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Summary information

Repository:	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
Title:	St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Chatham, Ont. fonds
Reference code:	F15
Date:	1904-2005 (creation)
Physical description:	<p>23.3 cm of textual records</p> <p>1 diploma ; 15 x 23.5 cm ; in leather case 17 x 25 cm</p> <p>17 photographs : col.</p> <p>66 photographs : b&w</p> <p>1 photograph : b&w ; 17 x 26 cm (sight) in mat 25 x 35 cm</p> <p>1 photograph : b&w ; 17.5 x 23.2 cm (sight) in mat 29 x 31.8 cm</p> <p>1 guest book ; 3 cm in diam. in book 22 x 15 cm</p> <p>1 cash book : 18.5 cm x 24 cm</p> <p>1 scrapbook (28 photographs : b&w – 32 photographs : col. – 8 textual records) ; 25 cm x 29.3 cm</p> <p>1 album (30 photographs : b&w) ; 32 cm x 37 cm</p> <p>1 album (32 photographs : b&w) ; 32 cm x 37 cm</p> <p>1 album (47 photographs : b&w) ; 28 x 22.8 cm</p> <p>1 crest ; 11.5 x 10 cm</p> <p>1 nursing kit : glass and metal ; in leather case 12 x 19 cm</p>
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	June 26, 2014February 5, 2015November 1, 2018June 13, 2019June 25, 2019July 2, 2020August 24, 2023

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Chatham dates back to 1901 when it was discovered that secular nurses would be needed to help out the Sisters of the Congregation in the hospitals. Doctors gave the lectures at the school. From 1903 onward, graduates could be given diplomas. Sister Monica Coyle became Directress of the School. The Alumnae Association of St. Joseph's Hospital, which started in 1915, raised funds for the school. The last graduating class from the school was in 1970. After the closure of the nursing school, training was delivered by St. Clair College, and nurses did their practical training at both Chatham hospitals (St. Joseph's Hospital and Public General Hospital).

Scope and content

The fonds consists of records concerning the St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Chatham. It contains material related to the hospital, the school, the student nurses, and the Alumnae Association. The fonds contains correspondence, pamphlets, booklets, newsletters, promotional material, scrapbooks, photo albums, yearbooks, a diploma, a nursing kit, a crest, two large, matted photographs of graduation classes, and news clippings related to the school, the hospital, the students, and the alumnae. It also includes a variety of photographs of student nurses, student life, the school, the hospital, hospital staff, and alumnae events, and memorabilia from alumni and graduation events.

The Alumnae Association was dedicated to connecting the students and preserving the history of the school. The Alumnae Association's newsletters, event preparations, treasurer's book, annual report, constitutions, and bylaws are present.

Notable material directly concerning St. Joseph's Hospital includes a 1957 constitution and moral code of the medical staff and a list of administrators. There is also a list of the directors of the School of Nursing.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title is based on the contents of the fonds.

Physical condition

Many of the photographs in the F15-S007-10 scrapbook are loose.

Immediate source of acquisition

The records came from the Hospital to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives, London site. Some records were donated by the family of a former nurse, and some records were donated by former nurses who graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing.

Arrangement

Order was imposed by the archivist.

Location of originals

The records are located at The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Consolidated Archives.

Restrictions on access

File F15-S006-09 contains personal information and is restricted for 30 years from creation. File F15-S006-02 contains a photograph of a medical patient which is restricted for 120 years from creation, following PHIPA.

The Archives reserves the right to restrict access to the collection depending on the condition of the archival material, the amount of material requested, and the purpose of the research. The use of certain materials may also be restricted for reasons of privacy or sensitivity, or under a donor agreement. Access restrictions will be applied equally to all researchers and reviewed periodically. No researcher will be

given access to any materials that contain a personal information bank such as donor agreements or personnel records, or to other proprietary information such as appraisals, insurance valuations, or condition reports.

Conditions governing use

Permission to study archival records does not extend to publication or display rights. The researcher must request this permission in writing from the Archives.

Finding aids

There is a series and file list available.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Note [Sources]

Agnes Doyle and Janet Williams, editors. *St. Joseph's Hospital 1890-1990: Share the Journey, Chatham Ontario*, Chatham, 1989.

Other notes

- **Publication status**: Published
- **Level of detail**: Partial
- **Status description**: Revised

Access points

- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.)
- Multiple media (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Physical objects (documentary form)
- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.) (subject)
- Chatham (place)

Collection holdings

Series: F15-S001 - Margaret Haskell Brown

Title: Margaret Haskell Brown

Reference code: F15-S001

Date: 1947-1968 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This series consists of the belongings of Margaret Haskell Brown, a graduate of the St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Chatham who nursed at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chatham for 42 years. There is a booklet containing the constitution and bylaws, and a nursing pledge. Also found in this series her graduation diploma and obituary.

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records
1 diploma ; 15 x 23.5 cm ; in leather case 17 x 25 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F15-S001-01 - Pledge, Constitution and Bylaws, Obituary

Title: Pledge, Constitution and Bylaws, Obituary

Reference code: F15-S001-01

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S001-02 - Diploma

Title: Diploma

Reference code: F15-S001-02

Publication status:

Published

Series: F15-S002 - Media

Title: Media

Reference code: F15-S002

Date: 1945-1990 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This series contains newspaper clippings about nursing graduation and alumni events, and outreach projects. The newspaper clippings are predominantly from three local Chatham newspapers: Free Press Chatham Bureau, Star Chatham Bureau, and The Chatham Daily News.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F15-S002-01 - Newsclippings

Title: Newsclippings

Reference code: F15-S002-01

Publication status:

Published

Series: F15-S003 - Photographs

Title: Photographs

Reference code: F15-S003

Date: 1904-1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This series contains photographs of nursing students, graduates, the nursing residence, banquets, and a nursing fashion show. The series additionally contains two larger photographs of graduating classes, both of which are matted.

Physical description: 37 photographs : b&w

1 photograph : b&w ; 17 x 26 cm (sight) in mat 25 x 35 cm

1 photograph : b&w ; 17.5 x 23.2 cm (sight) in mat 29 x 31.8 cm

1 album (47 photographs : b&w) ; 28 x 22.8 cm

0.2 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F15-S003-01 - Graduate Nurses and Graduating Classes 1904, 1907, 1910, 1918

Title: Graduate Nurses and Graduating Classes 1904, 1907, 1910, 1918

Reference code: F15-S003-01

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S003-02 - Graduate Nurses

Title: Graduate Nurses

Reference code: F15-S003-02

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S003-03 - Nursing students and graduate nurses 1945, 1947, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1958

Title: Nursing students and graduate nurses 1945, 1947, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1958

Reference code: F15-S003-03

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S003-04 - Minota Nagle Jackson, Class of 1933

Title: Minota Nagle Jackson, Class of 1933

Reference code: F15-S003-04

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S003-05 - Hospital Scenes

Title: Hospital Scenes

Reference code: F15-S003-05

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S003-06 - St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Chatham Graduation Class - 1916

Title: St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Chatham Graduation Class - 1916

Reference code: F15-S003-06

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S003-07 - Graduation 1950-1970

Title: Graduation 1950-1970

Reference code: F15-S003-07

Publication status:

Published

Series: F15-S004 - Memorabilia

Title: Memorabilia

Reference code: F15-S004

Date: [19-?]-2004 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series contains a guest book for the "Legacy of St. Joseph" event in 2004. The series also contains a nursing kit that belonged to Jean Wright Trudell, a former nurse, who was a graduate of the nursing school. This kit is in a leather case with her name stamped on it in gold, and contains four sharps, two hypodermic needles, one blood collection vial, and one set of tweezers. The series also contains an iron-on fabric crest for the School of Nursing that belonged to Mrs. Trudell, and a graduation invitation from 1914.

Physical description: 0.1 cm of textual records

1 guest book ; 3 cm in diam. in book 22 x 15 cm

1 crest ; 11.5 x 10 cm

1 nursing kit : glass and metal ; in leather case 12 x 19 cm

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S004-01 - Guest Book - Celebrating the Legacy of St. Joseph's March 25, 2004

Title: Guest Book - Celebrating the Legacy of St. Joseph's March 25, 2004

Reference code: F15-S004-01

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S004-02 - School of Nursing crest and nursing kit [2016-51]

Title: School of Nursing crest and nursing kit [2016-51]

Reference code: F15-S004-02

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S004-03 - Graduation Invitation 1914 [2017-32]

Title: Graduation Invitation 1914 [2017-32]

Reference code: F15-S004-03

Publication status:

Published

Series: F15-S005 - Yearbooks

Title: Yearbooks

Reference code: F15-S005

Date: 1962-1967 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This series contains six nursing school yearbooks entitled "Caritas." Two of the yearbooks were donated by Kathy McGuire who graduated from the school in 1968 and contain autographs from her classmates. One of the yearbooks belonged to Sister Mary Gregory Fleming, Sr. Mary Gregory was appointed director of nursing education at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chatham in 1955, and then became director of nursing from 1967 to 1969. Other yearbooks belonged to Cathy Dawson, a 1966 graduate.

Physical description: 12 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F15-S005-01 - Caritas 1961

Title: Caritas 1961

Reference code: F15-S005-01

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S005-02 - Caritas 1962Title: Caritas 1962Reference code: F15-S005-02Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S005-03 - Caritas 1963Title: Caritas 1963Reference code: F15-S005-03Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S005-04 - The Caritas 1965Title: The Caritas 1965Reference code: F15-S005-04Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S005-05 - Caritas 1966Title: Caritas 1966Reference code: F15-S005-05Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S005-06 - Caritas 1967Title: Caritas 1967

Reference code: F15-S005-06

Publication status:

Published

Series: F15-S006 - Alumnae

Title: Alumnae

Reference code: F15-S006

Date: 1932-2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This series contains records about the St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Chatham, Ontario and the St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association. The material is concerned with the daily life of student nurses, their involvement with St. Joseph's Hospital, and the activities of the Alumnae Association.

The Alumnae Association was formed to promote the interests of the hospital and school and maintain connections between the graduates. Since the school closed, the Alumnae Association has also been dedicated to preserving the history of the school and its graduates. The majority of the records in this series were collected by Marion Campbell who was a very active member of the Alumnae Association. Some of the materials are items which the student nurses used. There is the 1957 constitution, bylaws, rules, and moral code of the medical staff of the hospital. There is also a student's prayer manual and an information booklet welcoming student nurses to the nursing school. The booklet outlines the school's objectives, instruction, admission requirements, scholarships, services, student activities, and the Alumnae Association.

There is correspondence between Marion Campbell and the Sisters of St. Joseph of London concerning her research into the administrators and directors of nursing at the hospital. Included is a list of administrators from 1890 to 1984 and a list of directors of the School of Nursing from 1895 to 1970. There are also news clippings about the School of Nursing, the student nurses, alumnae, and St. Joseph's Hospital.

From the Alumnae Association, there are pamphlets, correspondence, promotional material, lists of graduates, lists of alumnae, and newsletters. The material is primarily concerned with reunion events hosted by the association. There is also a 1965 annual report and the treasurer's cash book which tracks the association's finances.

There are a variety of photographs. This includes photographs of Sisters, nurses, graduations, hospital and nursing school buildings, alumnae, and alumnae events. There are two alumnae photograph albums with photographs of the graduating classes from 1938 to 1970. There is also a scrapbook with photographs and ephemera of student nurses and alumnae events.

Physical description: 6.5 cm of textual records

17 photographs : col.

29 photographs : b&w

1 cash book : 18.5 cm x 24 cm

1 scrapbook (28 photographs : b&w – 32 photographs : col. – 8 textual records) ; 25 cm x 29.3 cm

1 album (30 photographs : b&w) ; 32 cm x 37 cm

1 album (32 photographs : b&w) ; 32 cm x 37 cm

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Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F15-S006-01 - Nurses Alumnae 1977-2003 [2016-51]

Title: Nurses Alumnae 1977-2003 [2016-51]

Reference code: F15-S006-01

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S006-02 - Photographs – Marion Campbell collection

Title: Photographs – Marion Campbell collection

Reference code: F15-S006-02

Date: 1941-1975 (date of creation)

Restrictions on access: This file contains a photograph of a medical patient which is restricted for 120 years from creation, following PHIPA.

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S006-03 - Constitution, bylaws, rules, and moral code of the medical staff

Title: Constitution, bylaws, rules, and moral code of the medical staff

Reference code: F15-S006-03

Date: 1957 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S006-04 - Welcome to St. Joseph's School of Nursing booklet

Title: Welcome to St. Joseph's School of Nursing booklet

Reference code: F15-S006-04

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S006-05 - Student's prayer manual

Title: Student's prayer manual

Reference code: F15-S006-05

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S006-06 - Administrators and directors of nursing

Title: Administrators and directors of nursing

Reference code: F15-S006-06

Date: 2005 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S006-07 - News clippings

Title: News clippings

Reference code: F15-S006-07

Date: 1946-2002 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S006-08 - Alumnae Association constitution and bylaws

Title: Alumnae Association constitution and bylaws

Reference code: F15-S006-08

Date: 1932, 1955, 1968 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S006-09 - Alumnae reunion events and alumnae contact information and 1965 Alumnae Association annual report

Title: Alumnae reunion events and alumnae contact information and 1965 Alumnae Association annual report

Reference code: F15-S006-09

Date: 1965-2003 (date of creation)

Restrictions on access: This file contains personal information and is restricted for 30 years from creation.

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S006-10 - St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Treasurer's book

Title: St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Treasurer's book

Reference code: F15-S006-10

Date: 1974-1995 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S006-11 - St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae scrapbook

Title: St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae scrapbook

Reference code: F15-S006-11

Date: 1946-1987 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S006-12 - St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae 1904-1937

Title: St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae 1904-1937

Reference code: F15-S006-12

Date: 1904-1937 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: F15-S006-13 - St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae 1938-1970

Title: St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae 1938-1970

Reference code: F15-S006-13

Date: 1938-1970 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published
