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Summary Information

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Abstract	Thelma Schorr is known as a former editor of the <i>American Journal of Nursing</i> . This collection consists of her personal and professional papers, which document her time at the <i>American Journal of Nursing</i> Company and her work on her book <i>Making Choices, Taking Chances</i> .

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Biography/History

Born and raised in New Haven, Connecticut, Thelma M. Schorr entered Bellevue School of Nursing in 1942, graduating in the Class of 1945. She later received a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Teachers College, Columbia University. While studying at Columbia, Schorr joined the editorial staff of the *American Journal of Nursing* Company in 1949 after publicizing the "dumping" of tuberculosis patients on open wards at Bellevue Hospital. Over the next thirty years, she held various positions at the *American Journal of Nursing* Company before becoming editor in 1970, and president and publisher in 1981. Thelma Schorr co-authored a book with Anne Zimmermann on important nursing figures entitled *Making Choices, Taking Chances*, which was published in 1988.

Scope and Contents

Thelma Schorr is known as a former editor of the *American Journal of Nursing*. This collection includes files of her personal and organizational material, as well as material relating to a book she co-authored. This collection is particularly strong in documenting her work at the *American Journal of Nursing*, and in the development of the book, *Making Choices, Taking Chances*.

Administrative Information

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Gift of Thelma M. Schorr.

Controlled Access Headings

CORPORATE NAME(S)

- American Journal of Nursing.

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Personal papers

OCCUPATION(S)

- Nurse
- Periodical editors.

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Schorr, Thelma M., 1924-

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