

McLean County Museum of History

Gladys Washburn Mennonite School of Nursing Collection

Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1922-1948
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Most of these items were donated by Arvon Jacobssen of Bloomington in 2003-05.

Brief History

Born in 1904 to Sarah Myers and George A. Washburn, Gladys moved with her family from the Heyworth area to the Padua area when she was 12 yr old. In 1927 she graduated from Mennonite School of Nursing, a member of the first three-year class there. She worked variously as a private duty nurse and later a staff nurse at Mennonite and the McLean County Tuberculosis Sanitarium.

She wed Linder W. Hacker, an Illinois State Normal University professor, in 1942. They couple retired to Phoenix, AZ, in 1952. He died in 1972 and she returned to LeRoy in 1986, where she died in 2000. She is buried in Springfield alongside her husband. Gladys was active in the Methodist Church.

Scope

The collection includes a nursing school history, two yearbooks, newsletter, photographs, etc. from the Mennonite School or Nursing.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: “The Magnet,” 1924 and 1927.

Yearbook of the Mennonite Training School for Nurses.

Folder 2: Nursing school history, 1922-1938.

History of Mennonite Hospital School of Nursing, 1922-1938, 19 pp typed, undated, by Geneva Martin, R.N.

Folder 3: “Troyer News,” 1948.

Graduate Edition (1948), Bloomington Mennonite Hospital.

Folder 4: “The Nurse.”

Undated anonymous poem intended for framing.

Folder 5: January 1911 photograph.

Folder 6: 8x10 photographs from album.

Headshots of 1927 graduating class, Mennonite Hospital Nurses Training School, including names and hometowns.

Illinois Department of Registration and Education nursing certificates, 1928, 1929, 1930.

Photographs and brief, hand-written comments on Mennonite Hospital physicians, including E. P. Sloan, Frank Deneen, Herman Wellmerling, and others.

Photographs of nurses, individuals and groups.

Vacation photographs, Starved Rock State Park and elsewhere.

Photographs, 8x10 of Mennonite nurses, formal group shots and social functions, 1929 and undated.

Loose Book:

Gladys Washburn photo album.