

The Mildred Montag Collection

Collection Summary

Repository:	Adelphi University
Creator:	Mildred Montag
Title:	The Mildred Montag Collection
Inclusive Dates:	1900s-2002
Quantity:	2.5 linear feet (3 boxes)
Abstract:	The Mildred Montag collection contains a variety of materials that belonged to Mildred Montag, nursing educator and founder of the Adelphi College School of Nursing, and range in date from 1860 to 2002 with the bulk of materials dated between 1942 and 1981.
Language:	Collection materials are in English

Biographical History

Mildred Montag founded the Adelphi College School of Nursing in 1942 and was the Director of the program until 1948. Montag graduated from Hamline University in 1931, received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Minnesota in 1933, and was granted both a Masters and Doctorate of Education from Columbia University's Teachers College in 1950. Her dissertation "The Education of Nursing Technicians" was considered landmark in that it advocated a two-year training program at community and junior colleges rather than the standard three-year hospital-based. In addition to these academic achievements, Mildred Montag also worked as a nursing arts instructor at a number of hospitals until she became the Director of the Adelphi College School of Nursing, after which she joined the faculty of the Nursing Education Program at Teachers college in 1950. Her work in these positions and in her own research garnered her citations of achievement from Universities such as Brooklyn College, Hamline University, and even an honorary Degree from Adelphi University. She lived with Ruth S. Harley, former Dean of Women at Adelphi University, for 64 years. Mildred Montag died on January 21, 2004 at the age of 95.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Mildred Montag collection contains a number of different materials related to the professional life of Mildred Montag. The collection contains: photographs of Mildred as well as members of her family and friends, some of the degrees she earned and was honored with, correspondence between Montag and various parties, a copy of the Adelphi University Reports concerning the Death of Martin Luther King Jr., several World War II ration books, a Montag's Doctoral Thesis "The Education of Nursing Technicians: A Report of a Type B Project," a library copy of "Notes of Nursing" by Florence Nightingale, an early edition of "Notes on Nursing," and a large commemorative plate made in honor of Montag's oration at the New South Wales of Nursing in 1973.

Administrative Information

Provenance

Material donated by Pat Coonan, Dean of Nursing, in Fall 2014.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific items; Date (if known); The Mildred Montag Collection; Box and folder number; Adelphi University Archives and Special Collections, Garden City, NY.

Processing Information

This collection was processed in June 2015 by Robert Michels.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

The Mildred Montag Collection is open to research. Photocopies of fragile materials are provided for researchers in lieu of the originals.

Use Restrictions

Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from the collection must be requested from Adelphi University Archives and Special Collections. Researchers are responsible for copyright compliance.

Subject and Genre Headings

People:

Montag, Mildred (1909-2004)
Nelson, Louise
Nelson, August
Gilbreth, McKenna Ann
Harley, Ruth Stratton
Rodrigues, Ylana Gracielli
Slater, Reda
Weddige, Dorothy
Gideonse, Harry
Bernhardt, Judge
Spangler, Edwin
Nielson, Edith

Organizations:

Columbia University
United States Office of Price Administration
Adelphi University
Brooklyn College
Hamline University

University of Minnesota

Geographic Names:

Long Island (N.Y.)
Hempstead (N.Y.)
Japan
Philippines
Dutch East Indies

Topics:

World War II
Education, Nursing
Academic Honors
Degrees, Academic – United States

Arrangement of the Collection

Personal Photographs are housed in a single folder. Materials associated with the honorary degree from Adelphi University are housed in a single folder. Materials associated with the Citation of Honors from Brooklyn College are housed in a single folder. Materials associated with the Citation of Honors from Hamline University are housed in a single folder. Materials associated with World War II are housed in a single folder. Newspaper Clippings found within Montag's personal Bible are housed in a single folder. Bookmarks found within Montag's personal Bible are housed in a single folder. Photographs found within Montag's personal Bible are housed in a single folder. Ephemera gathered from within Montag's personal Bible are housed in a single folder. Correspondence to Mildred Montag is housed in a single folder. Materials concerning the 1981 Nassau Community College Commencement are housed in a single folder. A drawing by Larry G Coleman, associated with the collection, is housed in a single folder. A photograph of Mildred receiving an award or citation from the University of Minnesota is housed in a single folder. Books in the collection are housed in a single box along with Mildred Montag's Doctorate from Columbia University's Teachers College. An engraved commemorative plate given to Mildred Montag is housed in a separate box along with a folder containing the letter of thanks given with the plate and its associated envelope.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Box	Folder	Title
1	1	Photograph (color) of Mildred Montag and Unidentified Subject with cake, n.d.
	1	Cabinet Card Photograph (black and white) of unidentified man and woman, 1900s
	1	Cabinet Card Photograph (black and white) of unidentified family, 1900's
	1	Photograph (color) of Mildred Montag, Vernon Gravely, and Ruth S Harley, 2002
	1	Photograph (black and white) of Mildred Montag, n.d.
	1	Photograph (color) of Mildred Montag and Unidentified Subject, n.d.
	1	Photograph (black and white) of Mildred Montag by Bachrach, 1940

- 1 Photograph (color) of McKenna Ann Gilbreth, 2001
- 1 Photograph (color) of 5 unknown subjects around a table with food, n.d.
- 1 Photograph (color) of unknown elderly man and elderly woman, n.d.
- 1 Photograph (color) of a cake, n.d.
- 1 Photograph (color) of McKenna Ann Gilbreth, 2002
- 1 Photograph (color) of McKenna Ann Gilbreth, 2002
- 1 Photograph (black and white) of "Clark," n.d.
- 1 Photograph (black and white) of "Clark," n.d.
- 1 Photograph (color) of Mildred Montag, Ruth S Harley, and Ylana Gracielli Rodrigues, 2002
- 1 Photograph (color) of Mildred Montag, Ruth S Harley, Ylana Rodrigues, and Vernon Gravely, 2002
- 1 Photograph (black and white) Unidentified Subject swearing Oath of Allegiance, n.d.
- 1 Photograph (black and white) of Mildred Montag, "George," and "Juanita," n.d.
- 1 Photograph (black and white) of "Clark," n.d.
- 1 Photograph of "Richard" and "Julie," 1994
- 2 Letter from Adelphi University to Mildred Montag, 1968
- 2 Graduation Card (to Mildred from Pat and Dick), 1968
- 2 Adelphi University Reports (Vol. 1, Number 3), 1968
- 2 Congratulation Card (to Mildred from Lillian and Ed), 1968
- 2 Congratulation Card (to Mildred from Virginia), 1968
- 2 Adelphi University Commencement Invitation, 1968
- 2 Adelphi University Commencement Program, 1968
- 2 Congratulation Card, 1968
- 2 Western Union Telegram (to Mildred from Reda Slater), 1968
- 2 Letter from Teachers College, 1968
- 2 Adelphi University Commencement Program Booklet, 1968
- 3 Newspaper Clipping, SGS Convocation Announcement, 1965
- 3 Letter of Congratulations from Columbia University, 1965

- 3 Inter-office Communication from Columbia University, 1965
- 3 Letter of Congratulations from City University of New York, 1965
- 3 Annual Convocation of the School of General Studies Program, 1965
- 3 Photograph (black and white) of Judge and Mrs. Bernhardt, Abe Stark, Harry Gideonse, Mildred Montag, and Dorothy Weddige, 1965
- 3 Copy of Letter to Edwin Spangler from Mildred Montag with Letter to Edith Nielson from Mildred Montag on the reverse, 1965
- 3 Letter from Edwin Spangler to Mildred Montag, 1965
- 3 Letter from Edith Nielson to Mildred Montag, 1965
- 3 Citation of Honor from Brooklyn College for Mildred Montag, 1965
- 4 Letter of Citation from Hamline University, 1954
- 4 Hamline University Centennial Convocation Program, 1954
- 4 Hamline University Alumni Citation, 1954
- 5 War Ration Book Two (empty) issued to Louise Nelson, 1943
- 5 War Ration Book No. 3 (2 whole stamp sheets left) issued to Louise Nelson, 1944
- 5 War Ration Book Four (6 used stamp sheets left) issued to Louise Nelson, 1945
- 5 War ration Book Two (empty) issued to August Nelson, 1943
- 5 Coupon for 5 pounds of Canning Sugar, signed Louise Nelson, 1945
- 5 War Ration Book One (3 stamps left) issued to Louise Nelson, 1942
- 5 War Ration Book One (3 stamps left) issued to August Nelson, 1942
- 5 Ration Book Holder, 1943
- 6 Newspaper Clipping "Hang Flag Right," n.d.
- 6 Newspaper Clipping "Few Americans Know Much about Our Flag," n.d.
- 6 Newspaper Clipping, photo of Mildred Montag with a blurb naming her the head of the New School of Nursing, 1942
- 6 Newspaper Clipping, "Instructors in Nursing to Become Pupils," n.d.
- 6 Newspaper Clipping, "Night Nurse" from "Moods" by Bunny Gehrman, n.d.
- 6 Newspaper Clipping, "Prominent Estelline Men Arrested," n.d.
- 7 Painted Plastic Bookmark with 2 ribbons and 3 flowers, n.d.

- 7 Painted Plastic bookmark with 2 ribbons and 1 flower, n.d.
- 7 Painted Plastic Bookmark with 1 ribbon and 1 flower, n.d.
- 7 Painted Plastic Bookmark, n.d.
- 7 Mother's Day Bookmark with tassel, n.d.
- 7 Plastic Bookmark of the 23rd Psalm, n.d.
- 7 Plastic Cross Shaped Bookmark with Tassel, n.d.
- 8 Photograph (oval, black and white) of Mildred Montag, with associated envelope, n.d.
- 8 Photograph (black and white) of unknown family, 1927
- 8 Photograph (black and white) of unknown young boy, n.d.
- 8 Photograph (color) of Mildred Montag at a party, n.d.
- 9 Ephemera gathered from family bible, 1941, 1946, 1947, n.d.
- 10 Correspondence between Mildred Montag and Joseph Messer, April 11th, 1968
- 11 University of Minnesota, Bachelor of Science Degree, 1933
- 12 Nassau County Community College Commencement Invitation, 1981
- 12 Western Union Mailgram, 1981
- 13 Print (black and white) of large feline by Larry G Coleman, 1962
- 14 Photograph (black and white) of Mildred Montag receiving an award/citation, from University of Minnesota, n.d.
- 2 1 (Book) Florence Nightingale's "Notes on Nursing," 1946
- 2 (Book) Holy Bible Red Letter Edition, 1905
- 3 (Book) "Education of Nursing Technicians: A Report of a Type B Project," 1950
- 4 (Book) Florence Nightingale's "Notes on Nursing," 1860
- 5 Columbia University Doctorate of Education, 1950
- 3 1 (Artifact) Decorative Commemorative Silver Plate engraved for Mildred Montag, 1973
- 2 Envelope and Associated Letter sent with Commemorative Silver Plate from New South Wales Nursing College, 1973

Items Found In Family Bible

Contents found within Mildred Montag Bible

Pg. 175: Letter fragment, n.d.

Pg. 237: Memorial Card for August Nelson, 1941

Pg. 265: India Lace School Day, pamphlet from the Women's Missionary Federation of the American Lutheran Church, 1941

Pg. 323: torn letter/recipe, n.d.

Pg. 327: torn contest entry slip, n.d.

Pg. 337: notes on scrap paper, n.d.

Pg. 384: Newspaper clipping "Prominent Estellines Men Arrested," n.d.

Pg. 401: Suggested Readings for Lent, n.d.

Pg. 421: paper scrap, n.d.

Pg. 423: Philippians 4:19 paper bookmark, n.d.

Pg. 427: paper scrap, n.d.

Pg. 437: paper note, n.d.

Pg. 439: flower, unidentified species, n.d.

Pg. 439: plastic bookmark with ribbon, n.d.

Pg. 449: torn piece of an essay, n.d.

Pg. 459: paper scrap with writing, n.d.

Pg. 577: Letter from Mildred Montag to her Aunt Montag, 1941

Pg. 621: cross shaped bookmark with tassel, n.d.

Pg. 625: paper scrap, n.d.

Pg. 673: loose leaf paper scrap with handwriting, n.d.

Pg. 675: newspaper clipping of Mildred Montag being named head of School of Nursing at Adelphi College, 1942

Pg. 701: adhesive paper scrap, n.d.

Pg. 767: paper scrap with writing, n.d.

Pg. 823: paper scrap with writing (part of original with pg. 767 find), n.d.

Pg. 869: plastic book-mark, n.d.

Pg. 929: newspaper clipping, contains poem from “Moods” by Bunny Gehrman titled “Night Nurses,” n.d.

Pg. 929: newspaper clipping concerning “Instructors in Nursing to Become Pupils,” n.d.

Birth Registry: Additional home added page, n.d.

Pg. 985: Newspaper Clipping “Hang Flag Right,” n.d.

Pg. 987: paper scrap, n.d.

Pg. 1017: card scrap, n.d.

Pg. 1019: card scrap, writing on reverse (fits together with 1017 find, appears to be an advertisement), n.d.

Pg. 1047: plastic bookmark, n.d.

Pg. 1057: policy assessment return card, writing on reverse, n.d.

Pg. 1095: plastic bookmark with ribbon, n.d.

Pg. 1095: scrap paper with printed writing, n.d.

Pg. 1099: Mother’s Day Bookmark with tassel, n.d.

Pg. 1099: Photograph of Mildred at a party, n.d.

Pg. 1101: plastic bookmark with ribbon, n.d.

Pg. 1103: cellophane object, printed with “Greetings to Mother,” n.d.

Pg. 1109: scrap paper with printed writing on both sides (publication), n.d.

Pg. 1111: church bulletin, April 27th, 1941

Pg. 1113: ribbon, stuck to page, n.d.

Pg. 1123: scrap paper with handwriting, n.d.

Pg. 1163: scrap paper with handwriting (part of pg. 767 and pg. 823, forms an essay or notes), n.d.

Pg. 1167: photograph, unidentified subject, n.d.

Pg. 1177: scrap paper with printed writing, n.d.

Pg. 1195: Newspaper Clipping “Few Americans Know Much about Our Flag,” n.d.

Pg. 1255: Business card from Sutton's "A Good Place to Eat," n.d.

From the Back of the Bible

Photograph (oval, black and white) of Mildred Montag with an envelope, n.d.

Photograph (black and white) of unknown family, 1927

Business Card "Dr. E. V. Bacon," handwriting on reverse, n.d.

Business Card "Bowden's Upholstery," n.d.

Receipt for Tornado Insurance for Mrs. Louise Nelson, 1946

Scrap paper with handwritten multiplication tables, n.d.

Envelope with Receipt from Central West Telephone Co. to Mrs. A. G. Nelson, 1947