

Virginia M. Ohlson Collection

An inventory of papers at the Midwest Nursing History Research Center, College of Nursing, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	MNHRC, CON, University of Illinois at Chicago
Creator:	
Title:	Virginia Ohlson Collection
Dates:	1940s - 1999
Quantity:	0.5 linear feet
Identification:	<i>VMOC</i>
Language:	English.

Note: the main Virginia M. Ohlson collection is held at the UIC Library of the Health Sciences Special collections

Biographical Sketch

Virginia M. Ohlson (1914-2010) was a public health nurse and nurse educator who worked in support of nursing in Japan following the Second World War. Ohlson received her nursing diploma from Swedish Covenant Hospital and her BSN, MSN, and doctorate from the University of Chicago. Ohlson was a teacher and administrator at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing for many years. Ohlson was awarded the Third Order of the Precious Crown by the Emperor of Japan for her contributions to nursing in Japan in 1991 and in 1995, she was named a "Living Legend" by the American Academy of Nursing.

Scope and Contents

A highlight of this collection is the many photographs of Ohlson in Japan in the 1940s. A small part of the collection relates to Ohlson's aunt, Theresia Ohlson, who trained as a nurse at the Illinois Post-graduate and Training school for nurses. She graduated in 1918.

Box 1

Folder 1: Photos

Photo of Virginia and Theresia (aunt)

Virginia Ohlson 1952

Virginia Ohlson no date 1940s ?

Virginia Ohlson with Japanese high school girls 1947

Virginia Ohlson 1949 with Empress of Japan and Prince Herohito

Virginia Ohlson 1947 in Japan with car purchased for \$1

Virginia Ohlson in front of Evanston City Health Department (first public health nursing job 1938-1947)

Virginia Ohlson at National Hospital of Tokyo 1954

Photograph of Virginia Ohlson with Virginia Alt and Princess Chichebu in Japan no date 1940s

Folder 2: Japanese water color 1953

Folder 3: Briefing packet on the People's Republic of China 1977

Folder 4: China Tour photographs and reunion 1977 and 1978

Folder 5: Awards from U of I Alumni Association 1987

American Nurses' Association award 1976

Clipping: First Order of the Butterfly Award from Japan

1984 Invitation to Retirement Reception 1984

Folder 6: Group photograph with Ohlson at INI Inaugural Conference 1981

Folder 7: Paper presented at retirement of Greta Styles 1987

Folder 8: Group pictures of International Conference (No date)

Folder 9:

Virginia Ohlson no date 1980s ?

Virginia Ohlson at the WHO Conference in Yugoslavia 1990

Folder 10: Pamphlet of Virginia Ohlson's Japanese visit 1993

Folder 11: Mary Kelly Mullane memorial service 1999 (speeches by Virginia Ohlson and Anne Zimmerman), sheets of music from service

Folder 12: Virginia Ohlson lectures

Folder 13: Virginia Ohlson memorial documents

Folder 14: Theresia Ohlson (Ohlson's aunt)

Photo of Theresia Ohlson (graduation? No date)

Catalog for Illinois Post-graduate and Training school for nurses

Photo of Theresa Ohlson in nurse's uniform 1918

Copy of list of graduates 1918 and 1919

SS Hope Paper weight (1960-1974)

Books by Sugino Oishi, RN, PhD, Virginia Mae Ohlson - Ameican lady who lived for nursing in Japan and Japanese version of Virginia Ohlson Story

Coaster from Chulalongkorn University

Fan and holder from Japan

Map File cabinet:

Framed Award in Japanese (no date)

Photograph of Ohlson on parchment

Museum: Nurse's pin from PGM & TS

Archives Room: Kokeshi Doll

