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Summary Information

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Abstract:	This collection contains the 20th-century records of two New Jersey Visiting Nurse Associations: the Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association (MVNA) and the Visiting Nurse Society of Riverton, Cinnaminson and Palmyra (VNSRCP). These two organizations merged in 1967.

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Historical Sketch

In 1904, at the request of the Women's League of Mount Holly, Mary R. Sumner proposed that the Women's Club of Moorestown (then known as the Current Events Club) employ a nurse to be used jointly between the two towns. At the time there were very few small towns that employed a public health nurse so the idea was an innovative one. Sumner admitted that, with many others, she had doubts about the necessity of a visiting nurse. The original impetus for the formation of visiting nurse associations was to care for the sick poor in their homes, and many felt that in the Moorestown community there were "no factories and very few poor people who could possibly need help." Nevertheless, the proposition generated considerable

interest in the community, and when several promised to pay for the services, the Women's Club of Moorestown decided to support the Mount Holly service.

The arrangement with Mount Holly, however, proved inadequate to both towns and thus, after a period where many feared that the service would end, popular support and the surprisingly large number of requests for visits from the "shared" nurse led to the formal organization of the independent Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association (MVNA) in 1906. Miss Ida Croft, an 1894 graduate of Women's Homeopathic Hospital in Philadelphia, served as the first visiting nurse at a wage of \$25 per month, and resided at the Sumner home. The nursing program, financed by monthly contributions from a few faithful "friends" and material donations from various guilds, churches and individuals, included both general bedside care, baby welfare stations and social service work. Visits were designated as "pay," "friendly" and "charity." "Pay" visits occurred when money was received despite the amount; "friendly" visits indicated ones where the family welcomed the nurse and there was the possibility of helping, perhaps by kind words or advice; "charity" visits meant those where the nurse rendered some service without any remuneration. In the 1911 annual report, the first on record, the MVNA made 1,318 visits with a breakdown of roughly 15% pay, 60% friendly and 25% charity.

In 1912 the MVNA learned that its work had inspired similar associations in Salem, Haddonfield and Riverton. A year later the Church Federation, a predecessor agency of Family Service, became the first social service organization in the Moorestown area. The two bodies established what became a longstanding policy of close cooperation. Eventually, the organizations shared facilities and in 1918 purchased a car to be shared on a morning/afternoon basis. This made the nurse's job infinitely easier as before she had to depend upon trolleys for her transportation. In 1926 the MVNA made an agreement with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company allowing their industrial policy holders and group certificate holders to receive nursing services. A similar agreement was made in 1927 with the John Hancock Life Insurance Company.

Increasingly, then, public health nursing took on a more dominant role with the founding of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing (NOPHN) with which the MVNA formed immediate ties, becoming a corporate member in 1927. The MVNA board viewed their relationship with the NOPHN positively and felt that it was in the best interest of the MVNA to work with an informed national organization. This stance was consistent with the high premium that the MVNA placed on the necessity for both the board and staff to keep informed and to educate the community. The MVNA, for example, required that all nurses attend courses at the Pennsylvania School of Public Nursing. Active in local, state and national levels, board members attended conferences and lectured to schools and organizations. Finance Committee chairperson Mrs. C. Reagan was the first president of a public health nursing association in Burlington and president Mrs. Francis Stokes, very active on the state level, became the first lay vice-chairperson of any society of public health nurses in addition to assisting with the formation of the first visiting nurse association in Camden.

"While the nursing care of the sick continues to be our first interest the greatest permanent value of our service probably lies in health teaching in the home." The late 1920s witnessed a new-found interest in "health programs" and health teaching. The MVNA tried to stay current in the field of public health nursing and incorporate these trends into its programs. Its 1927 Annual Report summarizes the gradual diversification of MVNA activities that had been

taking place. The object of the MVNA, as stated in the 1931 Constitution and By-laws, was "to promote individual, family and community health; to prevent disease by teaching health, hygiene and sanitation; and to provide skilled nursing care for the sick in their homes on a part time basis." The 1931 annual report declared confidently, "We feel the community is beginning to recognize that public health nursing covers a much wider range of activities than bedside nursing alone, which was its original function in the community." As such, the MVNA announced a new effort to establish a general nursing service.

During the depression the MVNA provided material relief and initiated a Welfare Committee in 1931. Added to the published objectives of the agency was "to aid in the solution of social problems by cooperation with other social agencies in the community." The board expressed interest in the area of mental hygiene, which they felt an "up and coming" and deserving of more attention. Shortly after that, in 1932, the MVNA announced that "mental hygiene has permeated our work." By 1934 half the nurses' time involved educational and preventive health activities. A maturing MVNA asserted in 1936 that "public health nursing, though essentially concerned with community needs, works primarily with the family as a unit and it is here that our greatest good goes ... the corrective work is valuable, the educational and preventive work immeasurable." As the purpose of public health nursing moved away from the traditional realm of "care for the sick poor" the service expanded steadily to include school nursing, nursing recruitment, a dental clinic (1933), a venereal disease clinic (1938), rehabilitation and work with crippled children (1946), sponsoring campaigns for early detection of breast cancer (1951), etc. and there had always been a stress on infant and child health. A "Visiting Nurse Says" column in the Moorestown newspaper provided advice on everything from nutrition to home safety. A steady increase in visits from the inception of the MVNA peaked in 1940 with 8,702 visits made by a staff that had then grown to four nurses supplemented by two delivery nurses.

In 1953 the Metropolitan Life and John Hancock Insurance Companies canceled their agreements with the MVNA for lack of demand, confirming that "the years of health education through schools, radio, TV, papers, magazines and public health nursing as well as the new drugs available have all helped to change the MVNA program. From one largely of bedside care to the acutely ill we now find that our work has most of the emphasis on a strong health program in the schools, prenatal classes and care of the chronic patient."

The first major impact in 60 years of the MVNA came in 1966 with the implementation of Medicare. The board of directors resisted pressure from the New Jersey Department of Health to become part of a single county home health agency. The MVNA, however, could not meet the personnel standard for a qualified director (defined by regulation as a nurse with a Master's degree in nursing and five years experience). The agency subsequently purchased supervision services from Community Nursing Service in Mount Holly. The unacceptability of these terms helped spur merger discussions with the Visiting Nurse Society of Riverton, Cinnaminson and Palmyra (VNSRCP), another small agency that could not meet the new standards and had been financially unstable. The Visiting Nurse Society of Riverton and Cinnaminson was founded in 1912 with the sponsorship of the Riverton Porch Club and \$750 collected door-to-door by Martha McIlvain Biddle, the founder of the organization. Early on, the Society affiliated with the Red Cross Town and Country Nursing Service to have a source of advice and authority. In 1916 the Society was one of the first in the area to establish an agreement with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to provide nursing care to policyholders. In 1917,

the town of Palmyra became part of the Society to form the Visiting Nurse Society of Riverton, Cinnaminson and Palmyra.

The story of the VNSRCP closely parallels that of the MVNA. A 1958 history states, "our VNS and Moorestown are unique in that we showed community pride and didn't sit and wait for county or state support." They too became increasingly interested in services beyond the care of the sick poor. Legally incorporated in 1920, the VNSRCP developed a dental service (1924), worked with public schools (1930), operated a venereal disease clinic (1937), and contracted for the care of physically challenged children.

Unfortunately, like the MVNA, the VNSRCP also suffered a decline in the use of their service. In 1951 Metropolitan Life Insurance Company terminated their contract and in 1953 John Hancock Life Insurance Company followed suit. The VNSRCP almost disbanded in 1960 due to serious deficit but managed to continue operation. Due to radically changed conditions and externally imposed regulation, however, merger discussions with the MVNA began in 1966, in the interest of efficiency and economy.

On January 1, 1967 the merger between the MVNA and the VNSRCP became effective and the organization, now serving a population of roughly 74,000, obtained full certification as a home health agency the following year. It continued to operate under the name of the MVNA.

The MVNA remained a traditional visiting nurse association. It provided services like physical, speech and occupational therapy; bedside care; family planning, maternal and child care counseling; child health conferences; crippled children program; school nursing; communicable disease guidance; chronic illness screening; mental health care and counselling; prenatal clinic and hospital coordination. In 1985, the MVNA began a corporate reorganization. A parent organization, VNA Home Care, was established with Partners in Home Care and the MYNA as subsidiaries. This reorganization took effect on 1 January 1987.

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Scope and Contents

This collection documents the MVNA from founding and steady growth through eventual change and diversification. Since the services are so dependent upon societal factors, the files provide an indication of the effects of various government programs on smaller communities in terms of public health. The materials in this collection cover all facets of the operation of a visiting nurse service, from administrative and financial areas to public relations through pamphlets, newspaper coverage and photographs. The MVNA worked closely with the National Organization of Public Health Nursing (NOPHN) and served as a reference group to other local services, so the records provide insight into the inception and growth of these organizations as well.

The records of the VNSRCP also provide a useful illustration of a visiting nurse society through its life span. Annual reports from 1913 to 1967 and board meeting minutes covering the same

years, which represent the total length of independent operation, are available. Also included is a comprehensive series of account books (1912-1933) and Treasurer's reports (1919-1966). On a more personal level, several handwritten histories are contained in the records, one of which was penned in 1913 by Martha McIlvain Biddle (founder of the VNSRCP) recounting her efforts to start a VNS.

The records of the VNSRCP, 1913-1967, consist of a complete run of annual reports and a comprehensive series of account books (1912-1933). Also included is a history penned by founder Martha Biddle and a letter which she wrote in 1913 about her efforts to start a visiting Nurse Society.

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- Moorestown (N.J.)
- Public health nursing
- Visiting nurses
- Community health nursing
- Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association

Collection Inventory

Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association

Administration, 1909-1976

Scope and Contents

This series includes minutes from monthly board meetings from 1909 to 1954. These meetings encompass presentations of treasurer's reports, committees' reports and, when applicable, elections. At the November 1936 board meeting, promotional plays were presented, and the scripts for these are on file. In addition, annual reports (1911-1953) and information about annual meetings (1931-1953) are available. To complement these materials, annual statistical reports (1927-1956), some in notebook form, are included. As far as administrative procedure, there is a 1931 revision of the constitution and bylaws in addition to two manuals for board members (1937 and 1976). There are also a few files relating to activities outside the immediate realm of the work of the MYNA, such as reports from national biennial nursing conventions (1938 and 1940).

Title/Description	Instances	
Constitution and By-laws, 1931	box 1	folder 1

Annual Reports

Title/Description	Instances	
1911-1934	box 1	folder 2
1935-1939	box 1	folder 3
1940-1953	box 1	folder 4

Statistical Reports

Title/Description	Instances	
1927-1937	box 6	folder 1
1937-1948	box 1	folder 5
1948-1956	box 1	folder 6

Minutes, Board

Title/Description	Instances	
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1909-1913	box 1	folder 7
1914-1924	box 1	folder 8
1924-1931	box 1	folder 9
1931-1935	box 1	folder 10
1935-1940	box 1	folder 11
1940-1945	box 1	folder 12
1945-1950	box 2	folder 13
1950-1954	box 2	folder 14
Scripts for Plays Presented at Board Meeting, November 1936	box 2	folder 15

Minutes, Annual Meeting

Title/Description	Instances	
1931-1941	box 2	folder 16
1942-1953	box 2	folder 17
National Biennial Nursing Convention Reports, 1938 and 1940	box 2	folder 18
Treasurer's Report, 1943-1953	box 2	folder 19
Correspondence(Secretary's Reports), 1943-1954	box 2	folder 20
Board Members' Manual, 1937	box 2	folder 21
Board Members' Manual, 1976	box 2	folder 22
Board Members, 1932-1954	box 2	folder 23

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Histories, 1937-1986

Scope and Contents

This small series consists of information on the history of the MYNA ranging in date from a completed questionnaire of 1938 to an unpublished history of 1986 as well as a background survey of Burlington County from 1937. Included also is information relating to two outstanding board members: a profile of Marie Grobler and a memorial resolution for Sabina Reagan who worked on the social security program, was the first president of the Community Nursing Service of Mount Holly, served as state legislative chairperson of federated women's clubs and was an original MYNA board member. She held the position of finance committee chairperson from 1924 to 1960.

Title/Description	Instances	
Background Survey of Burlington County, 1937	box 2	folder 1

Completed Questionnaire for History of Public Health Nursing in New Jersey, 1938	box 2	folder 2
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History of Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association

Title/Description	Instances	
1941	box 2	folder 3
1954	box 2	folder 4
1980	box 2	folder 5
1986	box 2	folder 6
Biography of Board Member Marie Grobler, 1955	box 2	folder 7
Memorial Resolution for Mrs. Sabina Reagan	box 2	folder 8

Photographs, circa 1924-1982

Scope and Contents

The photographs in this series include a portrait of MYNA founder Mary Sumner and various public relations images such as baby welfare clinics and group photographs of staff members. The photographs also record such events as annual meetings and the fiftieth anniversary celebrations. Many slides are of a recent nature cover community activities such as diabetes testing, family planning clinics and hospices in addition to annual meetings.

Title/Description	Instances	
Miscellaneous Photos and Slides	box 8	folder 1
Immunization of School Children, 192?	box 8	photo 1
Infant on Scale, 192?	box 8	photo 2
Infant on Scale, 192?	box 8	photo 2.1
Mary Roberts Sumner (frame in Box 6/Folder 3), 1924	box 8	photo 3
Woman with Two Infants, 1934	box 8	photo 4
Nurse Taking Temperature of Young Woman, 1936	box 8	photo 5
Nurse Taking Temperature of Young Woman, 1936	box 8	photo 6
Nurse Weighing Infant, 1936	box 8	photo 7
Nurse Taking Pulse of Bedridden Patient, 1936	box 8	photo 5
Visiting Nurses performing administrative duties, 1936	box 8	photo 8
Visiting nurses and "stork", 1938	box 8	photo 9
Mothers and Children attending a well-baby clinic, 194?	box 8	photo 10
Professional Staff of the Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association, 194?	box 8	photo 12
Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association Staff, 194?	box 8	photo 13

Group of School Children, 194?	box 8	photo 14
Staff Portrait, 194?	box 8	photo 15
Lenola Well-baby Clinic, 1947	box 8	photo 16
Visiting Nurses with Banner, 195?	box 8	photo 17
Visiting Nurses in Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association Offices, 195?	box 8	photo 18
Nurse Weighing Baby While Volunteer Measures Small Boy, 1950	box 8	photo 19
Nurse Weighing Baby While Volunteer Measures Small Boy, 1950	box 8	photo 19.1
Doctor Examining Infant, 1950	box 8	photo 20
Doctor Examining Young Boy, 1950	box 8	photo 21
Doctor Examining Young Boy, 1950	box 8	photo 21.1
Doctor Examining Young Girl, 1950	box 8	photo 22
Visiting Nurse with Sick Child, 1950	box 8	photo 23
Visiting Nurse with Sick Child, 1950	box 8	photo 23.1
Expectant Mothers Receive Instruction from Visiting Nurse, 1951	box 8	photo 24
Expectant Mothers Receive Instruction from Visiting Nurse, 1951	box 8	photo 24.1
Class for Expectant Mothers, 1951	box 8	photo 25
Class for Expectant Mothers, 1951	box 8	photo 25.1
Nurses with Map of Area Served by the Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association, 1951	box 8	photo 26
Visiting Nurse with Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association Automobile, 1952	box 8	photo 27
First Full-time Visiting Nurses for the Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association, 1954	box 8	photo 28
Nurses Over the Years, 1954	box 8	photo 29
Four Board Members at the 50th Anniversary Celebrations for the Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association, 1954	box 8	photo 30
Visiting Nurse Promotional Display, 1955	box 9	photo 31
Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association Staff 1955, 1955	box 9	photo 32
Mrs. Polk and Children Register at Well Baby Clinic, 1956	box 9	photo 33
Dr. Preston Examines Child, 1956	box 9	photo 34

Nurse Sara Warkoczewski Instructs Expectant Parents on Bathing a Newborn, 1956	box 9	photo 35
Mount Laurel Well Baby Clinic, 1960	box 9	photo 36
Child Nutrition Program, 196?	box 9	photo 37
Child Nutrition Program, 196?	box 9	photo 38
[no photograph]	box 9	photo 39
Nurses on the Atlantic City Boardwalk During National League for Nursing Convention, 1963	box 9	photo 40
Well Baby Clinic, 1963	box 9	photo 41
Volunteers with Mother and Children, 1963	box 9	photo 42
Ruth Paden R.N., Farmina Evans R.N., and Dr. Donald Mendelow, 1972	box 9	photo 43
Woman and Man at Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association Offices, 1978	box 9	photo 44
Nurse Taking Boy's Temperature, 1978	box 9	photo 45
Nurses Measuring Child, 1978	box 9	photo 46
Family Filling Out Forms at Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association Offices, 1978	box 9	photo 47
Doctor Conversing With Small Boy And Mother, 1978	box 9	photo 48
Nurse Taking Young Woman's Blood Pressure, 1978	box 9	photo 49
Doctor Examining Small Boy, 1978	box 9	photo 50
Doctor Examining Small Boy, 1978	box 9	photo 50.1
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Ear Examination Of Small Boy, 1978	box 9	photo 51.1
Doctor Examining Boy, 1978	box 9	photo 52
Nurse And Baby, 1978	box 9	photo 53
Childbirth Instruction For Home Health Aides, 1979	box 9	photo 54

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Committees, 1944-1954

Scope and Contents

Found within this series are reports, the majority from 1944-1953, of the following committees: automobile, clinic, contract, education, eye screening, publicity, finance, nurses, tea and volunteer.

Title/Description	Instances	
Automobile Committee, 1944-1953	box 2	folder 1
Clinic Committee, 1944-1952	box 2	folder 2
Contract Committee, 1954	box 2	folder 3
Education Committee, 1944-1953	box 2	folder 4
Eye Screening Committee, 1950-1953	box 2	folder 5
Finance Committee, 1944-1953	box 2	folder 6
Nurses Committee, 1944-1953	box 2	folder 7
Publicity Committee, 1944-1953	box 2	folder 8
Tea Committee, 1952	box 2	folder 9
Volunteer Committee, 1944-1953	box 2	folder 10

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Public Relations, 1929-1975

Scope and Contents

This series includes materials used by the MYNA for public relations purposes, the majority being brochures and pamphlets, as well as PR material from other visiting nurse agencies (1950-1970). In addition, promotional materials such as scripts from plays (1936-1940) and information on "Know Your Public Health Nurse Week" (April 1946) are available.

Title/Description	Instances	
Brochures and Pamphlets, 1929-1975	box 3	folder 1
PR Material from Other Agencies, 1950-1970	box 3	folder 2
Scripts for Promotional/Educational Plays, 1936-1940	box 3	folder 3
Know Your Public Health Nurse Week Information, April 7-13, 1946	box 3	folder 4

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Financial Information, 1915-1959

Scope and Contents

This series includes budgets (1941-1954), cash records (1952-1957), income tax materials (1959), and records sent to insurance companies for compensation (1929-1947). Several agreements are also on file, including one between the MYNA and The Federation of Christian Churches of Moorestown (1915) and one with the Burlington County Trust Company (1942).

Title/Description	Instances	
Budgets, 1941-1954	box 3	folder 1
Cash Records, 1952-1957	box 3	folder 2
Information sent to Insurance Companies, 1929-1947	box 3	folder 3
Rental Agreement between Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association and the Federation of Christian Churches of Moorestown, 1915	box 3	folder 4
Agreement between Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association and Burlington County Trust Company, March 2, 1942	box 3	folder 5
Report of Property Sale, re: Estate of Laura Cromwell, 1951	box 3	folder 6
Income Tax Materials, 1959	box 3	folder 7

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Clippings, 1931-1971

Scope and Contents

A variety of clippings make up this series, most from local newspapers. The articles both promote the work of the MYNA and, as in the case of a weekly "Visiting Nurse Says ..." column, endeavor to educate on health related topics. Several scrapbooks are on file.

Title/Description	Instances	
1931-1932	box 3	folder 1
1933-1942	box 3	folder 2
1946-1966	box 7	folder 2
1948-1956	box 3	folder 3
1967-1970	box 6	folder 2
1933-1935	box 4	folder 4
1936-1939	box 4	folder 5
1947-1954	box 4	folder 6
1966-1971	box 4	folder 7

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Visiting Nurse Society of Riverton, Cinnaminson and Palmyra

Administration, 1925-1966

Scope and Contents

This series contains a complete set of both Annual Reports (1913-1967) and monthly board meeting minutes (1912-1966). Also included are Treasurer's reports from 1919-1966. Since the VNSRCP published all Annual Reports in a local paper, these clippings are available. In terms of administrative procedure, two versions of the constitution and by-laws (1959 and 1964) and the personnel policy (1966) are included.

Constitution and By-laws

Title/Description	Instances	
1959	box 4	folder 1
1965	box 4	folder 2

Annual Reports

Title/Description	Instances	
1913-1919	box 4	folder 3
1920-1934	box 4	folder 4
1935-1949	box 4	folder 5
1950-1959	box 4	folder 6
1962-1967	box 4	folder 7
Clippings, 1921-1933	box 4	folder 8
Clippings, 1935-1956	box 4	folder 9

Minutes, Board

Title/Description	Instances	
(notebook), 1912-1928	box 4	folder 10
(notebook), 1928-1938	box 4	folder 11
1939-1941	box 4	folder 12
1942-1944	box 4	folder 13
1945-1948	box 5	folder 14
1949-1952	box 5	folder 15

1953-1956	box 5	folder 16
1957-1960	box 5	folder 17
1961-1963	box 5	folder 18
1964-1966	box 5	folder 19
Visiting Nurse Committee Notebook, 1925-1935	box 5	folder 20
S.O.P.H.N. Meeting Report, 1946	box 5	folder 21
Nurses' Reports on Conferences, 1965	box 5	folder 22
School Health Service Report, 1957	box 5	folder 23
Correspondence with United Fund, Community Chest Treasurer's Report	box 5	folder 24

Treasurer's Report

Title/Description	Instances	
(Annual), 1919-1934	box 5	folder 25
(Clippings), 1919-1933	box 5	folder 26
(Annual), 1935-1966	box 5	folder 27
(Monthly), 1959-1962	box 5	folder 28
(Monthly), 1963-1966	box 5	folder 29
Board Members, 1932-1960	box 5	folder 30
Correspondence(Resignation of Martha McIlvian Biddle, Founder), 1948	box 5	folder 31
Tribute to Martha McIlvian Biddle, Founder, 1956	box 5	folder 32
Personnel Policy, 1966	box 5	folder 33
NOPHN Newsletter, 1946	box 5	folder 34

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Histories, 1913-1967

Scope and Contents

This series contains histories, mostly in handwritten form of the genesis and operation of the VNSRCP. A 1913 letter from Martha McIlvian Biddle recounts this woman's efforts which resulted in the founding of the Society .. Biddle also penned a comprehensive background in 1925. Further histories date from 1931, 1958, and 1967.

Title/Description	Instances	
(Personal Letter from Martha McIlvian Biddle), 1913	box 5	folder 1

1925	box 5	folder 2
1931	box 5	folder 3
1958	box 5	folder 4
1967	box 5	folder 5

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Public Relations, 1925-1966

Scope and Contents

This series includes materials used by the VNSRCP to publicize the services of the organization. Well-baby clinic advertisements and press releases are among the materials.

Title/Description	Instances	
Promotional Material, 1925	box 5	folder 1
Well-baby Clinic Advertisements, 1966	box 5	folder 2
Press Release Re: Polio Vaccine, 1956	box 5	folder 3

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Financial Information, 1912-1985

Scope and Contents

Found within this series is a comprehensive set of account books (1912-1933) and correspondence regarding the Biddle fund which was set up in order to keep VNSRCP finances separate from those of the MYNA (which opened the Mary Roberts Sumner fund) upon the merger of the two organizations.

Title/Description	Instances	
Account Books, 1912-1933	box 5	folder 1
Correspondence Re: Biddle Fund, 1966-1985	box 5	folder 2

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Legal, 1920-1967

Scope and Contents

This series includes various documents, such as certificates of incorporation and a contract with the American Cancer Society. Also, information related to the merger of the VNSRCP and the MYNA is available.

Title/Description	Instances	
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Certificate of Incorporation (New Jersey), 1920	box 5	folder 1
Certificate of Incorporation (Mount Holly), 1936	box 5	folder 2
Contract with American Cancer Society, 1948	box 5	folder 3
Resolutions of the Trustees, 1964	box 5	folder 4
Merger Documentation, 1966-1967	box 5	folder 5

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Clippings, 1930-1967

Scope and Contents

An ad-hoc collection of clippings makes up this series, all from local newspapers.

Title/Description	Instances	
Clippings, 1930-1967	box 5	folder 1

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Photographs, 1947

Scope and Contents

The photographs in this series, except for the one of Martha McIlvain Biddle (founder of VNSRCP), are of a public relations nature and depict nurses and board members working with children.

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Title/Description	Instances	
Statistical Reports, 1927-1937	box 6	folder 1
Clippings, Scrapbook, 1967-1970	box 6	folder 2
Frame for Mary Roberts Sumner Picture	box 6	folder 3
Scrapbook, 1956-1966	box 7	folder 1
Martha McIlvain Biddle, 192?	box 9	photo 1
Nurse Supervises Schoolchildren, 1947	box 9	photo 2
Visiting Nurse Supervises Young Children, 1947	box 9	photo 3
Nurse Measures Young Boy, 1947	box 9	photo 4
Nurse Examines Schoolchildren, 1947	box 9	photo 5
Doctor Gives Injection to Small Boy, 1947	box 9	photo 6
Nurse with Schoolchildren, 1947	box 9	photo 7

Nurse with Old Man, 1947	box 9	photo 8
Nurse Hands Infant to New Mother, 1947	box 9	photo 9

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