

BIOGRAPHY BOOK VOLUME #1 & #2 REPORT – July 2024

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VOLUME #1:

- The volume #1 book has been completely updated to the present with bios and obits included and with pictures as available.
- Also, at the beginning of every year from 1890 to 1995, any pertinent historical event which may have impacted on the VG hospital, VG nurses, or the school was documented and pictures were included as appropriate.
- Gathered from 'Hospital Annual Records' from 1890 to 1995, any information on students, school, or hospital has been documented at the beginning of each year.
- As close as could be determined, when new medical interventions were initiated, these were included with dates, department and VG staff involved.
- The pertinent class members were documented next with maiden name first and their 'story' told as completely as available. Sometimes only the date of death was known.
- To gather as many bios as possible: Newsletters, class Year Books, Class Scrap Books, Class records, articles (stored in the Archives), newspapers in the NS Archives etc, were completely reviewed and notes made in order to have as complete a story as possible. This project was started in 2003 and is still 'on-going.'
- Volume #1 is of legal size, has 649 double-sided typed pages with a little less than 3000 bios and is now completely closed – there will not be any bios added to this volume.
- This volume will be stored in the VGH School of Nursing Archives for historians, researchers, authors, and the public at large to view – a tremendous legacy of the VGH School of Nursing, the VG Hospital and the medical history of Halifax and NS.

VOLUME #2 - This volume will be formatted following that of volume #1 and contain the names of each individual class not documented in volume # 1.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- There are 2695 VG grads with nothing noted, just their maiden name as listed in their class. (This is a sad and disappointing even with all the reviewing and requesting for nurses to submit. It causes these blanks).
- What has been submitted will be our legacy and ALL the stories are remarkable in their own right. What interesting stories and adventures VGH nurses have had. They have contributed 'worldwide.' They have promoted excellent standards of patient care. Many have received medals, plaques, certificates, and awards for volunteering, at home and in other countries. Many have submitted their bio stating that they did not formally nurse very long BUT they contributed to their community. VGH nurses have been and are still contributing to the service of our great country by joining our Armed Forces here at home and abroad. Some have stated they are a First Responder in their community. This may give one a perspective as to the valuable context of volume #1 and hopefully volume #2 will follow with more information.