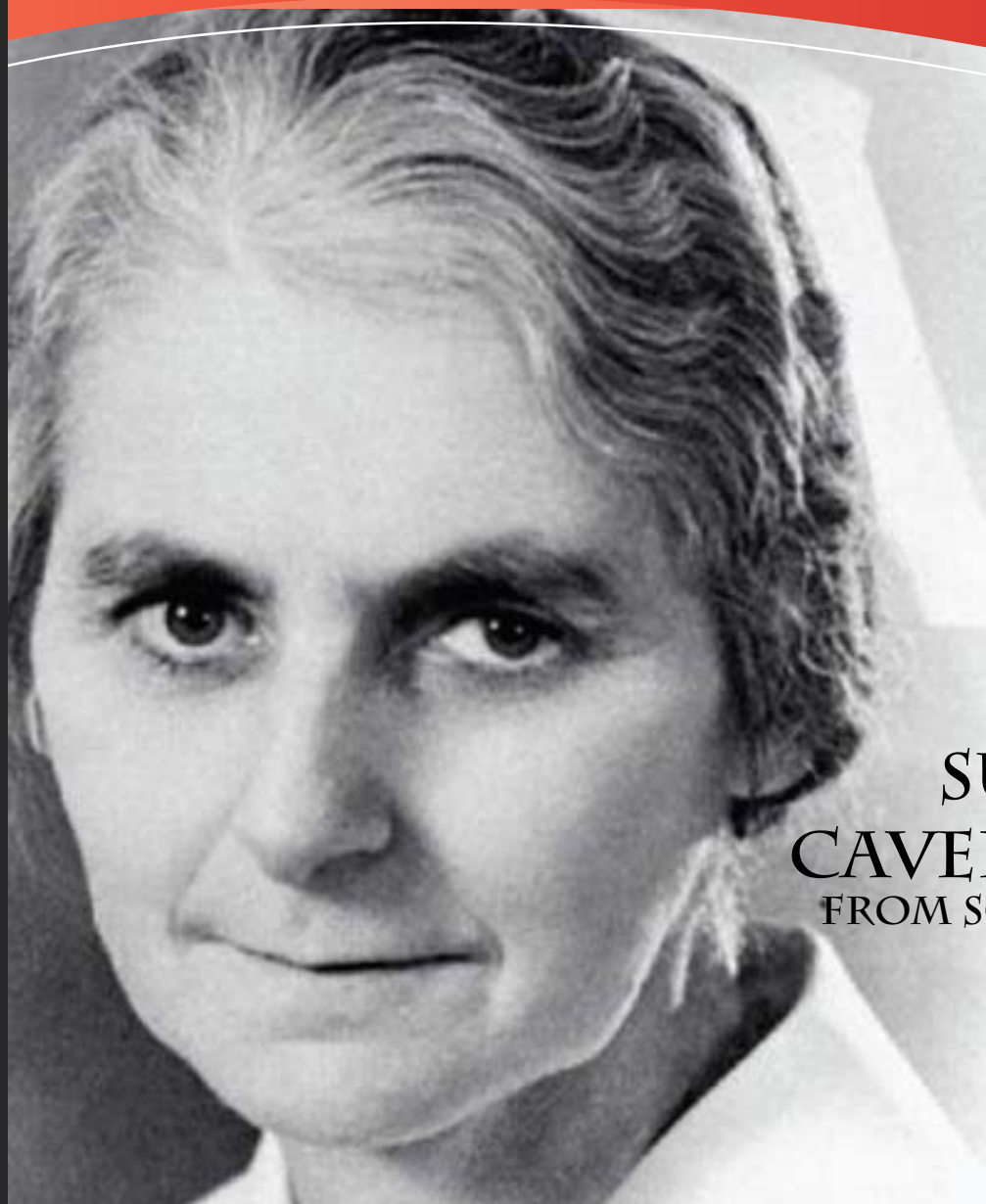


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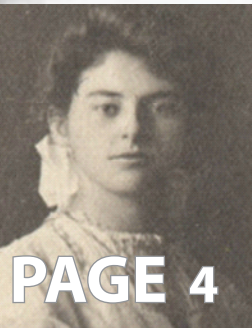
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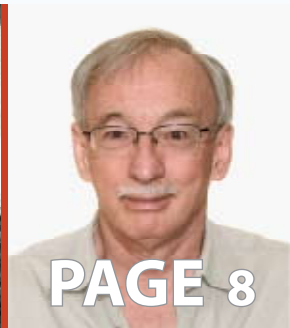
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Editor's Desk

BY BETH FITZPATRICK

When I waken each morning and lift the bedroom shade a beautiful katsura tree greets me. Its vibrant fall colors never fail to brighten my day. If you are thinking of planting a new tree in your yard this is the one to seriously consider. It will reward you with many changing colors year round. But I digress...

Patricia Gaudreault contacted us through our website to ask for help in finding information about Anne S. Cavers, a 1927 VGH graduate. Patricia was researching her family history and Annie was her beloved great aunt. Patricia believed that Annie had written a history of the VGH School of Nursing and she wanted to read it. The book was obtained, our correspondence continued, and Patricia agreed to share her thoughts and findings in the heart-warming feature story in this Fall issue. I know you will enjoy it.

Naomi Miller, Honorary member and frequent contributor to our newsletter, introduces us to Dr. Mary Percy Jackson, an English physician who immigrated to Canada in 1929 to practice medicine in the Alberta Peace River district. Her adventures during the depression years were recorded in letters to home and give a fascinating look at pioneering in those difficult years. Be sure to check out Dr. Mary's website for more information about her life story. (<http://www.drmaryjackson.com/dr%20history.html>)

Please join us on November 12th for the Fall luncheon where Doreen Wolfs and Charlene Ronquillo will entertain and educate us as they share their research findings. Both Doreen and Charlene received scholarship funding for their studies from the BCHN Society.

**HOW BEAUTIFULLY LEAVES GROW OLD.
HOW FULL OF LIGHT AND COLOR ARE THEIR LAST DAYS.**

John Burroughs, American Naturalist



President's Message

BY KATHY MURPHY, PRESIDENT

As the temperatures begin to fall, the many activities of the Nursing History Society start to increase. In the summer, we welcomed our new Archivist, Francis Mansbridge, and he has been very busy with Marjory Ralston and the Archives committee working on our collections.

In July, the second meeting of the Provincial Health Archives and Museum Committee was held. This group is headed by Dr. Jim Lane and has good nursing representation. It is hoped that part of the Heather Pavilion at the Vancouver General Hospital can be designated for this project but there are many challenges before that becomes a reality. A needs assessment survey will be sent to all possible groups to determine how much is held by the various groups, who would be willing to donate items and how much space is needed to house and display these items. It is estimated that at least 16 million dollars is required to bring the Heather Pavilion Building to code.

Many members of the BC History of Nursing Society attended the Nursing Forum held September 8th which was sponsored by the Association of Registered Nurses of BC (ARNBC) and the CNA. The purpose of the meeting was to explore the future of nursing and the key policy issues affecting nursing in BC and our respective roles in shaping this future.

As the ARNBC begins to shape its structure, purposes and policy priorities, the dialogue invited positional nursing leaders, invited regional representatives and members of the RN Network of BC to share their perspectives on a number of vital questions. The proceedings will be available on the ARNBC website which is www.arnbc.ca

On Sunday, Sheila Oxholm, Sheila Zerr and I represented the BC History of Nursing and the VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association at the 5th Annual Oakridge Block Party. Wearing vintage nursing uniforms and the display of RJH and VGH student uniforms provided an interesting draw and there were many conversations with potential nursing students, practicing nurses and a potential member for our Society.

Our group has been approached for help in celebrating 100 years of Nursing in BC in 2012. The CNA Biennial meeting will be held in Vancouver from June 18-20, 2012 at the Westin Bayshore Resort.



OUR ACTIVE GROUP IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS SO WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO IN ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO JOIN US.

Save the date:
SATURDAY, NOV 12

BCHONS FALL LUNCHEON
Featuring two guest speakers!

DOROLEN WOLFS

"THE HISTORICAL INQUIRY OF BC NURSES WHO COMMENCED THEIR CAREERS POST WW1"

- Vancouver Lawn and Tennis Club
- 1630 West 15th ave., Vancouver
- Time: 1130 – 1400 hours
- Cost: \$30

CHARLENE RONQUILLO

"HISTORY OF IMMIGRANT FILIPINO NURSES IN CANADA"

- RSVP by November 8th. Call Lenore at (604) 277-6782
- Please send cheque made payable to:
 - BC History of Nursing Society
 - 10095 No.5 Road, Richmond, BC, V7A 4E4

ANNE SUTHERLAND CAVERS (1888-1971)

FROM SCHOOL TEACHER TO NURSE TEACHER
BY PATRICIA GAUDREULT

Patricia Gaudreault is a college instructor, and a recent, amateur family historian. She is an artist, aspiring writer, and lives in Cobble Hill, BC with her husband, two cats and one dog. This is her first article.

One can only imagine the pioneering spirit of the 26 students who attended the first session of the Alberta Normal School; all with a dream of becoming teachers. My great aunt, Anne S. Cavers, was one of these students.

Anne was born in 1888 in Ontario, to Walter Cavers and Margaret (nee: McAlpine). Walter and Margaret Cavers were married in Walter's birthplace of Ormstown, Quebec, and then moved on to Dutton, Ontario to start a sash and door business and raise their two children: Anne (fondly called Annie) and Jim. Annie's grandfather, James Cavers II was also born in Ormstown, Quebec to Roxburgshire, Scotland immigrants: James Cavers and Margaret Blackburn.

By the time Annie was a teenager, she had moved to Calgary, Alberta to attend high school, and at the ripe age of 18 years, she graduated from Calgary Normal School with honours. By this time, her parents and younger brother had moved to the Okanagan in British Columbia, and Annie eventually joined them. The Cavers family had first settled in Armstrong, where Annie began her teaching career. Annie taught at local Armstrong schools between 1910 to 1918, and during 1917-1918, she became the acting principal of the Public School in Armstrong, BC. Annie's parents purchased a farm (the "Jack McLeod place") in Beresford, just outside

of Kamloops, in 1915. As these were the years of WWI, I am left to imagine that Annie stayed with friends in Armstrong, and with her parents on their Beresford farm during this time. After WWI ended, Mr. and Mrs. Cavers had returned to Armstrong by 1920 leaving their son, Jim, to run the Beresford farm. In Armstrong, Annie's parents had purchased another farm on Pleasant Valley Road, where they lived for most of their remaining years. Annie, however, had greater career aspirations and moved to Vernon, BC to take a teaching position.

I pause here to remind myself that Annie was pursuing a career as a teacher in a time when women had limited rights in Canada; before the "Famous Five" won their "legal and political



Left to right: Miss Macleod, Miss Fairley, Anne Cavers. Source: family archives. Exact date unknown but likely taken at graduation time.

battle to have women recognized as persons under the BNA Act." One can only wonder if there is any significance in Annie's choice of location for high school and Normal School in Calgary with that of the Famous Five movement. Perhaps this is where Annie developed her austere manner; a much needed cover for her kind and patient essence as she forged onward in her aspirations.

In a letter from the Inspector of Schools dated June 28, 1916, it is written: "Cavers, Miss A.S. – Brilliant. It may not be out of place to add here that the difficulties encountered in getting this school underway were not inconsiderable, and that Miss Cavers' ability, tact, and patience coupled with her firmness and persistence were simply invaluable at a time when an error of judgment on the part of the teacher or the slightest sign of weakening in the face of extremely adverse conditions might easily have meant the indefinite postponement of the whole business."

I am not certain of the factors that would have brought Annie, now 36 years old, to the decision to enter the Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing (VGH) in 1924 but by now you will have gathered that Annie was not a woman who was going to sit on a shelf. Just as she graduated from Normal School with honours, Annie received the Alison Cummings medal for highest standing in medical nursing. Immediately upon graduating in 1927, Annie began her new teaching career as Instructress of Nursing at VGH – a career she loved and completely devoted herself to until her retirement in 1947 at age 59. As is evidenced by student comments in the 1946 annual dedicated to her, Annie was diligent, zealous, and flawless in her contribution to the education of student nurses. "We shall never forget her quick sense of humour, her alter countenance, or her amazing ability to straighten out the points in anatomy which were completely baffling in book form." (VGH Student Annual, 1946).

It is clear that so much more research needs to be undertaken to adequately exhibit and honour Annie's contributions to the nursing profession during her 20 year career. Annie is an awe-inspiring woman, who seemed to be the portent of the teaching world in the early 1900's, and went on to inspire the lives of so many nursing students with this same fervent devotion.



*Anne S. Cavers: 1906
Graduation from Calgary
Normal School.*

After she retired, Annie wrote "Our School of Nursing: 1899 to 1949". Throughout the book, there is confirmation of her attention to detail, eloquent writing, and impeccable grammar. Indeed, my two elder sisters often shared stories of sending Aunt Annie thank you letters for various birthday and Christmas gifts.

My sisters would labour over spelling and handwriting with the inevitability that their letters would be returned with Annie's red correction marks!

My great aunt Annie, age 82, passed away in November 1971 when I was only 10 years of age; I am saddened that I didn't really know her in her lifetime. Annie never married and had no children; I was told that my great aunt never married as she was heartbroken when her fiancée died after WWI. I do know she was a loyal daughter, a warm and supportive sister-in-law, and a loving and devoted aunt to all of her nieces and nephews. As her many great nieces and nephews arrived, she bestowed upon us, her care and guidance.

I feel a warm affection and kinship to Annie; my beloved, albeit barely known to me, great aunt. We are both teachers, love history and love to write. As I conduct the genealogical researching of my family, I have come across the various efforts made by my great aunt in the same vein. I have one of the many knickknacks that adorned Aunt Annie's home, and as I gaze lovingly at the small, framed needlepoint picture Aunt Annie left for me – with her small and perfect handwriting: 'For Patricia. From Aunt Annie.' - I know I was important to her. The paper has torn away in parts, and I can no longer read the balance of the inscription; the written words she intended are lost forever, but her message is in my heart.

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MY CAP

From Cavers, Anne S. Our School of Nursing, 1899 to 1949. P 75 Produced to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the School of Nursing, Vancouver General Hospital.

Here it lies on the top of my parcel of laundry, just a strip of folded linen pressed quite flat, an inanimate object, most insignificant in appearance, and yet how precious!

With a certain twist of the fingers and two common pins, that bit of linen becomes a very precise cap with the regulation four-and-one-half-inch square forming the back, all the corners at right angles and not one visible wrinkle. This is an exacting process and usually demands doing on the night I am most weary, or the morning when I have managed an extra forty winks.

It is something of a tyrant and like a willful child can cause

much consternation by taking on an inconceivable number of oblique lines and obtuse angles. It is full of temperament and promptly proceeds to make its wearer look as ridiculous as a clown in a circus if it is pushed an infinitesimal part of an inch out of plumb or springs loose from its moorings to ride on the nape of the neck.

Nor does it always retain its crisp, immaculate appearance. Just let it meet a few stray raindrops or come into contact with a screen at the patient's bedside and where you can find a more weary or dejected object?

Surely it is not an easy cap to satisfy, but like an erring child, I love it with complete understanding. It is my most cherished possession.

During the unforgettable days of my preliminary period in training, it began to impress me most vividly. It no longer was merely part of a uniform, an entirely useless bit of muslin perched on the head of a nurse, but a thing of charm and magic, an object which filled me with definite longings intermingled with a keen consciousness of the gulf between myself and those whose privilege it was to wear it.

What a happy day when it became a possession! My whole world changed, patients asked my advice, doctors discovered my existence, friends beamed upon me. All of which I realized were tributes to that crisp bit of white linen.

But now that my student days have passed, my cap is even more precious. It is a sign of my profession. By virtue of its own design it represents my Training School; the dear old institution which for three years taught me nursing principles and practices and whose imprint will be part of me for the rest of my life. In strange places and under strange circumstances it becomes the tie between the present and the past. In it are compounded my profession, my school and myself.



Anne Cavers. Source: family archives, date unknown





FASCINATING DIARY; A MYSTERY

BY: EHEL WARBINEK

A diary, consisting of 142 photocopied pages, was donated to us by Dr. Mary Alice Sutter who inherited it from her mother, now deceased. The author is unknown and there is no information at present on the location of the originals. As the notes were written over 60 years ago this information may be difficult to track down.

The writer was a school teacher who taught in rural Saskatchewan then became a nurse – no mention of dates, nor school of nursing, The story begins with her description of teaching and then abruptly changes direction to her nursing life. The pages describe in great detail the experiences of a nurse who worked for the Federal Government's "Indian Health Services" as an "Indian Travelling Nurse" during the 1920s in Alberta and briefly in Manitoba during a smallpox epidemic on the Long Plains Reserve at Portage La Prairie in 1924. In August 1930 she arrived in Vancouver and was to acquaint herself with her "new territory along both sides of the Fraser River - Chilliwack, Harrison, Musqueam, Mission, Burrard, Sechelt School and five reserves." It provides a wealth of information on the life and health of our aboriginal peoples described in a respectful and delightful manner. Sub- headings/chapters help organize the papers which appear to be in chronological order.

The notes end just as abruptly. The last several pages describe a variety of experiences such as "War Effort" and additional notes "Indian Customs: The Challenge and Adventure" such as the sweat bath and camps and celebrations. Only one nurse is identified - not the author.

This is a fascinating first-hand account written in great detail. It would be an excellent project for a student interested in nursing history and in aboriginal health.

Brief excerpt:

"At Soda Creek Reserve high on the plateau overlooking the Fraser, there were two elderly sisters under treatment. One day when I arrived at their house to check their treatment the house was closed tight with blankets over the widows to keep out the sun and heat. There was no response to my knock, I turned and went down the path where three children were playing on an old sawhorse. "they in there, they saying their prayers", the children told me. I called on several other families and then returned to the house. The door was

open and the blankets taken down. I exchanged greetings with the sisters, checked their eyes, and asked for the medicine boxes. (A two week supply of tablets had been given them, so on my return the box was returned to me for a new supply, I thus knew if they had taken the tablets.) On finding the tablets used up I praised them and counted out a new supply. I impressed on them the importance of taking the tablets as the doctor had said, "sure we use them but we still say our prayers." I had long ago discovered that medicine, faith and prayer were a powerful combination in effecting a cure."

WE HOPE SOMEONE WILL TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE AND FIND THE MYSTERY WRITER. HER WONDERFUL STORY NEEDS TO BE TOLD.

SUITABLE FOR THE WILDS: LETTERS FROM NORTHERN ALBERTA 1929-31

By Dr Mary Percy Jackson and Janice Dickin

- University of Calgary Press
- 324 pages
- \$24.95

After a heavy duty introduction by historian Jane Dickin, this book is filled with copies of letters written by a young English doctor who volunteered to practice in Canada. She arrived in Edmonton in June 1929, signed up with Ministry of Health and was assured of accommodation, transportation and financial support in the Alberta Peace River district.

Initially all new arrivals were sent out as part of a travelling clinic team circulating between tiny communities. There were two doctors, two dentists and four nurses in each team. After very busy days the lady doctor was given shooting lessons and advised to include a rifle on her "kit list" for when she would be alone.

In mid-July she was sent to her own very rural shack two miles from the nearest neighbour. She was provided with a horse, initially her only transportation. Thankfully she had taken riding lessons back in Britain but she had to learn to hobble the horse so it would be handy despite unfenced fields and no shed. Dr. Mary took everything in her stride from medical challenges and dental extractions, to bathing in the creek, or dealing with aboriginal and Métis patients and new immigrants who spoke no English. Modes of travel changed with the seasons. Dr. Percy describes steam trains, river boats, old cars, horse and sleighs, snowshoes, dog sled and her first plane ride.

During the three years of letter writing Dr. Mary had occasional relief when a public health nurse was sent in. The first nurse was terrified to be alone, the next was good with medical challenges but had never cooked her own meals before and the third managed so well that she took over an adjacent district.

Dr. Mary attended a summer camp of the Alpine Club of Canada at Jasper and visited Vancouver. She surprised everyone with the many new challenges she had experienced and overcome. The three years documented in this book were just the beginning of her life and work in northern Alberta. She married, continued practicing until age 75 and was inducted into the Order of Canada in 1990.

This book proved to be a wonderful description of pioneering in Depression years with the author's transition from being very English to an all round Canadian citizen. It was a "good read."



Dr. Mary tending her flowers.



Dr. Mary from "Suitable For the Wilds", a book describing her life in the wilderness.



Dr. Mary Percy and Frank Jackson's house still standing, with Master Farm Family plate in the gate post.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

UBC Nursing doctoral student, **HELEN VANDENBERG**, received funding from the Katherine McMillan Director's Discretionary Fund for her historical project investigating the History of Health Care Organization for Japanese, Chinese, and East Indian Populations from 1880-1920. Helen is a student member who received one of our financial awards in 2010. Her preliminary work looks at a Japanese hospital in Steveston.

RACHEL E. GRANT, student member, is studying at Trinity Western University, Langley, BC. Her paper *HOME TO HOSPITAL: The Evolution of the Care of Childbearing Women through the 20th Century*, won the 2010 Allemang Society student paper award.



JENNIFER STEPHENS writes "I have received a Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) doctoral research award for my dissertation proposal. My supervisor is Dr. Sally Thorne, and my dissertation working title is *"Improving the Communication Environment in Haematological Cancer Care."* This award offers \$105,000 over 3 years of study.

THE ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING celebrated their 120th anniversary in June. More than 700 former graduates gathered for a weekend to reminisce and reconnect with classmates. June Newton and Maxine Bredt, WW2 Nursing Sisters, enjoyed visiting with History of Nursing Society members.

From left to right: Kerry Paterson, June Newton, Sheila Zerr, Maxine Bredt, Lenore Radom



INTRODUCING OUR NEW ARCHIVIST



BY MARJORY RALSON
Chair Archives Committee

I am happy to introduce our new Archivist Francis Mansbridge. He has an impressive background and his career includes teaching, writing and archival work.

Francis had a long career in teaching and has a PhD in English. He also studied in the archival program at the University of British Columbia for 2 years. Recently he worked as Archivist in North Vancouver for 12 years.

Now he enjoys part time work which allows him to pursue his many other interests. He is also active writing books about local history, the most recent of which is "From Cottages to Community: The Neighbourhoods of West Vancouver" which was launched in September 2011. We feel very fortunate to benefit from Francis experience and look forward to our future work together.

Thank you TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS

WHO GAVE GENEROUSLY TO THE BC HISTORY OF NURSING SOCIETY IN 2011. YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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REMEMBERING ...

NORMA WYLIE 1918-2011



Norma Augustine Wylie was born August 22, 1918. At the age of 19 Norma entered the nursing program at Saskatoon City Hospital graduating in 1941. This was soon followed by obtaining a teaching certificate from the University of Toronto. When she made her career choice she had no idea that her profession would take her to England for two years as a nursing sister in the Canadian army in WWII. She returned to work in a veteran's hospital in Calgary for four years but she longed to apply her education to teach nursing. Her first of many firsts, **Norma took up the challenge of being the first In-service Educator for nursing staff at the Vancouver General Hospital, before attending the UBC to receive her BScN.** Norma came to embrace a global vision for service which eventually involved her in the WHO. Her placement in Singapore and later Malaysia reinforced her sense of vocation. During these years she took time out to get her Master of Science in Nursing, University of California specializing in psychiatric nursing. By 1967 she said goodbye to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and returned to Canada to accept the offer to come to Hamilton, ON and open up the new and innovative McMaster University Medical Centre as its first Director of Nursing. Six years later when she resigned she spent time at St. Christopher's Hospice, London, England. Returning to Canada once again she then took a position as Associate Professor of Nursing at Dalhousie University and a Clinical Specialist at the Victoria Hospital in Halifax. At the age of 60, Norma became a Full Professor with tenure in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Springfield, Il-

linois before she retired. During her retirement she taught in China and was made an honorary professor at Sun Yat-Sen University. **Taken From CAHN/ACHN newsletter, June 2011, with permission.*

SINDI HAWKINS 1958-2010

Sindi Hawkins was a graduate of the school of nursing of Foothills Hospital and the University of Calgary. After several years as a general duty nurse, she became a lawyer and a politician, making her most significant contributions to nursing in her role as a politician



Ms. Hawkins was responsible for providing nursing with a voice at senior government tables as well as directing millions of dollars toward initiatives to recruit, retain and educate nurses. In her role as minister of health planning in B.C., she moved forward key legislation on entry to practice for registered nursing and was instrumental in establishing the nurse practitioner role in the province. Her work in advocating for improved cancer care and research is credited with raising nearly \$3 million for the BC Cancer Foundation and over \$20 million for cancer research and care in B.C.

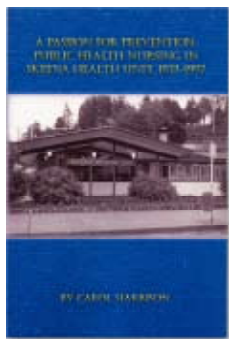
From Canadian Nurses Association Online Memorial Book.

Editor's Note: The late Sindi Hawkins was a friend of the History of Nursing. On May 12, 2003, she represented the BC Provincial Government at the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the national historic significance of Begbie Hall, Royal Jubilee Hospital School of Nursing Residence, Victoria B.C.

NEW BOOKS FOR WINTER READING

A PASSION FOR PREVENTION: Public health nursing in Skeena Health Unit, 1937-1999

By Carol Harrison



The Skeena Health Unit started in Prince Rupert, British Columbia, gradually spreading to connect small, remote communities within the vast wilderness of northwestern BC. This is the fascinating story of how those connections were made, in the context of world events and changing societal attitudes, and how public health nurses were part of the adventure. Tuberculosis, World War II, residential schools, and big industry all play a part in the story. This book is a tribute to some

remarkable women who provided preventive health care in this area, sometimes under unusual and challenging circumstances.

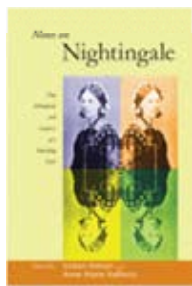
- Published 2011 by First Choice Books
- ISBN13 9781770841253
- \$19.95 (includes shipping & handling)
- Order from author, 5018 Walsh Avenue, Terrace BC V8G4H2

WHAT'S NEXT?

By Nancy Vlasko

This is an autobiography of an English nurse. Vlasko shares a wealth of memorable stories from every exciting episode of her life. She came to Canada from the UK in 1951 as a qualified and experienced nurse to see the country and her many relations. She was a staff nurse at Nanaimo General from Nov 16, 1951 to June 9, 1952. Details of her many Nanaimo experiences are covered in this light-hearted, entertaining book.

- United Writers Publications Ltd.
- ISBN: 9781852001, hardback, 296pp, £18.95



NOTES ON NIGHTINGALE: The Influence and Legacy of the Nursing Icon

Edited by Sioban Nelson & Anne Marie Rafferty

Nursing historians and scholars offer their valuable reflections on Nightingale and analysis of her role in the profession a century after her death.

- Cornell University Press, Ithaca, New York 2010
- \$18.95 paperback
- ISBN 0801476119

GENDER, HEALTH, AND POPULAR CULTURE: Historical Perspectives

Cheryl Krasnick Warsh (Editor)

Cheryl Warsh is a professor of history at the Nanaimo Vancouver Island University and has a keen interest in nursing history. Topics in this collection are wide ranging and include child-birth advice in Victorian Australia and Cold War America, menstruation films, Canadian abortion tourism, the Pap smear, the Body Worlds exhibition, and fat liberation.

- Published in 2011 by Wilfrid Laurier University Press
- ISBN13: 978-1-55458-217-4
- 34.95 Paper, 330 pp.

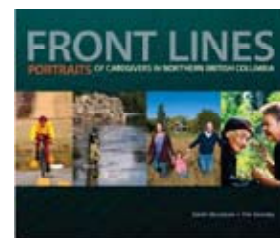


FRONT LINES: Portraits of Caregivers in Northern British Columbia

By Sarah de Leeuw, Photographer Tim Swanky

This book describes "doctors whose insights into rural medicine have won them national awards, nurses who embody the concept of cultural competence and social workers who restore pride and meaning to lives shattered by residential schools, alcohol, drugs and mental illness." Contains 40 essays and full color portraits.

- Creekstone Press, 104 pages
- ISBN: 978-0-9783195-4-0, \$32.00



CARING AND COMPASSION: A History of the Sisters of St. Ann in Health Care in British Columbia

By Darlene Southwell

In 1875 Victoria citizens wanted the Sisters of St. Ann to build a hospital, and even though the organization had no money, they were able to come through with St. Joseph's Hospital. The Sisters went on to open a major school of nursing in Victoria as well as hospitals in Campbell River, Smithers and Oliver and extended care homes in Victoria and Nelson, all of which played a significant role in the development of the province. Darlene Southwell, who was granted unlimited access to the Sisters' archives in Victoria, spent five years writing *Caring and Compassion*, which, against a backdrop of racism, war and seemingly insurmountable financial crises, serves as both a history of the Sisters' healing pursuits in BC and a mirror of the times. (Excerpts from Book Description, Harbour Publishing.

- Harbour Publishing, Madeira Park BC
- ISBN 978-1-55017-560-8
- \$29.95 CAD Hardback
- 296 pp, 80 B&W photographs.
- ISBN: 978-0-9783195-4-0, \$32.00



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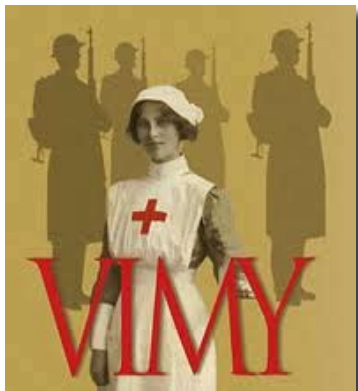
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2012 CAHN/ACHN Annual Conference
22-24 June 2012, Medicine Hat, Alberta

The 2012 Annual CAHN/ACHN Conference, to be held in Medicine Hat, Alberta on June 22-24, marks the 25th anniversary of our association. Founded in 1987, CAHN/ACHN has an ongoing commitment to stimulate and promote historical scholarship of nursing and health.

The conference theme is: *Places and People's Health: Exploring Nursing in Diverse Contexts*. We welcome papers that explore diversity and contingency of nursing knowledge and practice. Aiming at a critical understanding of connections between place and practice, the conference seeks to examine the history of nursing and health care in diverse geographic, social, and political contexts, including rural and remote locations, specialty areas, and various communities.

Please submit your one page abstract (350 words max.) and one page CV for consideration **by Dec. 1, 2011** to geertje.boschma@nursing.ubc.ca. Submissions by email are strongly encouraged. If submitting by mail, please send one original and 3 blind copies to Geertje Boschma, UBC School of Nursing, T201 2211 Wesbrook Mall, Vancouver V6T 2B5, Canada. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed. Notification of acceptance will be sent out in Feb. 2012. All presenters must be members of CAHN/ACHN.



THE FIREHALL ARTS CENTRE ANNOUNCES:

There have been few moments in history that have defined Canada as significantly as the Battle of Vimy Ridge during the First World War. This year, the Firehall Arts Centre is kicking off their 2011-12 season with a production that

tells the story of five soldiers and a nurse soon after that epic conflict.

- **VIMY by Vern Thiessen**
- November 2 to 19, 2011
- Previews October 28-30 and November 1, 2011
- Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8pm, Saturdays & Sundays at 2pm, Wednesdays at 1pm
- Firehall Arts Centre, 280 E. Cordova St. Vancouver, BC
- For tickets and information call 604-689-0926
- You can also check out the Firehall Arts Centre Website at <http://www.firehallartscentre.ca/aboutus.html>

Written by Governor General's Award-winning playwright Vern Thiessen, VIMY takes place in a field hospital as a nurse mourn-

ing the death of her lost love looks over four soldiers recovering from their wounds. Floating from the present into the past, the play looks at the motivations and stories behind these five young people and how they came to be part of the war.

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THE CANADIAN NURSES ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL MEETING

will be held at the Bayshore Inn, Vancouver, BC June 18-20, 2012. The theme of the conference is "Nurses: Movers and Shapers". Look for more information in the coming months.

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www.okanaganhistoricalsociety.org/index.html

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