

FSC-31 VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION, DAYTON

Collection Number: FSC-31

Title: Visiting Nurses' Association, Dayton

Dates: 1898-1970

Creator: Visiting Nurses' Association, Dayton

Summary/Abstract:

The records of the Visiting Nurses' Association of Dayton, Ohio, date from 1898 through 1970. The collection includes materials from the original organization, The Fruit and Flower Mission, as well as the material pertaining to the Visiting Nurses' Association under the city of Dayton's Public Health Services. Materials consist of board minutes, correspondence, pamphlets, newspaper clippings and photographs.

Quantity/Physical Description: 2 lin. ft.

Languages: English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-001, (937) 775-2092

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Location of Originals:

Boston University's Mugar Memorial Library, 771 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215

Note:

The majority of the collection is a reproduction of original material. The originals are located in Boston University's Mugar Memorial Library. The reason for this is two-fold. First, the material suffers from deterioration, making reproduction necessary. Second, the Mugar Library is the archival center for nursing history.

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Arrangement: By type of materials.

Biographical/Historical Note

The Visiting Nurses' Association began as the Fruit and Flower Mission in 1898 by Emily Stewart. Its original goal was to furnish flowers and fruit to hospital patients and the community's sick. The mission expanded in 1903 to include a visiting nurse. By 1907, the organization incorporated, and activities were expanded to include a free clinic for children. The Mission changed its name in 1913 to the Visiting Nurses' Association, which Miss Elizabeth Fox as superintendent of nurses.

The Association expanded its services and staff members. In 1961, the organization was combined with two others, the City of Dayton, Bureau of Nursing, and the Montgomery County Division of Nursing to form the Public Health Nursing Service of Dayton and Montgomery County. In February 1969, the agency was granted full accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Committee.

Scope and Content

The records of the Visiting Nurses' Association of Dayton, Ohio, date from 1898 through 1970. The collection contains primarily reproductions of the minutes of the Board of Directors from 1911 through 1970. Included also are reports, or copies of reports, semi-annual reports and certain important documents. The first box contains the history of the Fruit and Flower Mission, articles of incorporation and agreements, the constitution and bylaws of the organization. This is followed by the minutes of the Board of Directors and annual reports. Clippings from newspapers and photographs follow.

Subject Terms

Organizations/Corporate Names

Nurses -- 20th century -- Ohio

Subjects (General)

Public Health Nursing

Material Types

Pamphlets
Photographs

Occupations

Nursing

Collection Inventory

Series I: Minutes and Reports		
<u>Box</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	Minutes and Reports	1898-1944
2	Minutes and Reports	1945-1957
3	Minutes and Reports	1958-1964
4	Minutes and Reports	1965-1970
Series II: Newspaper Clippings and Pamphlets		
5	Newspaper clippings and reports	1898-1940
6	Newspaper clippings and reports	1940-1970
Series III: Photographs of Nurses and Activities		
7	Photographs	1911-1920
	Photographs	1921-1930
	Photographs	1931-1940
	Photographs	1941-1950
	Photographs	1951-1960
	Photographs	1961-1970