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Access Restrictions

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There are no restrictions.

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Biographical / Historical

Sarah Lucinda Hill Cooke was born on 12 June 1916, in Norfolk, Virginia to Rev. William Franklin Hill and Sarah Rowe Hill. She attended Booker T. Washington High School, graduating in 1935. She then attended St. Philip School of Nursing and received her degree in 1939 and later received her masters in nursing education from New York City University. The St. Philip School of Nursing was a segregated program for Black nursing students that began in 1920 with the opening of St. Philip Hospital. At that time, Virginia law required racially segregated facilities. The Medical College of Virginia (MCV) operated the school until 1962 when it closed due to declining enrollment and the integration of the MCV School of Nursing.

Cooke worked at St. Philip Hospital, first as a staff nurse, then assistant director of Nursing Services, and served as interim director of nursing for the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals. She retired in 1979 as associate director of nursing at MCV after a forty year career.

Cooke was an active member of the St. Philip Alumnae Association, serving as its president for thirteen years. She also served as the chair of the steering committee for the St. Philip School of Nursing Endowment Fund. Cooke was a recipient of the St. Philip Alumni Star Award, and she was given the Virginia Nurses Association Pioneer Award honoring her work as a nursing trailblazer.

Scope and Contents

This is small collection primarily consisting of ephemera from Cooke's time as a St. Philip nursing student.

Keywords

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Description of Subordinate Components

Church program, Third Street Bethel A.M.E. Church, Richmond, VA

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Photograph, St. Philip Class of 1939

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Inscription on the back of the photograph reads: "1940-1941 Imogene Bunn trained these professional gentlemen to work as volunteers during the war when men were serving in the armed services. St. Philip Hospital." Imogene Morgan Bunn, pictured with the men was a 1936 graduate of St. Philip School of Nursing.

Photograph, St. Philip Hospital volunteers

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Scope and Contents

Color photographs of Cooke at a reunion event.