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[Charlotte Cowdrey Brown Papers](#)

**BROWN, CHARLOTTE COWDREY, 1872-
Charlotte Cowdrey Brown papers, 1894-1898.
.05 cubic feet (1 folder)
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Charlotte Cowdrey was born in 1872 and graduated from the Presbyterian Hospital Training School for Nurses (now the Columbia University School of Nursing) in 1897. The following year she married Dr. Samuel A. Brown (M.D., New York University, 1894) and left the nursing field. She was the author of *Gardens to Color and Individual Gardens* (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1917) and *The New Jersey Browns – Allied Families* (Milwaukee, WI, 1931), a genealogical work. She died in March 1941 in New York City.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Student notes, a “class history,” patient histories, newspaper clippings, reprints of medical articles, a certificate from the Society for Instruction in First Aid in the Injured, a blank death certificate and nursing supplies list, printed illustrations and photographs created or collected by Charlotte Cowdrey Brown while attending the Presbyterian Hospital Training School for Nurses. Most of the printed illustrations were published in the hospital’s annual reports and then cut out and annotated by Brown. There is also a photograph of her in her student nurse’s uniform as well as a group photograph, probably of fellow members of the class of 1897. Included in the class notes are post-mortem portraits of three deceased individuals with written commentary about visiting the morgue. Among the more unusual items is an 1896 solicitation from a W. P. Seeley of San Antonio, Texas offering to sell to Bellevue Hospital “live Rattlesnakes, Tarantulas, Centipedes and Horned Toads.” He assures the hospital that “they never fail to attract a crowd.”

These items all may have been originally part of a scrapbook that has since been disbound.

LANGUAGE: English.

ACCESS: Open.

RELATED COLLECTIONS: Archives and Special Collections holds a contemporary scrapbook of [Laura Weeks Hesselberg](#), School of Nursing, 1899.

PROVENANCE: Gift of her granddaughter, Susan Rose, 2019 (accession #2019.007).

LC Subjects:

Brown, Charlotte Cowdrey, 1872-
Columbia University. School of Nursing.

Presbyterian Hospital (New York, N.Y.). School of Nursing.
Nursing – Study and teaching – New York (State) – New York.
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Nursing students – New York (State) – New York.

MESH:

Education, Nursing – New York City.
Schools, Nursing – New York City.
Students, Nursing – New York City.

Genre/Form:

Certificates
Photographs
Scrapbooks

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