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El Paso Graduate Nurses' Association records

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Historical Sketch

The Texas Graduate Nurses' Association, formed on June 3, 1907, works to promote excellence in nursing and to regulate nursing practices and education in Texas. On February 22, 1907, nineteen Texas nurses met to establish a society for graduate nurses at the Medical College Building in Fort Worth, Texas. Subsequently, the Texas Graduate Nurses' Association (TGNA) was founded four months later. The pioneer nurses had their first state meeting in Houston, Texas where they created the organization's constitution and by-laws.

After the creation of the Texas Graduate Nurses' Association, it took two years "to carry a bill into the Legislature of 1909, where it passed successfully, with no amendments." This bill, the State Nurses Registration Act, "brought about the organization of the Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) for the State of Texas." Now called the Texas Board of Nursing, the BNE is the legal structure for overseeing nursing and nursing education in Texas. The Examining Board of the Texas Graduate Nurses' Association is composed of professional nurses. Also in 1909, the Texas Graduate Nurses' Association was admitted to membership in the American Nurses' Association. Twenty years later, the State Headquarters for the Texas Graduate Nurses' Association was established in El Paso, Texas.

Over the years, members of the Texas Graduate Nurses' Association attended conventions throughout the United States to receive training, educate others, and to advocate for the need for nurses, especially during wartime. The TGNA regularly amended their constitution and by-laws, voted for representatives, and attended professional development meetings to learn best practices and recruit new members.

In 1955, State Headquarters moved from El Paso, Texas to San Antonio, Texas. Three years later, in 1958, the House Delegates from the American Nurses' Association voted that the code of ethics reflect the "nurses' responsibility in participating in the establishment of employment conditions." The Texas Graduate

Nurses' Association's name changed to Texas Nurses' Association (TNA) in 1964, and the *Texas Nurses' Association Bulletin* became *Texas Nursing* in 1973. In 1997, the Texas Nurses' Association celebrated one hundred years of supporting professional nursing in Texas.

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Texas Nurses' Association. "Historical Outline: First 100 Years." Retrieved in 2015 from the Texas Nurses' Association at www.texasnurses.org.

Texas Nurses' Association. "TNA Purpose." Retrieved from the Texas Nurses' Association in 2015 at www.texasnurses.org.

Series Description or Arrangement

The Texas Graduate Nurses' Association records are arranged in twelve series:

Series I. Papers and Reports, 1907-1982

Series is divided into eight sub-series – Texas Graduate Nurses' Association History, Annual Reports, A. Louise Dietrich, R.N., Texas Graduate Nurses' Association District 1 Committee and Employee Manuals, Texas Nurse Week, Texas Nurse of the Year, Sister Aloysius Williams, and Press Release and Correspondence. All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

Series II. Constitutions and By-Laws, 1949-1980

Arranged chronologically.

Series III. Members, 1929-1960

Arranged chronologically.

Series IV. Newspaper clippings, 1920-1972

Series is divided into three sub-series – Corpus Christi (Corpus Christi Caller), Washington D.C. (Evening Union Newspaper) and Atlantic City (Atlantic City Press), and El Paso (El Paso Herald-Post and The El Paso Times). All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

Series V. Yearbooks, 1966-1969, undated

Arranged chronologically.

Series VI. Scrapbooks and Other Media, 1933-1978, undated

Series is divided into two sub-series – Scrapbooks and Ephemera. All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

Series VII. Publications, 1916-1979

Series is divided into three sub-series – Journals, Publications, and Publication Order Forms. All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

Series VIII. Talon, 1974-1985, undated

Arranged chronologically.

Series IX. Medical Information, 1970-1982, undated

Series is divided into three sub-series – Abstracts and Syllabi, Books, and Patient Prognosis. All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

Series X. Nursing Bureau of the Texas Graduate Nurses' Association, 1933-1936

Arranged chronologically.

Series XI. Minutes, 1907-1954

Arranged chronologically.

Series XII. Ledgers and cleared checks, 1917-1959

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Notes

The Texas Graduate Nurses' Association records date 1907 – 1980, bulk 1978. Types of records include annual reports, newspaper clippings, yearbooks, publications, minutes, ledgers, scrapbooks, photographs, medical information, abstracts and a syllabi. The Texas Graduate Nurses' Association is arranged into twelve series: Papers and Reports; Constitution and By-Laws; Members; Newspaper clippings; Yearbooks; Scrapbooks and Other Media; Publications; Talon; Medical Information; Nursing Bureau of the Texas Graduate Nurses' Association; Minutes; Ledgers and Cleared Checks. These records document the history and activities of the Texas Graduate Nurses' Association in El Paso and throughout Texas.

The Papers and Reports series contains a history of the Texas Graduate Nurses' Association, annual reports, articles about A. Louise Dietrich, Texas Graduate Nurses' Association District No. 1 Committee and employee manuals, Texas Nurses' Week, TGNA Nurse of the year list, articles about Sister Aloysius Williams, and press releases and correspondence.

The Members series contains small books which consist of member names and contact information.

The Newspaper clippings series contains clippings from different newspapers capturing conventions and nurse related events and news.

The Yearbooks series contains TGNA yearbooks and a foreign nursing school yearbook.

The Scrapbooks and Other Media series contains a scrapbook with photographs and clippings of TGNA news, a framed motto, and proclamation certificates.

The Publications series contains nursing journals, TGNA bulletins, and blank publication order forms.

The Talon series contains correspondence, publication lists, order and request forms to participate in Talon, an online medical publication exchange and database.

The Medical Information series contains abstracts, syllabi, books, and patient prognosis.

The Nursing Bureau of the TGNA series contains correspondence, press releases, receipts, and other information.

The American Nurses' Association contains several books on by-laws and Baccalaureate preparation in nursing manuals.

The Minutes series includes bound volumes documenting meetings, events, activities, operations, and decisions.

The Ledger and Cleared Checks series documents the finances of the TGNA.

Provenance Statement

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Restrictions

See **Notes to the Researcher**

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Notes to the Researcher

Some of the items in the El Paso Graduate Nurses' Association records are fragile and brittle. Please handle with care. Photocopying of materials in poor condition might be restricted.

Researchers should also view:

Barbara K. Dent collection of medical history research, C.L. Sonnichsen Special

Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

Funkhouser, Barbara. *The Caregivers: El Paso's Medical History 1898 to 1998*. Sundance Press, Inc.: El Paso, Texas, 1999.

Hotel Dieu Hospital collection, C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

Hotel Dieu School of Nursing records, C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

Sister Aloysius Williams collection, C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

Container List

Series I. Papers and Reports, 1907 – 1982

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	Texas Graduate Nurses' Association History	1907-1951
1	1	Annual Reports	1946-1955
1	1	A. Louise Dietrich, R.N.	1954-1962
1	1	Texas Graduate Nurses' Association District No. 1 Committee and Employee Manuals	1963-1967
1	1	Texas Nurse Week	1971
1	1	Texas Graduate Nurses' Association Nurse of the Year	1958-1982
1	1	Sister Aloysius Williams	1972
1	1	Press Release and Correspondence	1973-1978

Series II. Constitution and By-Laws, 1949 – 1980

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	2	Constitution and By-Laws	1949
1	2	Constitution and By-Laws (2 copies)	1953
1	2	Constitution and By-Laws	1957
1	2	Constitution and By-Laws	1959
1	2	Constitution and By-Laws for the EI	1959

		Paso League for Nursing	
1	2	Constitution and By-Laws	1961
1	2	Constitution and By-Laws (2 copies)	1962
1	2	Constitution and By-Laws	1965
1	2	Constitution and By-Laws	1973
1	2	Constitution and By-Laws	1974
1	2	Constitution and By-Laws	1980

Series III. Members, 1929 – 1971

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	3	Member Directory	1929-1930
1	3	Member Directory	1930-1931
1	3	Member Directory	1956-1960
1	3	Member Directory	1959
1	3	Member Directory	1964
1	3	Member Directory (2 copies)	1967
1	3	Member Directory	1970-1971

Series IV. Newspaper clippings, 1950 – 1972

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	4	Corpus Christi (<i>Corpus Christi Caller</i>)	1950
1	4	Atlantic City (<i>Atlantic City Press</i>)	1952
1	4	Washington, D.C. (<i>Evening Union</i> newspaper)	1952
1	4	El Paso (<i>El Paso Herald-Post</i> and the <i>El Paso Times</i>)	1972

Series V. Yearbooks, 1966 – 1969, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	5	Foreign Nursing School Yearbook	undated
1	5	Texas Graduate Nurses' Association Yearbook (2 copies)	1966
1	5	Texas Graduate Nurses' Association Yearbook	1969

Series VI. Scrapbooks and Other Media, 1933 – 1978, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
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1	6	Scrapbook	1933-1937
1	6	Framed motto	undated
3	1	Proclamation Certificate (Legal-sized folder)	1970
3	1	Proclamation Certificate (Legal-sized folder)	1978

Series VII. Publications, 1916 – 1978

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	7	Journals	1916-1947
1	7	Texas Graduate Nurses' Association Bulletins	1933-1936
1	7	Newsletters	1957-1979
1	7	Publication order forms	1977-1978

Series VIII. Talon, 1974 – 1985, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	8	Talon-Online Medical Publication Exchange and Database	n.d., 1974-1985

Series IX. Medical Information, 1951 – 1982, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	9	Syllabi	1970
1	10	Abstracts	1982
1	10	Books	1951-1982, undated
1	10	Patient prognosis	1978-1982, undated

Series X. Nursing Bureau of the Texas Graduate Nurses' Association, 1933 – 1936

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	11	Papers, reports, and correspondence in a bound volume	1933-1936

Series XI. Minutes, 1907 – 1954

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
2	1	Minutes (original)	1907-1911
2	1	Minutes (handwritten copy)	1907-1911
2	2	Minutes	1911-1914
2	2	Minutes	1914-1919
2	2	Minutes	1919-1920
2	2	Minutes	1920-1922
2	3	Minutes	1922-1926
2	3	Minutes	1927-1930
2	3	Minutes	1930-1933
2	3	Minutes	1934
2	3	Minutes	1935-1936
2	4	Minutes	1939-1941
2	5	Minutes	1941-1943
2	6	Minutes	1944-1948
2	7	Minutes	1949-1954

Series XII. Ledgers and Cleared Checks, 1917 – 1959

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
2	8	Cleared checks	1917-1922
2	9	Ledger	1920-1926
2	10	Ledger	1927-1931
3	1	Ledger	1932-1937
3	2	Ledger	1937-1942
4	1	Ledger	1943-1947
4	2	Ledger	1948-1953
4	3	Ledger	1953-1959