

This research guide is the primary source and research materials regarding Philadelphia General Hospital, its school of nursing, and its students and alumni held at the Bates Center. All collection guides can be located at www.nursing.upenn.edu/history/archive-collections/ and selecting Finding Aids and Inventories. Records of the Training School for Nurses, Philadelphia General Hospital (PGH) can also be located at the Philadelphia City Archives.

[PGH School of Nursing, Student Files, MC 72](#)

These is a series microfilm reels that contain the records of students and nurses at Philadelphia General Hospital (PGH) in the early 20th century.

[PGH Training School for Nurses, PG5A](#)

This collection contains student government minutes, bulletins produced by PGH SON, student assignments, procedure books, and articles and publications about diploma nursing from c. 1940-1970. This collection is undergoing process, for more information [contact the Center](#).

[PGH Training School for Nurses, Alumni Association collection, MC 71](#)

This collection consists of papers, administrative records, artifacts, and photographs that document many operational aspects of the Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia General Hospital. The largest section consists of the annual reports of the organization, dating back to 1915. These bulletins describe the association's activities within the community and hospital, as well as listings of officers and new PGH graduates. Of note are the personal papers of Alice Fisher, who was the first superintendent of the School and under Florence Nightingale at the Nightingale School at St. Thomas Hospital.

[PGH Training School for Nurses, Alumni Association, Photographs, MC 13a](#)

This collection contains photographs related to Philadelphia General Hospital. Images includes people, activities, buildings, and equipment, ranging in date from the early 1900s through the 1970s. Photos of various individuals involved with the PGH school of nursing, include students, graduates, doctors, and patients, as well as notable chief nurses like Roberta West. There are also several photographs of activities and special occasions, including photos of classes, graduation ceremonies, funerals, galas and other special events. They are available for viewing [online](#).

[PGH Training School for Nurses, Miscellaneous Collection, MC 210](#)

This artificial collection contains miscellaneous small donations related to the Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing. They were primarily given by alumni over a period of many years, but some items are of unknown provenance. This collection may include artifacts, publications, personal papers, photographs, and records related to the PGH Training School for Nurses.

[S. Lillian Clayton papers, MC 140](#)

(Sarah) Lillian Clayton was an 1896 graduate of the Philadelphia General Hospital (PGH) Training School of Nursing. The materials in this collection were collected during (Sarah) Lillian Clayton time with the American Nurses Association (ANA) and focus on the work of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) as well as the ANA's work with the ICN between 1924 and 1929.

[Mildred Darragh lecture notes, MC 93](#)

These lecture notes were taken while Darragh was a student at Philadelphia General Hospital in the 1920s.

[Ernestine Kittl D'Estl](#)

PGH scrapbook created by student graduate of PGH Ernestine Kittl D'Estl. Please [contact the Center](#) for more information.

[Eileen M. Duffy lecture notes, MC 36](#)

This small collection consists of lecture notes taken by Eileen M. Duffy, a student at the Philadelphia General Hospital Training School for Nurses. It is a record of the curriculum in the last years of the school's existence: Duffy graduated with the last nursing class in 1977.

[Edith Erikson Ives papers, MC 205](#)

Edith Erikson Ives (1902-1988) began her nursing education and career at PGH School of Nursing on September 1, 1925. After graduating in 1928, Ives began working as a registered nurse for PGH. She was promoted to Supervising Nurse in 1942. Her work has merited several awards throughout her career. In 1959 the Philadelphia General Hospital awarded her a citation for over twenty-five years of service to the hospital and to the Philadelphia community.

[Elinor Fry Lasek photograph album, MC 187](#)

Elinor Fry Lasek graduated from the Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing in the 1930s. This album contains photos of her student days, including classmates, buildings, and PGH staff, especially Dr. Dorothea M. Killian.

[Regina Matela papers, ACC 1988.12](#)

This collection of materials relates to the closing of Philadelphia General Hospital, c. 1960s-1979. Please [contact the Center](#) for more information.

[Edith Nunan collection, MC 80](#)

Edith Nunan was a librarian at Philadelphia General Hospital. This collection contains publications, correspondence, and other materials related to Philadelphia General Hospital's Training School for Nurses and its nurse graduates.

[Nanette Olinatz, MC 18](#)

This collection contains the student work Nanette Olinatz did while attending PGH. Please [contact the Center](#) for more information.

[Loretta Ruggiero collection, MC 124](#)

These papers contain notes and other curriculum material used by Loretta Ruggiero, an instructor in public health nursing at Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing during the 1960s-1970s. Please [contact the Center](#) for more information.

[Stephanie A. Stachniewicz collection, MC 76](#)

This collection contains records from Stephanie A. Stachniewicz's time as Director of School of Nursing and Nursing Service at Philadelphia General Hospital (PGH). Materials include meeting minutes and other administrative records.

[Manrico A. Troncelliti - Philadelphia General Hospital Oral History project, MC 110](#)

This is a collection of Philadelphia General Hospital oral histories conducted by Manrico A. Troncelliti in the late 1980s. The interviewees are doctors who work at Philadelphia General Hospital at various stages of their careers, generally between 1920 and 1980, though more content is from pre-1950s.

[Roberta M. West collection, MC 57](#)

Roberta West (1862-1931), graduated in 1886 from the nurse training school at Blockley (later renamed Philadelphia General Hospital), one of the first graduates of the school. She was charged in the late 1920s to write the history of nursing in Pennsylvania, which published posthumously in 1939. This collection contains information gathered during her work, including bulletins from PGH.

[Philadelphia General Hospital oral history collection, MC 203](#)

This collection consists of transcripts of oral history interview project by the Temple University Urban Archives in 1993 and 1994. Interviewees discussed their memories of the Philadelphia General Hospital.

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[Alice Lemley lecture notes, MC 53](#)- The lecture notes are from the period of Alice Lemley's study at the Philadelphia Hospital Training School for Nurses, 1887-1888. Topics touched upon in the notes include obstetrics, nervous frustration, contagious diseases, and antiseptic use.

[Ruth Erikson Meissner papers, MC 238](#)- This collection consists of lecture notes from Ruth Erikson (Messiner) while she attended the Philadelphia General Hospital Training School for Nurses (PGH) 1931-1934.