

# **ABERDEEN HOSPITAL 1897-1997**

*One Hundredth Anniversary*

*(exerts)*

**Of the founding of the Aberdeen Hospital**

**(exerts with emphasis on the School of  
Nursing Archives)**

## **ARCHIVE REPORT**

*School of Nursing*

**1897-1995**

*School of Radiology*

**1929-1966**

*School of Laboratory Technology*

**1960-1972**

(current 2020 updates added)

## ABERDEEN HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

### ARCHIVES REPORT

Elsie (Fraser) Locke, Class of '45, and Jean (Munroe) Chisholm, Class of '50, were instrumental in the development of the Archives of the School of Nursing.

Elsie was Chairman of the Archives Committee from 1967 – 1976 when Jean (Dunbar) MacKay Baudoux was appointed Chairman, a position she held until 1995 when she relinquished her duties to Shirley Taylor) Doucette, Class of '48, who continued to serve in this capacity.

The Archives were located in the former Nurses' Residence in the Blue Room to the left of the Foyer. (Currently the Archives are located in the basement of the Aberdeen Hospital.)

In 1975, Mary Jane Ross, Class of '29, unveiled the cabinet which contains memorabilia of nursing school days. Examinations, textbooks, documents, graduation pins, graduation rings, glass and steel catheters, intravenous set-up circa 1945, an ink well, alcohol burner glass syringes, needle book and a student nurses' uniform of Rose (Cameron) Enman, Class of '20. We also have a silver cream and sugar set that was donated by the Class of '72 and '63 respectively and were used at Graduation and Capping Teas.

Dr. Hugh MacKay, a former Executive Director of the Aberdeen Hospital, gave the Graduating Class of 1969 a bronze bell which was used to awaken the student nurses for duty at the turn of the century. The Class of '69 had a cabinet made for the bell and presented it to the Archives.

Noteworthy of mention is the *History of Nursing* project started in 1971 by Jean (Pyche) Nunn, Class of '69, depicting the changing fashions in uniforms from 1897 to the present time. This doll collection was later completed by Ila (MacDonald) MacKenzie, Class of '61 and Andrea (Dunbar) Robertson, Class of '61.

Four pieces of antique furniture are on display. An oak desk and chair that were used by Nina Grant, Class of '17, who was Superintendent of Nurses 1919 – 1931, a table with leather inlay, which was used in the board room of the "Old" Aberdeen Hospital, and an umbrella stand that was used for many years in the main entrance of the hospital.

Adorning one wall is a collection of graduation pictures from 1919 – 1995 with the exception of 1953. We also have pictures of the Directors of Nursing from 1919 to the present (1997) time, and an Honour Roll of the Aberdeen nurses who served in the Armed Forces in World War 11. We are indebted to Jean (Dunbar) MacKay Baudoux, Class of '47, for her untiring efforts on this project.

The modular plexiglass display case remained in the Foyer of the Nurses' Residence with the crest of the Aberdeen Hospital School of Nursing which was made by the artisans of Eastern Sign and Print. Currently it resides in the Archives in the basement of the Aberdeen Hospital.

Heather (Jardine) Clark, Class of '66, a graduate of the Aberdeen Hospital Laboratory School, donated antique lab equipment which has been added to the Archives.

In 1987 a video was made during the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School of Nursing. Several nurses were interviewed regarding the changes in nursing over the years. This video was presented to the Archives by Murdena (Munroe) Prowse, Class of '48.

In the 40's a unique material was used for the student nurses' uniforms – a quilt was made from this material and generously donated to the Archives by Sylvia (MacDonald) Munro, Class of '46.

John Marshall, of Marshall's Antiques, most generously donated a vase to the Archives which had a picture of the "Old" Aberdeen Hospital on it.

Previously a room in the basement in the former Nurses' Residence that was used as the uniform room had been designated as additional space for Archives storage.

The Archives Fund is from monetary donations made in memory of fellow graduates. Memorial Cards designed by Ila (MacDonald) MacKenzie, Class of '61, are sent to those who make a donation to the Memorial Fund.

The Archives, currently located in the basement of the Aberdeen Hospital, are usually open Mondays (Excluding Holidays) from 0900 am to 1130 am September to June. All are welcome.