



Gynecean Hospital School of Nursing records, 1914-1918 PU-N.MC 162

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Pennsylvania: Barbara Bates Center for the Study of The History of Nursing
Creator:	Gynecean Hospital School of Nursing
Title:	Gynecean Hospital School of Nursing records
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Date [inclusive]:	1914-1918
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Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Gynecean Hospital was a women's hospital in Philadelphia, operating from 1888 until 1939, when it merged with the University of Pennsylvania. This collection contains details of 34 student nurses at this hospital during the 1914 to 1918 period. Demographic information from application forms, letters of reference, grades, details of courses, and evaluations of these students are included. Also part of this collection are requests for information from institutions for information after the students had graduated.

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Historical Sketch

The Gynecean Hospital in Philadelphia was founded by Dr. Charles Bingham Penrose and a group of like-minded individuals for medical and surgical treatment of diseases of women, including poor women, seen as patients in the Philadelphia Dispensary. It was incorporated on January 10, 1888. The hospital began in 2 small rooms in a private house, and by 1908 had 32 ward beds and 12 private rooms. The hospital merged with the University of Pennsylvania in 1939. The hospital was originally financed by private subscriptions and state aid. The Training

School for Nurses of the Gynecean Hospital was a two year program entitling a student who graduated to take the State Board Examination.

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is unrestricted.

Processing Information

The documents originated from the files of the Nurses Alumni Association of the School of Nursing of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. They were placed in an untitled ledger in alphabetical order under the first letter of the surname of the student. The ledger is in poor condition with nearly all the pages with notations detached from the binding. The pages from the book contained the a 4-page application form and details of the time spent in the Training School such as appearance, deportment, affiliation at other institutions, grades obtained from various subjects and status on departure from the School. Requests for information after graduation were tucked into the alphabetical page containing that student's information. While most students were single, there are several instances of married women or widows applying for admission who are listed using "Mrs." Those students who subsequently married are listed as [married name] after the entry. Not all students had pages of educational information or application forms. The pages of the ledger and all inserts were processed into acid-free folders in chronological order.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Alumni Association of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Nursing students
- Women's hospitals
- School records
- Philadelphia (Pa.)
- Nursing
- Women -- Health and hygiene
- Gynecean Hospital School of Nursing

Collection Inventory

Student Nurse Records from Gynecean Hospital, 1914-1918

Scope and Contents

This collection comprises 1 series. The records in this series were originally located in a Ledger, and subsequently removed and placed in acid-free folders. A description of the Ledger itself follows:

Written inside front cover:

Mrs. H. F. Herrman, 40.00 - 4 dresses 14 aprons Cuffs.

Written inside back cover:

2/26/18 Eneiman (10) 88 McCollum (2) 75 Farley (3) 90 Hanlund (4) 94 Hand (5) 91 Applegate (6) 75 Fessler (*) 77 Egner (9) 83

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Title/Description	Instances	
Original ledger	box 1	folder 1
Bates, Isabelle R., admitted January 1916	box 1	folder 2
Bolton, Sue R. B., admitted March 1914	box 1	folder 3

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Butcher, Kate, admitted no date	box 1	folder 4
Deichert, Cora, admitted April 1918	box 1	folder 5
Donaldson, Mary Elizabeth, admitted January 1910	box 1	folder 6
Dowd, Mrs. Margaret [McKeown], admitted prior to 1909	box 1	folder 7
Elsmere, Mary Egner, admitted December 1916	box 1	folder 8
Fraatz, Irene E., admitted 1917	box 1	folder 9
Graham, Margaret C. admitted February 1916	box 1	folder 10
Hasskarl, Laura Ellen, admitted 1918	box 1	folder 11
Havens, Margaret A., admitted 1914 ?	box 1	folder 12
Helmbold, Louise A., admitted 1914	box 1	folder 13
Hershberger, Mary E. admitted 1911	box 1	folder 14
Hull, Josephine Marie, admitted December 1915	box 1	folder 15
Keating, Gertrude Mary, admitted April 1917	box 1	folder 16
Kester, Anna, admitted October 1917	box 1	folder 17
Laurar, Mrs. Sadie, admitted September 1910	box 1	folder 18
Lees, Christina Nelson, admitted March 1911	box 1	folder 19
Malehorn, Adda, admitted April 1913	box 1	folder 20
McCable, Emma, admitted October 1913	box 1	folder 21
MacDonald, Mrs. Catherine E., 1914	box 1	folder 22
Noblitt, Elva, graduated 1910	box 1	folder 23
Ohl, Jessie, admitted 1914	box 1	folder 24
Paine, Martha L. admitted January 1914	box 1	folder 25
Peckens, Vida M. admitted December 1912	box 1	folder 26
Petherick, Janet admitted January 1913	box 1	folder 27
Schantz, Elsie S. admitted March 1917	box 1	folder 28
Sheldon, May B. admitted February 1909	box 1	folder 29
Smith, Isabelle, C., graduated April 1917	box 1	folder 30
Stauffer, Mary F. L. admitted December 1910, graduated 1912	box 1	folder 31
Walker, Mrs. Margaret Lindsey, admitted March 1915	box 1	folder 32
Walton, Jesse Stockton, admitted September 1913	box 1	folder 33
Whitehead, Harrier Aurand, admitted February 1918	box 1	folder 34
Zimmerman, Anna B. (Hamm), admitted October 1917		

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