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1,912 photographic prints on 41 mounting boards

9 photomechanical prints

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OVERVIEW

Links: View collection on <u>Digital Horizons</u>

Access: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Institute.

Provenance: Donated by Sanford Health, 2011 (Acc. 3001).

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HISTORY:

In 1908, St. Luke's Hospital was authorized to "arrange for regular instruction in a training school for nurses." The school was under the direction of Sister Osa Oppedahl, with the first class graduating on May 3, 1910. In 1916 St. Luke's School of Nursing was accredited by the North Dakota State Board of Nursing. During World War II, St. Luke's trained nurses as part of the Cadet Nurses Corp and the students received tuition waivers and a monthly stipend in exchange for their service. A new 24-month

program was adopted in 1967 to replace the original three-year program. Growing competition from area universities caused St. Luke's enrollment to decline, eventually leading to the closure of the school. The last class graduated May 22, 1987. In its seventy-seven years of operation, 2,811 nurses graduated from the program.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection consists of graduation photographs of the nurses from St. Luke's School of Nursing in Fargo, North Dakota. The photographs date from 1911 to 1987. The photographs are mounted on cardboard and the graduates' names and graduation year are written on the board. Some of the photographs were coming loose and required archival corners to be applied to reattach them to the original boards. Because of the size of the boards, some were trimmed to meet storage requirements. Some oversized boards were cut to facilitate scanning size requirements. The collection also contains one panoramic photograph of the nursing staff of 1943. This photograph was placed at the end of the collection because it does not correspond with any specific graduating class.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

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