

# *KGH School of Nursing Alumni Association*



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## Awards and Affiliations Abound

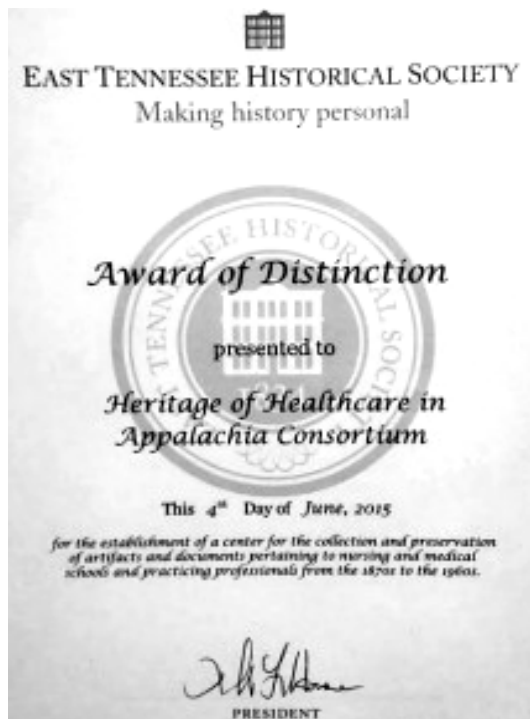
### REGIONAL AND NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF OUR EFFORTS

**S**ince it officially opened in May, 2014, the KGH exhibit and archive at the Museum at Mountain Home has served as a springboard for multiple research and preservation activities. We can all be proud.

Building on the success of the KGH exhibit, the Museum developed a permanent display of materials from Johnson City nurses' training programs in association with ETSU College of Nursing's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary observance in the Fall of 2014.

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At its Annual Meeting in Knoxville on June 4, 2015, the East Tennessee Historical Society presented Awards of Distinction to the Museum at Mountain Home for creating its KGH exhibit and to the Heritage of Healthcare in Appalachia Consortium, also based at the joint ETSU/VAMC Campus in Johnson City, Tennessee. The

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# Annual Luncheon May 28th

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Consortium grew out of research into KGH's history.

Museum Executive Director and medical college faculty member Martha Whaley said, "The KGH exhibit was developed on a shoe-string budget, primarily with donations from graduates and their family members. The collection of artifacts and oral histories has been more successful than we could have imagined."

ETSU's College of Nursing and Quillen College of Medicine provided support through personnel and services.

"The KGH presentation was a perfect extension to the Knoxville Academy of Medicine's extensive early 20<sup>th</sup> Century physician's office diorama on permanent display in the Museum," Whaley said. The Academy's collection of historical medical equipment and artifacts was donated about ten years ago.

"We aren't stopping there. Ultimately, we plan to represent nursing and healthcare-related history throughout the South Central Appalachia region," Whaley said.

### ***The Heritage of Healthcare in Appalachia Consortium***

Researching and documenting the KGH and ETSU nursing exhibits required intensive efforts by several individuals from diverse locations. The researchers' loose network formalized as the Heritage of Healthcare in Appalachia Consortium in 2014.

The Consortium's regional focus includes East Tennessee, Western North Carolina, Southeastern Kentucky, Southwestern Virginia, and Southern West Virginia. All aspects of healthcare training and practice in these areas, both historically and as they affect modern medical care, are of interest to the Consortium.

The Museum at Mountain Home and Quillen College of Medicine Library are ideal locations for archiving the Consortium's research findings. Technological advances make it possible for scholars around the world to access materials housed in Johnson City. Nursing faculty members Sharon Loury, Ph.D., RN, of ETSU and Phoebe Pollitt, Ed.D., RN, of Appalachian State already have graduate students working collaboratively, using materials housed at the Museum and Library.



*A sampling of artifacts from the KGH museum exhibit was displayed at the ETHS awards dinner.*



*Mary McCall  
McNamara (KGH  
Class of 1954)  
received the awards  
along with ETSU's  
Martha Whaley.*



### In This Issue

Museum Receives  
Recognition

## Nursing History from South Central Appalachia Awarded Impressive Distinction

*The national American Association for the History of Nursing lauded awards presented to the Museum at Mountain Home for the KGH exhibit and the Heritage of Healthcare in Appalachia Consortium for its work to research and preserve historically important people and events.*

### ***The Tennessee Great War Centennial Commission***

As we know, the KGH training program existed from 1902-1956. Its influence can be traced around the United States, as well as Europe, Asia, and Central America. KGH graduates were pioneers in public and industrial health, nursing education, and modernization of nursing practice. KGH Alumni members have made remarkable accomplishments, including military service in World Wars I and II, Korea, Viet Nam, and peace time.

The Tennessee State Museum, located in Nashville, is especially interested in KGH nurses who served during World War I for its “Great War” Centennial commemorative events. Sharon Loury, Ph.D., RN, is working closely with State Museum curators to ensure the story of East Tennessee nurses, especially those with ties to KGH, is accurately represented.

### ***Histories of Other Knoxville-Area Nursing Programs***

Because of the excitement generated by research and preservation of KGH nurses’ history, graduates of other hospital-based programs in the region are working to collect and document their own stories. KGH historian Billie McNamara has been working closely with Fort Sanders’ archivist, Nedra Cook, and items from Riverside and Fort Sanders Hospitals’ programs (which merged in 1927) have been added to the Museum at Mountain Home collection. St. Mary’s and Baptist graduates are working to compile rosters and biographies of graduates. UT Hospital nursing alumni are writing a history of their program, with a book planned.

Billie has been independently working to identify graduates of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century hospital-based programs who have not been documented, including alumni of Howard-Henderson (Knoxville), Chamberlain (Rockwood, TN), Greeneville, Morristown, and Emerald-Hodgson at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.



# First HHAC Symposium Planned for May 12

To celebrate the publication of an important new book by one of its founding members, the Heritage of Healthcare in Appalachia Consortium (HHAC) presents the first in a series of symposia, sponsored by HHAC organizational affiliate, the Museum at Mountain Home:

## *Early 20th Century Diversity in Healthcare*

The event will be held Thursday, May 12, 2016, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Reece Museum on the campus of East Tennessee State University (363 Stout Drive, Johnson City, 37614). It is free and open to the public.

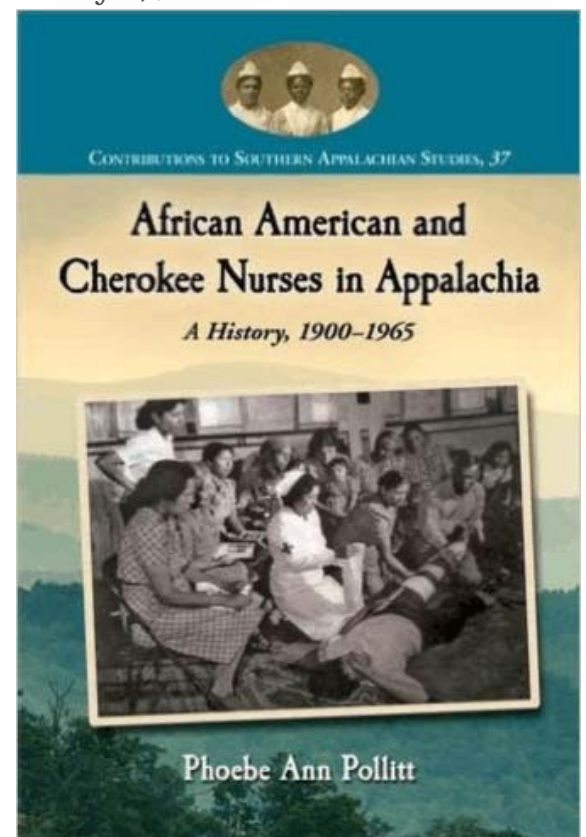
Presentations scheduled include *Recognition of Nurses' Week and the 195<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Florence Nightingale's Birth* (ETSU Nursing Dean Wendy Nehring); *Dr. H. B. Hankal, Pioneer African-American Physician of Johnson City, TN* (Mary Alexander); *The Amos Pharmacists Path from Emancipation to Equal Rights* (ETSU Pharmacy Professor Daniel Gmyrek); *Men as Professional Nurses* (ETSU Nursing Associate Dean Kenneth Doyle); and *Nurses of Color in East Tennessee and North Carolina* (Appalachian State Nursing Professor Phoebe Pollitt).

The first male Registered Nurse in Tennessee identified thus far was a German immigrant, John Brockman, who graduated from Knoxville's Lincoln Memorial University Hospital in 1913. He served in the Army in World War I and worked as an industrial nurse at ALCOA until his retirement in the 1950's.

Following the Symposium, a 4:00 p.m. reception and signing will honor Dr. Pollitt's new book, *African American and Cherokee Nurses in Appalachia — A History, 1900-1965*. While no black students were admitted to the KGH program, Dr. Pollitt identified women of Cherokee, Lumbee, Melungeon, and Hispanic origins among KGH alumni. Details about the book are available on-line at <http://amzn.to/1IYcli8>

Visitor parking permits are available at ETSU Parking Services, 132 Stout Drive. Permits can be requested in advance on-line at <https://etsuis.etsu.edu/Parking/> or call (423) 439-5650 for instructions.

For more information, please call or e-mail Martha Whaley at ETSU's Quillen College of Medicine: (423) 439-8069 or [WhaleyM@etsu.edu](mailto:WhaleyM@etsu.edu)



# KGH Nursing News — Tidbits from 1940

**T**hese clippings are from the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*. Publication details are included.

## **Helps on Health Course**

Dr. H. H. Walker, University of Tennessee's association professor of health education, is collaborating with Knoxville Bureau of Health in a co-operative course on public health in General Hospital's School of Nursing. He is showing movies on health education and lecture. [sic] — January 19, 1940, page 20

## **P-T A. To Hear Talk on "TB" Tomorrow**

Dr. H. H. Walker, of the University of Tennessee Public Health Education Department, will speak on "The Attack on Tuberculosis Through Science," before the Knox County Parent-Teachers Association at the Andrew Johnson tomorrow.

Dr. Walker will also lecture at 3 p.m. tomorrow before the General Hospital School of Nursing. Thursday he will give a recorded radio drama at Karns High School during the morning, speak at 2:30 p.m. at Harrogate P-T A. meeting, and at 7 that night at Cumberland Gap P-T A. meeting. — January 9, 1940, page 4

## **Books Are Valentines at Medical Auxiliary Party**

### **Volumes Brought to Tea Today Will Add to General Hospital Library**

Nurses for years to come will be able to enjoy the Valentines members of Auxiliary to Knox County Medical Society brought to the tea this afternoon that they gave at nurses' home for nurses at General Hospital. The Valentines were books and they were added to others given at book-Valentine teas in previous years.

Mrs. W. W. Potter was chairman for the party. She arranged a Valentine tea table coered with a white cloth and with red roses in the center.

Mrs. Jesse Hill arranged the music. Mrs. Russell Ford and Miss Virginia Tharpe were violinists and Mrs. W. T. DeSautelle played the piano.

The "Valentine" number on the musical program was the contributions of three young girls and one boy, daughters and son of doctors of the Medical Society. They played the piano. The girls, wearing long party dresses, were Sarah Long, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Long; Jane Peters, and Margaret McIlwaine, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard McIlwaine, C. L. Chumley Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Chumley, was the boy on the program.

The guests were received by officers of the Auxiliary: Mrs. H. C. Long, president; Mrs. Edgar Grubb, vice-president; Mrs. James Ely, recording secretary; Mrs. Vernon Smith, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Fred West, treasurer; Mrs. H. T. McClain, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Rufus Smith, historian.

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# Nursing News Items from 1940 *(continued from page 5)*

Mrs. F. L. Young and Mrs. R. S. Layman Sr. poured tea. Mrs. J. F. Morrow and Mrs. E. H. Ford assisted Mrs. Potter in receiving the books.

Assisting in entertaining were the chairmen of the following committees, Mrs. Dan Thomas, social; Mrs. H. L. Carroll, hospital; and Mrs. Alvin Weber, couesty; and the past presidents: Mrs. Oliver Hill, Mrs. R. G. Reaves, Mrs. W. A. Shelton, Mrs. H. E. Christenberry, Mrs. H. Dewey Peters, Mrs. Benjamin B. Cates, and others. — February 14, 1940, page 4

## **Nurse Exams this Week**

The Tennessee State Board of Nurses will hold examinations here at the Hotel Farragut Wednesday and Thursday beginning at 8:30 a.m. daily. Wednesday's schedule includes surgical nursing, anatomy, physiology, dietetics and obstetrics. On Thursday's schedule are bacteriology, practical nursing (medical nursing), material medica and pediatrics. — March 5, 1940, page 14

## **State Nurses Exam To Be Sept. 11-12**

An examination for nurses will be held Sept. 11-12 a Hotel Andrew Johnson by the Tennessee State Board of Nurse Examiners. Three hundred nurses are expected to take the examination.

Demand for nurses has increased and hospitals are taking in larger classes, officials of the examining Board announced. A high school education is necessary for enrollment in a training class. — August 23, 1940, page 2

## **How Aviation Is Growing**

So great is the need for trained people that American Airlines has started 218 persons to school in New York looking forward to giving them aviation jobs.

Thirty experienced pilots, with thousands of hours of flying time to their credit, are taking a six weeks course before being assigned to pilot the big American Airlines ships.

Thirty-three registered nurses are undergoing training for stewardess positions.

Fifty young men are taking a four to six weeks course to learn the sales and operations end of the flying business.

And in the fourth course, 105 apprentice mechanics are being trained.

Activities of this one line give some idea of the way aviation is growing in this country.

Aviation is the coming business in the United States. Knoxville must share in this business. Everything possible must be done to encourage commercial aviation here. — Feb. 14, 1940, page 6



*Miss L. Hawkins, R. N.*

*American Airlines, Inc.*

# Annual KGH Alumni Luncheon 2016

**SATURDAY, MAY 28<sup>th</sup> IN KNOXVILLE**

**K**GH Alumni Association's Annual Luncheon will be held at **noon** on **Saturday, May 28, 2016**. The location is St. James' Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 1101 North Broadway, Knoxville. Please begin arriving anytime after 11:30 a.m. to register.

Anyone with a connection to KGH is welcome to attend and share in this event.

This year, we will repeat past years' extremely popular sandwiches, fresh vegetables, other "finger" foods, and desserts at each table, much like the fare you find at a fancy tea. Members and visitors can focus more on socializing and sharing memories than meal service.

The program for the event will be an overview of the Knoxville research presented in Phoebe Pollitt's book on African-American and Cherokee nurses. See page 4 for details.

The classes of 1916, 1926, 1936, 1946, and 1956 will be featured. A brief business meeting and a few details about the on-going historical research will also be on the agenda.

## 2016 KGH Alumni Luncheon Reservation Form

Return by **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** to Christine Dean Christenberry, 4024 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37919. Phone 865-523-3212

Dues were raised at the meeting in 2015 to \$10.00 per year. Our bank account remains low because of decreased membership and low dues for many years. We traditionally make donations in memory of members when they pass away. We have given a small amount toward costs incurred for historical research. We would like to continue this and offset some Museum exhibit expenses, so additional donations are appreciated.

_____	_____	Please reserve _____	
Name	Class	lunches @ \$10.00	
_____		each, totalling	\$ _____
_____		Alumni Dues	\$ 10.00
Address		Total Amount Enclosed	\$ _____
_____		(check payable to KGH	
City, State, ZIP Code		Alumni Association)	
_____			
Phone / Cell Phone		Your E-mail Address	_____



# In Memoriam — Recent Passages

Betty Reed Foy	1952	March 30, 2016
Mary Roselle Walker Innaurato	1943	November 12, 2015
Dorothy Lee Lane	1953	April 15, 2015
Alva Jo Ashe Creech	1946	February 16, 2015
Shirley Millsaps Russell	1946	January 7, 2015
Bonnie Lee Miracle Anderson	1942	February 10, 2015
Lillian Aideen Cole Millaway Parker	1941	August 31, 2014
Elsie Cole Lewis	1941	April 20, 2014
Margaret Elizabeth Dix Barnes	1944	November 26, 2013



## Do You Have Items to Donate or Loan?

**I**f you have items related to Knoxville General Hospital, the women who attended nursing school there, or nursing in South Central Appalachia, the Museum at Mountain Home would be an excellent permanent repository for the material. No item is too small or too large. We consider everything related to the nurses' training and practice, or their lives after training if they left nursing, to have significance.

**We are especially interested in personal correspondence, scrapbooks, photos, and written or taped histories.**

The museum is a 501(c)(3) charity staffed solely by volunteers and supported through tax-deductible contributions.



If you wish to donate materials or funds, please contact the KGH Alumni Association at the address below. Make checks payable directly to the Museum at Mountain Home.

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