

P148- Sudbury History of Nursing Group fonds

1997-2009

12.0 cm of textual records, 42 audio cassettes, and other type of documents.

Administrative History: The Sudbury History of Nursing Group was formed in 1997. They had a first meeting on November 27, of that year. The initial group of five retired nurses and two Laurentian University Faculty members, was affiliated with the Margaret M. Allemang Centre for the History of Nursing. They felt the need to take actions to ensure the preservation of the history of nursing in Northern Ontario. After consideration, they opted to collect oral testimonies of nurses who worked in Northern Ontario. They had training sessions in oral history, and developed all of the material needed to properly conduct the project of Oral History of nursing in Northern Ontario (consent forms, biographical profile forms and interview questionnaire). And then, the group started the interview process. By the end of 2007, they had interviewed 41 retired nurses, 1 secretary and 2 families had filled posthumous biographical profiles of nurses who had graduated between 1910-1973. The same year they began the lengthy process of editing and transcribing all interviews. The project was finalised in 2009.

The group is still active. Most of their activities are now toward the promotion of the importance of preserving the history of nursing. They participate to different symposiums, exhibits in doing presentations and also distributing the material they developed for conducting oral history projects.

The group received financial support from the Margaret M. Allemang Centre for the History of Nursing, and they also raised almost half of the amount to cover the cost of the project.

After Linda Ambrose, Ph.D. of the History Department (Laurentian University) and Margaret Kechnie, Ph.D. of the Women Studies Program (Thorneloe University) left the group, two new members joined the group. The members were: Joyce MacQueen (chair), Margaret Borley, Lynda Edman, Myrtle Kutschke, Sister Marie McGirr, Morna Rupert and Marion Tait.

Scope and Content: The Sudbury History of Nursing Group fonds attests not only of all the group's activities involved in developing and conducting their oral history project but moreover it conveys an important part of the history nursing. Indeed, the fonds contains records documenting the management of such a project, such as: the history of the project, its goals and objectives, as well as all forms developed by the group to meet

all requirements in conducting such a project. Moreover, it contains the original tape recordings of the 42 interviews of the retired nurses and their transcriptions, and some printed images of nurses interviewed and graduating classes. There is also a biographical profile of each nurse interviewed. They graduated from different Schools in Ontario, British Columbia, and Québec. Some of the nurses graduated in England, Ireland and the United States. All worked in Northern Ontario. The interview addresses not only different aspects of their work but also the context of their training and education as well as their family life.

The fonds is divided in 2 series: series A: Project management; Series B: Interviews

Note: Immediate source of acquisition: Donated in July 2009, by Joyce MacQueen (chair of the group).

Availability of other format: Electronic copies (PDF) of the transcripts are accessible on the web page of the archives.

Restriction on access applies to some records

Reproduction/publication: Copyright Act regulations apply.

Detailed List

Series A- Project management

1997-2009

2.7 cm of textual records

This series consists of records documenting the development of the project. It contains the minutes of the group, the history of the project, its goals and objectives, consent release forms and biographical data sheets. Are also included records related to conducting the interviews, such as the questionnaires, information for interviewers.

A,1- Minutes
1997-2010
2.0 cm of textual records

Minutes of the Sudbury History of Nursing Group.

A,2- [Development of the project]
2009
5 sheets of textual records

The files consist of printed photographs of the group, and a presentation of the goals and objectives of the project, as well as a summary of the progress of the project.

A,3 [Biographical Profile]
1999-2005
0.2 cm of textual records

The file of 2 folders, contains the original forms for the Biographical Information Profile and also 'Biographical Profile For Family Member' Biographical Profiles. The second folder consists of Biographical data for each of the interviewees

Note: restriction of access applies to the Biographical data of the interviewees.

A,4- [Consent forms]
1999-2005
0.4 cm of textual records

The file contains sample of the consent forms signed by all the interviewees.

The forms consist in establishing the rights of the interviewee, her willingness to participate at the project, as well as the conditions of access and reproduction, if any. Another form is for authorisation of reproducing and using the photographs.

Note: only the samples are accessible

A,5 [Interview Questions]
2000-2001
0.1 cm of textual records

The file consists of the Interview questionnaires, for the nurses and for Public Health Nursing. Is also included a fiche of information for interviewers.

Series B- Interviews and Memorabilia

1999-2009

9.3 cm of textual records, iconographic documents and 42 audio recordings.

Scope and content: Consisting of the interviews and copies of photographs of the nurses, this series attests of the result of the main project of the Sudbury History of Nursing Group. More over, the interviews are a testimony to the profession of nurses, and of the legacy of their work in Northern Ontario. The interviews also attest to the lives and dedication of women.

This series contains the original interviews in the format of audio recordings and the transcripts of the 42 interviews, and two Posthumous Biographical Profiles. Are also included, photographs of the interviewees and copies of certificates and diplomas printed on paper.

This series is divided in two sub-series: Sub-series 1: The Interviews; Sub-series 2: The Images

The files are arranged in alphabetical order.

Sub-series 1: Interviews

1999-2009

8.3 cm of textual records and 42 audio tapes

Scope and content: This sub-series consist of the original recordings of the interviews and of their transcripts. The interviews were done between 1999-2005. They were conducted following a questionnaire, in which the nurses talk of their childhood, of the time they were raised, their education, their choice of a career. Are also addressed the specifics of the training received, the School of nurses, the evolution and change of the profession as well of the work environment. They also talk of their family life. One of the interviewees was a secretary at Sudbury Health Unit. Although the questionnaire followed for her interview was different, it was quite similar to the questionnaire elaborated for the nurses.

B/1,1 [Anonymous #1](#)

1999- [2007(?)]

0.2 cm of textual records, 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with a nurse who graduated from St Elizabeth School of Nursing, St Joseph's Hospital, Sudbury, Class of 1941

B/1,2 [Anonymous #2](#)

1999-[2007(?)]

0.1 cm of textual records, 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with a nurse who graduated from Ottawa University School of Nursing (certificate program) Class of 1961

B/1,3 [Anne Beckwith](#)

2003- [2007(?)]

0.2 cm of textual records, 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Anne Beckwith who graduated from University of Toronto School of Nursing, Class of 1944

B/1,4 [Margaret Borley \(Nee Marshall\)](#)

2001- [2007(?)]

0.1 cm of textual records, 1 audio tape,

Interview (original and transcript) with Margaret Borley, who graduated from Marymount School of Nursing, Sudbury General Hospital of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Class of 1966.

B/1,5 [Eunice Borsato \(Nee Perrault\)](#)

2003- [2008(?)]

0.1 cm of textual records, 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Eunice Borsato who graduated from Lorrain School of Nursing, Pembroke General Hospital, Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Class of 1946

B/1,6 [Frances Bradburn \(Nee Smith\)](#)

2003- [2008?]

0.2 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Frances Bradburn, who graduated from Montreal General Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1953

B/1,7 [Adrienne Demore \(Nee Bergeron\)](#)

2005-[2008?]

0.1 cm of textual records, 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Adrienne Demore, who graduated from Marymount School of Nursing, Sudbury General Hospital of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Class of 1966

B/1,8 [Mary Diamond \(Nee Andrews\)](#)

2003-[2008?]

0.2 cm of textual records, 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Mary Diamond, who graduated from St Michael's Hospital School of Nursing, Toronto, Class of 1955

B/1,9 [Rita Glen Dixon \(Nee Parent\)](#)

1999-[2008?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Rita Glen Dixon, who graduated from St Michael's Hospital School of Nursing, Toronto, Class of 1955

B/1,10 [Lynda Edman \(Nee Sheanan\)](#)

2004-[2008?]

0.3 cm of textual records, 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Lynda Edman, who graduated from Marymount School of Nursing, Sudbury General Hospital of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Class of 1966

B/1,11 [Jean Erion \(Nee Chamberlayne\)](#)

2002-[2008?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Jean Erion, who graduated from Royal Columbia Hospital School of Nursing, New Westminster, B.C., Class of 1947

B/1,12 [Shirley Farquarson \(Nee Wilson\)](#)

2007-[2008?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Shirley Farquarson, who graduated from Marymount School of Nursing, Sudbury General Hospital of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Class of 1956

B/1,13 [Laurette Gauthier \(Nee Langlois\)](#)

2000-[2008?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Laurette Gauthier, who graduated from St Elizabeth School of Nursing, St Joseph's Hospital, Sudbury, Class of 1938

B/1,14 June Gilchrist (Nee Ferguson)

1999-[2008?]

0.2 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with June Gilchrist, who graduated from St Elizabeth School of Nursing, St Joseph's Hospital Sudbury, Class of 1950

B/1,15 Maria Goldsack (Nee Squire)

1999-[2008?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Maria Goldsack, who graduated from Sudbury Regional School of Nursing, Class of 1973

B/1,16 Frances Guthrie (Nee Lockhart)

2004-[2008?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Frances Guthrie, who graduated from Winnipeg General Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1943

B/1,17 Sherry Hattie (Nee Lusk)

2005-[2008?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Sherry Hattie, who graduated from Marymount School of Nursing, Sudbury General Hospital of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Class of 1969

B/1,18 Maureen Evelyn Henessey (Nee McDonald)

1999-[2008?]

0.2 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Maureen Evelyn Henessey, who graduated from St Elizabeth School of Nursing, St Joseph's Hospital, Sudbury, Class of 1944

B/1,19 Lucy Johns

2004-[2009?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Ms. Lucy Johns, who was the secretary of the Sudbury Department of Health (later the Sudbury & District Health Unit) - 1945 – 1987. Ms Johns talks of her work, the role (past and present) of the Sudbury & District Health Unit, and of the team of doctors and nurses she worked with.

B/1,20 Laurie Mathé (Nee O'Connor)

2004-[2009?]

0.2 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Laurie Mathé, who graduated from Marymount School of Nursing, Sudbury General Hospital of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Class of 1966

B/1,21 Claire McChesney (Nee Parent)

2004-[2009?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Claire McChesney, who graduated from Hotel Dieu Hospital School of Nursing, Windsor, ON, Class of 1959

B/1,22 Anne McCorkell

2003-[2009?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Anne McCorkell, who graduated from Tyrone Co. Hospital School of Nursing, Omagh, Ireland, Class of 1959

B/1,23 [Barbara McKinnon, C.S.J.](#)

1999-[2008?]

8 sheets of textual records, 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Barbara McKinnon (C.S.J.), who graduated from St Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, North Bay, Class of 1950

B/1,24 [Barbara Mellow \(Nee Young\)](#)

2000-[2008?]

8 sheets of textual records, 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Barbara Mellow, who graduated from Toronto Western Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1947

B/1,25 [Dorothy Montieth](#)

2003-[2008?]

0.1 cm of textual records, 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Dorothy Montieth, who graduated from Guelph General Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1942

B/1,26 Bernadette O'Connor Morrison (Nee Fleurie)

Ca 1999

2 sheets of textual records

Posthumous biographical profile of Bernadette O'Connor Morrison, who graduated from St Elizabeth School of Nursing, St Joseph's Hospital, Sudbury, Class of 1933

B/1,27 [Jean Nimmock \(Nee Morton\)](#)

1999-[2008?]

5 sheets of textual records, and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Jean Nimmock, who graduated from Bishop Auckland General Hospital School of Nursing, England, Class of 1956

B/1,28 Sarah Jane O'Meara

2003

3 sheets of textual records

Posthumous biographical profile of Sarah Jane O'Meara, who graduated from Boston City Hospital School of Nursing, U.S.A., Class of 1910

B/1,29 [Marlene Pentilla \(Nee Laine\)](#)

2005-[2009?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Marlene Pentilla, who graduated from Marymount School of Nursing, Sudbury General Hospital of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Class of 1957

B/1,30 [Kimberley Ann Rheault \(Nee Moore\)](#)

2000-[2009?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Kimberley Ann Rheault, who graduated from St Elizabeth School of Nursing, St Joseph's Hospital, Sudbury, Class of 1969

B/1,31 [Doreen Sonoski \(Nee Yakiwchuk\)](#)

2004-[2009?]

0.3 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Doreen Sonoski, who graduated from Marymount School of Nursing, Sudbury General Hospital of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Class of 1966

B/1,32 Beatrice Stedman (Nee Currie)

1999-[2009?]

8 sheets of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Beatrice Stedman, who graduated from St Michael's Hospital School of Nursing, Toronto, Class of 1941

B/1,33 Judy Strato (Nee Myllynen)

2004-[2009?]

0.3 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Judy Strato, who graduated from Marymount School of Nursing, Sudbury General Hospital of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Class of 1966

B/1,34 Patricia Strauss (Nee Griffith)

2002-[2008?]

0.3 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Patricia Strauss, who graduated from University of Saskatchewan (diploma program), Class of 1957

B/1,35 Dorothy Taylor (Nee Latreille)

1999-[2008?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Dorothy Taylor, who graduated from St Elizabeth School of Nursing, St Joseph's Hospital, Sudbury, Class of 1963

B/1,36 Joyce Taylor (Nee Nicholas)

2002-[2009?]

0.2 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Joyce Taylor, who graduated from St Boniface Hospital School of Nursing, Manitoba, Class of 1954

B/1,37 Carmen Tremblay (Nee Laplante)

1999-[2008?]

0.2 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Carmen Tremblay, who graduated from St Elizabeth School of Nursing, St Joseph's Hospital, Sudbury, Class of 1950

B/1,38 Constance Fellbaum Tyrell (Nee Quesnel)

2004-[2009?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Constance Fellbaum Tyrell, who graduated from St Elizabeth School of Nursing, St Joseph's Hospital, Sudbury, Class of 1934

B/1, 39 Isla Vanstone (Nee Bock)

1999-[2008?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Isla Vanstone, who graduated from Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Class of 1954

B/1,40 Margery Wagner (Nee Jackson)

2000-[2008?]

0.2 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Margery Wagner, who graduated from Toronto General Hospital, Class of 1944

B/1,41 Beulah Whidden (Nee Moore)

1999-[2008?]

0.1 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Beulah Whidden, who graduated

from St Elizabeth School of Nursing, St Joseph's Hospital, Sudbury, Class of 1949

B/1,42 [Donna White \(Nee Vardy\)](#)

2005-[2009?]

0.3 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Donna White, who graduated from Marymount School of Nursing, Sudbury General Hospital of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Class of 1966

B/1, 43 [Norma Wilson \(Nee Junck\)](#)

2005-[2009?]

7 sheets of textual records, 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Norma Wilson, who graduated from Marymount School of Nursing, Sudbury General Hospital of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Class of 1966

B/1,44 [Marjorie Wiseman \(Nee Thompson\)](#)

2005-[2009?]

0.2 cm of textual records and 1 audio tape

Interview (original and transcript) with Marjorie Wiseman, who graduated from Stratford General Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1962

Sub-series 2: Memorabilia

2009 (originals 1933-1977)

1.0 cm of iconographic documents

Scope and content: This sub-series contains copies of photographs and of certificates and diplomas of some of the women interviewed. The photographs are of their graduation, their work over seas, or while they were students.

B/2, 1: Memorabilia

2009 (originals 1933-1979)

1.0 cm of iconographic documents

The file consists of copies of photographs, certificates and diplomas, of some of the interviewees. Pictures of Margaret Borley, Eunice Borsato, Lynda Edman, LAurette Gauthier, Maria Goldsack, Sherry Hattie, Laurie Mathé, Anne McCorkell, Barbara McKinnon, Bernadette O'Connor Morrison, Kimberley RHault, Doreen Sonoski, Judy Strato, Joyce Taylor, Donna White Norma Wilson and Margery Wagner can be found in this file.