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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Edna LaPorte Strumpf was an Army nurse during World War II, as well as a longtime nurse in Veterans Hospitals and a Red Cross volunteer. This collection consists predominantly of lecture notes and exams from the period of Edna Strumpf's attendance at Mt. Sinai Hospital Training School for Nurses in Philadelphia, from 1934-1937.

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Biographical / Historical

Edna E. LaPorte Strumpf, a native of Virginia, attended the Mt. Sinai Hospital Training School for Nurses in Philadelphia from February 1934 to her graduation in May 1937. Upon completion of nurses' training, Edna LaPorte worked at Mt. Sinai for ten months as a staff nurse. She later accepted a position at the Bronx Veterans Hospital where she became a supervisor. In 1943, LaPorte joined the United States Army and was assigned to the 126th Evacuation Hospital stationed in Europe. She married Herbert Strumpf, also a nurse, in 1944. Following discharge from the army on January 15, 1946, she worked at the Veterans Hospital

in Northport, New York, until the birth of her first child in 1947. During the years after, in Selkirk, New York, Strumpf raised three children and served as a volunteer for the American Red Cross Program in Albany, the Bethlehem Ambulance, and on the Board of Directors for a local resident home for the mentally and physically disabled.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists predominantly of lecture notes and exams from the period of Edna Strumpf's attendance at Mt. Sinai Hospital Training School for Nurses in Philadelphia. The school merged in 1953 with the school of nursing at Jewish Hospital to become the Albert Einstein Medical Center School of Nursing. The notes are comprehensive and cover a wide range of topics, including professional issues. Also available are graduation and class reunion materials, a procedure manual, a history of the school, and a selection of promotional pamphlets distributed by the Sharp & Dohme pharmaceutical firm of Philadelphia and Baltimore. Perhaps most interestingly, a collection of correspondence from before Strumpf's matriculation at Mt. Sinai is included. One such letter is from Good Housekeeping, which at the time provided a referral service through their school department.

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Gift of Neville E. Strumpf.

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Controlled Access Headings

- World War, 1939-1945 -- Medical care
- Nursing
- Lecture notes
- Personal papers
- Nurse
- American Red Cross
- Military nursing
- Strumpf, Neville E.
- Mt. Sinai Hospital Training School for Nurses (Philadelphia, Pa.)
- Strumpf, Edna E. LaPorte
- Albert Einstein Medical Center School of Nursing

Collection Inventory

Personal, 1933-1934

Scope and Contents

This series predominately consists of Strumpf's correspondence prior to her enrollment at Mt. Sinai Hospital Training School for Nurses. Included is a letter from Good Housekeeping in response to Strumpf's request for information on schools of nursing. Good Housekeeping provided Strumpf with a list of registered schools of nursing as well as advice on the application process. Garfield Memorial Hospital, correspondence with which is also included in this series, is listed on the Good Housekeeping material, although Mt. Sinai is not. This series is useful in examining the selection of training schools with correspondence between Strumpf and the schools, her acceptance at Mt. Sinai Garfield Memorial Hospitals, and of the matriculation procedures at each school. This series also includes a 1991 "Recollections" of Strumpf's training school days and subsequent services in the army, family life,

and voluntary activities. Five photographs of Strumpf and her classmates (1934-1937) are also included with a one page caption sheet describing each print.

Title/Description	Instances	
Good Housekeeping, 1933	box 1	folder 1
Garfield Memorial Hospital Training School for Nurses, 1933	box 1	folder 2
Mt. Sinai Hospital Training School for Nurses, 1933-1934	box 1	folder 3
Recollections, 1991	box 1	folder 4
Photographs, 1934-1937	box 1	folder 5

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Lecture Notes and Exams, 1934-1937

Scope and Contents

This series contains a comprehensive collection of the lecture notes and examinations from Strumpf's training at Mt. Sinai. These notes are arranged in the collection by subject matter. Of interest is the material on professional issues that includes information obtained from the Visiting Nurse Society of Philadelphia on the different aspects of public health nursing and an essay on missionary nursing. The handwritten examinations are arranged with the notes of each subject.

Title/Description	Instances	
Anatomy	box 1	folder 1
Bacteriology	box 1	folder 2
Chemistry	box 1	folder 3
Communicable Diseases	box 1	folder 4
Dietetics	box 1	folder 5
Diet Therapy	box 1	folder 6
Gynecology	box 1	folder 7
History of Nursing	box 1	folder 8
Hospital Housekeeping	box 1	folder 9
Hygiene	box 1	folder 10
Materia Medica	box 1	folder 11
Medical Nursing	box 2	folder 12
Miscellaneous	box 2	folder 13
Neurology	box 2	folder 14
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Orthopedics	box 2	folder 16
Pathology	box 2	folder 17
Professional Issues	box 2	folder 18
Psychology	box 2	folder 19
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Mt. Sinai Hospital Training School for Nurses, 1934-1977

Scope and Contents

Included in this series is a history of Mt. Sinai Hospital Training School for Nurses that contains a map of the original hospital site and photographs of the original buildings. A procedures manual given to the student nurses is also included as well as an invitation to the 1937 graduation ceremony and a commencement program. Also included is an anecdotal report of the 1977 reunion written by a member of the Class of 1937.

Title/Description	Instances	
History of Mt. Sinai Hospital Training School for Nurses	box 2	folder 1
Procedures Manual given to student nurses	box 2	folder 2
Class of 1937 Graduation invitation and program	box 2	folder 3
Report on 1977 Class Reunion	box 2	folder 4

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Unprocessed Accession

box 3

Physical Description: 0.5 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents

Materials within this section are unprocessed. Documents include correspondence, certificates, recollections, papers, as well as her eulogy.