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Summary Information

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Abstract	Dorothy McMullan Pisani was a public health nurse. During her long career, she worked for a variety of institutions including the Henry Street Visiting Nurse Service in New York City, the Army Nurse Corps during World War II, Indiana State University School of Nursing, and the NLN. This collection contains articles, speeches, and presentations, primarily relating to education and public health.

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Biography/History

Dorothy McMullan Pisani (1911-2003) was born in Bloomfield, New Jersey. She graduated with a Diploma from the Cornell-New York Hospital School of Nursing in 1935. From 1936 to 1939 she was a Public Health Nurse with the Henry Street Visiting Nurse Service in New York City. During the next two years she did private duty nursing in New York City as well as being an instructor at Cornell-New York Hospital School of Nursing. She entered the Army Nurse Corps in 1942 and served 4 years in Europe. From 1947 to 1950 she returned to Cornell-New York Hospital School of Nursing as an instructor and supervisor. In 1953 she became a Department Head and administrative assistant in nursing service for methods improvement while continuing as an instructor. In 1955 she was appointed the Director of School of Nursing at Russell Sage College in Troy, New York. She served as Dean and Professor at Indiana State University School of Nursing in Terre Haute from 1962-1971. In 1977 she left Indiana for New York City where she became Director of Programs for Nursing. This included four nursing education departments, two nursing service departments and the Nursing Advisory Service. She retired from the NLN in the late 1970s but continued as a consultant until the early 1980s. She was a member, board member or held office on many professional committees and organizations ranging from president of the Indiana League for Nursing from 1966-1971 to the Vigo County Cancer Society, Goodwill Industries Citizens against Government Waste and the Advisory Committee on Women's Services US Defense Department. She was the author of a number of articles for the NLN and other publications and co-authored, "Law of Hospital and Nurse" with Hayt and Goeschel. Awards included New York University Founders Day Certificate in recognition of Outstanding Scholarship in 1963, Army Nurse Corps "Special Award" for outstanding support of the Army Nurse Corps in 1973, Indiana League for Nursing distinguished and devoted service as President from 1966-1971, "McMullan Auditorium" at Indiana State University was named in her honor as first Dean of the School of Nursing 1962-1971, Indiana State University President's Award for Distinguee Public Service and Outstanding Achievement September 1988 and others.

Scope and Contents

This collection constitutes documents reflecting Dorothy McMullan's interest in developing professional educational opportunities for nursing and her dedication for working through professional organizations to achieve these objectives. This includes articles, speeches and presentations. The large part of her professional life in was education and public health in the community context. Her eventual relationship with the National League for Nurses (NLN) was the culmination of her interests. There are no personal letters and a few letters or drafts pertaining to professional activities.

This collection contains topics used to appropriately communicate using different media. Portions of the materials are in draft or note form while others are completed form only. The final comment included in *Who's Who in America* seems to summarize her method for goals and achievements as well as her life style, "The important ingredients to success include self reliance, identifying goals and how to reach them through perseverance, willingness to work hard and to enjoy every step of the way."

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Controlled Access Headings

CORPORATE NAME(S)

- Cornell University New York Hospital.
- Indiana State University School of Nursing.
- National League for Nursing.
- Visiting Nurse Service (Henry Street Settlement (New York, N.Y.)).

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Personal papers

OCCUPATION(S)

- Nurse
- Public health nursing

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Pisani, Dorothy McMullan

Collection Inventory

SERIES 1. BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIALS, 1911-2003.

Scope and Contents note

This series contains demographic information, such as listings in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who American Nurses*. Additionally, it includes the obituary of Dr. McMullan's husband, Dr. Bernard Pisani.

	Box	Folder
Obituary, <i>Who's Who in America</i> , <i>Who's Who American Nurses</i> , and CV dated November 12, 1976.	1	1
Obituary of husband Bernard Pisani, MD.	1	2

SERIES 2. SPEECHES.

Scope and Contents note

This series contains speeches from 1955-1976, with some undated materials presented to several state League for Nursing organizations, home health groups and hospital administrators and directors of nursing service. They mostly concern educational issues.

	Box	Folder
Specialty Certification: Political and Legal Implications of Credentialing.	1	1
The New York Hospital - Methods Improvement.	1	2
Needed-A National Association of Home Health Agencies Talk to Hone	1	3

Health Agencies, undated.		
Nursing Education and the Current Goals of the National League for Nursing.	1	4
Humanization in the Health Service.	1	5
Accreditation.	1	6
Entry into Nursing Practice.	1	7
Preparation of the Nurse Specialist.	1	8

SERIES 3. PAPERS, REPORTS, STUDIES OR PRESENTATIONS.

Scope and Contents note

This series contains papers in draft form and a group that has no specified use, which may be notes or background material for an article or presentation.

	Box	Folder
Penicillin, 1843.	1	1
Annual Report of Administrative Assistant for Methods Improvement in Nursing Service, 1954.	1	2
Teaching and Guidance in Clinical Practice Statement, 1957.	1	3
Reference materials.	1	4
	Box	Folder
Rensselaer Co. Dept. of Health Field Experience Program. Nursing Administration View by Mildred P. Burns, undated.	1	4

Definitions of Nursing unknown author, undated.	1	4
Definitions of Nursing unknown author, undated.	1	4
The Code for Professional Nurses unknown author.	1	4
Outline of Steps in Establishing a School of Nursing DM, 1970.	1	4
Plan of Public Health Nursing Experience Dr. McMullan, 1963.	1	4
Activity Study of a Private Patient Pavilion Co-author Marjorie Agnew, 1955.	1	5
Nursing Education Perspectives for the 70s, 1973.	1	6
National Legislative Implications for Nursing Presentation, 1973.	1	7
Study of the Team Method of Assignment Co-author Elizabeth McKeown, 1954.	1	8
Guide for Assignment of Patient Care, 1954.	1	8
Open Curriculum, 1975.	1	9
Advantages to the Student of an NLN Accredited Program, 1976.	1	10
NLN's Accreditation Program for Nursing Education, 1976.	1	11
Continuing Education Programs, 1976.	1	12
Social Forces and Nursing Education, 1975.	1	13
Entry into Nursing Practice Keynote speech, 1976.	1	14
Preparation of the Nursing Specialist Paper, 1976.	1	15
Accountability of Nursing Faculty Presentation, after 1976.	1	16

Nursing Diagnosis and Therapy Tool, unknown author, undated.	1	17
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SERIES 4. PUBLICATIONS.

Scope and Contents note

Publications include a 1962 Ph.D. thesis, professional journals and a published book chapter.

PHD THESIS.

	Box	Folder
Part 1, Abstract-page 20.	1	1
Part 2, Pages 21-39.	1	2
Part 3, Pages 40-59.	1	3
Part 4, Pages 60-79.	1	4
Part 5, Pages 80-99.	1	5
Part 6, Pages 100-119.	1	6
Part 7, Pages 120-139.	1	7
Part 8, Pages 140-159.	1	8
Part 9, Pages 160-179.	1	9
Part 10, Pages 180-199.	1	10
Part 11, Pages 200-216.	1	11

Part 12, Thesis outline.	1	12
Part 13, Alternate cover page of thesis outline.	1	13
	Box	Folder
MedList of Publications.	1	14
School of Nursing Program to be Based on Four Academic Years, 1960.	1	15
The Nurse and Comprehensive Planning, 1968.	1	16
Accountability and Nursing Education includes comments, 1975.	1	17
The Role of Nurse as Employee: A Case of Mutual Responsibilities includes publication, manuscript and advertising flyer for sale of publication, 1976.	1	18
The Nurse as Community Health Activist, circa 1977.	1	19
Chapter Two "Nursing and Community Health", late 1970s.	1	20
St. Christopher's Hospice, undated.	1	21
Universal Child Immunization by 1990.	1	21

SERIES 5. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES-ORGANIZATIONS.

Scope and Contents note

This series contains miscellaneous materials dealing with Dr. McMullan's activities from 1947-1987, mostly with the League for Nurses, on national and local levels.

Box Folder

Indiana League organization chart.	2	1
Draft of Guidelines for Cancer Education for Nurses for review by Dr. McMullan.	2	2
Annual Report NLN nursing Division, 1976.	2	3
Summary and list of League activities by Dr. McMullan.	2	4

SERIES 6. LETTERS.

	Box	Folder
Donald H. Clark, Dr. Rebecca Bergman, Dr. Alan Rankin.	2	1

SERIES 7. MISCELLANEOUS.

	Box	Folder
1936 New York State Examination for R.N.	2	1