COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY-PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.
4 cubic feet (2 boxes, 3 cartons, 1 flat box, 1 volume)

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 (2106), 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.

The largest amount of material relates to by-laws and their amendments; name changes; and incorporation documents. There is also one volume of minutes of both annual and quarterly meetings, 1920-1955. 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.
ORGANIZATION: Organized in four series: I. Correspondence & Subject Files; II. Minutes; III. Artifacts; IV. Scrapbooks.

ACCESS: Open.

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); gift of the School of Nursing (acc. #2015.027).

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.

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.
Scrapbooks.
Series I: Correspondence & Subject Files

1  1  Alumnae Shop study, 1957
2  2  By-Laws & constitution, 1899
3  3  By-Laws, 1929, 1946, 1970
4  4  By-Laws: Amendments, 1927, 1949
5  5  By-Laws: Amendments, 1970s
6  6  By-Laws/Procedures Manual, 1995
7  7  By-Laws & incorporation, 1993-2001
8  8  Class of 1912: 55th Reunion brochure, 1967
9  9  Cobble Court, Inc. (1335 York Ave), 1935
10  10  Curriculum plans & class schedules, School of Nursing, 1956-1957
11  11  Distributing Fund: History, 1958; ephemera, 1960s
12  12  Draper, William H.: Commencement address to first School of Nursing graduating class, 1894 (later typed copy)
13  13  Eight Hour Day for Nurses, 1934-1937
14  14  Haven Country Club, Nyack, NY: Papers relating to dissolution, 1922-1924
15  15  History of nursing: illustrations by Budget Uniform Center, Philadelphia, 1960
16  16  Honorary memberships, 1940-1965
17  17  Incorporation, Act of: Changes, 1940 [includes changes to by-laws]
18  18  Incorporation: Correspondence and documents, 1898-1899 [fragile]
19  19  Maxwell, Anna: Commissioning portrait for Maxwell Hall, 1922

Series II: Minutes

2  9  Minute book, 1920-1955 [both annual and quarterly meetings]
Series III: Artifacts

3  Loose in carton

China plate with illustration of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, c.1970

Margaret Conrad’s Ph.D. hood

Trivet with aerial view of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, c.1965

Audio tape: “Familiar Faces-Familiar Voices, 75th Anniversary,” 1967, 1 reel

Framed engraving of Maxwell and Georgian Halls, “100 Anniversary, 1892-1992”

Photo of School of Nursing’s 50th anniversary banquet, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, 1942 (rolled in tube)

Unidentified fabric wall hanging

Box of small instruments (syringes, measuring cup, etc.), 20th century

4  Dolls

5  Ceramic figures, collection of Madeleine Walsh, Class of 1927

Shelved separately: Guest Book, 1934-1969 (1 vol.)

Series IV: Scrapbooks

6 (flat box)

Loose in box