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Summary Information

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Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains the records of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing. It consists chiefly of minutes from the meetings of the board of directors, committees, and the annual conventions. Correspondence files are also included within the minutes.

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Historical Sketch

By 1910, more than one thousand organizations were employing visiting nurses across the country. Anxious to better direct this new fields development, a Committee on Visiting Nursing of the American Nurses Association was formed. Chaired by Lillian Wald, this group asked the American Nurses Association and the American Society of Superintendents to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of a third nursing organization. The end result was the creation of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing (NOPHN) in June of 1912. This groups encompassed nurses from visiting nurse associations, anti-tuberculosis

organizations, rural health agencies, and industrial health units. Unlike their private-duty counterparts, public health nurses concentrated on contagious disease control, screening, and health education in place of bedside care.

The NOPHN was a cooperative effort between nurses and lay people in the promotion of public health. Its objectives were to stimulate responsibility for health of the community by establishment of extensions of visiting nursing and all other forms of public health nursing; to facilitate efficient cooperation between nurses, physicians, boards of trustees, and other persons interested in public health measures; to develop standards of ethics and techniques of public health nursing; to establish and maintain a central bureau for information, reference, and assistance in matters pertaining to such service; and to publish periodicals and issue bulletins from time to time to aid in the general accomplishment of the organization.

Through an anonymous gift, the NOPHN become the first nursing organization to open an office and hire a full-time executive director, Ella Crandall. Additionally, the Visiting Nurse Quarterly, with its one thousand subscribers, advertising contracts, and remaining budget, was given to the new organization. An association of nurses, lay people, and educational and service agencies, the NOPHN for years pursued its agenda of establishing standards for service and education and ultimately community health. Concluding an era in the history of public health nursing, on June 19, 1952, the NOPHN held its last meeting, voting the dissolution of the organization and the transfer of its interests and resources to the newly formed National League for Nursing.

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Scope and Contents

The Center for the Study of the History of Nursing purchased this collection of microfilm from the National Library of Medicine in 1985. The collection consists of 25 microfilm reels (numbered reels 9 through 33). In order to provide greater access to the collection, Center staff examined each reel of film and recorded the information from the title sheets forming part of each reel. Although this information is somewhat crude, it will assist the researcher in finding relevant material.

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- National Organization for Public Health Nursing (U.S.)
- Public health nursing
- Administrative records
- Microfiche
- Nursing
- National Library of Medicine (U.S.). History of Medicine Division
- National Organization for Public Health Nurses

Collection Inventory

Conventions

Title/Description	Instances	
Book #2-Biennial Convention Bible, Monitors	box 1	roll 9
Book #3-Biennial Convention Bible, Exhibits	box 1	roll 9
Proceedings, June 1936	box 1	roll 9
Convention Proceedings, May 1917	box 1	roll 9

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Board of Directors & Executive Committee

Title/Description	Instances	
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Jan 1945-May 1947	box 1	roll 9
November 1947-October 1948	box 1	roll 9
January 1949-October 1949	box 1	roll 9
1950	box 1	roll 9
1951-1952	box 1	roll 10
May 1940-May 1942	box 1	roll 10
May 1942-May 1944	box 1	roll 10
November 1938-June 1940	box 1	roll 10
June 1936-November 1938	box 1	roll 10
June 1930-October 1933	box 1	roll 10
January 1934-April 1936	box 1	roll 11
June 1928-June 1930	box 1	roll 11
May 1926-May 1928	box 1	roll 11
June 1924-June 1926	box 1	roll 11
June 1921-1924	box 1	roll 11
1920-1921	box 1	roll 11
Book #1, 1912-1919	box 1	roll 11

Book #2, 1912-1919	box 1	roll 11
Book #3, 1912-1919	box 1	roll 11

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Miscellaneous Committees and Programs

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Advisory Committee on Lay Participation, October 13, 1941	box 1	roll 11
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Allocation of NOPHN Functions and Programs, 1950	box 1	roll 12
Ex-1, Ex-2, Ex-3, Ex-4, Ex-5	box 1	roll 12
Cost in Public Health Nursing, 1945-1949	box 1	roll 12
Cost in Public Health Nursing, 1934-1943	box 1	roll 12
Education Committee of Board and Committee Members Section	box 1	roll 12
Education Committee Minutes, 1930-1950	box 1	roll 12

Committee on Accreditation

Title/Description	Instances	
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Committee Eligibility, 1951-1917 (Reverse Chronology)	box 1	roll 13
Collegiate Council on PHN Education, 1947-1951	box 1	roll 13
Nursing Education, 1931-1942	box 1	roll 13
Financial Committee Minutes	box 1	roll 13
Records Committee Minutes, 1950-1934 (Reverse Chronology)	box 1	roll 13
Records Committee Minutes, 1926-1936	box 1	roll 14
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Committee on Structure of Nursing Organization	box 1	roll 14
Committee on Profit Analysis		

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Staff Reports, January 1951-April 1951	box 1	roll 14
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Committee on Mental Hygiene, 1946-1948	box 1	roll 17
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Committee on Unification of Accrediting Activities, 1946-1948	box 1	roll 19
Title/Description	Instances	
Miscellaneous Document, Journals, etc.	box 1	roll 19
The Promoting Committee for the Study of the Structure of the National Professional Nursing Organizations, 1946	box 1	roll 20
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Committee-Minutes, Headquarters Cabinet, 1941-1946	box 1	roll 20
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Joint Project-Report of Development of Criteria for the Evaluation of Psychiatric Nursing.	box 2	roll 26
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NOPHN-Sub-committee on Accreditation, Special Meeting Proceedings, 1948	box 2	roll 28
The Council of State Leagues of the National League of Nursing Education	box 2	roll 28
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Sophie Nelson's Book of the NOPHN	box 2	roll 29
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Financial Statement of 1941	box 2	roll 30
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