

Repository: Worcester Historical Museum

Accession Number: 2019.37

Name: The Worcester VNA Collection

Provenance: The Visiting Nurse Association of Worcester, Inc

Access Restrictions: None

Creators: The Visiting Nurse Association of Worcester, Inc

Related Materials: Nurses Cloak and VNA pins in collections

Size: 2 Boxes, 1 Oversized Folder

Language: English

Processing Information:

Images from scrapbook removed and placed within a folder. Metal paper clips removed and replaced with plastic paper clips. Board meeting minutes removed from binders and placed within acid free folders.

Scope and Content:

Historical records and documents created by the Visiting Nurse Association of Worcester, Inc or related documents and publications to the Visiting Nurse Association of Worcester, Inc created between 1892 - 1992.

Historical/Biographical Notes:

The Worcester Society for District Nurses was founded in 1892 by Dr. Homer Gage. Mary Perley was the first president of the Board of Directors for the Worcester Society for District Nursing. The Good Samaritan Society of Worcester became a corporation in 1898 and merged with the District Nursing Society in 1909. The Worcester

Society for District Nurses changed their name to the Visiting Nurse Association of Worcester, Inc in 1959.

Subject:

The Worcester Society for District Nursing

The Good Samaritan Society

Worcester, Ma

The Henry Street Settlement

Series Lists and Descriptions:

Series 1: *Board Meeting Minutes*

Dates: 1897 - 1960

Extent: 6 folders, 4 Books

Description: Handwritten and typed, meeting minutes of the Worcester Society for District Nursing Board of Directors.

Series 2: *Hospital and District Reports and Records*

Dates: 1893 -

1946

Extent: 4 Books

Description: Printed and bound copies of the Worcester Society for District Nursing and Memorial Hospital yearly reports. Includes annual reports, financial information, and statistics regarding patient care.

Series 3: *Miscellaneous Historical Records and Publications*

Dates: 1892 - 1992

Extent: 3 Books, 1 Pamphlet, 1 Folder

Description: Contains publications relating to the VNAs history and the history of the State Street Settlement as well as printed photographs relating to the care of patients, and records relating to the Good Samaritan Society of Worcester.

Series 4: *Territory Map for Worcester Society for District Nurses* **Dates:** 1925

Extent: 1 Oversized Folder

Description: An oversized map representing the territory covered by a district nurse in a single day.

Container List:

Box 1:

- **Series 1:** Hospital and District Reports and Records
- **Series 3:** Miscellaneous Historical Records and Publications
 - Folder 7

Box 2:

- **Series 2:** Hospital and District Reports and Records
 - Folder 1 - 6

Oversized Storage:

- Territory Map of the District Nurses Poster (1925)