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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Barbara Bates Center for the Study of The History of Nursing
<b>Creator:</b>	Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia
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<b>Title:</b>	Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia records
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<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1858-1976
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection contains records relating to the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia. Materials include historical accounts, administrative records, board minutes, annual reports, correspondence, and photographs.

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## Historical Sketch

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The Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia was established in 1861. The hospital began a training school for nurses two years later that was the first known chartered school for nurses in the United States. In early years, the school was affiliated with Blockley (Philadelphia General Hospital) and Pennsylvania Hospitals for the training of nurses. An Alumnae Association was organized in 1889. The hospital merged with the West Philadelphia Hospital for Women in 1929. After the merger of the two hospitals, the two Alumnae Associations also merged in 1931. The school was closed in February 1964, and the hospital was absorbed by the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in the same year. It officially closed in February 1965. The Nurses' Alumnae Association of the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia donated the collection

to the Mutter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia in 1976. The College transferred it to the Bates Center in 1991.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection came from three main sources: the Woman's Hospital, the School of Nursing, and the Nurses' Alumnae Association. As the hospital merged with the West Philadelphia Hospital for Women and Children in 1929, the collection also contains a file of the latter hospital. History accounts and administrative records (minutes, annual reports, etc.) are two important features of the collection. This collection covers a wide variety of records, including board minutes, hospital annual reports, correspondence, programs of all kinds of social activities, nurse certificates, books and publications, photographs, and artifacts.

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Gretchen Worden at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 1992.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- School records
- Hospital records
- Philadelphia (Pa.)
- Women -- Physician
- Nursing
- Nursing schools
- Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919
- Women's hospitals
- Women -- Health and hygiene
- College of Physicians of Philadelphia. Mutter Museum
- Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia

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## Collection Inventory

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### Hospital, 1858-1976

#### Scope and Contents

The records of the hospital consist of bylaws, annual reports, history, documents of structure and function, correspondence, addresses and lecture notes by members and associates of the hospital, patient files, and publications.

Title/Description	Instances	
Charter and Bylaws, a framed tablet bearing Section 4 of WHP bylaws and charter certification by Commonwealth Deputy Secretary, April 2, 1861	box 8	
Charter and bylaws, 1861	box 1	folder 1
Bylaws revision, 1946	box 1	folder 2
Chronological outline of history of nurse instruction since 1839, [1950]	box 1	folder 3
Chronological notes of 1761-1894	box 1	folder 4

Historical account on the occasion of the founding of the new hospital building, 1930	box 1	folder 5
Chronological outline, 1931	box 1	folder 6
History by Mary W. Griscom, 1934	box 1	folder 7
Endowments, chronological notes, 1865-1906	box 1	folder 8
Published history, reprints, 1934	box 1	folder 9
History, drafts, 1931-1953	box 1	folder 10
Minutes of the Governing board, 1863-1881	box 1	folder 11
Minutes of the joint board meetings of Woman's Hospital and West Philadelphia Hospital, 1929-1930	box 1	folder 12
Board of Managers, lists, 1960-1964	box 1	folder 13
Ledger book: "Old Records", 1866-1885	box 1	folder 14

## Annual Reports

Title/Description	Instances	
1862-1873	box 1	folder 15
1874-1883	box 1	folder 16
1884-1890	box 1	folder 17
1891-1895	box 1	folder 18
1904, 1905, 1909, 1912-1914, 1925, 1930	box 2	Folder 19
Outline for the preparation of an historical review of a school of nursing, 1968	box 2	folder 35
The Board's work report, 1931	box 2	folder 20
Annual report: centennial year, 1961	box 2	folder 21
Rules for medical staff, undated	box 2	folder 22
Rules for the government, 1912	box 2	folder 23
Committee on Nurses: Rules for nurses in training, undated	box 2	folder 24
Rules and regulations for the government of the staff, [before 1952]	box 2	folder 25
Philosophy and objectives, 1961	box 2	folder 26
Information book, 1961	box 2	folder 27
House staff manual, 1963	box 2	folder 28
Correspondence, 1928-1973	box 2	folder 29
Correspondence re: merger with West Philadelphia Hospital, 1929-1930	box 2	folder 30

Correspondence, miscellaneous, 1939-1961	box 2	folder 31
Correspondence re: commemorative stamp, 1961	box 2	folder 32
Correspondence re: Pennsylvania Loyalty Act, 1962-1963	box 2	folder 33
Correspondence re: merger with University of Pennsylvania, 1964	box 2	folder 34

## Addresses by Ann Preston (includes Mrs. E.H. Cleveland 1858)

Title/Description	Instances	
Valedictory addresses and introductory lectures to Female Medical College, 1858-1863	box 2	folder 36
Address "Nursing the Sick and the Training of Nurses", May 21, 1863	box 2	folder 37
Woman as Physicians, 1867	box 2	folder 38
Valedictory address to the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, 1870	box 2	folder 39
Joseph S. Longshore: Introductory lecture to Penn Medical University of Philadelphia, 1860	box 2	folder 40
Address by Eliza E. Judson in memory of Ann Preston, 1873	box 2	folder 41
Lecture notes by Mrs. Greensfelder on history of nursing, undated	box 2	folder 42
Ruth King Yarnall: Certificates, 1909-1933	box 7	folder 1

## Patient files

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Personal names of hospital patients cannot be cited.

Title/Description	Instances	
#540-#564, 1868	box 2	folder 43
#1849-#2135, 1875	box 2	folder 44
#2162-#2267, 1876	box 2	folder 45
#2275-#2418, 1876	box 2	folder 46
#2460-#2582, 1877	box 2	folder 47
#2586-#2708, 1877	box 2	folder 48

## Publications

Title/Description	Instances	
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Patient Handbooks, undated	box 3	folder 49
Children's House Committee: Brochure, undated	box 3	folder 50
Brochure: "The School of Nursing", [after 1929]	box 3	folder 51
Modern hospital sketches by Mary Milner, reprinted 1948	box 3	folder 52
The Thermometer, 1950-1963	box 3	folder 53
Employee newsletter, June 2, 1963	box 3	folder 54
The Monthly News, 1906-1907	box 3	folder 55
The Woman's Hospital Herald, 1930	box 3	folder 56
A Book About Them, [after 1929]	box 3	folder 57
Second Century Founders, [after 1961]	box 7	folder 2

## Clippings

Title/Description	Instances	
Daily Evening Bulletin, two enlarged photocopies, November 5, 1861	flatfile 5	
Newspapers, 1924-1965	box 3	folder 58
Davis' Nursing Survey, May 1940	box 3	folder 59
Philadelphia Medicine, May 1961	box 3	folder 60
Miscellaneous, [1953-1976]	box 3	folder 61
List of the recipients of the Pauline Medal, 1877-1953	box 3	folder 62

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## Nursing School, 1876-1973

### Scope and Contents

This series consists of a historical account of the school, correspondence from 1937 to 1952, program brochures for various kinds of school activities, class yearbooks, and the proposal from Florence Stump for the preservation of the school's records.

Title/Description	Instances	
History, 1925	box 3	folder 1
Report 1 Q74	box 3	folder 2

## Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Historical Letters, 1937-1948	box 3	folder 3



General, 1944-1952	box 3	folder 4
Contracts with the School of Nursing of the University of Pennsylvania, 1962-1964	box 3	folder 5
Regulations re: Prizes, [after 1935]	box 3	folder 6
Commencement programs, 1909-1956	box 3	folder 7
Graduating Exercises, 1932-1960	box 3	folder 8
Commencement Programs, 1940, 1943, 1953, 1961, 1962	box 3	folder 9
Miscellaneous ceremony programs, 1940-1960	box 3	folder 10
Reunion programs, 1940-1970	box 3	folder 11
Capping ceremony, mailing list, 1960	box 3	folder 12

## Class yearbooks

Title/Description	Instances	
1929	box 3	folder 13
1930	box 3	folder 14
1931-1932	box 3	folder 15
1937	box 3	folder 16
Students' Handbook, 1961-1962	box 4	folder 17
Bulletin, 1957-1960	box 4	folder 18
Musical score: "Pomp and Circumstances", [1902]	box 4	folder 19
Miscellaneous, 1959-1964	box 4	folder 20
Proposal from Florence Stump for the preservation of the school's historical records, 1973	box 4	folder 21

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## Nurses' Alumnae Association, 1890-1973

### Scope and Contents

Included in this series are constitution and bylaws, minutes books from 1895 to 1920, and some newsletters published by the alumnae association.

Title/Description	Instances	
Constitution, Bylaws and Ethics, 1925	box 4	folder 1

## Minutes Books

Title/Description	Instances	
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March 13, 1895-December 12, 1900	box 4	folder 2
January 9, 1901-March 10, 1909	box 4	folder 3
May 12, 1909-June 9, 1915	box 4	folder 4
October 13, 1915-February 11, 1920	box 4	folder 5
Publication: The Echo, 1948-1956	box 5	folder 6
Reception Program, 1948	box 5	folder 7
Correspondence, 1924	box 5	folder 8
Scrapbook, 1919-1965	box 5	folder 9
Correspondence and data collected by Florence Stump, 1973	box 5	folder 10
Deed and Indenture for Sarah E. Huntington, 1890	box 5	folder 11
Caption labels used for an exhibition on the hospital, [1970s]	box 5	folder 12

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## West Philadelphia Hospital for Women and Children, 1897-1939

### Scope and Contents

This small series includes an account of the hospital's history, a chronological outline of its training school, and annual reports from 1919 to 1923.

Title/Description	Instances	
Official history, [1897]	box 5	folder 1
Charter, bylaws, and rules and regulations, 1912	box 5	folder 1a
Training school, chronological outline, 1930	box 5	folder 2
Annual reports, 1919, 1920, 1923	box 5	folder 3
Certificates for Margaret A. MacLeman, 1918-1939	flatfile 5	

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## Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania

### Scope and Contents

This series contains one photograph of WMCP collected by the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Title/Description	Instances	
1 Photograph, Class of 1899 in the Bacteriological Laboratory	box 6	photo 39

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## Photographs

### Scope and Contents

Most of the photographs collected here are of the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia. Only a small portion is of the West Philadelphia Hospital for Women and Children. So far as subject matter is concerned, the photographs fall into three main categories: hospital buildings and interior facilities, class group photographs, and photographs of individuals or group of individuals on various occasions.

### Individuals

Title/Description	Instances	
Emeline H. Cleveland, M.D., first resident physician and superintendent of the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia (1862-1868)	box 6	photo 1
Hannah Croasthie (1835-1912), graduate nurse of WHP (1886) and faculty of the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania (1871-1902)	box 6	photo 2
Dr. Catherine MacFarlane, undated	box 6	photo 3
Mrs Close and Miss Seldomridge, undated	box 6	photo 4

### Buildings

Title/Description	Instances	
Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia at 2137 North College Avenue	box 6	photo 5
Woman's Hospital building at North College Avenue	box 6	photo 6
Woman's Hospital building at College Avenue, back view	box 6	photo 7
Elizabeth Peck Building, front view	box 6	photo 8
Elizabeth Peck Building, side view	box 6	photo 9
Dispensary	box 6	photo 9a
Ann E. Broomall Maternity Building	box 6	photo 10
Miller Home for Nurses	box 6	photo 11
Plan for the Woman's Hospital--"The Dream"	box 6	photo 12
The 1931 look of the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia, on the site of the West Philadelphia Hospital for Women and Children	box 6	photo 13
West Philadelphia Hospital for Women and Children	box 6	photo 14

## Interiors

Title/Description	Instances	
The Earle Operating Room	box 6	photo 15
Delivery Room, with Miss Davidson (supervisor)	box 6	photo 16
Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia lab	box 6	photo 17
Fourth Floor Ward	box 6	photo 18
Diet Kitchen	box 6	photo 19-20

## Group pictures

Title/Description	Instances	
Biddle-Irvine Band a Thursday Sewing Circle organized to make linen, etc. for the Woman's Hospital (two identical pictures, with one 3 by 4 duplicate and a negative), [1906]	box 6	photo 21
Class of 1915	box 6	photo 22
Class of 1918	box 6	photo 23
Class of 1919 with babies, 1918	box 6	photo 24
Class of 1927, two pictures taken in front of the Senior Nurse Home (stuck on one sheet)	box 6	photo 25
Graduate Nurses' Chorus of Philadelphia, 1937	box 6	photo 26
Juniors of 1943	box 6	photo 27
Class of 1946	box 6	photo 28
Bertha Seldomridge, Esther Hoffman Buffy and four others, undated	box 6	photo 29
Group picture, three seated, three standing, undated	box 6	photo 30
Group picture, four seated, six standing, undated	box 6	photo 31
Group picture, 12 persons, undated	box 6	photo 32
Group picture, 5 persons in front of the Shepard Memorial Building, undated	box 6	photo 33
Farewell, Seniors, undated	box 6	photo 34
A group of c. 30 people sitting in the old hospital basement during a ceremony for the dedication of a new clinic, [circa 1929]	box 6	photo 34a

## Meeting to develop the interest in the history of nursing, held at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 1974

Title/Description	Instances	
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Someone of the alumnae association of the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia presents some publications to the president (?) of CPP	box 6	photo 35
Group picture	box 6	photo 36
Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, Class of 1899 in the Bacteriological Laboratory	box 6	photo 39

## Negatives

Title/Description	Instances	
Emeline H. Cleveland	box 6	negative 1
Delivery Room	box 6	negative 16
Diet Kitchen	box 6	negative 19
Class of 1915	box 6	negative 22
Class of 1919 with babies	box 6	negative 24
Class of 1946	box 6	negative 28
Farewell, Seniors	box 6	negative 34
Operating Room	box 6	negative 37
Seminar session (?)	box 6	negative 38
Ann Preston	box 6	negative 40
Hospital building (copied from History of Nursing in Pennsylvania by Roberta M. West)	box 6	negative 41
Clinic amphitheater (copied from History of Nursing in Pennsylvania by Roberta M. West), 1892	box 6	negative 42
Album (Scrapbook), photos of nursing students, [1930]	box 6	folder 1
Miscellaneous pictures	box 6	folder 2
Three photos of nurse dolls	box 7	folder 3
Edith May Fultz [class of 1942] Photograph Scrapbook, 1940-1942	box 9	
Creator: James Madison University. Carrier Library. Special Collections		
Creator: Fultz, Edith May		

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## Artifacts

## Scope and Contents

This series includes memorial plaques, nurse caps, a doll, instruments used by nurses, and pieces of bricks chipped from the hospital building in 1973.

Title/Description	Instances
Nurse caps, pins, costume uniforms	box 8
Two metal memorabilia plaques with inscriptions of "The Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia, the First Chartered School of Nursing in the United States, Founded March 22, 1861" and "The Rachel Comly Shallcross Memorial"	box 8
Instruments, fluter iron (with base), chips of bricks, etc.	box 9
Student nursing doll	box 10

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