Finding Aid for the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Records, #4776

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

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Abstract:

Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, 1903-1956, was established upon the severing of ties between Presbyterian Hospital and the Illinois Training School for Nurses. The Illinois Training School was not able to continue to provide nursing services to the growing hospital and advised Presbyterian Hospital to develop its own nursing education program. In January 1903, M. Helena McMillan became the first administrator of the new school and served in this function until her retirement in 1938. The nursing school was affiliated with Rush Medical College, the faculty of which served as instructors in the nursing school, supplementing the teaching by the nursing staff. Nursing students worked in the clinics of Rush Medical College and the Central Free Dispensary. In 1940 the University of Chicago and Rush Medical College severed their longtime relationship, and in July 1941, Presbyterian Hospital established a teaching affiliation with the University of Illinois Medical School. On April 25, 1956, the boards of Presbyterian Hospital and St. Luke’s Hospital merged into Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Hospital. The schools of nursing also merged, each admitting its last class in 1956 and graduating them in 1959. Students admitted from 1957 onward were graduates of the Presbyterian-St. Luke’s School of Nursing. The records of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, 1903-1956, include annual announcements, yearbooks, annual reports, printed material, invitations and programs, historical information, miscellaneous files, clippings, material related to the school’s longtime administrator, M. Helena McMillan, and four scrapbooks.

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RELATED COLLECTIONS:

Presbyterian Hospital of the City of Chicago Records, #4705
Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association Records
Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Hospital Records, #4706
Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Hospital School of Nursing Records
Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association
Various photographs in RG44000
Various artifacts, particularly nursing uniforms, uniform pieces, nursing pins, and nursing caps.

HISTORICAL NOTE:
Through most of Presbyterian Hospital’s first twenty years, 1883-1902, nursing services were provided by the Illinois Training School for Nurses. There were two attempts to establish a Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, but each lasted only one year, 1884-1885 and 1886-1887. The Illinois Training School also provided nursing services to Cook County Hospital and by 1902 it could not meet the growing needs of both Cook County and Presbyterian hospitals, and decided to end the relationship with Presbyterian Hospital. As a result, the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing was re-established and it stayed in continuous operation from 1903-1956.

In January 1903, M. Helena McMillan became the first administrator of the new school. The course of training was three and one-half years, including a six month preparatory period. The program stressed academics and required a high school diploma or its equivalent. Students were limited to an eight-hour working day, six hours of practical work under supervision and two hours of classroom instruction. The nursing school was affiliated with Rush Medical College, the faculty of which served as instructors in the nursing school, supplementing the teaching by the nursing staff. Nursing students worked in the clinics of Rush Medical College and the Central Free Dispensary. In 1912, the course was reduced to three years.

Nurses' residences were originally in two renovated houses located at the northwest corner of Ashland and Congress, three blocks from the hospital. These housed 40 to 50 students and faculty, although by 1904 an addition was already needed and was built to accommodate 33 more nurses. The original residences and addition were inadequate to keep up with the growth of the school, and a new building large enough for 150 people was needed. In 1913, the school received $100,000 from the O.S.A. Sprague Memorial Fund for a new nurses' home. The new building, located on Congress Street directly across from the hospital, was named the Sprague Home for Nurses. It contained rooms for 160 nurses, in addition to educational and recreational space. Sprague Home was condemned by the city in 1948 to make room for the Congress Highway, later renamed the Eisenhower Expressway, so plans were drawn in 1949 for a new nurses' residence to be erected on Harrison Street, directly across from the hospital. The new residence was funded in part by the $800,000 that Presbyterian Hospital received for its real estate which was used for the highway. Additional funds came from a campaign drive for new construction, including the 154-bed East Pavilion of the hospital. Transfer to the new nurses' quarters took place on March 22, 1952.

Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing had influence beyond Chicago. M. Helena McMillan, who ran the school from 1903 to 1938, was active in national and state nursing affairs, serving several positions in the National League of Nursing Education, and also on the board of directors of the American Nursing Association. She served five times as president of the Illinois State Nurses Association. Graduates of the school also held influential positions in national nursing organizations. By 1931 the school had
produced a president, a vice-president, and two executive secretaries of the American Nursing Association.

During World War I, Base Hospital Unit Number 13, largely recruited from Presbyterian Hospital, took many young doctors and graduate nurses overseas. This loss of medical and nursing staff was remarked upon by the hospital’s president, Albert M. Day, in its 1918 annual report.

During World War II, the United States Public Health Service established the United States Cadet Nurse Corps. The government paid student nurses’ fees and expenses for approved nursing schools, including Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, for the duration of the war if they joined the Corps. In return, members of the Corps pledged to remain in active nursing in either civilian or military service throughout the war.

The Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing began as an affiliate of Rush Medical College, but in 1940 the University of Chicago and Rush Medical College severed their relationship, and in July 1941, Presbyterian Hospital established a teaching affiliation with the University of Illinois Medical School. In the 1940s the nursing school established loose affiliations with six local colleges and universities, but these were severed in 1949 after an evaluation found them to be of little benefit to the school.

In December 1954, discussions began between Presbyterian and St. Luke's hospitals about the possibility of a merger of the two. At a meeting in April 1955, representatives of both institutions expressed their willingness to merge. On April 25, 1956, the two boards met to unite in one corporation the activities of both hospitals. The corporation was named Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital. The schools of nursing also merged, each admitting its last class in 1956 and graduating them in 1959. Students admitted from 1957 onward were graduates of the Presbyterian-St. Luke's School of Nursing.

Directors of Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing:
  M. Helena McMillan, 1903-1938
  Dorothy Rogers Williams, 1939-1941
  Henrietta Froehlke, 1941-1950
  Sylvia Melby, 1950-1956

COLLECTION OVERVIEW:

The records of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, 1903-1956, include annual announcements, yearbooks, annual reports, printed material, invitations and programs, historical information, miscellaneous files, clippings, material related to the school’s longtime administrator, M. Helena McMillan, and four scrapbooks. Yearbooks for the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing include yearbooks for four years, 1920, and the
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last three years of the school, 1954-1956. Yearbooks include portraits of staff, faculty and students; history of the school; poems and stories; jokes and cartoons. Printed material includes newsletters and promotional pamphlets and booklets created by the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing. Invitations and programs mostly include programs for graduating or commencement exercises for the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, 1907-1957, and a few other event programs. Histories include compilations of historical information regarding the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing and Ruth Johnsen’s definitive 1959 The History of the School of Nursing of Presbyterian Hospital, 1903-1956. Chronological files include miscellaneous items that do not fit in other series. Material related to school of nursing and nursing service director M. Helena McMillan includes three bound volumes of carbon copies of her letters, 1903-1908; and a few other items. Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Scrapbooks include a scrapbook for Helen V. Drake, Woman’s Auxiliary Board representative, 1913-1918; two scrapbooks related to the school’s Florence Nightingale Chorus, 1920-1928 and 1927-1933; and a scrapbook of mostly newspaper clippings related to the school, 1920-1943.

ARRANGEMENT OF SERIES:
1. Annual Announcements, 1903-1956
3. Annual Reports, 1938-1955
5. Invitations and Programs, 1907-1957
6. Histories, [1930s]-1959
7. Chronological Files, 1902-1954
8. Clippings, 1917, 1939-1953
9. Material Related to Director Helena McMillan, 1903-1938
10. Scrapbooks, 1913-1943

ITEMS SEPARATED:
Oversized Papers (BOX 10)
Fragile Papers (BOXES 9 and 10)
Photographs (RG44000)
Artifacts (Artifact collection)

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION:

Series 1. Annual Announcements, 1903-1956

About 35 items
Arrangement: Chronological
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Scope Content: This series of annual announcements for the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing includes two bound volumes of annual reports and bulletins of information, 1903-1933, followed by bulletins (1903-1917) and announcements (1920-1956) in their original formats. Annual reports for the School of Nursing, also known as the School for Nurses (mostly until the early 1920s), were originally included in the annual reports of the Board of Managers of the Presbyterian Hospital of the City of Chicago. Portions of the annual reports that refer to the development of the school are included in the bound volumes. [For further Annual Reports for the school, please see Series 3. Annual Reports, 1933-1955.] Bulletins served as annual announcements for students, prospective students, and an external audience and included lists of faculty, committee members, and students; admission, course, and graduation requirements; facility and residence information; history of the school and hospital; and rules and policies. Annual reports focused more on internal information, including financial information and detailed lists of donors and donations. Beginning with the Annual Announcement, 1948-1949, the announcements appear more promotional and include many more photographs, including pictures of the hospital campus, nursing areas, and student dormitories.

The school’s affiliations with Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago are noted in the announcement titles. Rush Medical College was affiliated with the University of Chicago, 1898-1942. Rush Medical College closed in 1942, and was revived in 1969.

BOX 1

Annual Reports and Bulletins of Information, 1903-1918 [BOUND volume]
Annual Reports and Bulletins of Information, 1919-1933 [BOUND volume]

BOX 2

Bulletin of the Presbyterian Hospital School for Nurses, 1903-1904
Bulletin of the School for Nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1904
Bulletin of Information of the School for Nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1906-1907
Bulletin of Information of the School for Nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1909-1910
Bulletin of Information of the School for Nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1911-1912
Bulletin of Information of the School for Nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1912-1913
Bulletin of Information of the School for Nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1913-1914
Bulletin of Information of the School for Nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1915-1916
Bulletin of Information of the School for Nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1916-1917
Announcement, the School for Nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago, 1920-1921
Announcement, the School for Nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago, 1921
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago, 1922-1923
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago, 1924-1925
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with the University of Chicago, 1925-1926
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with the University of Chicago, 1928-1929
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago, 1930-1931
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago, 1931-1932
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago, 1933-1934
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago, 1934-1935
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago, 1935-1936
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago, 1937-1938
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago, 1938-1939
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago, 1939-1940
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago, 1940-1941
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, affiliated with the University of Chicago, 1942-1943

BOX 3

Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1944-1945
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1945-1946
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1948-1949
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1950-1951
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1951
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1951 (Photo Brochure)
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1952
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, 1952 (Photo Brochure)
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, Fiftieth Anniversary Year, 1953
Announcement, the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital, includes insert, “Mary Jane Comes to Presbyterian,” 1955-1956

**Series 2. Yearbooks, 1920, 1954-1956**

4 items
Arrangement: Chronological
Scope Content: Yearbooks for the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing includes yearbooks for four years, 1920, and the last three years of the school, 1954-1956. Yearbooks include portraits of staff, faculty and students; history of the school; poems and stories; jokes and cartoons. Yearbooks also include photographs of facilities and students at work and leisure. The 1920 yearbook is softbound and particularly fragile and includes a feature on Base Hospital Unit Thirteen which served overseas during World War I.

**BOX 3 (continued)**

Yearbook, 1920
Yearbook, “The Sprague,” 1954
Yearbook, “The Sprague,” 1955
Yearbook, “The Sprague,” 1956

**Series 3. Annual Reports, 1938-1955**

About 15 items
Arrangement: Chronological
Scope Content: Annual reports of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing included administrative information regarding the school of nursing and hospital nursing service that was intended for an internal audience. See also series 1, which includes annual reports in bound volumes, 1903-1933. The annual reports in this series begin after the retirement of Director Helena McMillan in 1938, and are mostly typescript copies. See also the Presbyterian Hospital of the City of Chicago Records for hospital annual reports which included information regarding the school of nursing and nursing service.

**BOX 4**

Annual Report, 1938
Thirty-seventh Annual Report of School of Nursing and Nursing Service, 1939-1940. First AR of Director Dorothy Rogers.
Thirty-eighth Annual Report of School of Nursing and Nursing Service, 1940-1941
Thirty-ninth Annual Report of School of Nursing and Nursing Service, 1941-1942
Fortieth Annual Report of School of Nursing and Nursing Service, 1942-1943
Forty-first Annual Report of School of Nursing and Nursing Service, 1943-1944
Monthly reports of the School of Nursing, 1944-1945
Forty-second Annual Report of School of Nursing and Nursing Service, 1944-1945
Forty-third Annual Report of School of Nursing and Nursing Service, 1945-1946
Forty-fourth Annual Report of School of Nursing and Nursing Service, 1946-1947
Forty-fifth Annual Report of School of Nursing and Nursing Service, 1947-1948
Forty-sixth Annual Report of School of Nursing and Nursing Service, 1948-1949
Forty-seventh Annual Report of School of Nursing and Nursing Service, 1949-1950
Annual Report of School of Nursing and Nursing Service, [1950?]
Annual Report of School of Nursing and Nursing Service, 1951-1952, 1952-1953
Annual Report of the Nursing Department and Meeting Minutes of the Nursing Advisory Council of the School of Nursing, 1953-1954
Annual Report of the Nursing Department, 1955-1956


About 10 items
Arrangement: Chronological
Scope Content: Printed material includes newsletters and promotional pamphlets and booklets created by the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing. The short-lived School of Nursing newsletter, “Terian Pital,” was named after a Presbyterian Hospital sign after part of its neon lights stopped working. The “Fiftieth Anniversary of the School of Nursing” booklet, 1953, includes remembrances from past directors Helena McMillan, director, 1903-1938; Dorothy Rogers Williams, 1939-1941; Henrietta Froehlke, 1941-1950; and Sylvia Melby, 1950-1956.

BOX 4 (continued)

Newsletter, “Terian Pital,” January-March 1945
Promotional pamphlets, 1946, 1948, 1949
Promotional pamphlet, “A Tour through the New Nurses’ Quarters,” [1953]
Booklet, “Fiftieth Anniversary of the School of Nursing,” 1953
Magazine, Presbyterian Life, includes article “The Training of a Nurse,” 21 March 1953
“Our Student Handbook,” two editions, [1953?], [1956]

Series 5. Invitations and Programs, 1907-1957
About 60 items
Arrangement: Chronological
Scope Content: Invitations and programs mostly include programs for graduating or commencement exercises for the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, 1907-1957, and a few other event programs.

BOX 4 (continued)

Programs, Graduating Exercises, 1907, 1909
Programs, Graduating Exercises, 1910-1919
Programs, Graduating Exercises, 1920-1929
Programs, Commencement Exercises, 1930-1939
Programs, Commencement Exercises, 1940-1949
Programs, Commencement Exercises, 1950-1957

BOX 5

Programs and Invitations, Fundraising Dinner and Laying of Cornerstone, 1950, and Dedication, opening, and Open House of Sprague Home, 1952
Program and Songbook for Capping Service, 16 March 1951
Program, Faculty Dinner honoring the Class of 1953, 30 April 1953

Series 6. Histories, [1930s]-1959

About 10 items
Arrangement: Chronological
Scope Content: Histories include compilations of historical information regarding the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing and Ruth Johnsen’s definitive 1959 The History of the School of Nursing of Presbyterian Hospital, 1903-1956.

BOX 5 (continued)

Handwritten notes for “Traditions of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing,” [1930s]
“History Highlights of the School of Nursing,” compiled by Nella C. Den Herder, Librarian, 1903-1953
The History of the School of Nursing of Presbyterian Hospital, 1903-1956, by Ruth Johnsen, 1959
Material related to policies and requirements regarding uniforms, caps, marriage of student nurses.
Series 7. Chronological Files, 1902-1954

About 25 items
Arrangement: Chronological
Scope Content: Chronological files include miscellaneous items that do not fit in other series. This series includes a typescript of letter from the Board of Managers of the Illinois Training School for Nurses to the Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Hospital regarding the breaking of their contract to supply nurses to hospital due to higher demand, 17 October 1902. This letter encouraged Presbyterian Hospital to create the School of Nursing. This series also includes material related to the student nurses’ relationship with the Young Women’s Christian Association; information related to Sprague Home facilities; course material; and reports concerning the school.

BOX 5 (continued)
Typescript of letter from Board of Managers of Illinois Training School for Nurses to Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Hospital regarding breaking of contract to supply nurses to hospital due to higher demand, 17 October 1902
Meeting Minutes and Related Material, Nurses Christian League of PHSN in association with Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA), 1914-1920
Material related to request for student chapter for Young Women’s Christian Association, 1915, and Suggestions for a Constitution, 1928
Purchase receipts for Sprague Home, awnings, china, silverware, stationery, upholstery, 1916
Orders for Ulcer Patients, 1921
Record of Nursing Procedures of Marie Harden, class of 1929, [circa 1928]
Certificate from the State of Illinois Department of Registration and Education Recognizing PHSN, 25 October 1932
Nursing Manual for Students, Procedures from Marie Harden, class of 1929, [circa 1935]
Notes from speeches at Alumnae Luncheon by Marie Harden, 1938
Sample forms, Application for Admission, 1935-1945
Report of a Survey of PHSN by the Department of Studies, National League of Nursing Education, 1940

BOX 6

Directions and Procedures for Student Nurses in the Operating Room, 1941
Memo regarding announcement of Meeting of Advisory Nursing Council of PHSN for 13 November 1944
The Illinois Nursing Act, Department of Registration and Education, 1951
Supplementary Report of the Educational Program in Nursing, includes information regarding all facets of PHSN, including history, curriculum, administration, etc., 1953-1954
Letter to PHSN from Department of Registration and Education, Illinois, regarding development of University of Illinois’s collegiate nursing program, 7 October 1953
Minutes, Conference, Collegiate Affiliations in Nursing regarding University of Illinois’s development of collegiate nursing program, 22 February 1954
“An Eye Syllabus for Nurses,” compiled by Dr. Karl J. Schreiibel, PHSN, includes handwritten notes by D. C. Paulsen, revised October 1954
Course Syllabi and Notes, Special Surgery, Ear, Nose and Throat, Procedures for Dressings and Radiation Protection, [D. C. Paulsen’s], 1954
Program for Senior Cadet Period, [1950s]

**Series 8. Clippings, 1917, 1939-1953**

About 30 items
Arrangement: Chronological
Scope Content: Clippings includes newspaper clippings related to Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, mostly from the Chicago Tribune. See scrapbooks in Series 10 for more clippings.

**BOX 6 (continued)**

Newspaper clippings, 1917, 1939-1953

**Series 9. Material Related to Director Helena McMillan, 1903-1938**

About 150 items
Arrangement: Chronological
Scope Content: Material related to school of nursing and nursing service director M. Helena McMillan includes three bound volumes of carbon copies of her letters, 1903-1908; and a few other items. The carbon copied letters are on onion skin paper and the ink is fading, making these items particularly fragile. The alphabetical indices of correspondents are included with the rest of the series, whereas the fragile items are housed horizontally in an oversized box, Box 10 of the collection.

**BOX 6 (continued)**

Alphabetical Index of Correspondents for Letters, August 1903-January 1904
Letters from Helena McMillan, 7 August 1903-9 January 1904 [Item Separated. IN BOX 10-FRAGILE]
Alphabetical Index of Correspondents for Letters, January 1904-August 1906
Letters from Helena McMillan, January 1904-August 1906 [Item Separated. IN BOX 10-FRAGILE]

Alphabetical Index of Correspondents for Letters, August 1906- November 1908
Letters from Helena McMillan, 1 August 1906-27 November 1908 [Item Separated. IN BOX 10-FRAGILE]

Biographical Material, 1923-1970
Acceptance letter for admission, signed by McMillan, 1924
Acceptance letter to prospective student, 13 September 1924
Material related to Helena McMillan’s receipt of the Walter Burns Saunders Memorial Medal, awarded for distinguished service in nursing, National Nursing Association, 1936
Thank you letter to Marie Harden, president of PHSN Alumnae Association, from McMillan, 13 October 1938

**Series 10. Scrapbooks, 1913-1943**

4 items.
Arrangement: Chronological
Scope Content: Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Scrapbooks include a scrapbook for Helen V. Drake, Woman’s Auxiliary Board representative, 1913-1918; two scrapbooks related to the school’s Florence Nightingale Chorus, 1920-1928 and 1927-1933; and a scrapbook of mostly newspaper clippings related to the school, 1920-1943.

Drake’s scrapbook includes material related orders of supplies for the school and facilities, particularly for renovations; requests from the school for teaching tools, equipment, instruments, supplies; thank you letters from students for gifts and donations; and commencement programs. This scrapbook also includes letters from Albert Day, president of Presbyterian Hospital.

The first scrapbook related to the Florence Nightingale Chorus, 1920-1928, includes concert programs, clippings from the Chicago Tribune, letters of appreciation, and financial reports regarding receipts and disbursements for concerts. One item of particular interest is a letter referring to Marie Curie’s visit to Chicago, 14 June 1921, during which time she complimented the chorus. A second scrapbook related to the Florence Nightingale Chorus covers 1927-1933, and includes similar material and portraits of conductor Robert R. Birch and accompanist Joseph C. Anderson. This scrapbook also includes a program for the same concert for Marie Curie mentioned above. This scrapbook was removed from its original binding for preservation purposes.

A fourth scrapbook includes clippings related to historical nursing figures, mostly from the American Journal of Nursing; clippings related to the School of Nursing; the 1922 retirement of Anna Caroline Maxwell, director of nursing; the 1938 retirement of Helena
McMillan, director of the school of nursing and superintendent of nurses; and clippings about Dorothy Rogers Williams, head of the school of nursing, 1939-1941.

BOX 7

Scrapbook of Helen V. Drake, 1913-1918 [5 folders]
Scrapbook of material related to PHSN’s Florence Nightingale Chorus, 1920-1928 [Folder 1 of 2]

BOX 8

Scrapbook of material related to PHSN’s Florence Nightingale Chorus, 1920-1928 [Folder 2 of 2]
Scrapbook of material related to PHSN’s Florence Nightingale Chorus, 1927-1933 [Item Separated. IN BOX 10-Oversized]
Scrapbook of clippings related to historical nursing figures and the school of nursing, 1920-1943

ITEMS SEPARATED in oversized boxes:

BOX 9-Oversized [Items separated for preservation]

Letters from Helena McMillan, 12 January 1904-1 August 1906

BOX 10-Oversized [Items separated for preservation or size]

[In Series 9. Material Related to Director Helena McMillan, 1903-1938] Letters from Helena McMillan, 1 August 1906-27 November 1908
OTHER SCRAPBOOK (make sure to id material in box)