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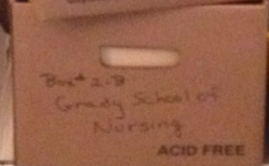
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The Making of the Book
2014-2015













People

Adah Patterson 1896-1899



Graduation 1892
Johns Hopkins School of Nursing

Ludie Andrews Graduation Spelman Seminary 1906

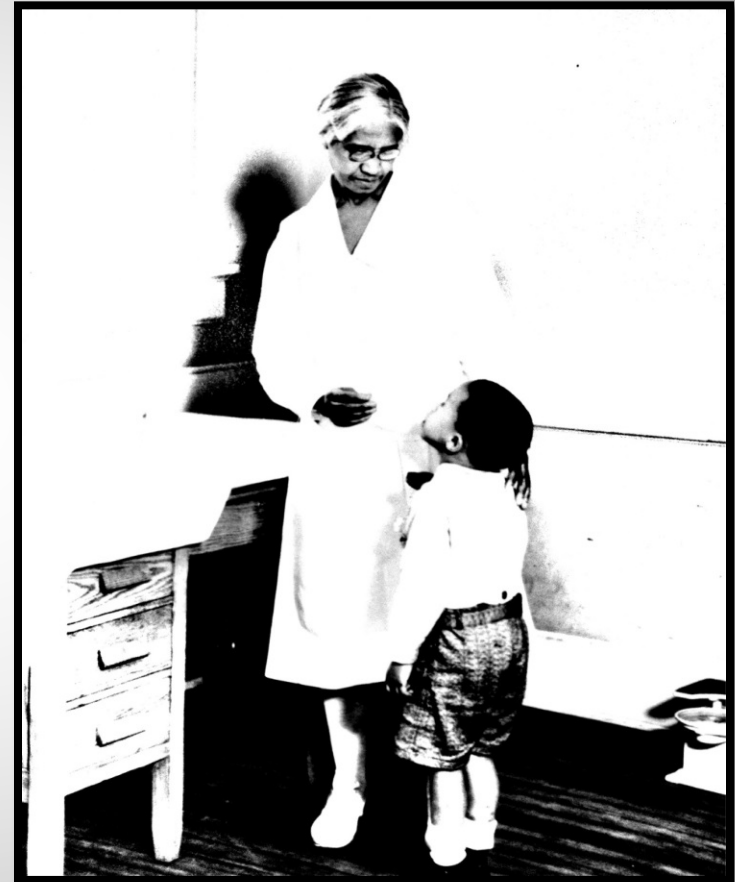


Spelman Seminary Graduation Class of 1906

1906 Graduates included:

Maggie L. Acker, Ludie Andrews, Blanche M. Armwood, Sarah C. Blue, Hannah

Ludie Andrews 1914-1922



Graduation Spelman Seminary 1906

Community Activist and Leader

Annie Bess Feebeck
Thornwell Orphanage 1891-1901



Annie Bess Feebeck

1910-18 1921-44



Graduation 1909

1901 Grady Graduate Manages Baseball Team



Miss Duke as Manager of 1912 Lindale Ball Club



1900



Lina Rogers, second Superintendent of Nurses at Grady
1899-1901

Struggles



Annie Bridges
1908-1909

Struggles of Nursing Superintendent

and talked to Dr. Olmstead about it this morning. Said he heard Miss Bridges had had another place offered her. He said when he was talking with Miss Bridges it was reported that a certain member of the House Staff was up until 12 o'clock attending to his work. He took a drink and was reported by the night head nurse to the Superintendent of Nurses. It was stated that he was drunk on duty. Dr. Summerall asked the night head nurse about same, and she said it was true. He asked the member of the House Staff about it and he stated, "I did take a drink and a woman knew it." He stated he was not under the influence of whiskey and that he had gotten this whiskey on the outside. Dr. Summerall said he gave him some good advice about drinking and stated to him that if at any time he was in need of a drink and felt it would do him good, that he would take his keys, unlock the locker and give it to him.

A few days ago, two of the internes were sick. The work was very heavy, and outside doctor came in to substitute and drank sixteen bottles of beer. Dr. Summerall notified the internes that they could not bring beer into the hospital. Dr. Summerall stated that Miss Weathers and Miss Holland were the nurses reprimanded and that Miss _____ was also reprimanded.

Thirty-four Students

Early 1900's



Probationers 1928



Grady Ambulance 1914
Donated by H.M.Patterson Funeral Home



Student Life

Hirsch Hall 1922

NURSES HOME, GRADY HOSPITAL, ATLANTA, GA.



Nurses Home for Black Students Erected 1872



Psychiatric Rotation Tuskegee 1950's





1947 Newspaper Article Grady Nurses Selected as Prettiest

Both girls are 5 feet 4 inches tall and
are "perfect thirty-fours"



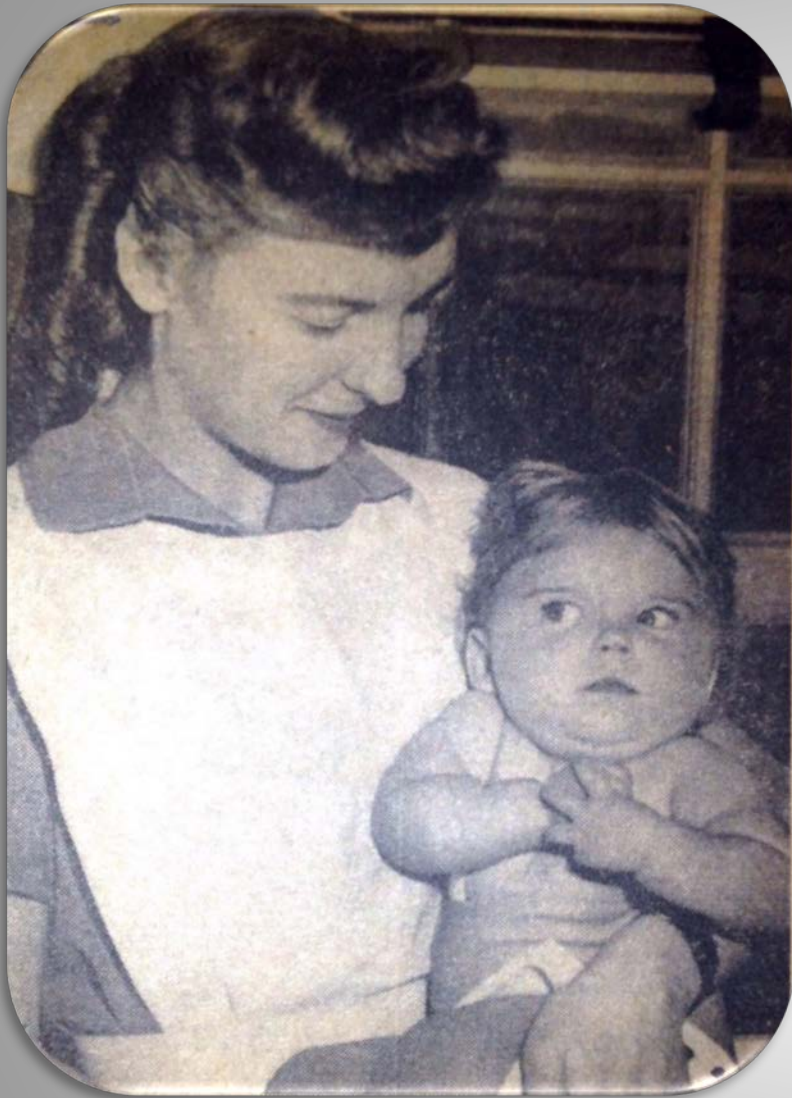
Pretty Students at the Ball



NEW BENDIX "GYROMATIC" FOR GRADY'S LADIES IN WHITE—Mrs. Hazel Gibson, specialist of the Chas. S. Martin Distributing Company's home service department, instructs a group of nurses and students on operation of the amazing new, no-bolt-down Bendix Gyromatic Washer which has been installed in the Grady Hospital Nurses' Home. This was the first Bendix Gyromatic installation in Georgia, and was sold by G. M. Nour of the Atlanta Appliance Company. See story herewith.

First Washing Machine
In Dormitory 1948

Patients



You Want Me to Believe
That Really Happened
At Grady???

Student Nurse Mary Lou Powell 5/46



Constitution Staff Photo—Hugh Stovall

MAYBE NOT TOMORROW—But soon Dorothy Moen, 16-year-old victim of the Winecoff fire, hopes to leave Grady Hospital and return home to Columbus. Dorothy, a high school senior at the time of the fire, jumped from the seventh floor of the hotel and has been receiving treatment for numerous broken bones at Grady for over two months. Here Inez Westmoreland, of Statesville, Red Cross nurse, helps Dorothy comb her hair.

TO SWAP CAST FOR BRACE

Survivor of Winecoff Fire Jump Hopes To 'Graduate' From Grady

Dorothy Moen, 16-year-old Columbus High School victim of the Winecoff Hotel fire, hopes that her stay at Grady Hospital is about to end at long last, since doctors told her last week that they plan to remove the cast from her right leg and substitute a brace, a major step toward her dismissal.

When the Winecoff burned, Dorothy was in Atlanta attending the Hi-Y Youth Convention with three of her classmates from Baker Village High in Columbus.

Two of her companions died in the fire; a third, Annie Bess Dansley, left Grady two months ago. Now Dorothy, who jumped from the seventh floor, has reason to hope that soon she will be "back home" with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vardaman.

Last week, Grady specialists completed a bone graft to her left arm, which had stubbornly refused to heal, and now, as soon as the leg brace is fitted she may be able to leave the hospital, at least for short visits home.

Dorothy describes her long stay at the hospital "as pretty tiresome," but hastens to add that "everybody" has been "wonderful" in helping her keep in good spirits while at Grady.

"My cast has autographs on ev-

By BILL TARLETON
ery square inch, from friends, doctors, and even people whom I'd never seen," she says; "and I've received bushels of fan letters, including some from foreign countries."

Asked if any of her "fan" letters were love letters, Dorothy blushingly said "No," although she admitted that one very touching letter she received was from a boy who said he wished "I had been there to catch you when you when you jumped."

Dorothy, a senior at the time of the fire, is continuing her studies in the hospital, and has been promised a diploma when her class is graduated in June.

When she finishes with school

and doctors, she wants to do secretarial work.

In Atlanta?
"Well, could be!" says Dorothy.

Atlanta Constitution
3/24/47



Mr. Ervin Carlisle rides public bus from Phenix City, Alabama to Atlanta after auto accident on August 1, 1948 .

He rode 124 miles with a broken neck in order to receive care at Grady.

Dorothy Hancock 9/46 is the student nurse in the photo.



Mr. Carlise is discharged
from Grady in
November 1948

HE CONQUERED BROKEN NECK—This courageous man is Ervin Carlise, 35, Atlanta railroad machinist, who broke his neck in an automobile accident last Aug. 1. Mr. Carlise amazed everybody by riding a bus from Phenix City, Ala., to Atlanta shortly after the accident. He wanted the care he knew Grady hospital could give him. His neck is in a steel brace, but he hopes to be able to return to work March 1.—Journal Photo by Buddy C.

Confessions

Student Dismissed for “Automobiling” In 1917

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL MATTERS, SEPT. 21ST,
1917.

The Committee on Medical Matters met Sept. 21st,
1917.

The Superintendent of Nurses reported to the Committee that Miss Mary Lou McClain, a pupil nurse, had violated the rules governing the Training School, in that she left the Hospital without permission, and went automobiling, leaving the Hospital about 6:30 p. m. and returning at about 10:30 p.m.

Immediately upon her return to the Hospital, she discovered that the Superintendent of Nurses was still in the New Building, and Miss McClain hid herself on the first floor, hoping thereby to escape detection.

Miss McClain's absence from the quarters was discovered by other nurses, and reported, and a thorough search was made for her.

The Committee decided that it was to the interest of the Training School to ask Miss McClain to tender her resignation.

Miss McClain tendered her resignation and left the Hospital, Sept. 22nd, 1917.

1954 Acts Punishable by the Student Council

1. Late leave violations
2. Using telephone longer than 5 minutes
3. Excessive noise in the nurses' residence
4. Disorderly conduct
5. Uniform violations
6. Leaving kitchens disorderly
7. Absence from Student Body Meetings or Student Council

Study Time



RESTRICTION 'LAST STRAW'

Grady Strike Laid To Baby 'Mix-Up'

A baby mix-up which almost went undiscovered was the main reason for the 2-hour strike of Grady Hospital student nurses Tuesday, it was disclosed Wednesday by Superintendent J. Moss Beeler.

A baby, believed to be the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dudley, of 440 Cooper Street, was sent to the Dudley home Monday afternoon when Mrs. Dudley was dismissed from the hospital. Mrs. Dudley, however, saw that the child was not her own, and the mistake was corrected quickly, Dr. Beeler said.

The mix-up took place when the infants were returned to their cribs after the afternoon nursing period. Alice Marie Dudley was put into the crib of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt M. Hany, of 191 Simpson Street, N. W., and the Hany child put into Alice Marie's crib.

When nurses came to get Alice Marie, they took the Hany's daughter by mistake, he stated.

The nurses who were to blame have been put under "restriction" for a period three months, Dr. Beeler said, and during that time will be allowed no outside social engagements.

Meanwhile, The Georgian learned that the strikers considered this punishment the "last straw" in what they termed a series of impositions which included being made to scrub all parts of the wards, except the floors, "while patients needed our care."

A spokesman for the insurgent group declared that "we struck because of the amount of work we had to do which was not included in our training as nurses, and because of the constant criticism of our private affairs."

She said that all beds, tables, windows, baseboards and other dust-collecting parts of the wards had to be scrubbed even when there were not enough nurses to properly attend the patients. Negro orderlies scrubbed the floors, it was stated.

No personal feeling against the heads of the hospital was involved. The Georgian was told, but merely a desire to enable the nurses to better attend to their proper hospital duties because "we want to be nurses, not orderlies."

Two years ago a similar baby "mix-up" at Grady was given national publicity when one of the babies, Mary Louise Pittman Garner, decided at the age of 18 that she had been living with the wrong parents.

She left her home with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Pittman on Capitol Avenue to live with Mr. and Mrs. John Garner in Macon.

Student Nurses Strike 1930's

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Who Durnnit???

Marriage



GRADY NURSES AT THE "NEXT MOST EXCITING MOMENT IN OUR LIVES" Elsie Newman Baird (left) and Helen Julia Rutledge receive diplomas from Frank Wilson

THRILL-PACKED CAREERS

**Saved in Hotel Fire,
2 Nurses Graduate**

By L. P. PATTERSON

For three long years Elsie Newman Baird and Helen Julia Rutledge lived, worked, played and even escaped death together. Tuesday night their thrill-packed careers as student nurses at Grady Memorial hospital was topped off when they received their diplomas and donned the white uniforms and caps of graduate nurses with 43 other Grady trainees.

Roommates since they enrolled in 1944, Elsie, who six months ago became Mrs. Renfro Baird, wife of a Grady intern, and Helen have shared each other's triumphs and tribulations. They shared the excitement of Elsie's "secret" marriage; they even shared the same flimsy rope made of bed-sheets to escape from their eighth-floor room of the burning Wine-coff hotel during the early morning hours of Dec. 7, 1946.

Elsie came to Grady from her home at Tampa, Fla.; Helen's parents reside at Gastonia, N. C. They quickly became warm friends. A romance blossomed between them and Dr. Baird, Helen often with her own date.

Doctor Baird followed, sliding down to the seventh floor, and Helen then staked her life on the rope. All three were clinging to the sheets, high over Peachtree st. At that moment firemen raised a ladder to the window and all three stepped on it and descended to the ground.

But for this plucky threesome the exciting night was far from over. Hurrying to the hospital, they donned their uniforms and took their places with other doctors and nurses ministering to the scores of injured. Like all other members of the staff, they stayed on the job until the last victim had been treated.

Tuesday night's graduation, as compared to their previous expe-



rience, was something of an anticlimax but both nurses readily admitted it was "the next most exciting moment in our lives." Catching their diplomas at school pins, they threw their arms around each other laughing at Doctor Baird? He wasn't. He's a patient at Grady, coming from a slight attack.

Student nurses
Elsie Newman Baird and
Helen Julia Rutledge
reveal secret after
Winecoff Hotel fire.
March 1947 graduation

It's *All* in the Family

GRADY GRADUATES

Three Sisters Get Diplomas

Three of 20 Negro nurses who were graduated from the Grady Memorial Hospital School of Nursing have something more in common than just a diploma.

Laverne and Elizabeth Ridley and Mrs. Lena Ridley Murph are sisters from Birmingham, Ala., who have finished the three-year course at Grady together.

We're not sure yet where we'll start out but we do want to work together on our first job," Mrs. Murph said, speaking for all three.

They displayed their diplomas proudly. Graduation ceremonies were held at Big Bethel Church Tuesday night. Hughes Spalding, Chairman of the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority, presided.

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Siblings Graduate Together
March 22, 1951 Graduation

Laverne and Elizabeth Ridley
and Mrs. Lena Ridley Murph



Two Pairs of Sisters
The MacDermids and the Middletons
1913

Questions and Answers

Records of 1st and 3rd Graduation from the Municipal Training School for Colored Nurses
Source: Spelman College Archives

1917

First Annual Commencement

M. T. S.

The Superintendent, of Nurses, and Senior Class
of the
Municipal Training School for Colored
of the
Grady Hospital
extend to you a cordial invitation
to attend the
Graduating Exercises
to be held
Thursday evening, May the seventeenth
Nineteen hundred and seventeen
at eight o'clock
First Congregational Church
corner Courtland and Houston Streets

First Commencement May 17, 1917

1920

Third Annual Commencement
The Superintendent of Nurses and Senior Class
of the
Municipal Training School for Colored Nurses
of the
Grady Hospital
extend to you a cordial invitation
to attend the
Graduating Exercises
to be held
Friday evening June the eighteenth
Nineteen hundred and twenty
at eight o'clock
New Y. M. C. B 146 Butler St., Atlanta, Ga.

Third Commencement June 18, 1920



“Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.”

Theodor Seuss Geisel