

**Letter from Miss Redwine to Miss Heinzerling about her inclusion in the Wyche and Heinzerling *History of Nursing in NC* book:**

Miss Edna Heinzerling,  
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Dear Miss Heinzerling:

Sorry not to have been able to reply to your request earlier but I have been sick with a severe attack of pharangitis and bronchitis. Am up and on duty again but still far from normal.

As to your request I am sending a list of, as far as I can recall, my numerous and varied activities in the State but perhaps you had better verify dates though I think I have them approximately correct.

Some of these activities I have never been given credit for by the State Association and Board of Examiners so you may not be able to use them but the information is correct and can be verified if certain people are fair.

1. Graduated St. Peter's Hospital, Charlotte, N.C. in...1904.

1. With four others took and passed the first examination held by Board of Examiners in...1904. Was the only nurse from my school in that year to take the examination the others preferring to register on a physician's certificate?

1. The first three years after graduation did general duty in Greenville Sanatorium, Greenville, S.C. ...1904-1907. The experience gained here was wide and varied; surgery, obstetrics, private duty, first aid and emergency as well as general duty in hospital.

1. Superintendent of Nurses, Biltmore Hospital, Biltmore, N.C. ... 1907-1912. I really went to this hospital to do night duty but after a month or two the School of Nursing was organized and I took charge under a Superintendent of the Hospital. At that time the official title was "Head Nurse" but the duties were those at present assumed by Supt. of Nurses and Instructor. I had complete charge of nurses, nursing and class work and as I look back on it now realize that I handled the class work especially "Principles and Practice of Nursing" very much as is required today. Maybe I was really the first "Instructor" in the State. Who knows?

1. Superintendent of Hospital and Nurses, Asheville Mission Hospital, Asheville, N.C. ... 1914-1917

1. President, District No. 1, Asheville...1914-1915.

1. Superintendent, Hospital and Nurses, Meriwether Hospital, Asheville, 16 months...1917,1918

1. In spring of this same year 1917 was appointed "Instructor of Training Schools" to succeed Miss Lois Toomer. This was part time work and I held the position in connection with other positions until 1922. Resignation was placed in fall of 1921 and accepted, that is accepted to take place after I had made a complete survey of Nursing schools of State, by request Board of Examiners, This survey was made fall of 1921 and completed spring of 1922. A complete and detailed report was sent to Mrs. Conyers (Mrs. Hayden). A summary of the important facts in that report will be found in a paper under name of "Elizabeth Redwine" (Elizabeth a misprint) in Transactions of N.C. Hospital Association at Asheville in 1923. The title of the paper is: "A Plea for Training School Standardization."

This is one of the things for which I never received credit, which I have always felt was unjust. If you read the above mentioned paper or report you must see that it must have entailed a great deal of work. In addition to the tabulated report sent to Mrs. Conyers I also made a chart giving to the Board of Examiners the name and location of each of the 74 schools with all facts learned relative to each. Mrs. Conyers acknowledged the report with a great deal of "taffy" relative to its completeness etc. and that is the last I have heard of it.

I really was the first nurse to make a complete survey with definite recommendations, two years before Miss West did, though she stated at a Hospital meeting in Gastonia, 1930 that her survey was the first that had been made. As to the recommendations made at that time you will see that I have had the opportunity of seeing many of them adopted. If you do not have access to above "transactions" you can see them when you come here or I will mail you my copy provided you return it when through with it. I cannot afford to lose it since it is the only proof I have of what I accomplished at time. Dr. Burrus, Dr. Parrott and a few others are the only ones who seemed to recognize the value of the work done at that time.

1. On Board of Examiners... 1917-1920.

1. Instruction "Home Nursing" Womens College, U.N.C. Greensboro, N.C...1920.

1. Superintendent of Hospital and Nurses, Aston Park Hospital, Asheville...1922-1923.

1. Instructor, Watts Hospital, Durham, N.C...1923-1926

1. Instructor, St. Peter's Hospital, Charlotte, N.C...1926-1932

1. Present position...1933-

Will enter 5<sup>th</sup> year in September.

Other activities:

Appointed by Governor Bickett, 1918 as member of Committee to organize N.C. Hospital Association and was secretary pro tem during organization.

I also assisted in putting in the combined 5 year course at the Womens College and helped to make curriculum.

Assisted Miss Stafford in organizing Districts.

League of Nursing Education

Appointed Chairman succeeding Miss Katherine Rothwell...1917

League definitely organized with 12 charter members at Kinston...1918

and affiliated with the National League. I was elected President and Miss Kelly Secretary Treasure. Miss Kelly and I babied this organization along for several years gradually increasing in membership. I was a member of the National Advisory Council went to National meetings and gave reports, also took an active part in these advisory council meetings. The affiliation with N.L.N.E. was given up as well as I can remember in 1921 is becoming again merely a section. I was under the impression that it was reorganized in 1925 at the Asheville meeting of S.N.A. but the pamphlet does not give me any credit at all for my several years' service as president, nor does it mention Miss Laxton who was elected when I resigned, and served I think for one year.

In addition to all the above I have written several papers the first read at Winston-Salem 1916 discussing the curriculum. This happened to be the only paper on training school problems at that time.

The second paper was entitled "Physical Management of the Small Hospital." This paper was published in the American Journal of Nursing and copied almost in its entirety on the editorial page of the Modern Hospital.

The third paper was entitled: "Training School Problems in North Carolina."

This was published without any knowledge or permission in "Hospital Management" and a favorable comment made on it on the editorial page.

These two latter papers are included in the Bibliography of American College of Surgeons.

There have been two later papers one on "Ethics" It was published in "The Southern Nurse" before it affiliated with "The Trained Nurse and Hospital R view."

The last one was entitled "Correlation of Theory and Practice in the curriculum."

This I believe is all unless the fact that I was Chairman of the Nominating Committee the year Miss Council was elected is worth recording. I have been rather proud of that because she has made such an excellent President. Have also served on other committees.

I am not very good on dates so some of these I have given may not be exactly correct, though I think you can verify them. Most of the data have kept relative to these things are packed away elsewhere. Have always been sorry I did not keep a diary of all these experiences.

As Inspector or Educational Director I was only paid for actual work in the field. Of course this was only about one third of the work, two thirds of which I received no remuneration for. Of course at the time I was holding other positions.

At the time I thought more of service more anything else and did not realize the importance of my work being recognized as I do now. The severe illness of 1918, 1919 of course lessened my efficiency and fighting ability which perhaps accounts for the fact that I have not received more credit.

I know you will be sorry you wrote to me and please believe it is not my desire to stir up dissension but I took the opportunity to put the facts before the first person who asked for them. Use what you want and keep the rest as confidential as you can. I realize that this should have come from others and there are those that can vouch for its correctness if they choose to do so.

When are you coming to see us? Soon I hope. It is perfectly gorgeous here now. The most beautiful spring I have ever seen. Apple blossoms and dogwood were beautiful, and now the purple rhododendron and azalea. Soon the pink rhododendron and mountain laurel will be out.

I will be away July and August. Do come before if you can.

Sincerely yours,

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