

Finding Aid for the Lulu L. Cudney papers of the history and development of Western Michigan nursing Collection 119

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Cudney, Lulu L, 1874-1967
Title	Lulu L. Cudney Papers of the History and Development of Western Michigan Nursing
Date [inclusive]	1930-1967
Extent	2.46 Linear feet Three boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Lulu L. Cudney (1874-1967) was a registered nurse in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She documented the history and development of Western Michigan nursing during the first half of the twentieth century, found here. The collection contains data on health care, health care practices, health care wages and the development of professionalism in nursing. The collection also contains information on the Grand Rapids District Nurses Association (formerly the Grand Rapids Nursing Bureau), the Michigan State Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association. Included is a registry of Butterworth nursing graduates who saw service during the Spanish-American War and World War I, compiled by Cudney. In addition to the primary subject matter of this collection, Cudney has also included a small collection of ca. 1952 postcards of Atlantic City, New Jersey.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

A native of Hamilton County, Nebraska, Lulu L. Cudney (1874-1967) came to Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1895. In 1896 she began nursing training at Butterworth Hospital, graduating in 1898 as a registered nurse. Cudney worked as a nurse in all three local hospitals as well as in private service. She was active in the nursing profession as a charter member of the Michigan Nurses Association and worked to document the history of nursing in Grand Rapids and the Nursing Bureau of Grand Rapids. For ten months during World War I, Cudney served as an Army nurse at Camp Sherman, Ohio.

Scope and Contents note

Collection materials detail the history and development of nursing in the West Michigan region during the first half of the twentieth century. As such it contains data on health care, health care practices, health care wages and the development of professionalism in nursing. The collection also contains scrapbook histories of the Grand Rapids District Nurses Association (formerly the Grand Rapids Nursing Bureau), compiled by Cudney. These scrapbooks contain data on history and development of health care in the region during the first half of the twentieth century. Cudney compiled a registry of Butterworth nursing graduates who saw service during the Spanish-American War and World War I. Various publications and brochures of the Michigan State Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association are also included. The collection also contains several ca. 1952 postcards of Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Note: Grand Rapids Sampler, pg. 139, has two images related to this collection:

1. Lulu Cudney WWI nurse
 2. Image of a group of nurses from World War I, Medical Unit Q, which is cited as being from this collection. No images are found in this collection, and no published image has been found in the written contents to match this image. Location of image currently unknown. 2/14/2008
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Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Lulu Cudney, 1962, 1966; accession numbers 1986.014, 1988.022.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Butterworth Hospital (Grand Rapids, Mich.). School of Nursing.
- Grand Rapids District Nurses Association.

Genre(s)

- personal papers

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Nurses -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History
- Nursing -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History

Grand Rapids Nursing

Collection Inventory

Grand Rapids Nursing		
	Box	Folder
Butterworth Nurses Serving in the Red Cross, 1898, 1918-1919, 1930	1	1
Grand Rapids District Nurses Association		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids District Nurses Association Registry Manual, 1950	1	2
		Box
History of Grand Rapids District Nurse's Association, vol. 1, 1950		2
History of Grand Rapids District Nurse's Association, vol 2, 1950		3
Grand Rapids District Nurse's Association Scrapbook, 1966		3
Michigan Nursing		
	Box	Folder
Michigan State Nurses Association, 1952-1963	1	3
Michigan Nurse, 1945-1962 [serial]	1	3

National Nursing

National Nursing		
	Box	Folder
American Nurses Association, 1946	1	4
Postcards, [1952]		
	Box	Folder
Marvin Garden, Atlantic City	1	6
Our Lady of Lourdes/Our Lady Star of the Sea	1	6
Public Library, Atlantic City	1	6
Boardwalk, Atlantic City	1	6
Beach, Atlantic City	1	6
Atlantic City Convention Hall	1	6
Hotel Brighton, Atlantic City	1	6
Abescon Lighthouses, Atlantic City	1	6
Atlantic City	1	6
Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City	1	6

Postcards, [1952]

	Box	Folder
News clippings, 1947, 1948, 1967, n.d.	1	7