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Guide to the

**Lincoln School for Nurses collection**

1840-2011

Sc MG 248

## Summary

**Creator:** Lincoln School for Nurses

**Title:** Lincoln School for Nurses collection

**Date:** 1840-2011

**Size:** 2.26 linear feet (4 boxes, 1 oversize folder)

**Source:** Gifts of the Lincoln Fund, 1986; Ivy N. Tinkler, 1994; and Ivy N. Tinkler and Janice M. Gray, 2004.

**Revision History:** Finding aid updated by Lauren Stark.

**Abstract:** The Lincoln School for Nurses, a privately endowed institution, was founded in 1898 in the Bronx, to train Black women to become nurses at a time when this kind of education was not available. The collection consists primarily of printed material.

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## Creator History

The Lincoln School for Nurses, a privately endowed institution, was founded, in 1898 in the Bronx, to train Black women to become nurses at a time when this kind of education was not available. It was the first school of its type in the United States. The Lincoln School was located on the site of the Society for the Relief of Worthy Indigent Colored Persons, which began operation in 1839. In 1902, its name was changed to Lincoln Hospital and Home, and in the 1920s, it became affiliated with Lincoln Hospital, which was operated by the City of New York. The Lincoln School's first graduating class was in 1900, with a total of six graduates. The last class graduated in 1961. A total of 1,864 Black women from the United States, Haiti, Bermuda, and Africa attended the Lincoln School for Nurses. The Alumnae Association was formed in 1905.

## Scope and Content Note

The collection consists primarily of printed material, including several histories of Lincoln School, and incorporation papers for the School and Alumnae Association. Additionally, the School is represented by yearbooks (1931-1961); annual reports (1906-1961 - scattered); the School's newspaper, *The Chevron*; and an invitation to the first graduation of 1900. Also included are news bulletins and 40th anniversary commemorative journals honoring earlier classes, and materials related to the Lincoln Hospital, such as its charter and by-laws. Of particular interest are photocopies of annual reports for the Society for the Relief of Worthy Indigent Colored Persons from 1840-1842.

**Arrangement:** Arranged into 3 series: I. Lincoln School for Nurses; II. Alumnae Association; and III. Lincoln Hospital and Home.

## Key Terms

### Subjects

African American nurses  
African American nursing schools  
African American women -- Education

### Names

Lincoln School for Nurses  
Society for the Relief of Worthy Aged Indigent Colored Persons

## Container List

### Lincoln School for Nurses 1900-2008

#### School histories

- b. 1 f. 1 1900-1961
- b. 1 f. 2 "The Origin and History of the Lincoln School for Nurses" 1995
- b. 1 f. 3 "A Retrospective: The Way We Were, 1920s-1930s" 1997
- b. 1 f. 4 100th Anniversary of the Founding program 1998
- b. 1 f. 5 *Gray, Janice M. The Alumnae Association of the Lincoln School for Nurses, Inc., 1902-2002* 2002
- b. 1 f. 6 Incorporation and amendments 1962
- b. 1 f. 7 Rules and regulations 1951
- b. 1 f. 8 Correspondence 1977-1982
- b. 1 f. 9 Graduation invitation and programs 1900-1959
- b. 1 f. 10 Graduation address 1929
- b. 1 f. 11 Press release 1929
- b. 1 f. 12 50th anniversary journal and other souvenir program 1948-1961
- b. 1 f. 13 "Circulars of Information" 1947-1957

#### Miscellaneous

- b. 1 f. 14 Class of 1959
- b. 1 f. 15 Class of 1960
- b. 1 f. 16 Class of 1961
- b. 1 f. 17 Annual report 1961
- b. 1 f. 18 Lincoln Fund 1961
- b. 1 f. 19 Alumnae tributes 1984-2008

### Alumnae Association 1920-2011

- b. 1 f. 20 Lincoln Hospital Alumnae Association 1920-1985  
Includes incorporation papers, name change materials, by-laws, and a networking directory.
- b. 1 f. 21 Lincoln Nurses Alumnae Association program 1939  
*News Bulletin of the Alumnae Association*
  - b. 1 f. 22 1960-1962
  - b. 1 f. 23 1964-1965
  - b. 1 f. 24 1971-1972
  - b. 1 f. 25 1973-1976
  - b. 1 f. 26 1977-1979
  - b. 1 f. 27 1981-1985
  - b. 1 f. 28 1986-1989
  - b. 1 f. 29 1990-1995
  - b. 1 f. 30 1996-2002
- b. 1 f. 31 *The Chevron* 1942-1952

### Lincoln School for Nurses "Commemorative Journals"

- b. 2 f. 1 Honoring the classes of 1937 and 1941 1977-1981

Alumnae Association (cont.)

Lincoln School for Nurses "Commemorative Journals" (cont.)

- b. 2 f. 2 Honoring the classes of 1942 and 1943 1982-1983
- b. 2 f. 3 Honoring the classes of 1944 and 1945 1984-1985
- b. 2 f. 4 Honoring the classes of 1946 and 1947 1986-1987
- b. 2 f. 5 Honoring the class of 1948 1988
- b. 2 f. 6 50th Anniversary journal 1948
- b. 2 f. 7-8 Centennial Celebration journal 1998

Lincoln School for Nurses "Commemorative Journals"

- b. 2 f. 9 Honoring the classes of 1949 and 1950 1989-1990
- b. 2 f. 10 Honoring the classes of 1951 and 1952 1981-1982
- b. 2 f. 11 Honoring the classes of 1953 and 1954 1993-1994
- b. 2 f. 12 Honoring the classes of 1955 and 1956 1995-1996
- b. 2 f. 13 Honoring the classes of 1957 and 1958 1997-1998
- b. 2 f. 14 Honoring the classes of 1959 and 1960 1999-2000
- b. 2 f. 15 Honoring the class of 1961 2001
- b. 2 f. 16 Printed matter 2010-2011

Yearbooks

- b. 3 f. 1 1931
- b. 3 f. 2 1938
- b. 3 f. 3 1947
- b. 3 f. 4 1949
- b. 3 f. 5 1950
- b. 3 f. 6 1951
- b. 3 f. 7 1952
- b. 3 f. 8 1953
- b. 3 f. 9 1954
- b. 3 f. 10 1955
- b. 3 f. 11 1956
- b. 3 f. 12 1957
- b. 3 f. 13 1958
- b. 3 f. 14 1959
- b. 3 f. 15 1960
- b. 3 f. 16 1961

- o. 1 Oversized certificates and articles

Lincoln Hospital and Home 1840-2000

- b. 4 f. 1 Hospital history 1939
- Society for the Relief of Worthy Aged Indigent Colored Persons
- b. 4 f. 2 History 1989
- Annual reports (photocopies)
- b. 4 f. 3 1840
- b. 4 f. 4 1841
- b. 4 f. 5 1842

Lincoln Hospital and Home (cont.)

- b. 4 f. 6 Colored Home annual reports 1869-1877  
Colored Home and Hospital annual reports
- b. 4 f. 7 1892-1896
- b. 4 f. 8 1900-1901
- Lincoln Hospital and Home
- b. 4 f. 9 Rules, regulations, charter, and by-laws 1903-1910  
Annual reports
- b. 4 f. 10 1906-1908
- b. 4 f. 11 1909-1910
- b. 4 f. 12 1911-1913
- b. 4 f. 13 1917-1918
- b. 4 f. 14 1922-1931
- b. 4 f. 15 Community Activities Fund, Community Action Bridge 1969  
Hospital dedications and celebrations
- b. 4 f. 16 1997
- b. 4 f. 17 1999
- b. 4 f. 18 New building site 2000
- b. 4 f. 19 Certificate of Honor and alumnae dedications at other institutions 1983-1992  
Includes certificate for Grace Wares in Liberia, dedication of Lillian Holland Harvey Hall at Tuskegee University, and dedication of the M. Elizabeth Carnegie Chair in Nursing at Howard University.