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**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY-PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.**

**Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association records,
1894-2018.**

8 cubic feet (14 boxes, 3 cartons, 1 flat box, 1 volume, 1.43 GB)

HISTORICAL NOTE: Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York founded a Training School for Nurses in 1892. The name was changed to the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing circa 1904 and to the Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing after a partial affiliation with the university in the late 1930s. It is today known as the Columbia University School of Nursing.

The Alumnae Association of the Presbyterian Hospital Training School for Nurses was established in 1899 to “create and promote a common fellowship among graduate nurses.” Another important purpose was “to provide a benefit or loan fund for its members when ill or otherwise in need and to tender them pecuniary or other assistance.” Several years later a Pension Fund was also created which by 1921 had \$140,000 in assets and was paying out pensions of \$300 a year to eligible alumnae. Scholarship funds were also endowed by the members. The Association’s publication, *The Quarterly Magazine*, began in 1906. Eventually renamed the *The Alumni Magazine*, it ceased publication in 2014.

The Association’s name was legally changed in 1921 to the Alumnae Association of the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York, Inc. It is currently known as the Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, Inc.

In the early 21st century, the School of Nursing created a new alumni organization, the Columbia University School of Nursing Alumni Association, which was directly under its control. The older Association was then no longer recognized by Columbia University as the official alumni organization of the School of Nursing. However, as of the writing of this finding aid (2018), the Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, Inc. was still an active organization representing many of the alumni of the School.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Records created or acquired by the Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, Inc. Included are correspondence and subject files; by-laws and other legal documents; minutes; pension fund records; ephemera; scrapbooks; and artifacts.

Included are annual meeting and directors’ minutes and material relating to by-laws and their amendments; name changes; and incorporation. There is one volume of minutes of both annual and quarterly meetings, 1920-1955; 7 boxes of minutes of the Executive Committee and its successor, the Board of Directors, 1923-2011; and 31.3 MB of digital minutes from 2007-2015.

Historical materials include a copy of Dr. William H. Draper's address to the School's first graduating class in 1894; transcripts of radio talks given by the school's founder, Anna C. Maxwell, and her successor as Dean, Helen Young; and records relating to the pension and distributing funds. Artifacts include dinnerware, nursing instruments, and dolls. Of note is a World War II-related "Keep Smiling" pin given to the Class of 1942.

A later addition was added as a sixth series. This material generally continues that found in the previous series, containing annual reports, by-laws, reunion booklets, along with photographic prints of students and alumni from reunions and other events. Of note are oral histories for three alumni, both digital recordings (1.4 GB) and transcripts with release forms; and "Unification" correspondence relating to efforts to unite the independent organization and the newer alumni organization founded by the School of Nursing.

ORGANIZATION: Organized in six series: I. Correspondence & Subject Files; II. Annual Meeting Minutes; III. Artifacts; IV. Scrapbooks; V. Executive Committee/Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes; VI. 2016, 2017, and 2019 Accessions.

ACCESS: Open.

Electronic records are available on demand, after the creation of access copies.

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LANGUAGE: English.

PROVENANCE: Gift of the Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, Inc. (acc. #1998.05.29; #1998.07.02; #1998.07.30; #2015.023; #2016.010, 2016.015, 2017.022, 2019.022); gift of the School of Nursing (acc. #2015.027).

RELATED COLLECTIONS Collected printed material and commencement programs can be found in the [School of Nursing collection](#) and [Commencement collection](#). Alumni programs sponsored by the Columbia University School of Nursing can be found in the [School of Nursing records, 1955-2013](#). For additional records, see also [School of Nursing student records, 1894-1963](#); various Office of the Dean records: [1962-1986](#); [1979-1986](#); [1941-1944, 1951-1981](#).

PROCESSING NOTE: Letters and photos of Helen Young who served as Dean of the School of Nursing, 1921-1936, were removed and cataloged as a separate collection housed in Archives & Special Collections' Miscellaneous Manuscripts.

New material was added in 2019 and the finding aid revised.

Preservation imaging applied to portion of born-digital records.

Subjects:

Columbia University. School of Nursing – Alumni and alumnae.

Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, Inc.

Presbyterian Hospital (New York, N.Y.). School of Nursing – Alumni and alumnae.
Nurses – United States.
Nursing schools – Alumni and alumnae.
Cultural artifacts.
Scrapbooks.

Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing ☐
 Alumni Association Records, 1894-2018.

Container List

Box	Fo.	Title	Date
Series I: Correspondence & Subject Files			
1	1	Alumnae Shop study	1957
1	2	By-Laws & constitution	1899
1	3	By-Laws	1929, 1946, 1970
1	4	By-Laws: Amendments	1927, 1949
1	5	By-Laws: Amendments	1970s
1	6	By-Laws/Procedures Manual	1995
1	7	By-Laws & incorporation	1993-2001
1	8	Class of 1912: 55 th Reunion brochure	1967
1	9	Cobble Court, Inc. (1335 York Ave)	1935
1	10	Curriculum plans & class schedules, School of Nursing	1956-1957
1	11	Distributing Fund: History, 1958; ephemera	1960s
1	12	Draper, William H.: Commencement address to first School of Nursing	
1	13	Eight Hour Day for Nurses	1934-1937
1	14	Haven Country Club, Nyack, NY: Papers relating to dissolution	1922-1924
1	15	History of nursing: illustrations by Budget Uniform Center, Philadelphia	1960
1	16	Honorary memberships	1940-1965
1	17	Incorporation, Act of: Changes [includes changes to by-laws]	1940
1	18	Incorporation: Correspondence and documents [fragile]	1898-1899
1	19	Maxwell, Anna: Commissioning portrait for Maxwell Hall	1922
2	1	Name change: Correspondence and documents	1920-1921
2	2	Name change	1961
2	3	Nursing manual, Presbyterian Hospital	1950s
2	4	Pension Fund	1911, circa 1921, 1926, 1953
2	5	Radio talks [probably relating to fundraising for Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center]: Anna Maxwell and Helen Young	1927-1928
2	6	Service Committee Manual	circa 1933
2	7	Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Banquet: Program	June 6, 1967
2	8	"Useful Accessories for the Preliminary Student Nurse," Bruck's Nurses Outfitting Co.	1935
Series II: Annual & Quarterly Meeting Minutes			
2	9-10	Minute books, Annual and Quarterly Meetings	1920-1972

Series III: Artifacts			
3		China plate with illustration of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center	circa 1970
3		Margaret Conrad's Ph.D. hood	
3		Trivet / ceramic tile with aerial view of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center	1965
3		Audio recording: "Familiar Faces-Familiar Voices, 75 th Anniversary"	1967
3		Framed engraving of Maxwell and Georgian Halls, "100 Anniversary, 1892-1992"	
3		Photo of School of Nursing's 50 th anniversary banquet, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel	1942
3		Unidentified fabric wall hanging	
3		Class "Will" of 1933	circa 1933
3		Pin: "The Columbia University Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, 1892-1937"	
3		Pin: "Keep Smiling"	1942
3		Dynafit hypodermic syringes in box	
3		Measuring glass in case	
4		Dolls	
5		Ceramic figures, collection of Madeleine Walsh, Class of 1927	circa 1927
Shelved		Guest Book, 1934-1969 (1 vol.)	
Series IV: Scrapbooks			
6		4 volumes: 1919-1933, 1925-1928, 1935-1938, 1950-1951 with loose clippings	
Series V: Executive Committee/Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes			
7	1-8	Executive Committee meeting minutes	1923-1957
8	1-7	Executive Committee meeting minutes	1958-1975
9	1-6	Board of Directors' meeting minutes	1976-1988
10	1-5	Board of Directors' meeting minutes	1989-1995
11	1-5	Board of Directors' meeting minutes	1996-October 1998
12	1-4	Board of Directors' meeting minutes	October 1998-2000
13	1-7	Board of Directors' meeting minutes	2001-2011
		Board of Directors' meeting minutes [Electronic records]	2007-2015
Series VI: 2016, 2017, and 2019 accessions			
14	1	"Announcements of the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing... and Columbia University School of Nursing 1916-1993"	2011
14	2	Centennial survey	1991
14	3	Clippings: Alumni	circa 1940s-2001
14	4	Clippings: School of Nursing and Presbyterian Hospital	2008-2003

14	5	Correspondence	circa 1949-2016
	6	Drawings: Nursing students and medical center	circa 1960s-1980s
14	6	Governance and financial	1972-2011, 2018
14	7	Financial: Williams, Mary M. lease	1899
14	8	Gould, Elspeth A. burial map	1960
	6	"History of the Class of 1948"	
14	9	Lee, Eleanor?: Notes	1965
14	10	Member: N.K. student records, 1955	1955
14	11	Member: Roberta Waldron McLaughlin name card	after 1973
14	12	Member: C.S. Student records	1954-1957
14	13	Member: L.V. student records	1958
14	14	Oral history: Rose Ann Naughton, class of 1959	2008
14	15	Oral history: June Seigfried, class of 1939	2008
14	16	Oral History: Marie Wall Fay, Class of 1943	2003-2008
14	17	Program: 123rd annual meeting	May 20, 2016
14	18	Photographs: Alumni	1960s-1990s
	6	Photographs: Alumni	circa 1980s
14	19	Photographs: Buildings and grounds	circa 1920s-1980s
15	1	Photograph album: Class of 1923	
15	2	Photographs: Class of 1933, students and reunions	1930-1983
15	3	Photographs: Class of 1941	circa 1941
15	4	Photographs: Class of 1942	circa 1942-1991
15	5	Photograph albums: Class of 1942 student portraits	circa 1942
15	6-7	Photograph album: Class of 1947	1947-1997
15	8	Photographs: Class of 1958	1957
15	9	Photographs: Class of 1973 student portraits	circa 1973
15	10	Photographs: Events	1990s
15	11	Photographs: Events, contact sheets	1992
16	1	Photographs: Event dinner	circa 1993-2000
16	2	Photographs: Event with dancing	circa 1990s
16	3	Photographs: Event with dancing and New York city	circa 1990s
16	4	Photographs: Luncheon or dinner	May 2, 1996
16	5	Photographs: President's reception	1998
16	6	Photographs: President's reception	1999
16	7	Photographs: Mutch, Ada birthday	2005
16	8	Photographs: Reunions of Alumni Days, classes of the 1930s and 1940s	circa 1930-1990s
16	9	Photographs: Reunions of Alumni Days, classes of the 1950s and 1960s	circa 1970s-1990s
16	10	Photographs: Reunions of Alumni Days, classes of the 1970s and 1990s	circa 1980s-2000s

16	11	Photographs: Reunion	1999
16	12	Photographs: Reunion	2002
17	1	Photographs: Reunion	2004
17	2	Photographs: Reunion	2005
17	3	Photographs: Scholarship reception	2012
17	4	Photographs: Slides	circa 1960s-1980s
17	5	Photographs: Time capsule	1940s-1950s?
17	6	Reunion books: Class of 1947	1997
17	7	Reunion books: Class of 1951	2001
17	8	Reunion books: Class of 1953	2003
17	9	Reunion books: Class of 1958	2008
17	10	Reunion books: Class of 1959	2009
17	11	Reunion books: Class of 1960	2010
17	12	Reunion books: Class of 1961	2011
17	13	Reunion books: Class of 1962	2012
18	1	Reunion books: Class 1964	2014
18	2	Reunions	2008-2011
18	3	Slide presentation transcript, "Familiar faces, familiar voices"	1967
18	4	Scrapbook: Class of 1942	
18	5	Talk: Anna C. Maxwell	circa 1990s-2000s
18	6	Unification	1998-2005, 2010
18	7	United States postal stamp magnet (class of 1963)	circa 1990s-2000s
18	8	Wells, Margaret: Student notebook "nursing bible"	1931, 1970