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Collection Overview

Creator: Church Home and Hospital (Baltimore, Md.). School of Nursing

Administrative/Biographical History:

By the 1890's, the Church Home and Infirmary's growth necessitated the both the hiring of trained nurses to help care for patients and the development of a training program for student nurses. In 1894, under resident physician Dr. Frank Gavin's direction, the Infirmary began training its own nurses, and the Church Home and Infirmary School for Nurses was founded. Its first superintendent was Harriet M. Sudler, followed by Mrs. Lucas. In its first four years, three diplomas were awarded to Minnie Keller, Mae McComas, and Ada Sears. In 1904, the Maryland Board of Nursing Examiners was created by new state legislation. Soon thereafter, the school began its association with the Johns Hopkins Hospital Training School for Nurses. As affiliate students, students at Church Home were able to take classes in psychiatry and pediatrics. In 1912, Jane Evans Nash began her forty-year tenure as hospital superintendent. Along with the director of nursing education, 1912 Church Home alumna Margaret Elliott, she reformed and modernized nursing education in the school. She began the practice of subject examinations for student nurses. A three-month probationary period was established. For much of its history, students at Church Home did not pay any tuition; all uniforms, books, and board were provided by the Hospital. At the end of three years of training, students were awarded a diploma. Eventually, the increasing number of students necessitated a return of tuition fees, but they remained relatively nominal. In 1950 Margaret Elliott succeed Jane Nash as Director of Nursing. She was in turn succeeded by Nash's assistant Freda Creutzburg. In 1959, the school became accredited by the National League for Nursing. By 1967 the School accepted applications from any student regardless of gender, marital status or race. Its first male nurse graduated in 1968. The Hospital Board of Trustees voted to close the School of Nursing in 1976.

Scope and Content:

The records of the Church Home and Hospital School of Nursing include a series of annual reports and board minutes, programs, promotional publications and yearbooks.

The records also contain publications from the Hospital itself. Jane Nash's reports and the published annual

reports of the Hospital offer a complete financial history of the three parts of the organization , the Hospital, Home and the School from the years 1920 to 1969. A complete run of graduation programs document the school's graduates from 1924-1976, as well the recipients of various scholarships and awards. Several internal publications as well as the School's yearbooks and a daybook give a record of student life and hospital workings. Student records give academic and personal profiles of Church Home students through the years.

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Series : Education - 1894-1976

Scope and Content: The Education record group holds graduation programs, student records, course materials, and daybooks. These materials offer information on student life and study , as well as the changing nursing curriculum through time. The student records on microfilm hold a complete records of graduates from the school from 1894 to 1976. Programs from graduations from 1924 to 1976 list graduates as well as award and scholarship recipients. See also student notebooks in personal paper collections and annual reports from the office of the superintendent.

Sub-series : Course Materials

Scope and Content: The course materials series contains information about the nursing curriculum at the Church Home and Hospital School of Nursing. See also the student notebooks and manuals in personal papers collections.

Folder : Curriculum - 1965

Extent: 1 folder

Sub-series : Graduations

Scope and Content: This series consists of graduation programs from 1924 to 1976. See also Alumnae Association correspondence for programs from the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing graduations.

Folder : Capping Exercises

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Folder : Graduations - 1968-1976

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Folder : Graduations - 1950-1967

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Folder : Graduations - 1924-1949

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Sub-series : Student Records - 1894-1976

Scope and Content: The Student Records series includes a microfilm series of students from 1894 to 1976. A Time Book from 1913-1914, and Day Books from 1903 and 1908 are also included. These provide a record of curriculum and amount of time devoted to subjects in nursing education. The microfilm series includes students' personal records and grades.

Conditions Governing Access Element: Researchers may apply for access to student records for family history, genealogy and other historical research, however the Chesney Medical Archives is not authorized to service credentialing verification requests. Church Home and Hospital became part of Helix Health in 1995 and in 1999 Helix Health changed its name to MedStar Health, which then closed Church Home also in 1999. Requests for credentialing verification and student transcripts should be directed to MedStar Health the corporate entity which is the successor to Church Home and Hospital.

Sub-series : Daybooks - 1902-1914

Series : Governance and Administration - 1894-1963

Scope and Content: The Governance and Administration record group contains documents from the office of the superintendent. A general study from the period from 1894 to 1963 encompasses most of the school's growth. Detailed reports about the Home, Hospital, and School from Jane Nash's tenure provide a history of the institution as a whole from 1920 to 1955.

Sub-series : Office of the Superintendent

Scope and Content: This series consists primarily of reports from the superintendent/director to the Board of Trustees. The period of 1920 to 1955 includes most of Jane Nash's tenure which encompassed vast changes in all three components of the institution, the School, the Home, and the Hospital.

Sub-series : Reports

Folder : Grading of Nursing Schools - 1932

Extent: 1 folder

Scope and Content: This publication by the Committee on the Grading of Nursing Schools includes Jane Nash's report to the committee. This report is a census from the year 1932 of staff, students, facilities, and patients.

Sub-sub-series : Monthly and Annual Reports to Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees

Scope and Content: This series of monthly and annual reports from the School for Nurses Superintendent encompasses much of Jane Nash's tenure. The reports include information about the School, the Home, and the Hospital/Infirmary. Monthly reports discuss improvements, donations, patients, students, and budget items. Annual reports summarize student, staff, and patient populations and activities. The reports are a resource for institutional history and census information over several decades.

Folder 1920: Annual Report - April 1920 - March 1921

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Scope and Content: Annual report

Folder 1921: Annual Report - April 1921 - March 1922

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Scope and Content: Annual report

Folder 1922: Annual Report - April 1922 - March 1923

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Folder 1923: Annual Report - April 1923 - March 1924

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Folder 1940: Monthly and Annual Reports - April 1940 - March 1941

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Scope and Content: Monthly and Annual reports

Folder 1942: Monthly and Annual Reports - April 1942 - March 1943

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Scope and Content: Monthly and Annual reports

Folder 1943: Monthly and Annual Reports with Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - April 1943 - March 1944

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Scope and Content: This folder includes executive committee minutes from November 1943 to March 1944.

Folder 1944: Monthly and Annual Reports with Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes -
April 1944 - March 1945

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April 1945 - March 1946

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April 1952 - March 1953

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Folder 1953: Monthly and Annual Reports with Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes -
April 1953 - March 1954

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Folder 1954: Monthly and Annual Reports with Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes -
April 1954 - June 1955

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Bound volume : Report of the School - 1894-1963

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Scope and Content: This book entitled "Church Home and Infirmary School for Nurses" contains a wealth of institutional information. It includes dates and times of commencement ceremonies, lists of graduates, award recipients, and speakers. It contains some annual summaries of school activities, including information about affiliation, course of study, staff, and alumni. It also contains an alphabetical index of graduates from 1894 to 1963.

Folder : Reports to Diocesan Convention

Extent: 1 folder

Series : Publications - 1932-1994

Scope and Content: The publications of the School of Nursing include hospital and school materials. School bulletins, yearbooks, many of the Hospital's annual reports, recruitment and promotional materials, and several intra-institutional publications are included. Bulletins from 1944 to 1974 and select yearbooks from the 1950s through 1970s offer information on student life and nursing curriculum changes. The Hospital's employee and volunteer newsletter (The CHH Quarterly Letter 1960-1966, The CHH News 1967-1969, The CHH Newsletter 1969-1970) chronicles employment history and hospital events. The Patron (1970-1976) and the CHH Newsletter (1974-1980) are development office publications designed to encourage philanthropy. Published hospital annual reports from the 1940s to 1960s give a financial and statistical history of the institution.

Sub-series : Bulletins - 1944-1974

Scope and Content: The Bulletins include information about student fees, enrollment, faculty, facilities, curriculum and course descriptions.

Sub-series : Church Home and Hospital Annual Reports - 1943-1945; 1947-1969; 1936; 1993

Bound volume 1936: Church Home and Infirmary Annual Report - 1936

Bound volume 1943: Church Home and Hospital Annual Report - 1943

Bound volume 1944: Church Home and Hospital Annual Report - 1944

Bound volume 1945: Church Home and Hospital Annual Report - 1945

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[Bound volume 1994: Church Home and Hospital Annual Report - 1994](#)

[Bound volume : Church Home and Infirmary, a History - 1915](#)

Sub-series : General Publications

Scope and Content: General publications of the Church Home and Hospital include internal employee newsletters, directories, and handbooks. They also include materials sent to hospital donors.

[Folder : Newsletter - 1960-1980](#)

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Scope and Content: The Newsletter was a quarterly external publication with news about the hospital and school of nursing.

[Folder : Staff directory and employee handbook - 1962-1974](#)

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[Folder : The Insider - 1971-1987](#)

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Scope and Content: The Insider is an internal Church Home and Hospital publication with information on various departments, volunteers, and facilities.

[Folder : The Patron - 1971-1976](#)

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Scope and Content: The Patron is a pamphlet published quarterly by the Development office . It instructs patrons on ways of giving to the Hospital.

Sub-series : Promotional Publications

Scope and Content: The promotional publications series includes publications related to the Church Home and Hospital. These consist of mailers and brochures informing the public about the Hospital's history, development, services, and new facilities. See recruitment series for information published about the School.

[Folder : Church Home and Hospital](#)

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Scope and Content: General promotional publications about the Hospital facilities and care.

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Scope and Content: Pamphlets about Church Home and Hospital

Folder : Church Home and Hospital School of Nursing - 1936-2004

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Sub-series : Recruitment brochures

Scope and Content: The recruitment publications include materials related to the Hospital, the School, and the medical residency program. Brochures advertise the school's curriculum and facilities, as well as the benefits of being an employee. This series also holds information about the employment of medical interns and residents.

Folder : Medical Students Recruitment

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Scope and Content: Pamphlets promoting medical education at Church Home and Hospital

Folder : School of Nursing Recruitment

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Scope and Content: Pamphlets promoting nursing education at Church Home and Hospital

Sub-series : Yearbooks - 1966-1976; 1944; 1957; 1934; 1964; 1960

Sub-sub-series : The Ensign - 1966-1976; 1957; 1964; 1960

Sub-sub-series : The Open Door - 1944; 1934

Artifacts