

Guide to
MS 277
Jean Rodehaver nursing papers

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Bulk Dates, 1955

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Biographical Sketch

Jean Rodehaver was a registered nurse and participated in many health and business organizations in El Paso, Texas. She attended Cathedral High School (then co-educational) and El Paso High School. Married to Zachery "Jack" Rodehaver, they had a son, Captain Zachery E. "Jackie" Rodehaver, Jr. Jean Rodehaver later received her diploma in nursing from Hotel Dieu and became a private registered nurse. She attended the ground breaking ceremony for the Hotel Dieu Hospital on April 30, 1950.

Jean Rodehaver became head of the El Paso Graduate Nurses' Association, District No. 1 in January 1951. After her term as president, she served as secretary to the El Paso Graduate Nurses' Association District No. 1 and as a delegate representing the organization at council meetings in other locations across the United States.

Rodehaver also served two terms as president of the Hotel Dieu Alumnae Association and later became the chairwoman of the Hotel Dieu Tiny Tot Association. She was a prominent member of the El Paso Business and Professional Women's Club, where she worked as the Chair of Health and Safety, Chair of Publication, and Director. Additionally, Rodehaver was active in other clubs and organizations related to the medical field, such as the Advisory Hospital Council and the Mental Hygiene Society.

References:

Dillard, Lue B. "Women of the Month," *Your Buzzer of the El Paso Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc.* Vol. 8, No. 7, December 1949.

"Nurses Elect President of District," *El Paso Herald-Post*, January 15, 1951.

"Hero's Medal Won by El Pasoan," *El Paso Herald-Post*. December 4, 1958.

Series Description or Arrangement

The Jean Rodehaver nursing papers are arranged in six series:

Series I. Papers and Reports, 1907-1974

Series is divided into four sub-series – Texas Graduate Nurses' Association, Correspondence, Reports, and Ephemera. All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

Series II. Newspaper clippings, 1948-1976

Series is divided into three sub-series – Dallas (Dallas Morning News), Galveston (The Galveston County Daily News), and San Francisco (San Francisco Examiner), San Antonio (The San Antonio Express), and El Paso (El Paso Herald-Post and The El Paso Times), and Lubbock (The Avalanche-Journal). Sub-series are kept as they were found,

separated by Convention events and dates. All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

Series III. Publications, 1951-1965

Series is divided into two sub-series – Articles and Bulletins and Newsletters. All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

Series IV. Photographs, 1966, undated

Arranged chronologically.

Series V. Certificates, 1974-1980

Arranged chronologically.

Series VI. Scrapbooks, 1938-1960, undated

Series is kept in the original order that Jean Rodehaver created. (See **Notes to the Researcher**)

Scope and Content Notes

The Jean Rodehaver papers date from 1907 to 1980, bulk 1955. Types of records include correspondence, reports, ephemera, newspaper clippings, publications, photographs, certificates, and a scrapbook. The Jean Rodehaver papers date 1907 to 1980, bulk 1955, and are divided into six series (Papers and Reports, Newspaper clippings, Publications, Photographs, Certificates, and Scrapbooks). These papers help document Rodehaver's career, family life, and the field of nursing in El Paso, Texas.

The Papers and Reports series consists of the history of the El Paso Graduate Nurses' Association, annual reports, and programs related to the Association. The series also includes correspondence to Rodehaver from Texas Western College about the College of Nursing and the Professional Nurses Reserve and Research Institute (PNR & RI). Additionally, this series contains a report on nursing resources in Texas and paper ephemera, which includes a cardboard frame, tag, receipts, and a brochure.

The Newspaper series consists of clippings from various newspapers from California and Texas about conventions and events pertaining to nursing or the Texas Graduate Nurses' Association, and there are a few clippings concerning Rodehaver's son "Jackie" who served in the military.

The Publications series include articles from the *American Journal of Nursing*, a newsletter in Spanish from Cruz Roja Mexicana, and a bulletin from the District No. 8 San Antonio Graduate Nurses' Association.

The Photographs series contains photos from Rodehaver's friends, family, and work.

The Certificates series consists of proclamation certificates from the mayor of El

Paso, Texas honoring Texas Nurses Week.

The Scrapbooks series consists of a scrapbook that include newspaper clippings, photographs, letters, various greeting cards, name tags and ribbons, yearbooks, annual reports, a ledger list, a Hotel Dieu graduating class list, post cards, and newsletters.

Provenance Statement

Donated by Esperanza Acosta Moreno, August 23, 1989. Originally part of the Lois Wykoff collection.

Restrictions

See **Notes to the Researcher**.

Literary Rights Statement

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Notes to the Researcher

Some of the items in the Jean Rodehaver nursing papers are fragile and brittle. The scrapbook is brittle and fragile, newspaper clippings and ephemera attached are slowly falling off. Please pick up scrapbook horizontally and lay on flat surface. While looking through, turn pages one by one as loose items can fall out. Please handle with care. Photocopying of materials in poor condition might be restricted.

Researchers should also view:

El Paso Graduate Nurses' Association records, 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.

Ramirez, Elma Galentine. "History of Hotel Dieu Hospital", Thesis, University of Texas at El Paso, 1952.

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, 1907-1974, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	Texas Graduate Nurses' Association	1907-1963
1	1	Correspondence	1951-1967, undated
1	1	Reports	1967
1	1	Ephemera	1959-1974, undated

Series II. Newspaper, 1948-1976

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	2	Galveston (The Galveston County Daily News)	1948
1	2	San Francisco (San Francisco Examiner)	1950
1	2	Dallas (Dallas Morning News)	1952
1	2	San Antonio (The San Antonio Express)	1954
1	2	El Paso (The El Paso Herald-Post)	1955-1976
1	2	El Paso (The El Paso Times)	1955-1976
1	2	Lubbock (The Avalanche-Journal)	1956

Series III. Publications, 1951-1965

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	3	Articles	1954-1964
1	3	Bulletins and Newsletters	1951

Series IV. Photographs, 1966, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	4	Charles and Francine Lastufka birth announcement	undated
1	4	Family photo-Jo, Al, Kim, Clay, and Sally Reinschmidt	undated

1	4	Christmas photo card-Carmen, Jimmy, James, and Aida Duran	undated
1	4	Children riding a horse	undated
1	4	Christmas-view of the front door with Christmas decorations	December 25, 1964
1	4	Christmas-festive mailbox	December 25, 1964
1	4	Christmas-girl standing by a Christmas tree, surrounded by presents	December 25, 1964
1	4	International Relations Dinner Meeting, Cortez Hotel	February 17, 1966

Series V. Certificates, 1979-1980

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	5	Proclamation certificate, Texas Nurses' Week	1979
1	5	Proclamation certificate, Texas Nurses' Week	1980

Series VI. Scrapbooks, 1938-1960, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	6	Scrapbook with various media	1938-1960, undated