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Summary Information

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Abstract	Barbara G. Schutt was a graduate of two Philadelphia institutions: Jefferson Hospital and the University of Pennsylvania. She became renowned as an editor at the <i>Pennsylvania Nurse</i> and the <i>American Journal of Nursing</i> . This collection is comprised of addresses, articles and files which reflect her associations with national and state nurses associations and the <i>American Journal of Nursing</i> .

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Biography/History

Barbara G. Schutt, RN, DS, MSc Ed was born March 25, 1917 in Ithaca, New York, daughter of Warren and Clara Gordon Schutt. She graduated from Jefferson Medical College Hospital (now Thomas Jefferson University), Philadelphia, PA (1938), received her Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude, with distinction in psychology, Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia (1942), and a Masters of Science in Education (major in nursing) from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (1949).

Schutt's professional career began as a staff nurse and instructor at Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, PA (1938-1939). From 1939 to 1942, while studying for a bachelor's degree at Bethany College and upon graduation, she did college health nursing, camp nursing, private duty nursing and part-time general duty nursing. During World War II she joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps doing service mainly in Okinawa (1944-1946). Upon discharge from the U.S. Army she joined the staff of the Pennsylvania Nurses Association assistant executive secretary (1946-1957) and executive secretary (1958-1971). Schutt's main focus was improving nursing services, nursing education and assisting with development of economic and welfare programs for its 18,000 membership. She utilized such techniques as public relations, lobbying and collective bargaining for the advancement of nursing in Pennsylvania. She also was editor of the *Pennsylvania Nurse*, which received the general excellence 1952-1954 award by the *American Journal of Nursing Company*.

Schutt was best known to the nursing community during her tenure as editor of the *American Journal of Nursing* (1958-1971) where her perceptive and forceful editorials made a lasting impression. Mr. William Scott, legal counsel for the Board of Directors of the *American Journal of Nursing* stated at her retirement dinner, "Barbara has combined a trenchant, incisive and powerful pen with the ability to edit and encourage the work of others. She has built a superb editorial staff. Under her the *Journal* has become an influential and powerful voice for professional and organized nursing." Following her retirement from the *American Journal of Nursing*, Schutt directed the division of nursing at Mohegan Community College. She left that position in 1979 and was presented the presidential citation for her five years of service. She served in various capacities for Eastern Connecticut Health Systems Agency and Southeastern Connecticut's Commission on Aging, and participated in Senator Lowell Weickers' Senior Intern Program in Washington, D.C. Schutt received several honors in recognition of her service to the profession. In 1973, she was made a charter member of the American Academy of Nursing and received an honorary doctor of science degree from Bethany College. She received recognition awards from both the American Nurses Association and the Connecticut Nursing Association. The Connecticut Nursing Association established a nursing scholarship in her honor. Schutt passed away on December 26, 1986, leaving behind a distinguished nursing career and legacy.

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Controlled Access Headings

CORPORATE NAME(S)

- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.
- University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Personal papers

OCCUPATION(S)

- Nurse
- Periodical editors.

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Haney, Donna
- Schutt, Barbara G., 1930-1986

SUBJECT(S)

- Nursing.

Collection Inventory

SERIES 1. PERSONAL, 1930-1986.

Scope and Contents note

This is a small series which includes correspondence, educational course paper, college transcripts and diploma, and Schutt's thoughts on how World War II had an impact on her future career, and her obituary.

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Scope and Contents note

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From The Editor's Chair, New Mexico, October 1968.	2	25
Miscellaneous; papers, letters to the editor and newspaper clipping, 1948-1968.	2	26
How To Set Up and Maintain a Professional Journal", International Council of Nurses, June 1969.	2	27
What Choices Are There ? Illinois Nurses Association, October 2, 1969.	2	28
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The Journal of Higher Education, Ohio State University, "With The Technicians", Vol.XV,, No.8, November 1944.	3	57
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Scope and Contents note

This series documents Schutt's nursing career as Assistant, Associate and Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania Nurses Association, as well as editor of The Pennsylvania Nurse, editor of The American Journal of Nursing; director of the Associate Nursing Degree Program, Mohegan Community College, and volunteer activities.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, 1946-1986.

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America Nursing: A Biographical Dictionary, 2nd Vol., biographical information, correspondence, 1989.	6	8

SERIES 5. PHOTOGRAPHS.

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This series has photographs documenting Schutt's attendance at various state nurses association meetings and conventions including the International Council of Nursing. Included are the scrapbook photographs of her retirement dinner from the The American Journal of Nursing Company.

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