

Edith Erikson Ives papers

MC 205

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Barbara Bates Center for the Study of The History of Nursing
Creator	Ives, Edith Erikson C., 1902-1988
Title	Edith Erikson Ives papers
Call number	MC 205
Date	circa 1902-1988
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Abstract	Edith Erikson Ives was a graduate of Philadelphia General Hospital (PGH) School of Nursing who served during World War II. This collection includes records of Ives' PGH activities, including her involvement in the Alumnae Association, as well as her personal papers, photographs, and scrapbook.

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Biography/History

Edith Erikson Ives (1902-1988) began her nursing education and career at Philadelphia General Hospital (PGH) School of Nursing on September 1, 1925. After graduating in 1928, Ives began working as a registered nurse for PGH. She was promoted to Supervising Nurse in 1942. Her work has merited several awards throughout her career. Following World War II, Ives was awarded for her service in the war and the American National Red Cross gave her a Certificate of Appreciation in 1945. In 1959 the Philadelphia General Hospital awarded her a citation for over twenty-five years of service to the hospital and to the Philadelphia community. Four years later she resigned from PGH and eventually settled in Kennedyville, Maryland for some time.

Her husband, George Ives, was a ship builder for the Maritime Administration. He died in 1981.

During her nursing school career she manifested her talent to create as well as to heal. She wrote poetry to communicate her feelings concerning the daily life of a nursing student. Upon graduation, she wrote a poem, "Tall Oaks from Little Acorns Grow," for her graduating class. The typical day for her was a 7a.m. to 7p.m. shift including patient visits, doctor consultations, patient maintenance, etc. Edith Ives continually gave support to nursing students during her professional career at PGH.

A 50th year reunion brought together about fifty members of the 1928 graduating class of the Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing.

Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift of Ruth Erikson, 1995.

Controlled Access Headings

CORPORATE NAME(S)

- Alumni Association of Philadelphia General Hospital.
- Philadelphia General Hospital.

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Personal papers

OCCUPATION(S)

- Nurse

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Ives, Edith Erikson C., 1902-1988

SUBJECT(S)

- Nursing.

Collection Inventory

SERIES 1. PERSONAL, 1924-1988.

	Box	Folder
Book, Nursing Procedures, Philadelphia General Hospital, including anecdotes, 1924.	1	1
Celebration of 50th Anniversary, Class of 1928, May 5, 1978.	1	2
Citation and Certificate of Appreciation, 1945-1959.	1	3

CORRESPONDENCE.

	Box	Folder
From Big Sisters, 1925.	1	4
Appointment to Supervising position and resignation letters, 1942 and 1963.	1	5
Family History, Ives, 19th century.	1	6
Notebook, Class Lecture Notes, undated.	1	7
Obituary, October 10, 1988.	1	8
Summary, First three days at Philadelphia General Hospital, school of Nursing, 1925.	1	9

SERIES 2. SCHOOL OF NURSING, PHILADELPHIA GENERAL HOSPITAL, 1924-1958.

BOOKLETS.

	Box	Folder
Announcement of courses, 1924-1925, 1947-1948 and 1950-1952.	1	10
Faculty lectures and department personnel, 1940-1941.	1	11
Brochures, 1950s.	1	12
Class poems, 1925-1928.	1	13
Code for Professional Nurses, 1960; Essentials of General Good Nursing Care, undated; poem "The Nurse," undated.	1	14
Graduation Invitation, 1935.	1	15
Handbooks, Student Government Association, 1940s and 1951-1953.	1	16

PROGRAMS.

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Class Night Exercises- Class of 1928.	1	17
Graduating Exercises and class poem, Class of 1928.	1	18
Graduating Exercises of Class of 1971.	1	19
Publication, Blockley News, December 1958 and Holiday Issue, 1949-1950.	1	20
Public Relations-Promotional Reprints, 1955 and 1956.	1	21

Service Flag, Dedication, 1940s.	1	22
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Statement on "Nursing Education: Status or Service Oriented?" New York Academy of Medicine, 1977.	1	23
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PERSONNEL.

	Box	Folder
S. Lillian Clayton, Superintendent of Nurses, collection of Memorabilia, 1915-1954.	1	24
Alice Fisher, Superintendent of Nurses 1884-1888, article "To Alice in Philadelphia" - The American Nurse, 1976.	1	25
Stella Goostray, Education Director. Article, "Stella Goostray...Distinguished Administrator, Professional Leader, and Good Neighbor", March 1958.	1	26

SERIES 3. ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, SCHOOL OF NURSING.

PHILADELPHIA GENERAL HOSPITAL, 1933-1987.

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Annual Banquet Programs, 1935-1985.	2	27
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Clippings and news articles, Graduates of Philadelphia General Hospital, 1960-1987.	2	29

Monthly Bulletins, February 1933 to September 1987.	2	30
Stamp Envelope-"Honoring Nursing Profession", 1961.	2	31
Program, "Forty-Two Years of Nursing in a Democracy, 1900-1940," American Journal of Nursing, 1940.	2	32

SERIES 4. PHILADELPHIA GENERAL HOSPITAL, 1925-1977.

	Box	Folder
Christmas Dinner Menus, 1925, 1935 and 1944.	2	33
Civil Service Regulations, March 7, 1963.	2	34
History and Information, 1920s-1950s.	2	35
Hospital Week, Units to be toured, May 5, 1959.	2	36
Interpersonal Relations, Nursing Staff, undated.	2	37
Invitation, Dedication Exercises, Dental Clinic, 1959.	2	38
Invitation, New Release, Urology Clinic Open-House, 1962.	2	39
Map, University City, 1967.	2	40

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Closing (of hospital) and proposed development of AREA, including correspondence, 1976 and 1982.	2	41

Financial and fiscal crisis and proposed building, 1966-1971.	2	42
Future role in the community, 1968-1971.	2	43
Health care and facilities available to community, 1966-1971.	2	44
Individuals associated with hospital, 1957-1972.	2	45
Obituaries, associates, volunteers, and employees, 1968-1971.	2	46
Otolaryngology clinic-news release, 1962.	2	47
Pediatric clinic, brief summary, 1960.	2	48
Poor working and treatment facilities condition, 1969-1971.	2	49
Proclamation, ceremony marking end of holiday season, undated.	2	50

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Commemoration 25 years as Presbyterian Chaplin, 1941, including Fiftieth Annual report of City Missions in Presbytery of Philadelphia, 1941-1942.	2	51
Dedication Service, Protestant Chapel, 1958.	2	52
Luncheon and dinner in honor of employees, 1952, 1961 and 1963.	2	53
Neurology Building, opening ceremonies, 1951.	2	54

OSLER.

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Osler at Old Blockley, presentation of painting including invitation, 1953.	3	55
Osler Slept Here, musical comedy by Dr. Eric Reiss, 1950.	3	56
Testimonial dinner, honor of Elizabeth Miller, 1954.	3	57

PUBLICATIONS.

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Review in General, 1st edition by Employees Committee, 1963.	3	58
Ten Year Report, Philadelphia General Hospital in 60s, 1961.	3	59
The Thermometer, 10th year/No. 1-3, 1959.	3	60

SERIES 5. COLLECTED ARTICLES AND SCRAPBOOK, 1951-1976.

	Box	Folder
Down and Out in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Inquirer, 1970.	3	61
The Outcast Old, Philadelphia Inquirer, 1969.	3	62
Albert Schweitzer, "The Good Samaritan of Haiti," 1976; W. Meredith Heyl, M.D., "The Doctor is a Dowser," 1968; Nurse Dodged Killer by Hiding Under Bed, 1966.	3	63
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