

MS-578: Esther Leona Hofferbert Miami Valley Hospital Scrapbooks

Collection Number: MS-578

Title: Esther Leona Hofferbert Miami Valley Hospital Scrapbooks

Dates: 1952-2016

Creator: Hofferbert, Esther Leona (Guthrie)

Summary/Abstract:

Esther Leona Hofferbert was a registered nurse, psychologist, and nursing home administrator in Dayton and Xenia for over 40 years in the late 20th century. She was a graduate of the Miami Valley Hospital School of Nursing and spent much of her professional career at Miami Valley Hospital as well. The collection consists of 3 scrapbooks focused primarily on the activities of the Miami Valley Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association and, to a lesser extent, the life and work of Hofferbert herself.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1 linear foot (3 scrapbooks)

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092

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Acquisition:

The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives by Marie A. Reedy, a first cousin of Esther's husband Max Hofferbert, on December 12, 2016.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms578.pdf. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Accruals: No additional accruals are expected.

Related Material:

[FSC-32: Student Nurses' Association, District 10, Records](#)

[MS-232: Irving G. Bieser, Sr., Papers](#)

[MS-512: Marianna Nixon Papers](#)

[MS-497: St. Elizabeth Hospital Records](#)

Publication Note:

Hofferbert, Esther Guthrie, Betsy Frank, and P. Susan Fitzsimons. *A Time to Remember: Miami Valley Hospital School of Nursing*. [Dayton, Ohio]: Esther Guthrie Hofferbert, 1986.

Processing Information:

The original scrapbooks received consisted of 3-ring binder style albums. Materials were transferred from these albums into archival sleeves and binder boxes. The original order of the materials was retained. A small amount of duplication exists throughout the collection, as multiple copies of some documents occurred in different places; in order to preserve original order, these multiple copies were retained in the original locations. Newspaper clippings were photocopied and the originals removed from the collection.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Lisa Rickey, September 2017.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged in a single series consisting of 3 scrapbooks.

Biographical Note:

Esther Leona Guthrie was born in 1929 in near Lafayette, in Allen County, Ohio, a daughter of Rev. Joseph L. and Elsie (Teagarden) Guthrie. Her father was a minister in the Church of the Brethren. Esther graduated from Lafayette Jackson High School in 1947.

In May 1955, Esther graduated from the Miami Valley Hospital School of Nursing in Dayton, Ohio, where she was the Student Nurse Social Director. She was an active member, and twice president (1962-1964 and 1988-1992), of the Miami Valley Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association for many decades. She later earned graduate degrees (M.Ed., 1962, and S.Ed., 1970) in counseling from Miami University in Oxford.

In addition to being a graduate of Miami Valley Hospital, Esther spent the majority of her career as a health and education professional with Miami Valley Hospital as well. She served as Head Nurse, Psychiatry (1955-1957), Supervisor of Specialties (1957-1958), and later Support nurse for Day Therapy and Mental Health Nursing (1986-1987) at Miami Valley Hospital. In the MVH School of Nursing, she served as an Instructor of Pediatric Nursing (1958-1960), Maternal-Child Health Coordinator (1960-1964), Guidance Counselor/Psychologist (1966-1986), and Instructor in Community Health Nursing (1985-1986). Later in her career, she was Nursing Home

Administrator at Crestview Nursing Home in Dayton (1987-1988), then Director of Nursing (1988-1992) and Nursing Home Administrator (1992-1994) at Friends Care Center in Yellow Springs, before retiring.

Her other professional activities included serving as President of the District 10 Ohio Nurses Association (ONA), President of Western Ohio League of Nursing (part of the National League for Nursing), Advisory Boards of the Dayton Institute of A. Adler Psychology, Sinclair College Nursing Program, Board of Trustees at Friends Care Center, Greene County Commission on Aging and the Greene County Guidance Center, member of a regional group on nursing sponsored by the Ohio Department of Health and Continuing Education Committee of ONA.

Esther married Max M. Hofferbert in 1956. They had no children, which, in Esther's own words, was "one reason I was able to be so active professionally." The couple resided in Xenia for many years. Esther was inducted into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame in 2009.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of 3 scrapbooks focused primarily on the activities of the Miami Valley Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association and, to a lesser extent, the life and work of Esther Hofferbert herself. Alumni Association materials include reunion planning documents, lists of alumni, correspondence and updates from alumni, photographs, newspaper clippings and obituaries, newsletters, and programs. Of particular note is the Alumni Association's Centennial Celebration (1903-2003) publication, at the end of Scrapbook 2, which includes a detailed history of the school and the alumni association. Materials pertaining to Esther Hofferbert specifically include biographical information, as well as documents (including grade cards) and mementoes from her time as a student nurse in the early 1950s. Materials in the scrapbooks remain in the original order in which they were received, and date from 1952 to 2016.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Hofferbert, Esther Leona (Guthrie)

Organizations/Corporate Names

Miami Valley Hospital – History

Miami Valley Hospital. School of Nursing – History

Subjects (General)

Nurses – 20th century

Material Types

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)

Photographs – 20th century

Scrapbooks

Occupations

Nurses

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	Scrapbook 1	1952-2005, Undated
2	Scrapbook 2	1955-2003, Undated
3	Scrapbook 3	1995-2016, Undated