

# **National Organization for Public Health Nursing records**

**MC 83**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Barbara Bates Center for the Study of The History of Nursing
<b>Creator</b>	National Organization for Public Health Nurses.
<b>Title</b>	National Organization for Public Health Nursing records
<b>Call number</b>	MC 83
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1913-1953
<b>Extent</b>	0.67 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection contains the records of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing. It consists chiefly of minutes from the meetings of the board of directors, committees, and the annual conventions. Correspondence files are also included within the minutes.

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## Biography/History

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By 1910, more than one thousand organizations were employing visiting nurses across the country. Anxious to better direct this new fields development, a Committee on Visiting Nursing of the American Nurses Association was formed. Chaired by Lillian Wald, this group asked the American Nurses Association and the American Society of Superintendents to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of a third nursing organization. The end result was the creation of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing (NOPHN) in June of 1912. This groups encompassed nurses from visiting nurse associations, anti-tuberculosis organizations, rural health agencies, and industrial health units. Unlike their private-duty counterparts, public health nurses concentrated on contagious disease control, screening, and health education in place of bedside care.

The NOPHN was a cooperative effort between nurses and lay people in the promotion of public health. Its objectives were to stimulate responsibility for health of the community by establishment of extensions of visiting nursing and all other forms of public health nursing; to facilitate efficient cooperation between nurses, physicians, boards of trustees, and other persons interested in public health measures; to develop standards of ethics and techniques of public health nursing; to establish and maintain a central bureau for information, reference, and assistance in matters pertaining to such service; and to publish periodicals and issue bulletins from time to time to aid in the general accomplishment of the organization.

Through an anonymous gift, the NOPHN become the first nursing organization to open an office and hire a full-time executive director, Ella Crandall. Additionally, the Visiting Nurse Quarterly, with its one thousand subscribers, advertising contracts, and remaining budget, was given to the new organization. An association of nurses, lay people, and educational and service agencies, the NOPHN for years pursued its agenda of establishing standards for service and education and ultimately community health. Concluding an era in the history of public health nursing, on June 19, 1952, the NOPHN held its last meeting, voting the dissolution of the organization and the transfer of its interests and resources to the newly formed National League for Nursing.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Center for the Study of the History of Nursing purchased this collection of microfilm from the National Library of Medicine in 1985. The collection consists of 25 microfilm reels (numbered reels 9 through 33). In order to provide greater access to the collection, Center staff examined each reel of film and recorded the information from the title sheets forming part of each reel. Although this information is somewhat crude, it will assist the researcher in finding relevant material.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Restrictions

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### **Use Restrictions**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Acquired from the National Library of Medicine, History of Medicine Division.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **CORPORATE NAME(S)**

- National Library of Medicine. History of Medicine Division.
- National Organization for Public Health Nurses.

### **FORM/GENRE(S)**

- Administrative records
- Microfiche

### **OCCUPATION(S)**

- Public health nursing

### **SUBJECT(S)**

- National Organization for Public Health Nursing (U.S.)

## Collection Inventory

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### CONVENTIONS.

	Box	Roll
Book #2-Biennial Convention Bible, Monitors.	1	9
Book #3-Biennial Convention Bible, Exhibits.	1	9
Proceedings, June 1936.	1	9
Convention Proceedings, May 1917.	1	9

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	Box	Roll
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS &amp; EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.</b>	1	9
	Box	Roll
<b>Minutes.</b>	1	9
	Box	Roll
Jan 1945-May 1947.	1	9
November 1947-October 1948.	1	9
January 1949-October 1949.	1	9
1950.	1	9
1951-1952.	1	10

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May 1940-May 1942.	1	10
May 1942-May 1944.	1	10
November 1938-June 1940.	1	10
June 1936-November 1938.	1	10
June 1930-October 1933.	1	10
January 1934-April 1936.	1	11
June 1928-June 1930.	1	11
May 1926-May 1928.	1	11
June 1924-June 1926.	1	11
June 1921-1924.	1	11
1920-1921.	1	11
Book #1, 1912-1919.	1	11
Book #2, 1912-1919.	1	11
Book #3, 1912-1919.	1	11

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**MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES AND PROGRAMS.**

	Box	Roll
Miscellaneous Manuals, 1928-1935.	1	11

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Advisory Committee on Lay Participation, October 13, 1941.	1	11
Agency Adjustments in the National Security Program, January 9, 1951.	1	12
Allocation of NOPHN Functions and Programs, 1950.	1	12
Ex-1, Ex-2, Ex-3, Ex-4, Ex-5.	1	12
Cost in Public Health Nursing, 1945-1949.	1	12
Cost in Public Health Nursing, 1934-1943.	1	12
Education Committee of Board and Committee Members Section.	1	12
Education Committee Minutes, 1930-1950.	1	12
	Box	Roll
<b>COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION.</b>	1	13
	Box	Roll
Index, 1942, 1944-1948.	1	13
Policies of the Committee on Accreditation.	1	13
Collegiate Council of Public Health.	1	13
Committee Eligibility, 1951-1917 (Reverse Chronology).	1	13
Collegiate Council on PHN Education, 1947-1951.	1	13
Nursing Education, 1931-1942.	1	13
Financial Committee Minutes.	1	13
Records Committee Minutes, 1950-1934 (Reverse Chronology).	1	13
Records Committee Minutes, 1926-1936.	1	14



Reprint Committee, 1949.	1	14
Committee on Service Cost & Analysis, 1927-1951.	1	14
Committee on Structure of Nursing Organization.	1	14
Committee on Profit Analysis.	1	14
Staff Minutes, 1948-1950.	1	14
Staff Reports, January 1951-April 1951.	1	14
Council of Branches-Minutes, 1946-1950.	1	15
Advisory Committee Minutes.	1	15
	Box	Roll
<b>JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE MINUTES.</b>	1	16
	Box	Roll
Industrial Nursing Section.	1	16
Park Avenue Building.	1	16
Staff Council.	1	16
Careers.	1	16
Nursing Services.	1	16
Nursing Service Sub-committee on Councils in Community Nursing, 1936.	1	17
Finance Committee, 1941-1942.	1	17
Finance Committee, 1939-1940.	1	17

Committee on Mental Hygiene, 1946-1948.	1	17
Committee on Mental Hygiene, November 1949.	1	17
Conference on Mental Hygiene Education for PHN, November 16-18, 1949.	1	18
Committee on National Improvement of Nursing Services, 1949.	1	18
Unification Accrediting Activities, 1949.	1	18
National Improvement of Nursing Services, 1948.	1	18
	Box	Roll
<b>COMMITTEE ON UNIFICATION OF ACCREDITING ACTIVITIES, 1946-1948.</b>	1	19
	Box	Roll
Miscellaneous Document, Journals, etc.	1	19
	Box	Roll
<b>THE PROMOTING COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDY OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL NURSING ORGANIZATIONS, 1946.</b>	1	20
	Box	Roll
Committee-Minutes, Headquarters Cabinet, 1941-1946.	1	20
Miscellaneous Documents.	1	20
Public Health Nursing Magazine.	1	21
Miscellaneous Material, 1929.	1	21
Correspondence.	1	22
Annual Reports.	1	22
Miscellaneous Materials, 1915-1952.	1	22

Miscellaneous Materials, 1915-1951.	2	23
Miscellaneous Materials, 1925-1951.	2	24
Regional Meeting, April 9-10, 1947.	1	24
Miscellaneous Materials, 1919-1953.	2	25
Membership Lists.	1	25
Joint Project-Report of Development of Criteria for the Evaluation of Psychiatric Nursing.	2	26
Miscellaneous Material.	2	27
Individual Membership Lists, 1936-1938.	2	27
NOPHN-Sub-committee on Accreditation, Special Meeting Proceedings, 1948.	2	28
The Council of State Leagues of the National League of Nursing Education.	2	28
Miscellaneous Material.	2	28
Miscellaneous Material.	2	29
Sophie Nelson's Book of the NOPHN.	2	29
Miscellaneous Material, 1951.	2	30
Financial Statement of 1941.	2	30
ANA Materials.	2	30
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Roll</b>
<b>COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE OF NATIONAL NURSING ORGANIZATIONS,</b>	2	31

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	Box	Roll
Newspaper Clippings.	2	31
Correspondence.	2	31
Miscellaneous Material.	2	32
	Box	Roll
<b>MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL, 1934-1953.</b>	2	33
	Box	Roll
History Committee.	2	33
Joint Committee on Community Nursing Service.	2	33
National League for Nursing Education.	2	33

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