes**

box 9

**Title/Description****Instances**

Ad for Nurses for television, 1981; Gaylord Harnwell, President of the University of Pennsylvania, addressing Council of Deans, 1965; Scotch recording tape from President of the University of Pennsylvania to Dean Mereness

**Artifacts**

box 9

**Title/Description****Instances**

Four plaques; One Emeritus Member medallion from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing; Framed Certificate of Recognition, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, 1976

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box 10

**1993.21****Title/Description****Instances**

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Correspondence, Interview, Speech outlines, Handwritten drafts, Notes

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Chapter 5 handwritten script, interviews with June Maner, Theresa Lynch, Mary Beam and Miss Woodruff

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Draft 2 with Claire Fagine notes

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Typed drafts of academic reports and manuscripts

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General Info

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Handwritten notes

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Letters received after obituary

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Mereness Book

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Draft

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| Title/Description  | Instances |
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| 2 notebooks on meeting notes c. 1972   |           |
| Christmas cards 1969-1972  |           |
| Clippings  |           |
| CV   |           |
| Christmas greetings from Dorothy Mereness c. 1940-1980   |           |
| Papers, speeches and misc.   |           |
| Brown Publishing Company correspondence and other materials related to book Essentials of Psychiatric Nursing c. 1970-1973 |           |

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