

# **Olga Weiss papers**

**MC 139**

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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>	Weiss, Olga
<b>Title</b>	Olga Weiss papers
<b>Call number</b>	MC 139
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1948-1977
<b>Extent</b>	2 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Madeline Olga Weiss is a psychiatric nurse who has been active in nursing journal publishing. This collection includes personal correspondence, materials related to Philadelphia General Hospital, and publications.

**Cite as:**

Olga Weiss papers, Barbara Bates Center for The Study of The History of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania

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## Biography/History

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Madeline Olga Weiss is a graduate of the Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing. She received a B.S. in Nursing Education from the University of Pittsburgh and later an M.Litt. She also studied at the University of Pennsylvania, University of London, and the Menninger School of Psychiatric Nursing in Topeka, KS.

Weiss' professional career has been in the field of psychiatric nursing. In 1942 she entered the Army Nurse Corps and was separated from the service four years later with the rank of captain. During the period of her military service she was in charge of psychiatric units in various hospitals, served as chief nurse in a POW camp, and conducted courses in psychiatric nursing for Army nurses. At the close of World War II she became acting director of nurses at the Menninger Clinic and Hospital in Topeka, KS. While studying for her degrees at the University of Pittsburgh, Miss Weiss assisted in establishing the Children's Psychiatric Unit at Western Psychiatric Institutes and Clinics. Weiss has written numerous articles for the American Journal of Nursing and she has authored and co-authored a number of books on psychiatric nursing. In 1950, Weiss was the first nurse to receive the Mary M. Roberts Fellowship Award, presented by the American Journal of Nursing Company. In 1952 she accepted the position of Associate Editor of Nursing Outlook. Weiss has been active in the ANA, the NLN and the AHA.

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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**

Gift of Olga Weiss, 1988.

### **Processing Information note**

This collection is unprocessed. A preliminary inventory is given here. Please contact the Center for more information.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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**CORPORATE NAME(S)**

- Philadelphia General Hospital.

**FORM/GENRE(S)**

- Personal papers

**OCCUPATION(S)**

- Nurse

**PERSONAL NAME(S)**

- Weiss, Olga

**SUBJECT(S)**

- Psychiatric nursing

## Collection Inventory

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	Box
University of Pittsburgh, commencement programs and vocational interest test (completed by Olga).	1

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### PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

	Box
Letters.	1
Post card and birthday card.	1
Sketch - gift from prisoners (patients?).	1

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### PHOTOGRAPHS AND NEGATIVES.

	Box
Photographs (17): military (3 of Olga; 1 of her brother),civilian (14; 2 of Olga, 12 of relatives and other people).	1
Negatives (4): 2 of M.O. Weiss and Edie, 2 of M.O. Weiss and Edie and other people, 1920s.	1

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	Box
Promotional booklet on Army Nurse Corps.	1

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**TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES AT PHILADELPHIA GENERAL HOSPITAL.**

	Box
Alumnae Association's Administration of Alice Fisher Memorial Home Fund.	1
Bulletin of the Alumnae Association, September 1949-June 1948.	1
Student government.	1
Student newspaper.	1
Material on graduating classes (year book, program).	1
Standard Curriculum for Three Year Professional Nursing School, 1970.	1

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	Box
<b>PUBLICATIONS.</b>	1

**ARTICLES AND BOOKS EDITED BY WEISS.**

	Box
Nursing Outlook, Vol. 1 (added to Center Book Collection), 1953.	1
Cerebral Palsy in Adolescence and Adulthood (added to Center Book Collection),	1

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1966.

Research and Studies on Nursing in Israel (added to Center Book Collection), 1970. 2

The Nurse's Dilemma (added to Center Book Collection), 1977. 2

Nursing in Israel (1964), Nursing in Israel: Addendum (1972), "Research and studies on Nursing in Israel" (1970). 2

**ARTICLES, BOOKS, AND BOOKLETS WRITTEN BY M. O. WEISS.**

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Attitudes in Psychiatric Nursing Care (added to Center Book Collection), 1954. 2

Nurse-Patient Relationships in Psychiatry (added to Center Book Collection), 1959. 2

Opportunities in Nursing Careers (added to Center Book Collection), 1964. 2

The Correspondent...a newsletter for psychiatric aides, attendants, technicians, and practical nurses (Summer, 1962), SK&F Psychiatric Reporter (September - October 1966), The Journal of Practical Nursing (1968). 2

Joulukynttilat (1958), Sairaanhoidajalehti (1963), Medical Clinic of the General Union of Workers in Israel - Central Nurses' Division: Education Through Service (Two Day Program during October 23 - October 30, 1969) (Soft cover book written in Hebrew characters). 2

Little Boy's Prayer (poem, 1934), Woman Health Office (1962), The Australian Nurse's Journal (Sept. 1973). 2

AACI Bulletin (November 1969, October 1972), Nursing Outlook (January 1971), American Journal of Nursing (September 1971), The Jewish Digest (April 1972), The Australian Nurse's Journal (October 1972), Guideposts (June/July 1974). 2

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Biographical data and review of her book, Attitudes in Psychiatric Nursing Care.	2
Announcement from Wanamakers (her mother worked there).	2
Yearbook of Judith Mischle, 1954.	2

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<b>PHOTOGRAPHS.</b>	Box 3
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<b>LATER ACCESSION (UNPROCESSED).</b>	Box 4
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