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Abstract

(1920–2004) Faculty member at the Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing, specialist in psychiatric nursing. Papers include reference materials and notes concerning diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses, along with course materials in the mid-1940s and the mid-1960s. These relate the state of knowledge at mid-century.

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2.5 Linear Feet 4 document boxes

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Biographical / Historical

Alice Constance (Burford) Booth (1920-2004), of Amherst, Virginia, completed high school in Nottoway County at the Blackstone College for Girls in 1940. She enrolled in the Medical College of Virginia (M.C.V.) School of Nursing diploma program, completing this in 1943, and over the next academic year earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at M.C.V., where she was also employed as head nurse of the hospital psychiatric unit. Booth subsequently undertook graduate work in New York City at the Payne-Whitney Clinic, Hunter College, and the Columbia University Teachers College. In 1945, she joined the faculty of M.C.V. as a clinical instructor in psychiatric nursing, advancing to assistant and associate professor before turning to private life at the end of the decade. In the mid-1960s, Booth resumed her career at M.C.V., and served as an instructor of psychiatric nursing for the Associate Degree program. When the Nursing School terminated the program in 1967, Booth transferred to the Student Health Service, where she remained until her retirement in 1982.

Scope and Contents

Alice Burford Booth, R.N., was a member of the faculty at the Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing, and a specialist in psychiatric nursing. Her papers, presented to the Bjoring Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry by her daughter, Patricia B. Woodard, R.N., include a variety of materials important to understanding mid-twentieth-century developments in the fields of mental health and mental health nursing, as well as strategies of nursing education. Booth assembled reference materials and notes concerning the diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses, as well as course outlines, examinations and assignments in the mid-1940s and again in the mid-1960s, when she returned to teaching after a hiatus to raise her family. Booth also collected a number of published documents, not only relative to mental health, but also concerning contraception and other medical issues, nursing education and accreditation, and informational materials on the region's major public psychiatric institutions. Course notes, examinations, and assignments by Booth herself, as a diploma student at the Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing in the early 1940s -- and later as a graduate student at the Payne-Whitney Clinic, Hunter College, and the Columbia University Teachers College -- offer views of general nursing education and certain psychiatric treatment modalities, such as pre-frontal lobotomy, electroshock therapy, and music therapy.

Arrangement

The Booth Papers are organized in three standard manuscript boxes by general chronological period and subject. Box 01 contains items relative to Booth's education and initial faculty position at M.C.V. Box 02 contains items relative to Booth's instructorship with the M.C.V. Associate Degree Program, arranged by category. Box 03 contains published documents, pamphlets and reprints. Booth's nursing uniform -- along with a photograph of her in uniform -- are contained in Box 04, which is shelved with other uniform donations.

Description of Subordinate Components

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, PRE-CLINICAL CLASS SCHEDULE, ACADEMIC YEAR 1940-41

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43632

Unit Date 1940-41

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Container 001 (folder)

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, PRE-CLINICAL CLASS NOTES AND EXAMS FOR ANATOMY, CHEMISTRY, AND HISTORY OF NURSING

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Unit Date 1940-41

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MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, PRE-CLINICAL CLASS NOTES AND EXAMS FOR MICROBIOLOGY (BACTERIOLOGY), NURSING ARTS, AND PHARMACOLOGY

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Unit Date 1940-41

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MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, PRE-CLINICAL CLASS NOTES AND EXAMS FOR PHYSIOLOGY, PROFESSIONAL ADJUSTMENTS, AND PSYCHOLOGY

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit Date 1940-41

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EMERGENCY NURSING CLASS EXAM

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43636

Unit Date ca. 1941-43

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PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHIATRIC NURSING, CLASS NOTES AND EXAMS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43637

Unit Date 1942, n.d.

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COLUMBIA TEACHERS COLLEGE, PSYCHIATRIC NURSING CLASS NOTES

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Unit Date 1943 SPRING

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NOTES CONCERNING ALCOHOLISM, BRAIN TRAUMA, PRE-FRONTAL LOBOTOMY

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit Date 1943, 1944, ca. 1944

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MENTAL HYGIENE READINGS AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43640

Unit Date ca. 1943 FALL

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NOTES CONCERNING 30-HOUR LECTURE COURSE

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43641

Unit Date ca. 1943

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

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MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA HOSPITAL, PSYCHIATRIC DEPARTMENT, WARD MANUAL DRAFTS; NOTES CONCERNING WARD TEACHING PROGRAM

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43642

Unit Date ca. 1943-44

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

Container 011 (folder)

NEW YORK HOSPITAL, PAYNE WHITNEY CLINIC, STUDENTS' MANUAL

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43643

Unit Date [1944]

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COLUMBIA TEACHERS COLLEGE, EDUCATION AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, CLASS NOTES AND ARTICLES

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43644

Unit Date 1944, n.d.

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

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COLUMBIA TEACHERS COLLEGE AND OTHER SOURCES: MATERIALS CONCERNING ELECTROSHOCK THERAPY

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43645

Unit Date 1944 FALL, 1953

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

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COLUMBIA TEACHERS COLLEGE, REFERENCE MATERIALS CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43646

Unit Date ca. 1944-45

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

Container 015 (folder)

COLUMBIA TEACHERS COLLEGE, NURSING EDUCATION CLASS PAPER CONCERNING MUSIC THERAPY

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43647

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

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MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, REFERENCE MATERIALS CONCERNING DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY OF MENTAL ILLNESS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43648

Unit Date 1936, 1947, 1950, n.d.

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

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MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, REFERENCE MATERIALS AND NOTES CONCERNING TEACHING AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43649

Unit Date ca. 1944-45

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

Container 018 (folder)

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, ADMINISTRATION, CLASS SCHEDULES AND STUDENT LISTS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43650

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

Container 019 (folder)

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, NOTES CONCERNING MEETING WITH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43651

Unit Date [1945]

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MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, PSYCHIATRIC NURSING CLASS EXAMS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43652

Unit Date 1945-47, n.d.

Mixed Materials 01 (box)

Container 021 (folder)

LETTER CONCERNING NAVAL NURSE OFFICER PROGRAM

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43653

Unit Date 1946

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MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, COURSE OUTLINES, PROPOSALS, REFERENCE LISTS, AND NOTES

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43654

Unit Date 1947, ca. 1945-48

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MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM, ASSIGNMENTS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43655

Unit Date 1964, n.d.

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MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM, COURSE OUTLINES AND CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43656

Unit Date 1959, 1960, ca. 1964

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Container 002 (folder)

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM, EVALUATION FORMS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43657

Unit Date ca. 1965-67

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 003 (folder)

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM, EXAMINATIONS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43658

Unit Date 1963, 1964, n.d.

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 004 (folder)

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM, MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43659

Unit Date 1961, 1965, 1968, n.d.

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 005 (folder)

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM, REFERENCE MATERIALS CONCERNING ALCOHOLISM

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43660

Unit Date 1955-1964, n.d.

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MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM, REFERENCE MATERIALS ON BRAIN DISORDERS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43661

Unit Date 1964, n.d.

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Container 007 (folder)

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM, REFERENCE MATERIALS CONCERNING DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY OF MENTAL ILLNESS, AND NURSING RESPONSIBILITIES

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43662

Unit Date 1952, ca. 1965-67

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 008 (folder)

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM, REFERENCE MATERIALS CONCERNING DRUGS AND DRUG THERAPY

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43663

Unit Date 1960-63, n.d.

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 009 (folder)

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM, REFERENCE MATERIALS CONCERNING PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43664

Unit Date 1955-1966, n.d.

Mixed Materials 02 (box)

Container 010 (folder)

PAMPHLETS: CONCERNING NURSING EDUCATION/ACCREDITATION

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43665

Unit Date ca. 1935, 1941-46

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PAMPHLETS: CONCERNING CONTRACEPTION, FIRST AID, INFANT CARE, POLIO

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43666

Unit Date 1936, 1940, 1944, n.d.

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PAMPHLETS: CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43667

Unit Date 1951-1960, n.d.

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

Container 003 (folder)

PAMPHLETS: CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH PUBLICATIONS AND FILMS; VIRGINIA STATUTES RELATIVE TO MENTAL HYGIENE

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43668

Unit Date 1959, 1960

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

Container 004 (folder)

PAMPHLETS: MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES: 1) CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL, 2) LYNCHBURG TRAINING SCHOOL, 3) SAINT ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL, 4) EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL, 5) VIRGINIA TREATMENT CENTER FOR CHILDREN

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43669

Unit Date 1960-64, n.d.

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

Container 005 (folder)

REPRINTS, ARTICLES: VARIOUS TOPICS, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH NURSING AND THERAPY

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43670

Unit Date 1934-1964

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

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ITEMS CONCERNING THE BOOTH DONATION

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43671

Unit Date 1998, ca. 2000

Mixed Materials 03 (box)

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UNIFORM: MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA HOSPITAL NURSE'S UNIFORM, WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF ALICE CONSTANCE (BURFORD) BOOTH IN UNIFORM

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/8/archival_objects/43672

Unit Date 1943

Mixed Materials 04 (box)

Container 001 (folder)