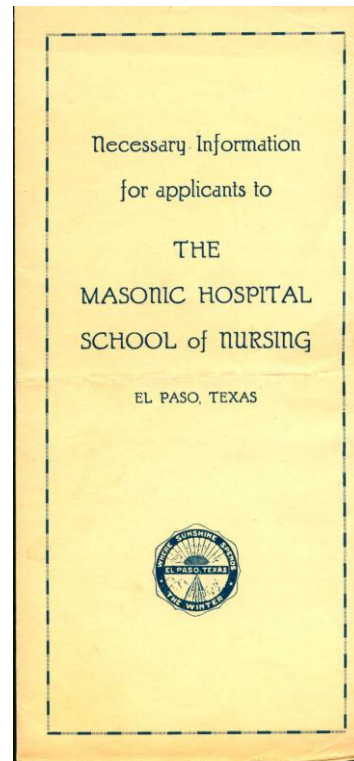


Guide to
MS 394
Eileen Wilson nursing
collection

Span Dates, 1927-1972
Bulk Dates, 1932

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Biographical Sketch

Eileen Wilson, a registered nurse, was born in 1909 in England. Soon after, her family moved to the United States. Wilson studied nursing at the El Paso Masonic Hospital. After Wilson graduated in 1929, worked as a registered nurse at the City-County Hospital, which was run by volunteer doctors.

The El Paso Masonic Hospital, where Wilson studied, opened in 1922 after the Rolston Hospital at the same location failed following the death of the owner, Mrs. Margaret Rolston MacDonald. The Masonic Brothers decided to re-open it as a hospital for common diseases and injuries during a time when tuberculosis sanatoriums were no longer needed. The first meeting, led by Brother Adolph Stoy of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, also included three physicians and three Masonic Brothers – G.N. Thomas, Felix D. Miller, and J.M. Richmond – along with other Masons belonging to the Scottish Rite Temple and other lodges. This group donated \$130,000 and raised about \$40,000 in cash to pay for the old Rolston Hospital building and everything in it.

Reference:

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

Series Description or Arrangement

The Eileen Wilson Nursing collection are arranged in three series:

Series I. Personal and Biographical, 1927-1972, undated

Series is divided into seven sub-series – El Paso Masonic Hospital, Publications, Correspondence, Photographs, Exhibit, Esperanza Acosta Moreno, and Sister Aloysius Williams. All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

Series II. Scrapbooks, 1927-1939

Arranged chronologically. A scrapbook belonging to another nurse and colleague, Elizabeth D. Campbell, was later added and is placed at the end of the scrapbooks belonging to Eileen Wilson.

Series III. Realia, 1961, undated

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Notes

The Eileen Wilson nursing collection dates from 1927 to 1972, bulk 1932 and is divided into three series: Personal and Biographical, Scrapbooks, and Realia.

The Personal and Biographical series contains a small history on the beginning of the El Paso Masonic Hospital, publications relating to the El Paso Masonic Hospital, the American National Red Cross, and a directory listing registered nurses in Texas, The Correspondence sub-series contains a letter from the El Paso Masonic Hospital; the Photographs sub-series contains photographs of people who appear to be friends of Eileen Wilson; the Exhibit sub-series includes placards used for some photographs belonging to the Eileen Wilson Nursing collection; the Esperanza Acosta Moreno sub-series contains correspondence from Esperanza to other organizations; and the Sister Aloysius Williams sub-series includes a listing of bank account numbers and banks used by Hotel Dieu.

The Scrapbook series contains scrapbooks from 1929 to 1939. Each scrapbook contains newspaper clippings, photographs, invitations, greeting cards, name tags, ribbons, correspondence, and programs.

The Realia series consists of a leather binder with "Hotel Dieu" branded on the cover and a Phrase O' Scope and Rapid Reader Book with library due date card (all items stamped Property of Hotel Dieu).

Provenance Statement

Donor unknown.

Restrictions

See **Notes to the Researcher**.

Literary Rights Statement

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Notes to the Researcher

All scrapbooks in the Eileen Wilson nursing collection are fragile and brittle. 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.

Esperanza Acosta Moreno collection, 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.

Woman's Department of the Chamber of Commerce records, C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

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. Personal and Biographical, 1927-1972, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	El Paso Masonic Hospital History	1932
1	1	Publications	1927-1932, undated
1	1	Correspondence	1932
1	1	Photographs (2)	1930
1	1	Exhibit	undated
1	1	Esperanza Acosta Moreno	1965
1	1	Sister Aloysius Williams	1972

Series II. Scrapbooks, 1929-1939

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	2	Scrapbook-El Paso Masonic Hospital (1 of 2)	1929
1	3	Scrapbook-El Paso Masonic Hospital (2 of 2)	1929
1	4	Scrapbook	1930
1	5	Scrapbook	1931
2	1	Scrapbook	1932
2	2	Scrapbook	1933
2	3	Scrapbook	1934
2	4	Scrapbook	1935
2	5	Scrapbook	1936
2	6	Scrapbook	1937
2	7	Scrapbook	1938
2	8	Scrapbook	1939
2	9	Scrapbook-Elizabeth D. Campbell	1935-1950

Series III. Realia, 1961, undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
3	1	Hotel Dieu leather binder, empty	undated
3	2	Phrase O' Scope and Rapid Reader Book Kit	1961