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Summary Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Nursing
- Boston (Mass.)
- Photographs
- Visiting nurses
- Public health nursing
- Community health nursing
- Visiting Nurse Association of Boston

Collection Inventory

Photographs, 1900-1960s

Nurses at home visits, 1900-1915

| Title/Description | Instances | |
|---|-----------|---------|
| A lesson in the care of baby, from the 1915 Annual Report, circa 1900 | box 1 | photo 1 |
| Health staff nurses at work, circa 1900 | box 1 | photo 2 |
| Patient being treated on rooftop for tuberculosis, from 1905 Annual Report | box 1 | photo 3 |
| A patient being treated on rooftop for tuberculosis, from 1905 Annual Report. | box 1 | photo 3 |

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| Two visiting nurses tending children, from 1908 Annual Report | box 1 | photo 4 |
| Factory nurse inspecting two female employees in a small room in the factory, from the 1908 Annual Report | box 1 | photo 5 |
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| Two visiting nurses and man coming down tenant's stairs, before 1912 | box 1 | photo 7 |
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| Visiting nurse at woman's bedside, before 1912 | box 1 | photo 13 |
| Visiting nurse tending man, before 1912 | box 1 | photo 14 |

Individual Portraits, 1900-1915

| Title/Description | Instances | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Mrs. Robert De Normandue, Vice President of IDNA, Board member of VNA of Boston, circa 1900 | box 1 | photo 15 |
| Mrs. Robert De Normandue, Vice President of IDNA, Board member of VNA of Boston, circa 1900 | box 1 | photo 15a |
| Mrs. Robert De Normandue, Vice President of IDNA, Board member of VNA of Boston, circa 1900 | box 1 | photo 15b |
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| Miss Katharin Tackers, Director of Philadelphia Visiting Nurse Society, undated | box 1 | photo 18 |
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| Miss Summerville, circa 1900 | box 1 | photo 20 |

Community, 1900-1915

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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Nurses at home visits, 1915-1935

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Visiting nurse checking a young boy who just returned home after a masoid operation, circa 1922 | box 1 | photo 33 |
| Visiting nurse checking a young boy who just returned home after a masoid operation, circa 1922 | box 1 | photo 33a |
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Individual Portraits, 1915-1935

| Title/Description | Instances | |
|---|-----------|----------|
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| Miss Saura S. Draper, Assistant Director of the CHA, circa 1920s | box 1 | photo 49 |
| Miss Grace O'Bryan, Associate Director, undated | box 1 | photo 50 |

Administrative, 1915-1935

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Meeting of Woman, circa 1925-1935 | box 1 | photo 51 |

Community, 1915-1935

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Bedridden Patient, undated | box 2 | photo 52 |
| Group of children, reading outside, undated | box 2 | photo 53 |
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| Little girl, circa 1925-1935 | box 2 | photo 59 |
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| Visiting nurse and woman in kitchen, mixing something in test tubes, circa 1940 | box 2 | photo 76 |
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| Administrative, 1940s | | |
| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Community, 1940s | | |
| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Visiting nurse, K. Taylor, applies surgical dressing to the leg ulcer of an elderly woman, circa 1950s | box 2 | photo 83a |
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| Visiting nurse helping an elderly man walk with crutches, circa 1950s | box 2 | photo 84a |
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Administrative, 1950s

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Title/Description | Instances | |
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