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Summary information

Repository:	McGovern Historical Center, Texas Medical Center Library
Title:	Louise Cavagnaro papers
Reference code:	MS 243
Date:	1948-1992 (date of creation)
Physical description:	0.25 Linear Feet (1 box)
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Louise Cavagnaro joined the Atomic Bomb Causality Commission (ABCC) in 1946, and was the Commission's first American nurse. She served as Director of Nursing in Hiroshima, Japan, and established the program that trained local nurses. She also set up an Employee Health System and a pharmacy, and was involved in various other administrative activities, such as choosing equipment and supplies for Hijyama.

Before joining the ABCC, Cavagnaro had served as an operating room nurse in World War II. Afterwards she received a masters degree in Hospital Administration from Columbia University. In 1953 she began a long career as an administrator and faculty member at Johns Hopkins. She was involved in the desegregation of the hospital, as she recorded in "A History of Segregation and Desegregation at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions" (1992).

Custodial history

The materials in this collection had been kept in the MHC Reference Files under Louise Cavagnaro's name. After a review of Reference Files in 2021, certain materials were removed to create this archival collection.

Scope and content

This collection consists of photographs, clippings, publications, a thesis review, and correspondence relating to the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission (ABCC). Most of the materials date from 1948 to 1962, although some items are undated. Cavagnaro's review of "War Guilt and Medical Research" is from 1992. Collection materials generally originated in Japan or discuss conditions there.

Notes

Title notes

Physical condition

Materials are in good condition.

Immediate source of acquisition

Donated by Louise Cavagnaro, 1985, 1997.

Arrangement

Beyond groupings of certain items within folders, no original order was apparent and no order has been imposed on this collection.

Restrictions on access

Material is open for research.

Conditions governing use

Copyright restrictions may apply. Permission to publish from this material must be facilitated through the repository, McGovern Historical Center.

Related material

Louise Cavagnaro Collection, Chesney Archives, Johns Hopkins, <https://medicalarchives.jhmi.edu/collection/louise-cavagnaro-collection/>

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Cavagnaro, Louise (subject)
- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Newsletters (documentary form)
- Clippings (Information artifacts) (documentary form)
- ABCC Collections (subject)
- Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission (subject)
- Nursing (subject)
- Hiroshima, Japan (place)

Series descriptions

Series MS243-S1: Series I: Louise Cavagnaro Papers

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File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
gi212844763	File - Hiroshima Red Cross Hospital Nursing Students <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243 <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243		
gi212844764	File - "War Guilt and Medical Research" Review by Louise Cavagnaro <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243 <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243	1992 March 31	
gi212844765	File - Photographs: Kure Facility, Nagasaki Nursing Staff <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243 <i>Physical location:</i>	1948, 1951	

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gi212844766	File - "Science Asahi" Translations <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243 <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243	1950 February
gi212844767	File - Clippings <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243 <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243	1948, 1950, undated
gi212844768	File - ABCC Newsletter volume 1, number 3 <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243 <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243	1963
gi212844769	File - Kagaku Asahi 2 <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243 <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243	
gi212844770	File - Correspondence, Nagasaki City and the Atomic Bomb <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243 <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243	undated
gi212844771	File - Reminiscing by Chiyoko WATANABE, Nursing Department <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243 <i>Physical location:</i> MS 243	undated