



REUNION DAY 2022

CLASS OF 1915 - 1937

ANNIVERSARY YEARS CELEBRATION

1ST GRADUATION January 22, 1915

GRADUATES 1915

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The remainder of graduates entered at various times until a sufficient number was reached in order to have a graduation.

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Entered 1911 Ada Egan
Sister M. Gerard Moran

Entered 1914 Helen Carroll
Lillian Furrey
Clara Grant
Mabel Grant
Angela Halloran
Ella Kelly
Anne Maloney
Annie McGinnity
Jean Morin

Sister M. Vincent Bergin
Sister M. Loretto Gainer



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St. Joseph's Graduate pin was designed by Sister St. Basil of the Sisters of St. Joseph while she was the superintendent of Nurses in 1915.



Sister M. Gerard Morin '15

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*There are 8 nurses in the photo
there are 9 names of grads with the photo
record book lists names of 13 graduates*

Photos of the Sisters were not permitted in the class photos



1915 Class Ring



The birth of St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae Association

The St. Joseph Hospital Alumnae was organized in 1915 under the convenorship of Misses Ada Egan and Jean Morin, assisted by Mother Helen Superior of the Hospital and Sister St. Basil Superintendent of Nurses.

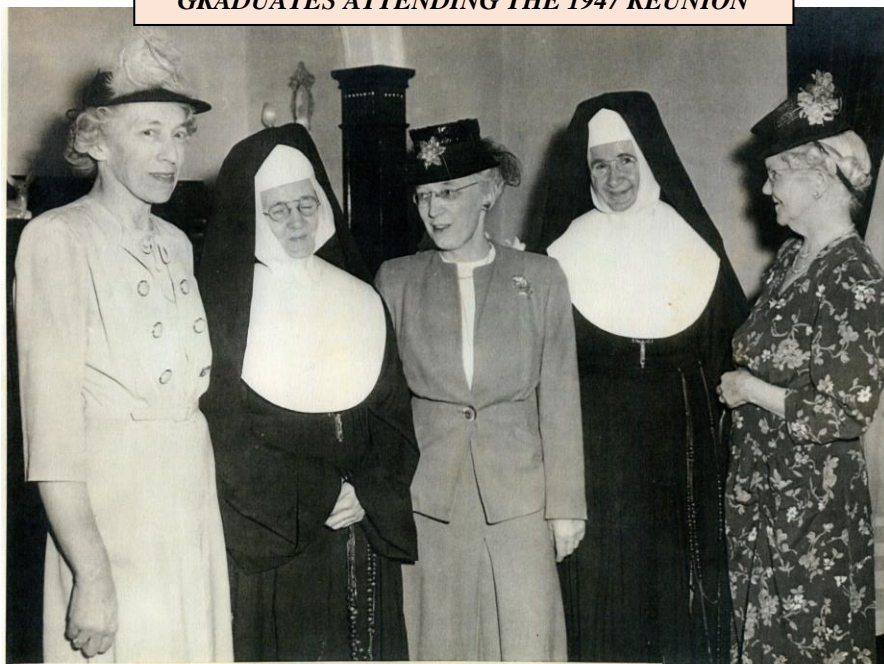
After much planning and formulating of the constitutions and by-laws the nucleus of the present association was formed, with Miss Ella Kelly as president.

The Alumnae grew and progressed over the years always working hand in hand with the School of Nursing.

The graduates of the School form the body of the alumnae today.

*Ella Kelly '15
was the 1st President of the Nurses Alumnae
She was President from 1915 - 1933*

GRADUATES ATTENDING THE 1947 REUNION



*Graduates of the class of 1915
Ana Maloney Sister St. Basil Jean Morin Sister St. Gerard Ella Kelly*



Past Alumnae Presidents

<i>Back Row:</i>	<i>Iva</i>	<i>Kathleen</i>	<i>Leona</i>	<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Eva</i>	<i>Mildred</i>	<i>Irene</i>
	<i>Loyst '24</i>	<i>O'Brien '24</i>	<i>Hudecki '41</i>	<i>Quinn '20</i>	<i>Moran '20</i>	<i>Hayes '27</i>	<i>Murray '19</i>
<i>Front Row:</i>	<i>Doris Crossley '32 Ella Kelly '15</i>						

St Joseph's 60th Anniversary Celebrations

Solemn High Mass was celebrated on the lawn of Marygrove. Estimated 500 guests attended

Mass was followed by an open house of the hospital from 2 – 4 pm.

Guests were met at the door by Sister Superior M Geraldine '30 then guided through the hospital by the nurses. The Ladies Auxiliary of the hospital served tea on the lawn,

The nurses annual Reunion Dinner was held on the same day, Thursday June 8th, 1950

The graduates attended the 60th Anniversary celebrations.

This picture of past Alumnae Presidents was taken at the reunion



Dr. Balfe with students



Recreation



Dr Lang with student nurses
teaching anatomy and physiology



No graduation photo available for the class of 1917
Record book identifies 5 graduates

GRADUATES 1917 Genevieve Boyes Elizabeth Cahill Eileen Dermody Helena Fagan Helen Heffernan

Alumnae Meeting -- January 1944

Sister Ursula Barry '32 mentioned the Roll of Honour for overseas nurses.

Jean Morin '15,

Jessie McNaughton '36,

Dorothy Burton '38

Helen Hefferman '17,

May Mitchell '37,

Marion Wright '38

Genevieve Boyes Higgins '17 was the 5th President of the Nurses Alumnae



*Genevieve Boyes'17 Margaret Lenhard'16 Nora Finn'18 Helen Fagan '17
attending the Nurses Alumnae Reunion 1947*

*1979 Reunion Day Celebrations
Flowers were given to Marjorie Lenhard Pulver '16,
the most senior alumnus present at the dinner.*



CHAPEL—ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL 1917



No graduation photo available for the class of 1922
Record book identifies 16 graduates



Undermount Nurses Residence opened November 28, 1922

GRADUATES 1922

Irene Brick
Jean Bugg
Agnes Campbell
Julia Corriveau
Mary Daley
Clara Doher
Jacquette MacDonald
Gladys McPherson
Marjorie Morin
Matilda Murawsky
Helen O'Dwyer
Margaret O'Neill
Mary Perry
Jean Watts
Helen Weishar

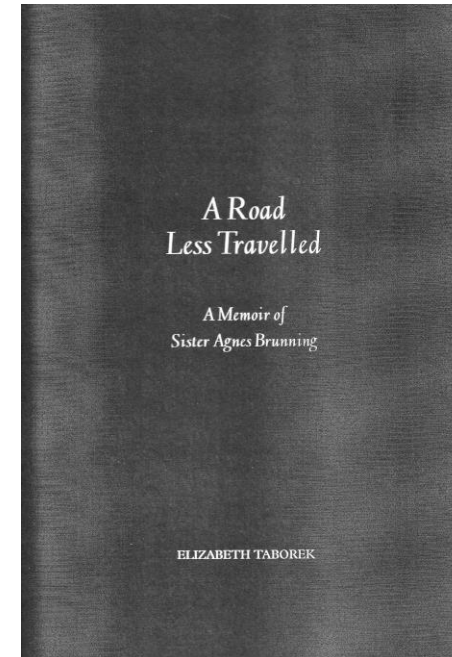
Sister Agnes Brunning

Agnes Brunning was born June 4, 1897, the 3rd youngest child in her family from Netherby, 20 km from Niagara Falls, Ont. Agnes applied for the nurses training program offered at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton & was accepted.

She graduated in 1922 at the age of 25, worked for 2 years at the hospital & was paid \$25 a month. The St. Joseph's nuns urged her to join their order & so she met with Reverend Mother Superior who offered her work as a Sister / Nurse at the new St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph. This did not appeal to her. She was advised by Reverend Mother Superior to "go where you think you will do the most good".

She was later introduced to Father Coughlan, the Provincial of the Redemptorist priests in Toronto, who in turn introduced her to a new order of nuns, the Sisters of Service.

The order came into being in 1922. Their purpose was to serve Catholic immigrants in the West, especially those homesteading in isolated communities, through teaching, nursing and social work.



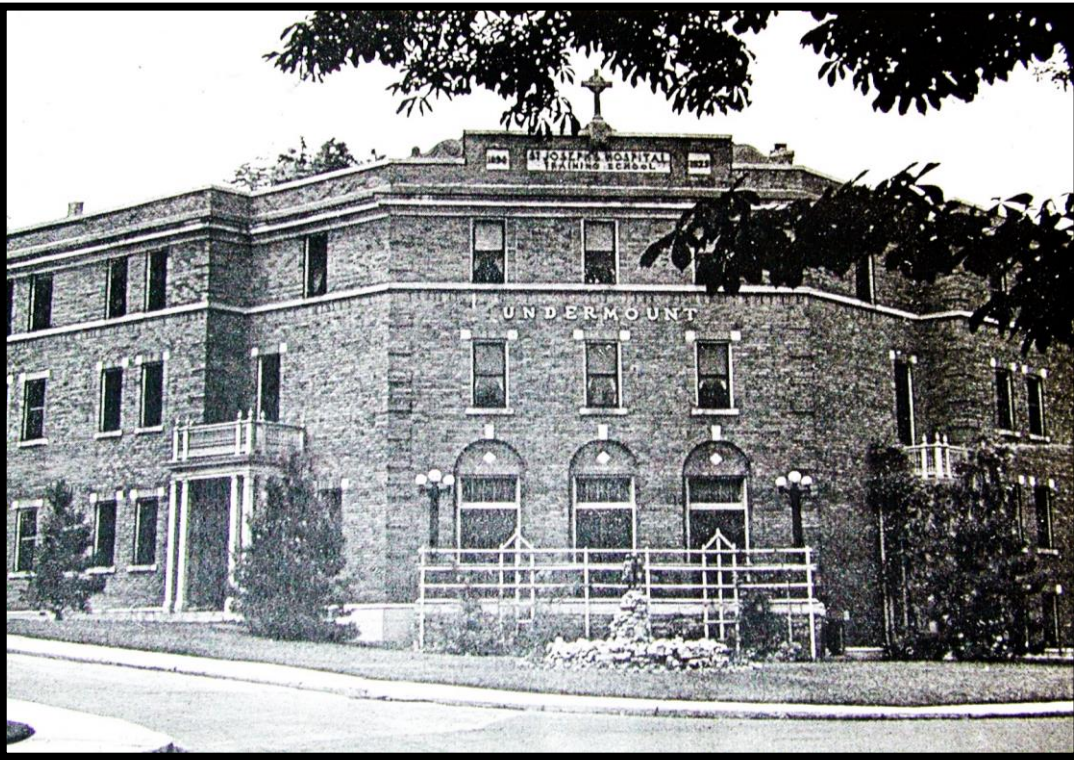
"A ROAD LESS TRAVELLED"

A Memoir of Sister Agnes Brunning

*Written by her niece Elizabeth Taborek 2006
Donated to the Nurses Alumnae by Mary Taborek '63*

Reunion Day 1994

Sister Agnes Brunning, a member of the class of 1922, celebrated her 97th birthday on June 4, 1994 and her 70th as a Sister.



The building which is laid out in the form of an L and which is 206 feet long, is located on John Street South just south of the main buildings of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Communication for the nurses and Sisters between the training school and the main hospital is afforded through a tunnel, well-lighted and heated which runs under the site of the proposed Mountain Roadway and which is 175 feet long.

It is a 3 storey structure with basement the outer walls being of buff tapestry brick with white stone sills, cornices and balustrade.

One wing runs up toward the mountain and the other westerly.

Two entrances have been made at the front, one facing north for the Sisters and one facing east for the nurses.

Each has a handsome portico and between the two entrances, where on the main floor is situated the spacious reception room is a balcony of stone and iron work flanked with two metal standards bearing clusters of lights.

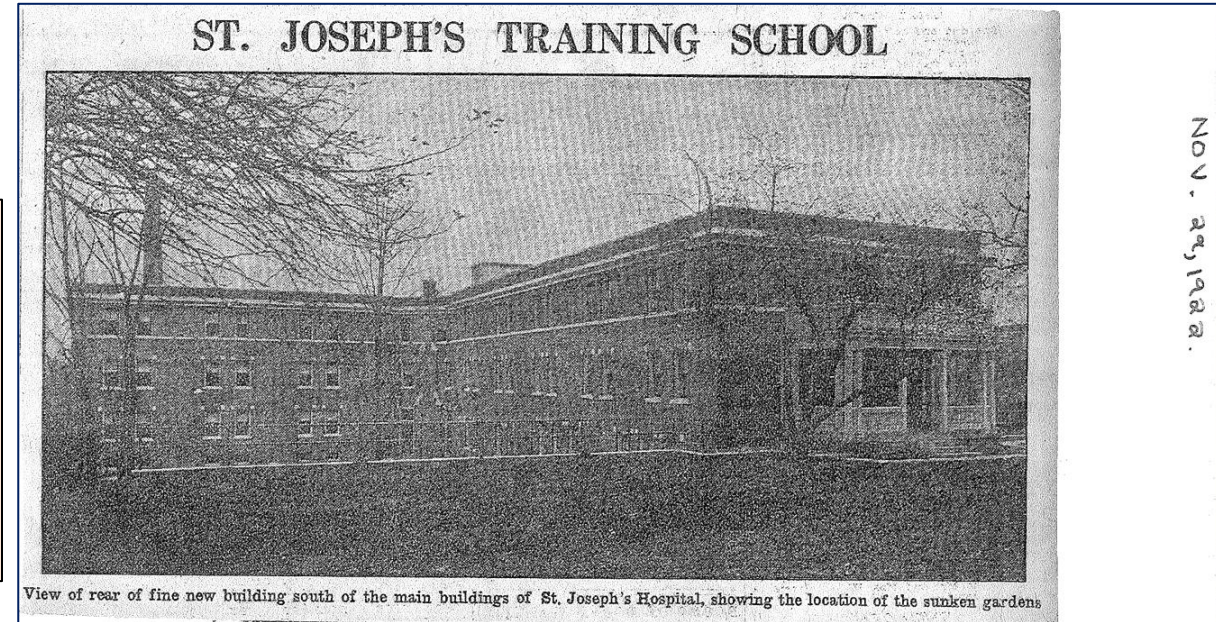
The Sisters bought Adam Brown's residence at the corner of St. Joseph's Drive and Mountwood Avenue. On September 8, 1911 the first students were enrolled. They were Sister M. Gerard Moran and Miss Ada Eagan. Seven more candidates followed at intervals.

St. Joseph's approached the city for \$50,000 financial assistance. With the Hamilton General also requesting monies for a nurses residence, a divided loyalty arose among the tax payers.

The building was later demolished to build a new nurses' residence called "Undermount" under the direction of Mother Mary Thecla and Sister St. Basil. While construction was underway students were displaced in scattered living arrangements and some students lived in the hospital itself.

The nurses residence was called "Undermount" and was opened November 28, 1922. Student enrollment was 50 and the building could accommodate 100 students. The school had an up-to-date teaching unit, libraries and reception room.

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Article published in the Hamilton Spectator Nov 25, 1922

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ST. JOSEPH'S NEW TRAINING SCHOOL

Handsome Structure Has Been Completed and Will
Be Opened on Tuesday

Marking the fulfilment of long held hopes and the achievement of a work worthy of highest commendation, the new St. Joseph's Hospital Training School for Nurses has been completed, furnished and stands ready to be formally opened on Tuesday. The handsome building, which will accommodate 98 nurses, was erected at a cost of \$155,000. The furnishings cost another \$18,000 making a total cost of \$173,000. The new Training School has long been needed and the Sisters of St. Joseph, in charge of St. Joseph's Hospital and the training school connected with that institution, feel that the work of the hospital and the nursing profession will be greatly benefited thereby.

The actual construction work was started last November, the building requiring practically a year to complete. The W. H. Yates Construction Company of this city were the contractors and Stevens & Lee of Toronto were the architects.

Tunnel Joins Buildings

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Historic Site

The site of the Training School is the same on which the former St. Joseph's Nurses' Home stood and where was, too, the old homestead of Adam Brown, known as Undermount. The historic name has been preserved in the stately new building which now stands there, in whose front are set, high up, stones inscribed:

"1890-1922

St. Joseph's Hospital
Training School"

And underneath this

"Undermount"

The whole is surmounted by a white stone cross.

Visit to New Building

It was through the kindness of ex-Alf. Frank J. Radigan, secretary of the Board of Governors of St. Joseph's Hospital, interested for some years in its welfare and particularly active in securing a new training school and residence for the nurses there, that a Herald representative was afforded an opportunity of paying a visit of inspection

to the new Training School this week, just as the work of furnishing it was being completed.

The building presents from John street an appearance indeed attractive and, after passing the hospital one reaches the fine new place, just south of the hospital and looking down on it somewhat from a gradual slope. It is a three-storey structure with basement, the outer walls being of buff tapestry brick with white stone sills, cornices and balustrade. One wing runs up towards the mountain and the other west-erly. Two entrances have been made at the front, one facing north for the sisters and one facing east for the nurses. Each has a handsome portico and between the two entrances, where, on the main floor, is situated the spacious reception room, is a balcony of stone and iron work, flanked with two metal standards, bearing clusters of lights.

Attractive Grounds

The grounds surrounding the buildings have been terraced and are covered with grass and shrubs. There is a rockery and a little fountain, too, in front of the main entrances.

The lawns are progressing fast and promise inviting tennis courts where, to the south, ground has been laid out for them. These courts will be for the use of the nurses during their spare hours.

A Sunken Garden

The grounds within the arms of the L, formed by the two wings of the building, look attractive even at this time of year but promise to be much more attractive in a year or so. The grounds form a charming sunken garden. Rose bushes and shrubs are already in and the garden in the near future will be a bower of beauty and a quiet and restful spot which will afford relaxation and pleasure to the sisters.

The Main Floor

Entering one of the main doorways, with its quaint hanging lantern, one finds a small office and then the main reception room and living room with its inviting furniture, all in walnut, and cozy fireplace, and off that a library with commodious bookcases. A large lecture room, capable of accommodating 300 persons; a demonstrating room; a cloak room for doctors and lecturers; a lunch room for nurses and many other attractive features are to be found on the main floor.

From the main living room, at the front of the building, a fine view is afforded through three big French windows which look out on a balcony. Pretty curtains and striped blue velour hangings add to the pleasing effect.

As in all the rest of the building, the floors here are of oak. Great Wilton rugs cover the polished hardwood and comfortable chairs and rockers, upholstered in tapestry, and big mohair chesterfields dot the spacious room. A piano, a large gramophone, big, rich-looking walnut tables, reading lamps and many other aids to comfort and relaxation are to be seen around the room. Two

other pianos are to be found in other parts of the building.

A Cozy Fireplace

At one end of the room, in a prettily lighted alcove, is a fireplace of red brick and tile with scarlet panels in walnut mouldings above. The walls of the rest of the room are done in buff with large bevel mirrors in art bronze frames inset. Three crystal chandeliers hang along the center of the room. The whole, when illuminated and with the coal fireplace with its log blazing merrily, presents a charming picture.

The library, just off the living room, also has a fireplace. It is of white marble and is between two long French windows, looking out on the sunken garden. The furniture here, as throughout most of the building, is of walnut.

Large Lecture Room

A large crucifix hangs in the main corridor at each entrance. From here one may go on to the handy sewing room, the kitchenet which the nurses will be at liberty to use, and to the demonstration room. This contains very complete modern equipment for demonstrating to the nurses in training methods of procedure in various cases. Further on is the large lecture room, previously referred to, which is equipped with a desk for chemistry and with blackboard, necessary anatomical charts, skeleton, etc. The room is 56 by 35 feet. The doctors' cloak room is just at the entrance to the lecture room. A little lunch room is also provided where nurses may enjoy a lunch when coming off duty at night.

Fine Rooms for Nurses

But the most attractive spots in the new building are the beautifully furnished and very comfortable rooms which the nurses will occupy. There are 88 single rooms and five double rooms, opening off rooms in corridors whose walls are done in buff and cream. The walls of the nurses' rooms are done in a pleasing shade of gray and the doors are of British Columbia fir, finished in mahogany. The windows in these rooms are curtained with net and have either blue or rose sundre overdrapes and cream Holland blinds.

The single rooms are 8 feet 6 inches by 12 feet 6 inches and all have hardwood floors, covered each with a handsome Wilton rug. The furniture in these rooms is of solid walnut and includes a large, five-drawer dresser, with sanitary glass top and mirror; fully equipped writing desk and chair, a deep rocker of walnut upholstered in tapestry; a handy night table with white, sanioy top, and a steel, walnut finished Simmons bed and Marshall

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MAYOR WOULD CUT COST OF NEW NURSES' HOME

Hamilton Structure Will Be Built for Less Than \$200,000 Instead of \$300,000, if Coppley's Suggestion to Hospital Governors Carries—Is Against Basement or Luxuries.

Hamilton, Feb. 18.—Instead of a \$300,000 nurses' home, Hamilton will build a home to cost less than \$200,000, if Mayor Coppley has his way. He announced to T. H. Pratt and Dr. W. Langrill of the board of hospital governors this afternoon, that he would like to see the cost kept below this mark, and that plans be drawn up for a home which would allow two nurses in one room and no basement, extras or luxuries. The hospital representatives were strongly opposed, and after a good deal of discussion it was decided to have the board of control meet the hospital governors and the architect, who is working on the plans, and confer regarding the price.

Treatment Disgraceful.
"The way we treat our nurses under present conditions is a disgrace," declared T. H. Pratt.

Controller Aitchison raised the question of care of out-of-town patients, and said he thought they should be charged more, as they were making it necessary for the city to increase hospital accommodation and also taking up space often needed by the city people. He thought a report of the number of days spent at the local institution by outsiders would be interesting, and might surprise many.

T. H. Pratt in reply said it was time that Dundas, Grimsby and other district places were making arrangements for their own hospital accommodation and not leaving it to the city of Hamilton.

Money Spent.

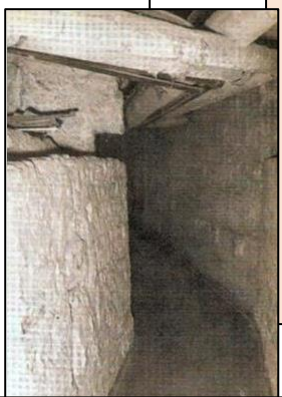
Mayor Coppley drew attention to the fact that there was \$69,000 spent on the site for the home and \$30,000 for equipment. He could not agree to a \$300,000 structure, and wanted it brought down to less than \$200,000. He suggested two nurses in a room and two shifts rather than increase the size of the building.

Dr. Langrill was opposed to the scheme of two in a room.

"The saving would not only be for the present, said Controller Aitchison, but for all time to come. If the city's debenture debt grew in the next few years like it had in the past, there would be an uncontrollable expenditure each year of 26 mills, he said.

"It is a very funny thing to me that the city of Hamilton cannot get proper hospitals. There is not a city in Ontario which has a lower rate per capita for patients," said Dr. Langrill.

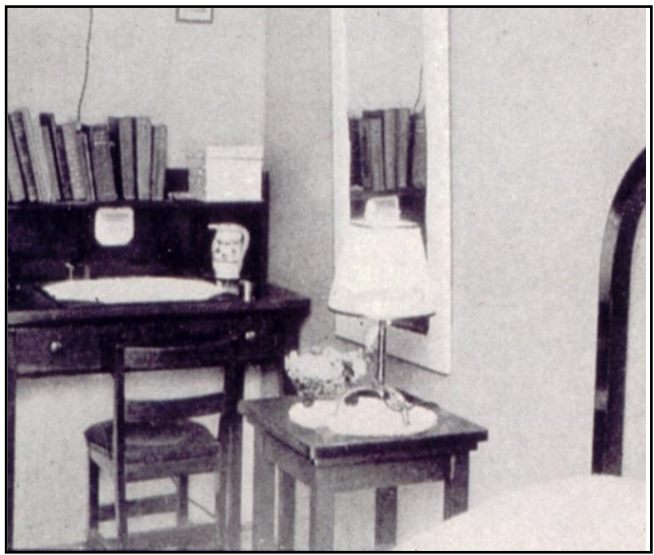
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Tunnel from the school to the main hospital



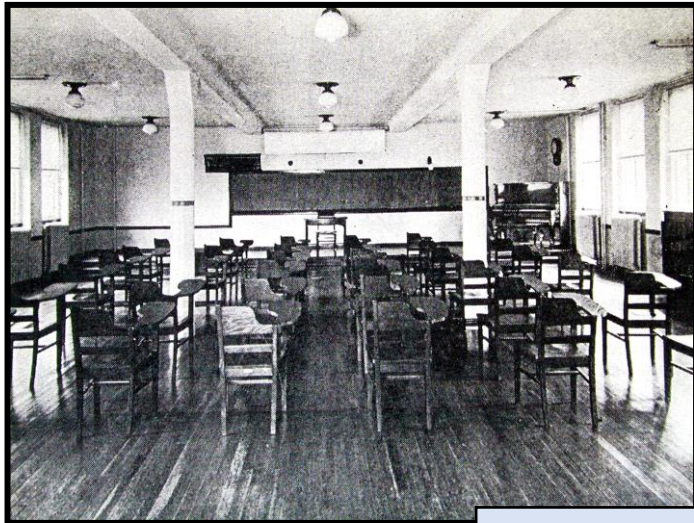
Student Bedrooms & Study Areas



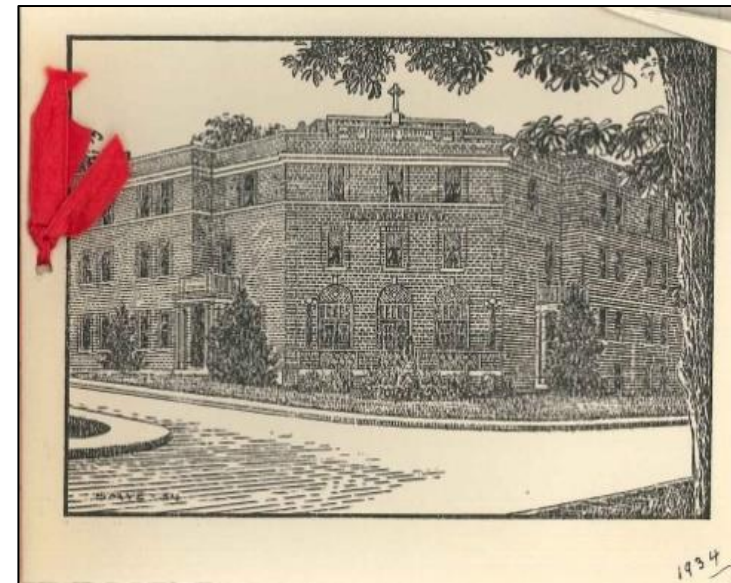
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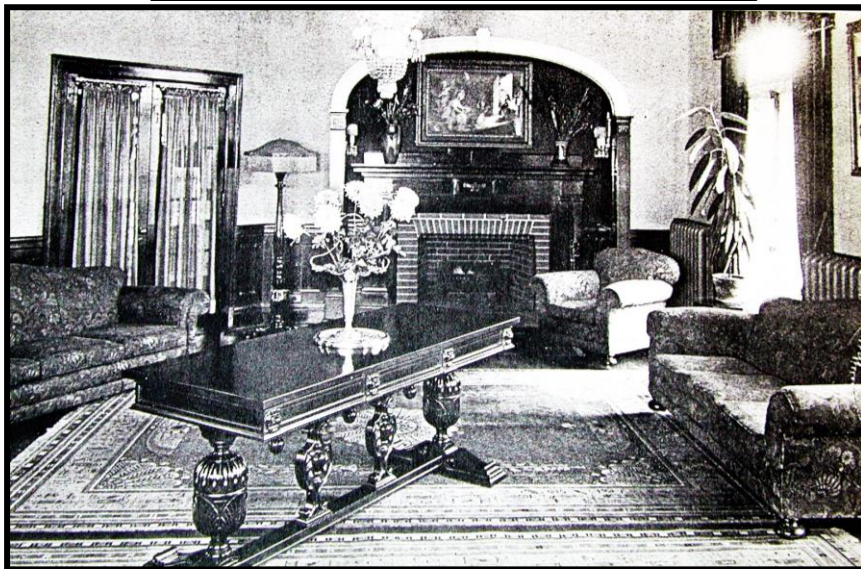


Undermount Classroom

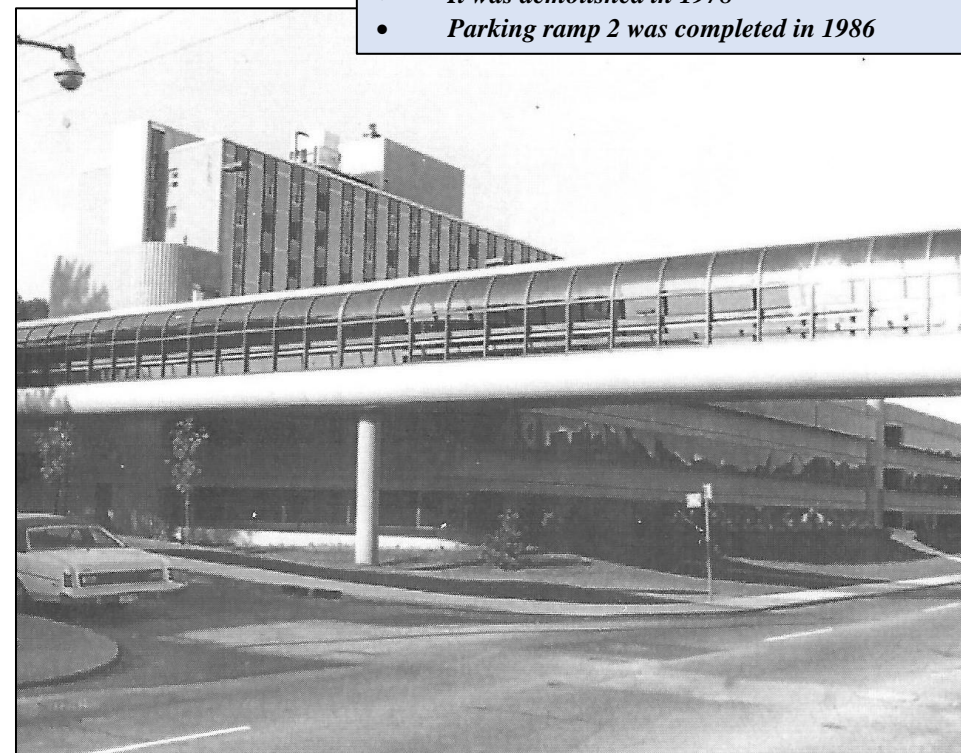


- *Undermount opened November 28th, 1922.*
- *It was demolished in 1978*
- *Parking ramp 2 was completed in 1986*

Reception Room in Undermount Residence 1922



1000 was raised by 49 graduates for the furniture in the new Undermount residence. Donations of \$5 - \$20 came from the private duty nurses who were only making \$3.50 per shift. To complete the Alumnae objective, they held a dance at the Royal Connaught Hotel



AUGUST 25, 1945

The Hospital Chapel- A Spiritual Power-house

The chapel in St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, is to be replaced by a much needed larger one in the new building. The present chapel, small but beautiful in its extreme simplicity, recalls to the worshippers memories of those whose munificence added to the loveliness of the dwelling place of our Tabernacle King.

Tombs, though lofty and magnificent, crumble and disappear but gifts to chapel and churches, in memory of loved ones departed, are treasured and meticulously cared for. Time, the destroyer of all material things, adds a new beauty to them.

A glance at the statue of the Sacred Heart above the tabernacle, the gift of one long since passed away, evokes an aspiration in loving adoration of the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

The gold tabernacle door, given by a devoted brother in memory of his departed sister, opens when Holy Communion is distributed and is closed in those precious moments when we are welcoming our Divine Guest. We reflect upon that hour which comes to all — the hour when the portals of Heaven will open wide to enclose us forever in our Eternal Home.

The adoring angels, bearing torches pointing heavenwards, at either side of the tabernacle, a gift in memory of a deceased graduate nurse, brings to our minds the attendant angel guarding our souls and guiding us through the devious paths of our earthly pilgrimage.

Each sacred object, beautiful in itself and valued, because of its suggestion of prayer and meditation is in this Holy Place because of the devotion of souls who realize that from God alone can come gifts of intrinsic value to His creatures here and beyond the grave.

A QUIET SANCTUARY

In this quiet sanctuary there is no splendor, no grandeur, nothing to distract the mind from the contemplation of Our Divine Lord dwelling therein. In its blessed stillness anxious souls have found consolation and peace, tired hearts have gained the courage and strength to forget their weariness and with sweet serenity have brought happiness to the sick and suffering. Here holy Mass is celebrated daily and fervent prayers are offered for all who are housed and treated in the hospital. Here is found the source of that light which guides the nurse and directs the surgeon's hand.

What a comfort it is for those who need medical care to know that in a Catholic hospital they may receive Holy Communion each morning they desire to do so. What a consolation for their loved ones to realize that not only the physical but the spiritual needs of those dear to them are cared for.

Seeking a cure for the maladies of the body many have found in the hospital not only restoration to health but also peace of heart and strength of soul.

1922

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*Rev. Anthony J. O'Brien
Hospital Chaplain 1922*

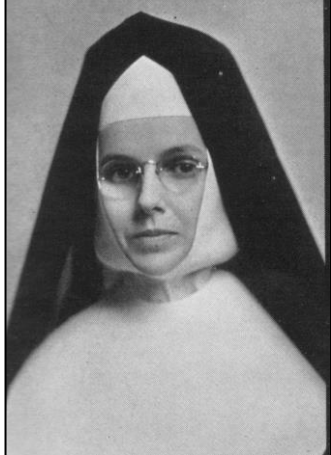
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*Pictures of the nuns were not permitted in the class photos.
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GRADUATES 1927

Members of this class include : Lilly Barber Florence Carroll Louise Dearsley Gertrude Fagan Florence Goetz Dorothy Hayes
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Eileen McLaughlin Catharine O'Farrell Margaret O'Hair Edith Pullon Dorothy Ruan Teresa Scanlon Sister M. Monica Smythe



Sister Mary Monica Smythe 1927

1927 She was the 1st Sister to write the Provincial exams.

*1934 She was the Supervisor of Nurses St Joseph's School of Nursing
She taught Professional Ethics and Principles of Nursing*

1934 – 1936 She served on the Nurses Alumnae as Honorary Vice President



*Mildred Hayes '27
was a member of the Executive committee of the Nurses Alumnae 1941 – 1942
She was the 1st Vice President 1943 - 1944*

*1942
Alumnae executive prepared "Ditty Bags" for the Merchant Marines
using the available war funds and donations by Alumnae members.
"That a ditty bag be filled from present war fund and that each member bring an article to fill
another ditty bag. List of articles to be posted.
" First ditty bag filled by Mildred Hayes '27 and Irma Kellar '41.
A second ditty bag was filled by Mildred Hayes '27 and Monica Walsh '41.*

*1943
Third ditty bag completed by Mildred Hayes '27
Three more ditty bags completed by Mildred Hayes '27.*

*These photos of Mildred Hayes were submitted by
Jenny Smutniak McDermott '65*

Mildred Hayes was is her aunt.

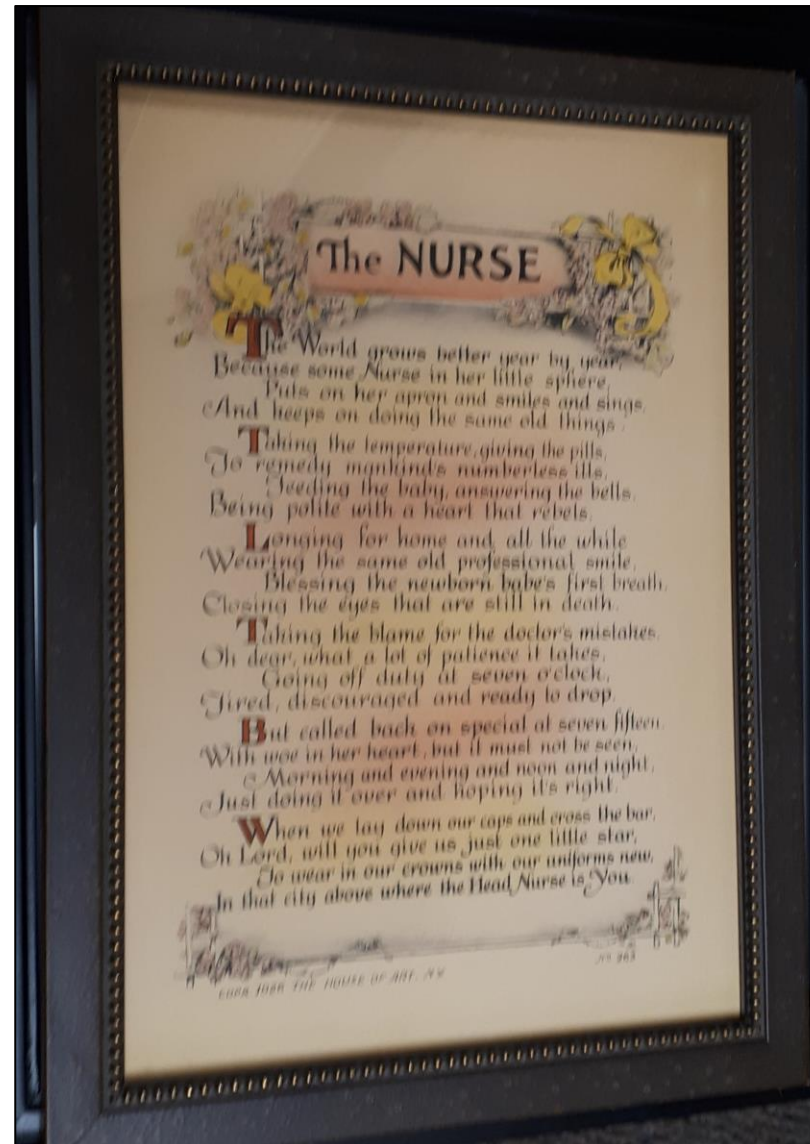
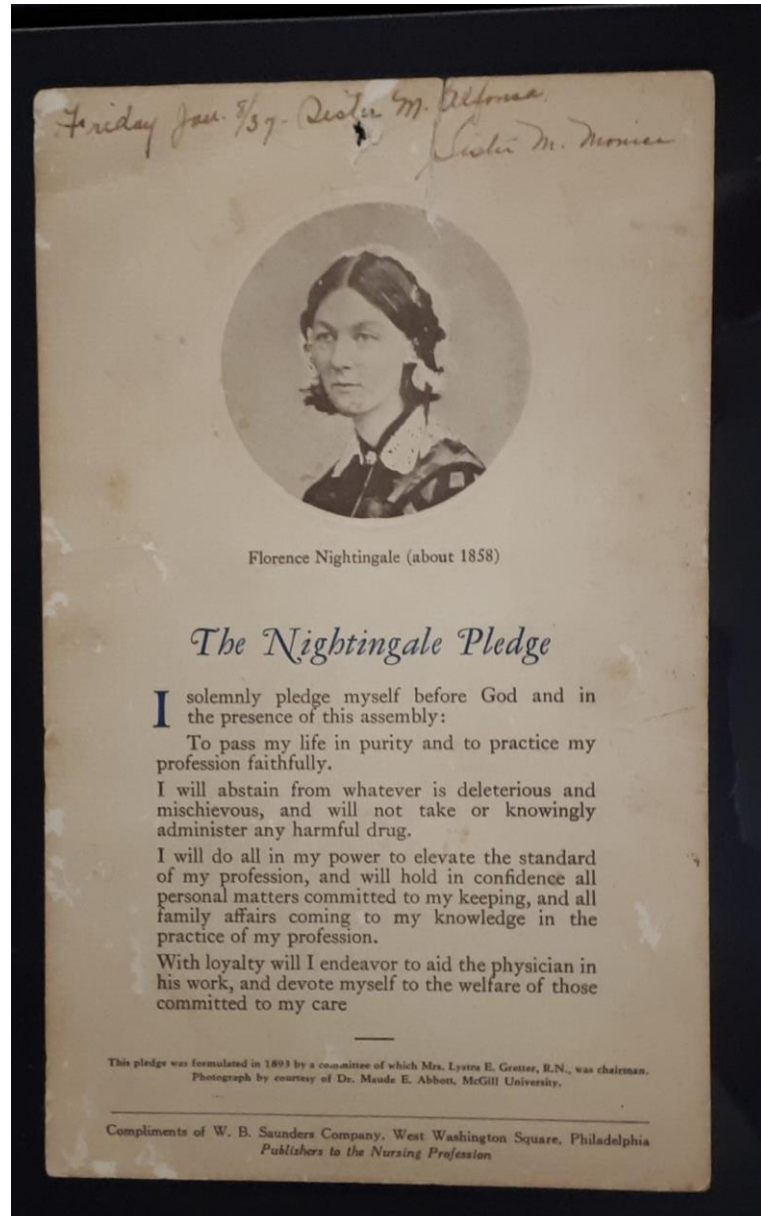
*Florence Goetz
Smith 1927*

*Louise McElhone '27
was a member of the Executive Committee of the Nurses Alumnae
1933 - 1941*

*Florence Goetz Smith '27
June 11, 1987 Reunion Day Dinner was held in the Chedoke Hall at the Hamilton Convention Centre.
The dinner cost was \$19 and the attendance was 397.
Florence Smith '27 made the toast to the Alma Mater.*

*R.N.A.O. Convention April 12 – 14, 1944
The Nurses Alumnae sent two delegates Mildred Hayes '27 and Helen King Marcellus '42,
with all expenses paid .*





Left to right

GRADUATION May 31, 1932

Back Row Standing: Loretta Smart, Jean Proudfoot, Helena McCarthy, Elsie Sleeman, Helen McMillan, Isabel Reid, Mary Henderson, Miss Gibson (Supt of Nurses), Nora Field, Margaret Crowley, Ina Williamson, Lucy Bedford, Doris Crossley, Gertrude Brick, Bernadine Granton

Front Row Sitting: Mariette Rosenblatt, Ethel Jones, Marie Barry, Lena Curry, Bessie Hennessey, Theresa McGinn, Grace Presnail, Gwen Duncan, Rhoda Howting, Mary Ruff

Mariette Rosenblatt (Sr. M. Alphonsine), Marie Barry (Sr. M. Ursula)

Photo Missing: Sr. St. Edward Duffy



February class 1932

*Lucy Bedford
Gertrude Brick
Lena Curry
Gwendolyn Duncan
Rhoda Howting
Ethel Jones
Doris Crossley
Helen McMillan
Grace Presnail
Isabel Reid
Loretta Smart
Ina Williamson*

September class 1932

*Marie Barry
Margaret Crowley
Nora Field
Bernadine Granton
Bessie Hennessey
Mary Henderson
Sister St. Edward Duffy
Teresa McGinn
Jean Proudfoot
Helena McCarthy
Mariette Rosenblatt
Mary Ruff
Elsie Sleeman*

GRADUATING EXERCISES

St. Joseph's Hospital
School of Nursing

Tuesday, May 31st, 1932
3 p.m.

Nurse's Residence
"Undermount"

PROGRAMME

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Chairman

Dr. W. P. Downes Chairman of Staff

Presentation of Diplomas and Pins by

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

Addresses to Graduating Class

DR. J. H. SULLIVAN
VERY REV. G. L. CASSIDY
DR. S. HARVEY AGNEW

Presentation of Prizes.

PROGRAMME

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Prize for Highest Standing in Theory Given by Dr. J. R. Parry
Miss Gwendelyn Duncan

Prize for General Proficiency Given by Dr. W. P. Downes
Miss Helen McMillan

Prize for Efficiency in Bedside Nursing Given by Dr. F. Woodhall
Miss Marie Barry

Prize for Medical Nursing and Examination Given by Dr. L. L. Playfair
Miss Ethel Jones

Prize for Gynecological Nursing and Examination Given by Dr. W. Jamieson
Miss Helena McCarthy

Prize for Preventive Medicine Given by Dr. A. C. Martin
Miss Loretta Smart

God Save the King

Reception



Left to right

Prize Winners Graduation Class of 1932

Top Row:

Helena McCarthy, Helen McMillan, Loretta Smart

Front Row:

Marie Barry, Ethel Jones, Gwen Duncan

Mary Ruf Hastings '32

- 1961 Convened the Spring Bridge \$1.25 Admission
 1962 Served as the 1st Vice President of the Nurses Alumnae
 1963 Convened the Chrysanthemum Ball at Sheraton Connaught Hotel \$4.00 per couple
- 1965 – 1967 served as the 17th President of the Nurses Alumnae and Special Events Convenor
 1966 – 1967 served on the Alumnae Executive as Past President and on the Advisory Board
 1972 – 1975 served on the Alumnae Executive as the Treasurer
- 1976 She was the convenor of the Spring Dessert Bridge & Euchre card party Raffle
 tickets sold for .25 cents each / 5 for \$1.00 for \$25.00 gift certificate from Eaton's or six gift sets of wine.

1966 Reunion Day

Mary Ruf Hastings '32 passed the Presidents gavel to Katherine Clark Towler '47

Katherine Clark Towler '47

- 1966 – 1967 She served as the President of the Nurses Alumnae
 1968 She served as the past President



Doris Crossley Markle '32

- 1949 – 1951 served as the 9th President of the Nurses Alumnae
 1965 – 1966 served as the Social Convenor
 1964 – 1966 served on the Advisory Board

Lena Curry '32

Served on the Nurses Alumnae 1935 – 1946

- 1944 She planned & convened a penny sale
 Alumnae raised \$265.25
- 1946 She arranged & convened a Bingo party to raise
 money for the New Hospital being built "John St."

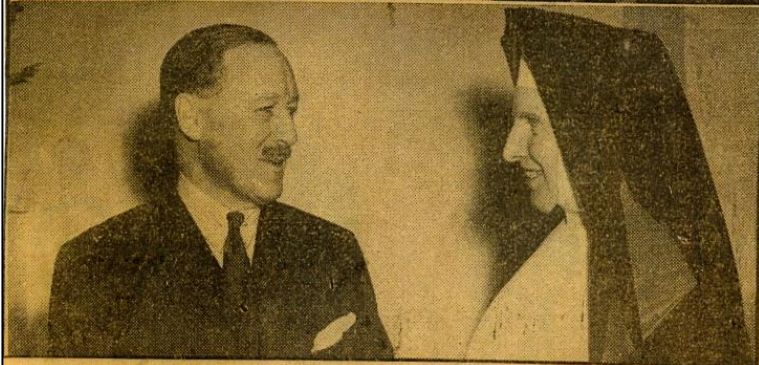
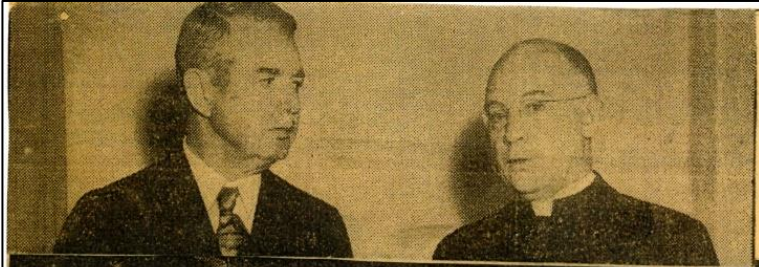
Reunion Day 1947

Eva Moran '20 Doris Crossley '32 Sister St Edward '32 Superior Elizabeth Quinn '20

**The Nurses Alumnae presented \$1000 to the Building fund
 of St Joseph's Hospital 1947**

Bernadette Clohec '43 Elizabeth Quinn '20 Leona Johnson Hudecki '41 Sister St Edward '32 Superior Frances O'Brien '41

Top photo: Mr Pigott, contractor of the building with His Excellency Most Rev. J.F. Ryan
Middle Photo: Honourable Russell T. Kelley, Ontario Minister of Health with Sister St. Edward, Sister Superior
Bottom Photo: Honourable C.W.G. Gibson, secretary of State Mother Superior Antoinette Sister Superior of the St Joseph Diocese



AS NEW ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL OPENED—Representatives of City Council, the Legislature and the House of Commons, along with members of the hospital auxiliary and clergy and nuns of the diocese, attended the official opening of the new St. Joseph's Hospital Saturday afternoon. In the top photograph, Joseph M. Pigott, whose company was general contractor for the new hospital wing, chats with His Excellency the Most Rev. J. F. Ryan, D.D., J.C.D., Bishop of Hamilton. In the centre photograph, Hon. Russell T. Kelley, Ontario Minister of Health, and his daughter, Miss Patricia Kelley, hear about the new hospital features from Sister Superior St. Edward, who superintends the institution. Below, Hon. C. W. G. Gibson, Secretary of State, extends congratulations to Mother Superior Antoinette, superior of the community of the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Hamilton diocese.



Sister St. Edward '32
Served as the Honorary President of the Nurses Alumnae 1943 - 1944

Sister St. Edward '32

1947

Major departments of the hospital are supervised by Sisters who are graduate nurses and who have taken special courses at the University of Toronto.

Sister St. Edward is the present Superintendent. Before entering the community of the Sisters of St. Joseph, she qualified as an accountant and had valued experience in different branches of business.

After completing the studies of the novitiate in St. Joseph Convent, she qualified as a trained nurse, specialized in the duties of the operating room, passed the examination as a laboratory technician and was Superintendent of nurses.

SATURDAY MAY 3 1947

Hospital Unit Dedicated To Sisters Of St. Joseph

Fine New Building Will Be Opened Three Days For Public Inspection

With the celebration of the first mass before a temporary altar in the main foyer of the new St. Joseph's Hospital, this morning, the fine new building was dedicated to the charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph, a community organized in Le Puy, France, 300 years ago and whose service to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton dates from 1852. The celebration took place before a small group of nuns, but to-morrow, and on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons next week, the hospital will be opened to the public.

Visiting Hours

Visiting times to-morrow afternoon will be from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m., and on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon next week, visitors will be received from 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. After that, the first patients will arrive to occupy the 151 beds of the new wing, raising total accommodation to 320 adult beds, exclusive of maternity.

The newly completed wing was planned to provide a new chapel, but the urgent need for bed space altered original plans. A new and larger chapel will be incorporated in the second wing, to be erected sometime in the future.

For the reason that there was no chapel in the new building, the Mass was celebrated to-day on a temporary altar in the foyer, just off the main John Street entrance.

St. Joseph's Hospital is owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of Hamilton.

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In 1836 the first American foundation was made at Carondelet, Missouri. In 1851 the Sisters of St. Joseph came to Canada and established the first Canadian Mission of the Order at Toronto.

In 1852 the Sisters came to Hamilton. Orphan children were the first beneficiaries of the charity of the new community, they opened an orphanage in the building adjoining their convent. Before ten years had passed the Sisters of St. Joseph were teaching in the two parishes of Hamilton, in Paris and in Brantford; they had opened a home for the aged and a hospital in Guelph. In 1879 the House of Providence was opened in Dundas.

The present capable superintendent, Sister St. Edward, before entering the Community of the Sisters of St. Joseph qualified as an accountant and had valued experience in different branches of business. After completing the studies of the novitiate in St. Joseph's Convent, she qualified as a trained nurse, specialized in the duties of the operating room, passed the examination as a laboratory technician and was superintendent of nurses.

New Wing in 1894

In 1894 a new wing was built which increased the capacity of the hospital to 50 beds. The addition of a surgical wing of 75 beds was made in 1916 and the department of obstetrics which had been opened in 1912 was, in 1924, transferred to Casa Maria, the former Bishop residence which that year was purchased by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

In 1928, a modern four-storey, fire-proof building was erected for the use of the help employed by the hospital. In 1941, a new surgical unit was added. And now in May, 1947, the Sisters of St. Joseph have opened their newest addition.

Besides St. Joseph's Hospital, the sisters own and operate Mary's Boys' Orphanage and Mount St. Joseph, the girls' unit of the orphanage in the City of Hamilton. They teach in 12 of the elementary

are supervised by graduate nurses who have passed examinations prescribed for registered nurses. All sister-nurses are obliged to complete the course of training and must specialize in the studies prescribed for the different departments before being placed in charge.

Separate Schools, in the Cathedral Girls' High School and Cathedral Commercial School. They have efficient hospitals in Guelph, and Kitchener. They care for the aged in the Houses of Providence at Dundas and Guelph.



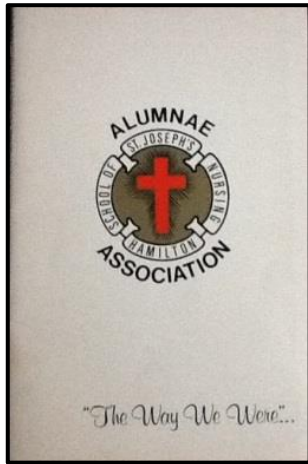
Marie Barry '32 a.k.a. Sister Mary Ursula

Marie Barry graduated from St Joseph's School of Nursing in the class of 1932. Her aunt, Miss Ada Egan was the first student to enroll in St Joseph's School of Nursing. She graduated with the class of 1915. She encouraged Marie to be interested in Nursing and to enroll at St Joseph School. Ada Egan '15 and Jean Moran '15 formed the St Joseph School of Nursing Alumni.

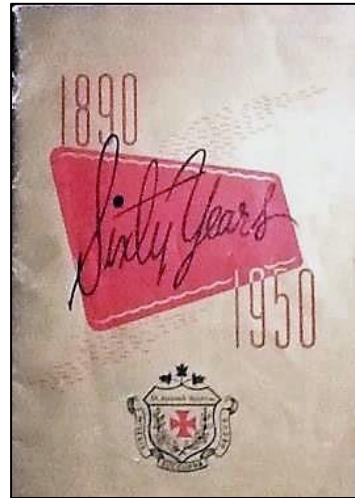
After graduation she entered the St Joseph Convent. She served in several parts of Canada. In 1942 she returned to Hamilton and served as the Director of the School of Nursing from 1944 – 1950. She then was the Supervisor for the Obstetrics Department.



Sister Ursula Barry "Sister Liaison" attending Reunion Celebrations



The Way We Were



Sixty Years.....1890 – 1950

Sister Ursula was the author of the booklet "Sixty Years"

It was written to tell the history of St Joseph's School of Hospital and School of Nursing.

Minutes of the Executive meetings for the St Joseph School of Nursing Alumnae, are not complete at this time. A book was written in 1976 by Lois MacKenzie '54 and Ruth Milne '58. This book contains a collection of excerpts from the minutes of the Alumnae with some personal observations of the authors. Many original minutes of the meetings have been recovered. The minutes state that many of the Sisters held positions in the Alumnae, President, Vice President, Honorary President and Honorary Vice President, etc. There are also many name changes for the executive positions.

Records state that Sister Ursula was Honorary Vice President in 1947.

Sister Ursula is listed as the Sister Liaison in the late 1940's. She retained that official position until her passing in August 1984.

1981 – 1984 Sister Ursula served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as the Membership Secretary as well as the Sister Liaison.

Shed a tear for a grand old school

There may be a tear or two shed on Saturday June 6 when the final page in the proud saga of St. Joseph's Hospital school of nursing is written at the Holiday Inn.

That's the day when this year's crop of graduates, 117 of them, mingle with those of other years at the annual reunion dinner.

And it will be the end of the St. Joseph's school.

In a way it ended last September when the school was taken under the wing of the provincial government, but as the nursing course is of two years' duration, the graduates actually studied for better than a year under the aegis of the hospital.

In July they'll graduate from the St. Joseph's campus of Mohawk College.

In 1911 when Ada Egan (later to become Mrs. Laurence Glassco) and Sister Girard became the first students to enroll in the newly organized school of nursing, there were few around who would have predicted that over the next 60 years 3,178 students would pass through its portals . . . or that the school would become recognized as one of the finest in Ontario.

The two pioneers were joined by seven other students and for the first year they comprised the entire class . . . at that time their home was the former Adam Brown residence which was on the site of the present Undermount Building.

It wasn't until 1915 that enough graduates had been assembled to make it worth while holding a formal graduation ceremony . . . hence, although this year's dinner is for the 60th graduating class, the school has been operating for 63 years.

Yesterday in a neat little sitting room on the top floor of St. Joseph's Hospital, Sister Ursula looked out to where small patches of the bay could be seen glistening between the highrises, and talked a little of the old days.

She graduated in 1932 and is now supposed to be retired but she still puts in a day that usually lasts from 7.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. . . . "The good thing about retirement though, is that now I don't have to work. I do, because I enjoy it . . . but no one tells me when to start and when to finish."

She is now officially known as the liaison sister between the Sisters of St. Joseph's and the Alumni Association.



Around & About with Stan McNeill

It's rather an oddity that she will be present at the last graduating class of St. Joseph's school . . . her aunt was Miss Egan, the first student to enrol in the school.

"In fact, it was she who got me interested in nursing and encouraged me to enroll."

Since graduation Sister Ursula has served in several parts of Canada, but there's a special place in her memory for the few months she lived on an Indian reservation in Northern B.C. . . .

"That was quite an experience . . . if we had water we'd wash, if we hadn't we'd just go unwashed. I could write a book about my time there."

In 1942 she returned to Hamilton to take over as head of nursing at the school. Later she headed up the hospital's obstetrics department and figures that during her time there more than 50,000 babies were brought into the world.

But Sister Ursula isn't too interested in talking about herself . . . she's more interested in making a pitch for this year's graduation dinner. "The more people who attend, the more accurate and interesting the information we'll be able to compile."

One thing she intends to do is pay tribute to the Alumni Association . . . it was first formed by Miss Egan and Miss Jean Morin both graduates of the 1915 class, and over the years has given in-

valuable help to the school in all phases of its operation.

The association is just part of a proud institution that will long be remembered for the part it has played in enriching the history of Hamilton and the lives of its inhabitants.

1974 An Interview with Sister Ursula Barry

Mariette Rosenblatt
a.k.a. Sister Mary Alphonsine

No photo available

Records indicate facilities she served in

St Joseph's Hospital in Guelph
in the late 1940's

St Joseph's Hospital Brantford
1955 - 1958 as a floor supervisor

St Mary's Hospital, Kitchener
in the early 1960's
and in the early 1973's

Served on The Board of Trustees,
St Joseph's Hospital Hamilton 1958 - 1990

St Joseph's Lifecare Centre, Brantford

I am sorry to inform you of the death of Sister Bonaventure Fagan at the Motherhouse on October 1, 1992. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Anthony Tonnos on Monday, October 5 with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Sister Bonaventure had recently celebrated her diamond jubilee as a Sister of St. Joseph - sixty years of service.

The following was read at the Wake Service on October 4. I want to share it with you.

Sister Bonaventure Fagan
Reflection - Sunday, October 4, 1992

"In Michah 6:8 we read:

"...this is what Yahweh asks of you:
only this, to act justly,
to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God..."

This passage reflects the life of Sister Bonaventure Fagan -- always happy and caring for others-- even to doing her last kind deed minutes before she died.

Sister was born in Caledonia -- on a farm and she never let you forget it! She was educated in Caledonia and later at Notre Dame Academy in Waterdown. In 1932, she entered our Congregation (The Sisters of St. Joseph) and after her first profession was assigned to St. Mary's Hospital, Kitchener, where she worked in the Accounts office. A few years later (1942) she graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing where she returned after completing post-graduate work at the University of Toronto School of Nursing. In her hospital ministry of some forty years she worked in Brantford, Guelph, Kitchener and Hamilton, as Hospital Administrator, and in our Schools of Nursing and Departments of Nursing. (She was Director of Nursing at St. Joseph's from 1948 to 1957). The staff and nursing students appreciated her sensitivity, patience and pleasant manner. She had a personal interest in each individual. She worked in Pastoral Care in Guelph for twelve years and endeared herself to patients, their families and staff alike.

In 1984 Sister was assigned to the Motherhouse as Assistant to the Local Superior. Here again, Sisters, staff and guests loved her -- always kind, gracious and generous, and went the extra mile hundreds of times."

Our sympathy to all the Sisters of the Community in their loss of a truly great Christian lady.

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Sister Bonaventure Fagan

Entered the Sisters of St Joseph 1932

Director of Nursing 1950 - 1957



Sister Geraldine Fagan was born in Caledonia, Ont in 1914. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1932 and took the name of Bonaventure.

Sister graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing Kitchener, Ont. the class of 1942. She nursed at St. Mary's Hospital from 1942-1948.

1950-1957 Director of Nursing St. Joseph's Hospital Hamilton

1958-1968 Administrator St. Joseph's Hospital Brantford

1969-1973 Director of Nursing Service St. Joseph's Hospital Guelph

1974 Enrolled in Pastoral Care Service at St. Michael's Hospital Toronto

1973-1984 Served in Pastoral Care Services

Sister Bonaventure was respected as kind, gentle, humble and supportive of patients, staff and students. Sister was everyones friend.

During Sister Bonaventure's time as Director of Nursing, classes were larger and there was more emphasis on nursing education, as opposed to nursing service. "Time off" improved from 1 day to 1 ½ days to 2 days a week. Education was improved with more qualified staff in the School.

Sister entered Eternal Life on October 1, 1992 .

GRADUATES 1937

Euphemia Allison
Frances Corby
Blanche Dickinson
Lenore Gallagher
Patricia Hanrahan
Jean Laidlaw
Illa Lucas
Gladys Lund
Dorothy McGaw
Ethel McKee
Angela McLaughlin
Gladys Mehlenbacher
Catherine Messer
May Mitchell
Mary Nelligan
Marie O'Hagan
Ella O'Leary
Doris Rinker
Helen Tourangears
Marion Webb

Sister Veronica
(Sister Anacletus Birmingham)

No graduation photo available for the class of 1937
Record book identifies 21 graduates



100th Birthday Jean Webster-Sheppard '37 on August 13, 2016



Happy 100th Birthday Jean
love from
St. Joseph's School of Nursing
Alumnae Association



*Jean Laidlaw '37
Webster Shepard*



1947 Reunion Dinner Convenors

Back row (left to right)

Jean Laidlaw '37 Frances Ruffing '46 Marguerite Reding '43 Agnes Smith '34

Front row (left to right)

Bernadette Clohecy '43 Doris Crossley '32 Frances O'Brien '41

May Mitchell was a graduate of the class of 1937. Two years after graduation, she joined the Canadian Army Medical Corps.

After three years in England, she was transferred to North Africa where she and 80 other nurses set up a 1,200 bed tent hospital, in temperatures nearing 43C (110F) for Canadian casualties from the Allied invasion of Sicily.

May was quoted "we were involved in general nursing care, looking after injuries from the war zone, malaria, small pox and various other diseases they would pick up. We had 12,000 to 15,000 patients at a time."

At the end of the war she married a Canadian soldier. Her daughter Francis Lewis Palmer is a graduate of the class of 1971.

The note from her family with her obituary was sent to Sister Mary Grace.

Sister Mary Grace had written on the page stating that May was a member of the First Canadian Nurses (15th Canadian General), arriving in North Africa before going to Italy.

In August 1992, May was chosen to represent the Nursing Sisters of Canada at the 50th Anniversary of Dieppe.

This note was read to the Alumnae members at the Reunion Dinner June 9, 1994.



Reunion Day 2015

*Jean Laidlaw
Webster Shepard '37*

*Dorothy Gleed
Marshall '46*



Reunion Day 2015

*Mary Haley
Tilden '42*

*Jean Laidlaw
Webster Shepard '37*

The changing face of nursing

MEMORIES FLOWED like sweet wine yesterday as 800 graduates of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing got together to celebrate the hospital's centennial and the 75th anniversary of the first graduating class.

May Mitchell Lewis, 77, and her daughter Francis Lewis Palmer, 39, are graduates of the school and both love nursing.

But while they share the love, their recollections of their profession are quite different.

Two years after her graduation in 1937, Mrs. Lewis found herself in the middle of the Second World War after volunteering to join the Canadian Army Medical Corps. After three years in England she was transferred to North Africa, where she and 80 other nurses set up a 1,200-bed tent hospital, in temperatures nearing 43C (110F), for Canadian casualties from the Allied invasion of Sicily.

"We were involved in general nursing care, looking after injuries from the war zone, malaria, small pox and various other diseases they would pick up. We had 12,000 to 15,000 patients at a time," she said.

All was not sickness and pain however. She met her future husband, Arthur Lewis, a Canadian soldier

Members of two generations celebrate school anniversary

who served in the Italian campaign. They married at war's end.

Mrs. Palmer, who graduated in 1971, sees nursing today as very different from that of her mother's day. She said nurses have far more in-depth knowledge now.

"They are being relied on more by the doctors, other than the basic 'clean-up work' that my mom was involved in. A great deal of time spent by my mom was bed sitting, giving patients backrubs morning and night."

And the pay is much better.

Mrs. Lewis was paid \$5 for an eight-hour day when she started, while her daughter now makes \$15 an hour.

St. Joseph's School of Nursing graduated 3,000 nurses during its history until 1974, when it was integrated into Mohawk College School of Nursing.

May Mitchell '37

Francis Lewis '71B



May Mitchell and daughter Francis Palmer are graduates of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing.

1942

The Nurses Alumnae sent a Christmas gift to May Mitchell '37 who had been overseas for 2 years. Contents of the box were not to exceed \$5