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## Summary Information

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Restrictions on access

Student clinical placement ledgers and one folder of financial records relating to the John T. Spinelli Family Charitable Trust are closed.

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### Custodial History note

Rob Loud, St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing (SON) librarian from 1980-2000, began an archival collection for St. Elizabeth's Hospital in 1982 based on a suggestion from hospital director William Skerry. In addition to keeping the SON records, Loud created comprehensive chronological photographic files documenting student life and school events during his tenure. The SON portion of the St. Elizabeth's Hospital archives and Loud's photographic files were donated to Boston College at the time of the school's closing. (These materials are series III, IV, and V.)

After the closure of the school, the Alumni Association solicited donations of personal ephemera and photographs from its membership (series II) and contributed some of its own records as well (series I, plus contributions to series IV).

### Provenance

Donated by St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing, School of Nursing Alumni Association, and individual alumnus.

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## Related Materials

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## **Related Archival Materials note**

The American Association of Nurse Attorneys records, MS.1997.018, John J. Burns Library, Boston College. Cynthia E. Northrop papers, MS.1998.002, John J. Burns Library, Boston College. Josephine A. Dolan collection of nursing history, MS.1988.004, John J. Burns Library, Boston College. Mary E. MacDonald papers, MS.1988.010, John J. Burns Library, Boston College. NANDA International, Inc., MS.1998.006, John J. Burns Library, Boston College. New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing records, MS.1989.008, John J. Burns Library, Boston College. Visiting Nurse Association of Boston Records, MS.1989.006, John J. Burns Library, Boston College.

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## Historical note

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St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing was established in 1895, at the request of the hospital physicians for an onsite training school. The hospital and school were originally located in Blackstone Square in Boston's South End neighborhood. In 1912 St. Elizabeth's outgrew its space and moved to Brighton, where it continued to expand with several substantial new additions to the campus between 1925 and 1986. The School of Nursing was accredited by the Massachusetts State Board of Registration in Nursing in 1910. The school offered a three-year diploma program that focused on home, hospital, and community health options to provide complete care "physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually." It also created relationships with local educational and health institutions. Clinical residency was offered in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, but by 1985 also at Bournewood Hospital, Franciscan Children's Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, Newton-Wellesley Hospital, St. John of God Hospital, and through collaboration with Boston-area community healthcare providers. St. Elizabeth's began to host Boston College graduate nursing students completing their clinical practice in 1960. In 1977 the School of Nursing established a partnership with Regis College that allowed St. Elizabeth's nursing students to simultaneously earn credits towards a bachelor's degree. The School of Nursing curriculum shifted in 1994 from its original three-year model to a two-year program. The school graduated its last class in May of 2000.

Sources: St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing ninetieth anniversary program, 1986 April 16, St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing collection, MS.2000.018B, John J. Burns Library, Boston College.

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## Biographical note

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Elizabeth Cecilia Fagan, commonly known as Helen, was born on Christmas Day in 1929. After growing up in Newton, Massachusetts, she attended St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing, where she received her RN in 1950. She later attended Boston College's School of Nursing, where she received her BS in Nursing as a part of the class of 1958. She was director of the St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing from 1977 until 2000. When the school closed she served as president of the school's alumni association. She passed away on August 30, 2011, at 81 years of age.

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## Scope and Contents note

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The St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing collection documents the student life, academic structure, and major administrative initiatives of the school across its history, with a particular focus on the years between 1980-2000. It comprises institutional and alumni association records, artifacts, ephemera, photographs and videos, printed materials, student records, and textiles.

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## Arrangement note

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The collection has been arranged into eight series: I. Alumni Association records; II. Ephemera and memorabilia; III. Photographs and videos; IV. Printed materials; V. Records; VI. Scrapbooks; VII. Student ledgers; and VIII. Uniforms.

Note that Series III includes organizational photographs (items collected and created by SON librarian Rob Loud, albums created by SON administration and the Alumni Association, and photographs from the Hospital public relations department), while personal snapshots from alumni are included in Series II.

# Collection Inventory

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## Series I: Alumni Association records, 1942, 1979-2004

### Arrangement note

Alphabetical.

Association member lists, 1979-2001	Box 12	Folder 1-23
Board meeting minutes, 1982-2002	Box 12	Folder 24
Board member lists, 1993-2004	Box 12	Folder 25
Nurses' Alumnae Association final report for 1941, 1942	Box 12	Folder 26

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## Series II: Ephemera and memorabilia, 1909-2010

### Scope and Contents note

Keepsakes donated by individual alumni as well as school and hospital insignia items (pins, rings, emblems, stamp, plate, paperweight); awards from SON participation in the Boston Park Recreation basketball league; recognition certificates from student, church, and local organizations; and interviews, speeches, and reminiscences of alumni from annual alumni banquets.

### Arrangement note

Alphabetical.

Alumni banquet speech, "Those Were the Days", Cathy Bowser, Class of 1958, 2008	Box 20	Folder 1
American Hospital Association institutional membership, 1968 November 15	Box 27	Folder 3

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Apostolic blessings, 1950, 1958	Box 27	Folder 4-5
Appreciation award plaque, to faculty from the class of December 1996, 1996	Box 21	
Basketball score book, 1967, 1976	Box 20	Folder 2
"The Blessing of My Class Ring" booklet, after 1956	Box 20	Folder 3
Boston Park Recreation B League Champions awards, 1956-1957	Box 22	
Boston Park Recreation Girls Basketball League Champions felt emblem, 1961	Box 20	Folder 4
Centennial ornaments, 1995	Box 28	
Centennial, set of framed ephemera (ornament, emblem, and invitation), 1995	Box 19	
Class of 1909 scrapbook page, circa 1909	Box 20	Folder 5
Class of 1927, Margaret Kiniry, 1924-1933	Box 20	Folder 6
Class of 1930, Margaret Ryan, 1928	Box 20	Folder 7
Class of 1933, Frances H. Komich Keaney, 1933	Box 20	Folder 8
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Class of 1938, Ida Luniewicz Thomas, circa 1944-1995	Box 32	Folder 1
Class of 1947, Martha Marie Proulx, 1947	Box 20	Folder 11
Class of 1950, Ann Shehan Murphy, 1947-1950	Box 20	Folder 12
Class of 1951, Una Forde Hartwell, 1948-1951	Box 20	Folder 13
Class of 1952, Mary S. Pavlik, 1993	Box 20	Folder 14
Class of 1956, Patricia Moore Pidgeon, 1953, 1956	Box 33	Folder 1
Class of 1957, Mary Ellen Doona, 1868, 1898	Box 33	Folder 2

Class of 1959, Anne Melone Pollock, circa 1958	Box 33	Folder 3
Class of 1968, Barbara Harrington Bradley, 1965-1966	Box 33	Folder 4
Class of 1969, Mary "Kathy" Gilchrist Fuller, 1967-1969	Box 20	Folder 18
Class of 1971, Nan (Ann) Gilchrist Bartlett, 1969-1971	Box 33	Folder 5
Class of 1985, Karen Dane Lightner, 1985	Box 32	Folder 2
Class of 1986, members who bought yearbooks, 1986	Box 20	Folder 19
Commencement Ball souvenir spoon, 1961	Box 28	
Congratulations to St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing from the student body, undated	Box 20	Folder 20
Gavel with inscribed brass plate, "June 1954 presented to St. Elizabeth Hospital by Elizabeth Roche, class of 1900", 1954	Box 22	
Fagan, Helen (former director of the School of Nursing), interview, 2010	Box 28	
Fagan, Helen (former director of the School of Nursing), memorial program, 2011	Box 33	Folder 6
National Student Nurses' Association Precious Metal Award, 1997	Box 21	
Ninetieth anniversary, City of Boston certificate of recognition, 1986 April 30	Box 20	Folder 21
Nursing statue with Helen Fagan memorial wreath, circa 2011	Box 18	Folder 3
Paperweight with St. Elizabeth's Hospital insignia, 1969	Box 28	
Plate with St. Elizabeth's Hospital insignia, circa 1972	Box 19	
St. Elizabeth's Hospital 100th and 125th anniversary booklets, 1969, 1997	Box 33	Folder 7

St. Elizabeth's Hospital ten-year pin, 1900-2000	Box 28	
School of Nursing decal, 1980s-1990s	Box 19	
School of Nursing emblem, circa 1995	Box 20	Folder 22
School of Nursing insignia pins, 1927, 1961, 1973	Box 28	
School of Nursing insignia printing plate, 1895-2000	Box 28	
School of Nursing insignia rubber stamp, 1950-2000	Box 28	
Tracheotomy tube, undated	Box 28	

### Series III: Photographs and videos, 1898-2000

#### Arrangement note

Alphabetical.

Albums by Rob Loud, 1980-2000	Box 13	Folder 1-6
	Box 14	Folder 1-4
Assistant Principal Edith Kane Morgan (class of 1910), between 1920-1924	Box 18	Folder 1
Centennial celebration, 1995 September	Box 14	Folder 5
Centennial celebration album, 1995 September	Box 14	Folder 6
Classes, 1898-2000	Box 17	
	Box 18	
	Box 27	Folder 6
<b>Note</b>		
Additional class photographs for the 1980s and 1990s can be found in the "Class" files in Series V: Records.		
Classes - copy negatives, before 2000	Box 14	Folder 7

Graduation exercises with Cardinal Cushing, Cathedral of the Holy Cross, circa 1940s	Box 18	Folder 2
May Day, 1945	Box 14	Folder 8
Nursing student photographic display (14x16" panels), 1970s	Box 27	Folder 9
"One Hundred Years of Caring" display, circa 1995	Box 27	Folder 11
Public Relations, 1944-2000	Box 14	Folder 9-12
	Box 15	Folder 1-11
St. Elizabeth's Hospital and School of Nursing daily activities, 1910s-1920s	Box 18	Folder 4
St. Elizabeth's Hospital buildings, 1920s-1950s	Box 15	Folder 12
Slides by Rob Loud, 1960-2000	Box 16	Folder 1-15
Snapshots, 1970s-1980s	Box 15	Folder 13
Time capsule, undated	Box 15	Folder 14
Transitional Care Unit staff, 1998 January	Box 15	Folder 15

#### **Series IV: Printed materials, 1934-2002 (Bulk, 1958-2000)**

##### **Arrangement note**

Alphabetical.

Admissions catalogs, 1944, 1950-2000	Box 8	Folder 1-3
Centennial, "A Century of Excellence in Nursing" pamphlet, 1995 September	Box 8	Folder 4
Centennial celebration invitations and mass program, 1995 September	Box 8	Folder 5

Commemorative statue dedication program, 2002 October 20	Box 8	Folder 6
Graduation programs, 1934, 1966-2000	Box 8	Folder 7-11
Ninetieth anniversary celebration, 1986 April-June	Box 8	Folder 12
Ninetieth anniversary celebration program, 1986 May	Box 8	Folder 13
"Professional nursing...a way of life at St. Elizabeth's" brochure, 1960s	Box 8	Folder 14
Resident handbook, 1988	Box 8	Folder 15
Reunion booklet, tenth anniversary (class of 1948), 1958	Box 8	Folder 16
Reunion booklets, twenty-fifth anniversary (classes of 1966, 1969, and 1976), 1991, 1994, 2001	Box 8	Folder 17
Student handbooks, 1962-1998	Box 8	Folder 18-23
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**Series V: Records, 1929-2000 (Bulk, 1978-2000)**

**Arrangement note**

Original order.

Course outlines, 1980-1999	Box 1 Box 2	Folder 1-45 Folder 1-34
Course bibliographies, 1985-1997	Box 2 Box 3	Folder 35-37 Folder 1-5
Library accession records, 1974-2000	Box 3	Folder 6-7

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Library accreditation, 1995	Box 3	Folder 11
Library journal lists, 1976-1998	Box 3	Folder 12
Library annual reports, 1975-1999	Box 3	Folder 13
Library policies and procedures, 1981-1995	Box 3	Folder 14
Library handbook, 1985-1996	Box 3	Folder 15
Library expenses, 1980-1994	Box 3	Folder 16
Library evaluations, 1985-1997	Box 3	Folder 17
Library hours of operation and usage statistics, 1981-1999	Box 3	Folder 18
Library statistics, 1986	Box 3	Folder 19
The Cross and the Crown, 1956-1972	Box 3 Box 27	Folder 20-23 Folder 7
School of Nursing, circa 1950-2000	Box 3	Folder 24-30
School of Nursing graduation programs, 1970-1980	Box 3	Folder 31
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Graduate lists, 1981-2000	Box 4	Folder 11
Aia, Mary Ellen (nee Franey) R.N. class of 1963, gift for one hundredth anniversary of school, 1995	Box 4	Folder 12
Awiszus, Ann (nee O'Keefe), R.N. class of 1950, gift for one hundredth anniversary of school, 1946-1950	Box 4	Folder 13

Carney, Cecelia R., R.N. class of 1929, gift on ninetieth anniversary of school, includes 1929-1930 Rules and Regulations, 1926-1929	Box 4	Folder 14
Cutroni, Roseann, "Practical Strategies in the Dietary Management of Children with Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus," <i>Nutrition Focus</i> , 1991, July-August	Box 4	Folder 15
Donovan, Pamela Dorothy, R.N. class of 1965, newspaper article on death during Vietnam War, 1987 May	Box 4	Folder 16
Hammond, Janet (nee Lawler), R.N. class of 1953, instructor circa 1980-1998, student notes and charts, and "Information for Patients and Visitors," booklet, 1951	Box 4	Folder 17
Harrod, Bernadette, R.N., Vietnam War nurse and instructor at school, material relating to war and newspaper article about Harrod from <i>Bay State Nurse</i> , circa 1961 to 1996	Box 4	Folder 18
Pavlik, Mary Simeone, R.N., class of 1952, instructor circa 1980-1996, 1952	Box 4	Folder 19
Plourde, Claire, R.N., class of 1947, gift on the 100th anniversary of the school, commencement materials, 1944-1949	Box 4	Folder 20
Quinlan, Margo, R.N., instructor circa 1980-2000, four published academic papers, circa 1984	Box 4	Folder 21
Roy, Jean, R.N., instructor circa 1980-2000, "Flexi-hour Nurses," <i>Nursing Management</i> , 1983 September	Box 4	Folder 22
Class of 1966, 25th Reunion Booklet, 1991 April 24	Box 4	Folder 23
Ninetyeth birthday celebration, 1986 May 3	Box 4	Folder 24
Ninetyeth birthday celebration booklet, including school and curriculum history, 1986	Box 4	Folder 25
One hundredth birthday celebration, 1995 September	Box 4	Folder 26-27
Academic calendars, 1980-1999	Box 4	Folder 28

Monthly calendars of faculty meetings, 1984-2000	Box 4	Folder 29
School emblem from McGill's Inc. in Manchester, New Hampshire, 1998	Box 4	Folder 30
Faculty lists, 1980-1999	Box 4	Folder 31
Faculty cookbook, 1987 June 15	Box 4	Folder 32
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Accreditation information, American Hospital Association, 1961,1975	Box 4	Folder 39
Accreditation information, Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing, 1956-1971	Box 4	Folder 40
Accreditation information, National League for Nursing, 1949-1988	Box 4	Folder 41
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Financial aid program, 1982-2000	Box 4	Folder 48
Outline of the three year course in nursing education, 1946	Box 4	Folder 49
Curriculum for "Professional Adjustments", 1947 January-February	Box 4	Folder 50
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Two-year program, 1991 January 31	Box 5	Folder 3
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Faculty log of professional meetings, 1978-1989, 1991-1995	Box 5	Folder 10-13
Faculty Organization minutes, 1979-1983, 1993-1999	Box 5	Folder 14-19
Faculty Education Committee and Curriculum Committee notes and minutes, 1997-1999	Box 5	Folder 20
"Nursery Policies, Saint Elizabeth's School of Nursing", 1973	Box 5	Folder 21
"Nursing policy manual, School of Nursing", circa 1975	Box 5	Folder 22
"Procedure Book, St. Elizabeth's Hospital", 1966-1967, circa 1970	Box 5	Folder 23-24
"Procedure Manual. St Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing", 1973 September	Box 5	Folder 25
"St. Elizabeth's Medical Center Clinical Practice Policy and Procedure Manual. Volume II", 1999	Box 5	Folder 26-29
Faculty workshops, 1980-1998	Box 5	Folder 30-34
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Student handbook, revisions to 1991 handbook, 1992	Box 6	Folder 12
Student handbook, final version for 1992-1993, 1993 February 8	Box 6	Folder 13
Student Association constitution, 1957 April 12	Box 6	Folder 14
School of Nursing web page (printout), 1998 November 16	Box 6	Folder 15
School of Nursing stationary, 1980-2000	Box 6	Folder 16

Textbook lists, 1992-1999	Box 6	Folder 17
Teaching facility surveys, 1988-1998	Box 6	Folder 18
Housemother's log book, maintenance and reports, 1982-1983	Box 6	Folder 19
Boston College School of Nursing student clinicals at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 1959-1971	Box 6	Folder 20
Financing of graduate medical education, 1984	Box 6	Folder 21
Student recruitment for schools of nursing, 1968-1974	Box 6	Folder 22
Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing, 1956-1967	Box 6	Folder 23
	Box 27	Folder 8
Massachusetts Fair Educational Practices Act, 1950-1954	Box 6	Folder 24
Massachusetts League for Nursing, 1957-1982	Box 6	Folder 25
Massachusetts Nurses Association, 1957-1972	Box 6	Folder 26
State and regional nursing councils, 1967-1989	Box 6	Folder 27
Three-year nursing programs in eastern Massachusetts, 1960s-1980s	Box 6	Folder 28
School of Nursing faculty, 1980-2008	Box 6	Folder 29
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School of Nursing music, 1980-2000	Box 6	Folder 31
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St. Elizabeth's Medical Center Archive logs, 1982-2000	Box 6	Folder 33
St. Elizabeth's Medical Center Archive proposal, 1988	Box 6	Folder 34

St. Elizabeth's Hospital (SEMC) Archive collection descriptions, after 1993	Box 6	Folder 35
Our Lady's Hall floor plans, between 1946 and 1981	Box 27	Folder 12
Class of 1901 photograph project	Box 6	Folder 36
John T. Spinelli Family Charitable Trust, 1983-1996	Box 6	Folder 37
<p><b>Restrictions on access</b> Folder 37 is closed until 2071.</p>		

**Series VI: Scrapbooks, 2000**

Box 7      Volume 1-4

**Scope and Contents note**

Four decorated binders with annotated photographs and clippings covering the entire history of the school.

**Series VII: Student ledgers, 1895-1917, 1985-1998**

Clinical placement ledger (classes of 1988, 1991-1993), 1985-1993	Box 23
<p><b>Restrictions on access</b> Ledger is closed until 2068.</p>	
Clinical placement ledger (classes of 1997-1998), 1994-1998	Box 24
<p><b>Restrictions on access</b> Ledger is closed until 2073.</p>	
Student records ledgers, 1895-1917	Box 25 Box 26

## Series VIII: Uniforms, 1900s

### Scope and Contents note

Includes examples of uniforms across the history of the school. The wool cape worn by students for district nursing rounds in cold weather. The folded student caps demonstrate St. Elizabeth's signature fold, which forms an "M", symbolizing the Virgin Mary, on the top of the cap. The three points represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The cupcake style caps used in the early years of the school were adopted again, beginning with the class of 1969, because the folded caps were assembled by each student and varied greatly in appearance. Ribbon color on the cupcake caps indicated junior, senior, or graduate status. Although color systems varied over the years, black was consistently used for graduates.

Bib, signed by the class of 1935, 1935	Box 29
Graduation nursing cap, cupcake-style with blue ribbon, 1990s	Box 29
Lab coat, 1996	Box 29
St. Elizabeth's Hospital nurse's cap (cupcake style, black ribbon) and original hatbox, belonging to Levina M. Pitman, class of 1943, circa 1940s	Box 28
St. Elizabeth's Hospital nurse's cape, early 20th century	Box 30
Student nurse's caps, 1930s-1950s	Box 29