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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract:</b>	Doris E. Roberts, R.N., Ph.D. was an internationally known nurse leader and educator in the field of community health services. These papers span Roberts' professional career and documents her educational and academic experience, as well as awards and recognition received as a public health and nursing leader. This collection is comprised of addresses, articles, and documents relating to professional associations, as well as photographs of Roberts.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

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Doris E. Roberts, R.N., Ph.D. was an internationally known nurse leader and educator in the field of community health services. Roberts was born in Toledo, Ohio in 1915. She graduated from Peter Bent Brigham, School of Nursing, Boston, MA (1938 ). She accepted a position of staff nurse with the New Haven Visiting Nurse Association. After two years Roberts went to Simmons College, Boston, MA and obtained a certificate in public health nursing (1941) . In 1944 she received a bachelor's degree from Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA. After serving as senior nurse and director of nursing services with the Neighborhood Association, Millburn

Association, NJ (1942-1944), Roberts joined the U S Public Health Service (1945-1975). As a commissioned officer she had various assignments, first with the Tuberculosis Program (1945-1955), then as chief nurse with same program. During this period Roberts worked with local, state and national agencies, taking part in operational research and seeing the importance of systematic study and program evaluation at all levels of health care.

In 1966, Roberts became Chief of the Public Health Nursing Service and. responsible for designing and conducting studies. In this position she was able to introduce epidemiological concepts and study methods into state and local public health agencies. Her major concerns were the need to bring educators and practitioners together to share resources for problem solving and to collaborate as a way to improve the quality and effectiveness of health care. Her writings were published in many professional journals. Roberts 'influence extended beyond the United States. She provided consultation and assistance to the World Health Organization, Pan American Health Organization, and Southeast Asia Regional Office of WHO.

In 1958, she received a master's degree in public health from the University of Minnesota, and in 1967 a doctorate degree in epidemiology from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. Roberts had memberships in Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Science and Delta Omega Society. Also, she was the recipient of awards for distinguished service in public health.

Following her retirement (1975) from the US Public Health Service, Roberts continued her career as a consultant in public health and in health services evaluation research for ten more years. Following these years she became active in volunteering in outreach programs in the community for homeless and neglected people.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Nurse
- Personal papers
- Public health nursing
- Community health nursing
- Nursing
- United States Public Health Service
- Roberts, Doris E.

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## Collection Inventory

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### Personal, 1872-1993, (1957-1993)

#### Scope and Contents

This series includes a biographical sketch, education transcripts , course papers, commencement program, historical manuals for midwifery, hospital nursing , and visiting nursing for the years 1872-1906.

Title/Description	Instances	
Biographical sketch by Doris E. Roberts, 1992	box 1	folder 1
Biographical sketch, Who's Who In American Nursing, and The World Who's Who of Women, 1980-1993	box 1	folder 2
College and high school transcripts, 1957-1967	box 1	folder 3
Course papers		
Anthropology; 165, University of Minnesota, December 1957	box 1	folder 4

Priorities for Public Health Nursing Service, University of North Carolina, (also, Epidemiology Applied to Nursing Practice), July 1966	box 1	folder 5
The Social Structure and Public Health, University of North Carolina, August 1966	box 1	folder 6
Curriculum Vitae, 1982	box 1	folder 7
Geneva College, Class of 1944, booklet, "The 50 Year Reunion Survey", 1944	box 1	folder 8
Program, Annual Commencement, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, June 1967	box 1	folder 9
United States of America, passport, 1969-1974	box 1	folder 10

## Manuals

Physical Location: Manuals are located in the Center's book collection.

Title/Description	Instances
A Manual for Midwives and Monthly Nurses, Fleetwood Churchill, MD, 3th edition, Fannin and Co., 1872	
A Manual for Hospital Nurses, Edward J. Domville, 3rd edition, J. and A, London, 1878	
Visiting Nurse Manual, Edna L. Foley, RN, National Organization for Public Health Nursing and Visiting Nurse Association of Chicago, 1914 (includes a note card from Harriet Fulmer, Chicago VNA, 1906)	

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## Awards, 1967-1973

### Scope and Contents

In this series are the awards Roberts received from the American Public Health Association, Geneva College, and University of Minnesota; also newspaper clippings and journal announcements of awards.

Title/Description	Instances
Correspondences re; doctor of philosophy degree and awards, 1967-1973	box 1 folder 1
Certificate, Contribution for Advancement of Public Health Nursing, Council of Education for Public Nursing, 1978	box 1 folder 2
Sedgwick Memorial Metal, American Public Health Association, 1979	box 1 folder 3
University of Minnesota Outstanding Achievement Award, School of Public Health, 1983	box 1 folder 4

Newspaper clipping and journal announcements of honors and awards, 1971-1973      box 1      folder 5

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## Addresses, Articles, and Papers, 1952-1993

### Scope and Contents

This series includes the large number of addresses and papers presented on numerous occasions, and many articles published in the various journals by Roberts and co-authors.

### Addresses

Title/Description	Instances	
The Nurses' Function in Programs of Prevention and Control Tuberculosis Nursing Institute, Louisville, Kentucky, November 13, 1951	box 1	folder 1
Integration of Tuberculosis in a Generalized Public Health Nursing Program	box 1	folder 2
Explore and Experiment, Midwestern Conference on Public Health Nursing, National League for Nursing, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 13, 1960	box 1	folder 3
Nurse Graze Into Crystal Ball, The Role of Research in Eradicating Tuberculosis, National Tuberculosis Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, May 18, 1960	box 1	folder 4
How Effective Is Public Health Nursing, Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association, Annual Meeting, Detroit, Michigan, November 14, 1961	box 1	folder 5
A Method of Evaluation of Nursing Service Public Health Nursing Service Branch, Division of Nursing, U.S. D of HEW, Washington, DC, 1962	box 1	folder 6
Evaluation of Patient Needs-The Basic Step Directors and Supervisors of Public Health Nursing, NY, State Department of Health, Albany, NY, November 1, 1962	box 1	folder 7
Strengthening Nursing Practice Through Epidemiology, Regional Clinical Conference, Philadelphia, PA and Kansas City, Missouri, November 1967	box 1	folder 8
Social Roles and Disease Control, American Public Health Association, Miami, Florida, 1967	box 1	folder 9
Comprehensive Health Service Conference on "Comprehensive Care" (handwritten), February 1968	box 1	folder 10

Analysis of The Utilization of Home Health Services, Conference on Medicare Home Health Care," Philadelphia, PA (handwritten), March 1968	box 1	folder 11
Program Evaluation for Planning, Annual Meeting, Southern Branch, American Public Health Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 20, 1969	box 1	folder 12
Centennial Award of American Public Health Association to Margaret B. Dolan Atlantic City, NJ, November 14, 1972	box 1	folder 13
Community Health Nursing Curriculum Responses to the Primary Care Movement, 3rd Conference of Association of Faculty of Graduate Program of Public Health Nursing, Atlantic, Georgia, May 3, 1979	box 2	folder 14
Developing An International Public Health Perspective, University of Minnesota, June 13, 1983	box 2	folder 15

## Other

Title/Description	Instances	
A Brief Look at the History of Agency Involvement in Program Evaluation by Gene V. Lung, RN., B.S., MN., Palm Beach County Health Department, Annual Meeting, American Public Health Association, Houston, TX, October 29, 1970	box 2	folder 16

## Articles

Title/Description	Instances	
The Positive Approach to a Tuberculosis Nursing Program Public Health Report, Vol. 68, No. 3, March 1953	box 2	folder 17
How Effective Is Public Health Nursing?, American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 52, No. 7, July 1962	box 2	folder 18
Nursing for Community Health, Education Medica Y Salud, Vol. 13, No. 11 (rough draft and correspondence), December 1979	box 2	folder 19
Public Health Nursing Comes of Age, American Journal of Public Health," Vol.75, No. 10, October 1985	box 2	folder 20-21

## Co-Author

Title/Description	Instances	
The Nonhospitalized Tuberculosis Patient Public Health Reports," Vol.71, No. 9, September 1956	box 2	folder 22
Epidemiologic Analysis in School Populations as a Basis for Change in School Nursing Practice American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 59, No. 12, December 1969	box 2	folder 23



Maternal and Infant Health and Their Association Factors in an Inner City Population, American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 62, No. 4, April 1972	box 2	folder 24
Epidemiologic Analysis as a Basis for Change in School Nursing Practice- Report of Second Phase of a Longitudinal Study, American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 62, No. 4, April 1972	box 2	folder 25
Reprints articles from various authors and journals, 1970-1993	box 2	folder 26-29

## Other

Title/Description	Instances	
Evaluation of a School Health Program Directed to Children with History of High Absence: A Focus for Nursing Intervention, Long, Whitman, Johansson, Williams and Tuthill (for publication American Public Health Journal), 1973	box 2	folder 30

## Papers

Title/Description	Instances	
Introductory remarks and "Evaluation of Practice," Annual State Director of Nurses Meeting (handwritten), April 1971	box 2	folder 31
The Role of Nursing in Family And Community Health World Health Organization, Geneva, 1974	box 2	folder 32
Developing an Evaluation Design for Decentralized Health Manpower Education Program (A Reaction Paper), undated	box 2	folder 33
The Challenge of Nursing Research (handwritten), undated	box 2	folder 34
Evaluating Nursing Care(handwritten), undated	box 2	folder 35
Research and Nursing Practices"(handwritten), undated	box 2	folder 36

## Co-Author

Title/Description	Instances	
Observation of Medication Errors Made by Diabetic Patients in Home, 26th Annual Meeting, American Diabetes Association, Chicago, 1966	box 2	folder 37
Behavioral Science Measures: Their Potential Contribution to Understanding the Course of Chronic Diseases, undated	box 2	folder 38
Should James Go to School? Working Mothers' Responses To Symptoms, undated	box 2	folder 39

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## Other Associations, 1962-1993

### Scope and Contents

This series documents Roberts nursing career as a nursing leader in United States, Europe, and the Orient; and her association with the American Public Health Association, National Academy of Science and Veterans Administration.

Title/Description	Instances	
Department of Health, Education and Welfare		
A Forty Year History of the State and Territorial Directors of Nursing, 1935-1975, 1976	box 2	folder 1
Correspondence re: appointments and education, 1957-1967	box 2	folder 2
Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing to Meet Licensure Requirements in United States, final report, 1977-1979	box 2	folder 3-4
Historical data, Division of Public Health Nursing, in the U.S. Public Health Service, 1963	box 2	folder 5
Memorandum re: establishing a Division of Public Health Nursing, 1958	box 3	folder 6
Project report "Implication for Nursing at National Level" (handwritten), 1969	box 3	folder 7
Proceedings of Perinatal Nursing Conference, Battelle Seattle Research Center, 1975	box 3	folder 8
How to Study Patient Progress, Public Health Service, 1964	box 3	folder 9
Redesigning Nursing Education for Public Health, 1973	box 3	folder 10
Special assignments, World Health Organization, correspondence, 1962-1979	box 3	folder 11

## World Health Organization

Title/Description	Instances	
Community Health Nursing, report of WHO Expert Committee, 1974	box 3	folder 12
Guide to Curriculum Review for Basic Nursing Education, WHO, 1985	box 3	folder 13
Nursing in Support of the Goal Health for All by the Year 2000, meeting report WHO, 1982	box 3	folder 14

## Retirement

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence and various federal forms, (insignia pin), 1974-1976	box 3	folder 16
Announcement and invitation to events to honor Doris E. Roberts, 1975	box 3	folder 17
WHO Features, "Nurses Lead the Way", June 1985	box 3	folder 15

## Other Associations

### American Public Health Association

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence re: appointment to various committees, 1977-1980	box 3	folder 18
Report, "Field Teaching Conference," PHNS, Southern Branch, Roanoke, Virginia, 1962	box 3	folder 19
National Academy of Science , The Elderly and Functional Dependency, June 1977; "Background of the Institute of Medicine," April 1973; correspondence, 1973, 1983; and "Science and Hope," Philip Handler, 1976	box 3	folder 20
University of Minnesota, "National Perspectives for Public Health/Community Health," June 1982 and 1983, including correspondence, 1984	box 3	folder 21
Other, miscellaneous correspondence, incoming and outgoing, 1983-1993	box 3	folder 23
Veterans Administration, correspondence re: scholarship program, 1984	box 3	folder 22

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## Photographs, 1964-1990

### Scope and Contents

Included in this series are portrait photos taken of Roberts during her nursing career. There are group pictures taken on various social, ceremonial, conferences or seminar occasions.

Title/Description	Instances	
Doris E. Roberts sitting at piano Simmons College, Boston, MA, 1940	box 3	photo 1

### Portraits- Doris E. Roberts

Title/Description	Instances	
1969	box 3	photo 2

1970-1971	box 3	photo 3
1975	box 3	photo 4a-d
1980s	box 3	photo 5
1980s	box 3	photo 6a-d
1990s	box 3	photo 7
Doris E. Roberts sitting at a desk, 1964	box 3	photo 8
Doris E. Roberts accepting Academy of Nursing, Honorary Award, 1993	box 3	photo 9a
Margaret Arnstein, portrait, 1958	box 3	photo 10
Staff of the Division of Public Health Nursing, Fall 1958	box 3	photo 11

## WHO CONFERENCE on Primary Care , Geneva, Switzerland, December 1981

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Panel participants	box 3	photo 12
Group participants	box 3	photo 13
Retirement Reception for Doris E.Roberts, June 1975	box 3	envelope 1
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