

Ruth Marilyn Blitzstein Deglin collection

MC 211

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Barbara Bates Center for the Study of The History of Nursing
Title	Ruth Marilyn Blitzstein Deglin collection
Call number	MC 211
Date [inclusive]	1945-1975
Extent	1.42 linear feet
Language	English
Mixed materials [Box]	1
Abstract	Ruth Marilyn Blitzstein Deglin was a Philadelphia-area nurse during the 20th century. She attended Jewish Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1945. This collection contains Deglin's artifacts and photographs from her time at Jewish Hospital.

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Biography/History

Ruth Marilyn Deglin, nee Blitzstein, was born on January 10, 1924 and grew up in South Jersey in the town of Salem. In the early 1940s, she entered nursing school at Jewish Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (presently Albert Einstein Medical Center). During her surgical nurse training, which coincided with World War II, she worked at the Naval Hospital in Jamaica, Long Island, New York. She graduated in 1945. After her marriage in 1948, Deglin continued to nurse at many Philadelphia area hospitals and corporations. She also worked as a private duty nurse. While on-staff at Jeanes Hospital in 1968, Ruth got cancer of the thyroid. After treatment, she recovered and continued to work as a nurse until the mid-1970s, when she returned to college and received a Bachelor of Art degree from Temple University. Due to health issues at that time, she did not return to nursing. Deglin moved to California in 2001, residing near her two oldest children until her passing on February 26, 2008.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains Deglin's nursing cape, as well as other nursing-related artifacts from her career. It also includes photographs of Deglin and her class at Jewish Hospital during WWII. These items are accompanied by biographical information prepared by Ruth Deglin's daughter, Dana Deglin.

Administrative Information

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Access Restrictions

This collection is unrestricted.

Use Restrictions

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift of Dana Deglin, 2010.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

See also: MC 88, Albert Einstein Medical Center School of Nursing records; MC 127A, Alumni Association of the Albert Einstein Medical Center School of Nursing records.

Controlled Access Headings

CORPORATE NAME(S)

- Jewish Hospital (Philadelphia, Pa.). Training School for Nurses.

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Personal papers

OCCUPATION(S)

- Nurse

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Deglin, Dana
- Deglin, Ruth Marilyn Blitzstein, RN

SUBJECT(S)

- Nursing.

Collection Inventory

Ruth Deglin's brief biography and resume, 2010.

Jewish Hospital Association of Philadelphia diploma awarded to Ruth Marilyn Blitzstein, upon completion of the established course of instruction and practice in the School of Nursing, May 13, 1945.

St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Certificate of Attendance, Continuing Education Program "The Diabetic Child", October 29, 1975.

Photograph: Ruth M. Blitzstein, individual portrait, in nursing uniform, circa 1945.

Photograph: Nursing school class picture, Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia, 1945.

Photograph: Ruth M. Blitzstein and classmate at the entrance to the Fridenberg Memorial Surgical Building, Jewish Hospital, circa 1945.

Photograph: Ruth Deglin depicted as a hospital nursing“patient” in photograph for a hospital volunteer program. Nurse shown in photograph is wearing an “American Red Cross Volunteer” arm band., 1950s-1960s?.

Cape.

Jewelry box containing: Nursing Pin, inscribed “American Legion Auxiliary” and “RMB”; Medical Seal Pin, caduceus; Name Tag, inscribed “Mrs. Deglin”, white plastic, 1948 – 1950s?.