Helen Murphey and Mary Hankinson
Murphey collection, circa 1905-1950s PU-N.MC 218

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Summary Information

Repository: University of Pennsylvania: Barbara Bates Center for the Study of The History of Nursing
Source - dnr: Braly, Mary Ellen
Creator: Hankinson, Mary (Polly) Murphey
Creator: Murphey, Helen
Title: Helen Murphey and Mary Murphey Hankinson collection
ID: PU-N.MC 218
Date [inclusive]: circa 1905-1950s
Physical Description: 1.5 Linear Feet
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: Helen Murphey and Mary (Polly) Murphey Hankinson were sisters who both graduated from Philadelphia General Hospital (PGH). This collection contains PGH-related photographs and correspondence, news clippings, and a syringe kit.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Helen Murphey graduated from Philadelphia General Hospital (PGH) in 1925. After additional education from the University of Pennsylvania, she became an obstetric nursing educator and supervisor of prenatal clinics and obstetrics at PGH. She also initiated a LPN program for the Philadelphia Board of Education. After 20 years at PGH, Murphey joined a government aid program as a director of nursing education. She served in South America and in Liberia as the Director of the Nursing School at Monrovia General Hospital. Murphey retired in 1963.
Mary Murphey Hankinson graduated from PGH in 1935 and worked as a nurse in Lancaster, PA.
**Controlled Access Headings**

- Nurse
- Nursing
- Photographs
- Braly, Mary Ellen
- Murphey, Helen
- Alumni Association of the Training School for Nurses of Philadelphia General Hospital
- Alumni Association of Philadelphia General Hospital
- Philadelphia General Hospital
- Hankinson, Mary (Polly) Murphey

**Collection Inventory**

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<tr>
<th>Title/Description</th>
<th>Instances</th>
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<tr>
<td>Set of 4x5 photos of Philadelphia Hospital (#1-12, 16-21, 24-29, 31-42), mounted.</td>
<td>1891?</td>
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<td>Christmas postcard from PGH, Lillian Clayton</td>
<td>1927</td>
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<td>2 letters re: PGH maternity department</td>
<td>1930</td>
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<td>Photocopy of yearbook page featuring Murphey</td>
<td>1925</td>
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<td>2 photographs of Murphey and others in Monrovia, Liberia, undated</td>
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<td>News clipping about Murphey</td>
<td>1939</td>
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<td>Newspaper page about Hankinson</td>
<td>1974</td>
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<td>Syringe kit belonging to Hankinson</td>
<td>circa 1935</td>
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<td>1 oversized photo of Easter procession to Alice Fisher's grave</td>
<td>1931</td>
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<td>PGH Alumni Association banquet menu and program</td>
<td>1938</td>
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