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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:	1904-2004, predominant 1962-1985 (creation)
Physical description:	16.5 cm of textual records 37 photographs : b&w 2 newsclippings 1 photograph : b&w ; 17 x 26 cm (sight) in mat 25 x 35 cm 1 album (47 photographs : b&w) ; 28 x 22.8 cm 1 photograph : b&w ; 17.5 x 23.2 cm (sight) in frame 29 x 31.8 cm 1 diploma ; 15 x 23.5 cm ; in leather case 17 x 25 cm 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 1 invitation
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	June 26, 2014February 5, 2015November 1, 2018June 13, 2019June 25, 2019July 2, 2020

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 yearbooks, photographs, newsclippings, a guestbook, an alumnae association booklet containing the constitution and bylaws, a pledge, photo albums and a diploma. The fonds also contains two large, matted photographs of graduating classes, a nursing kit, a crest and a nursing diploma.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

The records were transferred from the Sisters of St. Joseph in Chatham to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives. Some records were donated by the family of a former nurse, and some records were donated by two other former nurses.

Location of originals

The records are located at the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada - London site archives.

Restrictions on access

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.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Note [Sources]

A. Doyle (ed.) and J. Williams (ed.), St. Joseph's Hospital 1890-1990: Share the Journey, Chatham Ontario, 1989.

Note [General]

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)
 - Clippings (documentary form)
 - Booklets (documentary form)
 - Albums (documentary form)
 - Education and learning (subject)
 - Health care (subject)
 - Religion and religious people (subject)
 - Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.) (subject)
 - Chatham (place)
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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 a booklet containing the constitution and bylaws, and a nursing pledge. Also found in this series is the graduation diploma for Margaret Haskell Brown. There is also an obituary for 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. All of the materials in this series belonged to her.

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

Note [generalNote]: Related material:

ART225 St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham nurse's cap (Margaret Haskell Brown)
[2014-93-1]

ART226 St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham nurse's cape (Margaret Haskell Brown)
[2014-93-2]

ART227 St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham nurse's pin (Margaret Haskell Brown)
[2014-93-3]

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 newsclippings about nursing graduation and alumni events, and outreach projects. The newsclippings 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

2 newsclippings

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

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

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

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - 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: 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

1 invitation

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)
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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 1962

Title: Caritas 1962

Reference code: F15--S005--02

Publication status:

published

File: F15--S005--03 - Caritas 1963

Title: Caritas 1963

Reference code: F15--S005--03

Publication status:

published

File: F15--S005--04 - The Caritas 1965

Title: The Caritas 1965

Reference code: F15--S005--04

Publication status:

published

File: F15--S005--05 - Caritas 1966

Title: Caritas 1966

Reference code: F15--S005--05

Publication status:

published

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

Title: Caritas 1967

Reference code: F15--S005--06

Publication status:

published

Series: F15--S006 - Alumnae

Title: Alumnae

Reference code: F15--S006

Date: 1977-2003 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series contains colour photographs of nursing alumnae from 2003 and a program from the Nurses' Alumnae Celebration Mass. The series also contains the alumnae newsletter from 1977.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records
6 photos : col.

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
