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This section is comprised of brief, available biographical information about the most active nurses and officers mentioned in the minutes of the North Carolina Association of Colored Graduate/Negro Registered Nurses 1920-1949 (no information could be found for a few of the nurses)

Key:

LHSON = Lincoln Hospital School of Nursing in Durham

NCBON= North Carolina Board of Nursing

SAHSON = St. Agnes Hospital School of Nursing in Raleigh

Mrs. Edith B. Anderson was from Durham. She graduated in 1937 from SAHSON. Anderson was the Operating Room nurse manager at St. Agnes from 1939 through the 1940s. She attended the organizational meeting in Winston-Salem in 1923 and spoke on Advantages and Disadvantages of Private Duty Nursing. The last name Anderson also appears in the minutes of 1928 and 1944.

Elizabeth Bailey was from Raleigh. She graduated from LHSON and passed the NCBON exam in 1918. She attended the first meeting of the NCACGN in Winston-Salem in January 1923. She also attended conventions in 1930 and 1931. She worked in Raleigh.

Mamie Batchelor was born around 1910. She passed the NCBON exam in 1936. The 1940 census lists her as the Head Nurse at L Richardson Hospital in Greensboro. In 1948 she presided at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Greensboro and was elected as assistant recording secretary of the southeastern region of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses.

Birdie Lee Beatty was from Chapel Hill. She graduated from Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing in Charlotte and passed the NCBON examination in 1922. She was elected Treasurer of the Charlotte chapter of the NCACGN in 1935 and 1936. She worked at the Charlotte City Health Department in the 1920s and 1930s.

Gertrude (E. E.) Blackman was from Charlotte and worked at Good Samaritan Hospital. At the 15th Annual/1937 NCACGN Convention she gave a talk on "Laboratory Technique". Blackman was elected Vice President of the Charlotte Chapter (also called the Florence Nightingale Club) in 1925.

Lovie Elizabeth Booker was from Greensboro. She both graduated from SAHSON and passed the state boards in 1918. She attended the 1924 and 1926 NACGN conventions.

Carrie Earley Broadfoot – See Presidential biographies

Annie Keith Brown was a graduate of Dixie Hospital in Hampton Virginia. She passed the NCBON exam in 1922 and worked in Winston-Salem. She attended the first meeting in NC in 1923 in Winston-Salem. She served on the publicity committee in 1924 and the executive committee in 1929 before she served as Vice President of the state association from 1928 - 1932.

Olise Louise Campbell was born on October 10 1902 in Brunswick GA. She graduated from SAHSON and passed the state boards in 1928. The 1930 census show Campbell's working at St. Agnes Hospital where she served as Superintendent of Nurses. She joined the NCACGN in 1929 and gave a talk at the 1929 convention about upgrades at St. Agnes Hospital. Campbell later moved to Savannah GA and held positions as a public health nurse and then instructor and Superintendent at Charity Hospital in Savannah. She later worked for the Georgia Tuberculosis Advisory Committee and worked for a short time with the West Virginia Tuberculosis and Health Association Negro Division. She was elected President of the Georgia Association of Negro Registered Nurses. Campbell died in Savannah 1984.

Alice Rebecca Lomax (Carper Teller ) was born on December 11, 1914 in Durham and died on November 18, 1996. She was elected secretary of the Wilmington chapter in 1931.

Patricia (Pattie) H. Carter was born in 1875 and was the daughter of Hawkins W. Carter who served Warren County as a representative and state senator during the Reconstruction era. She obtained her education from Shaw University, St. Agnes Hospital and Lincoln Hospital in New York City. She graduated from the SAHSON in 1909 and two years later became the Superintendent of Nurses at Lincoln Hospital in Durham NC. She was registered via a waiver in 1918. From 1911-1935 her title was Superintendent of Nursing Services and the Nurse Training School. From 1935- 1947 she was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of the hospital. During her 37 years at Lincoln, she served in nearly every leadership capacity. She was known to prepare meals in the kitchen, dispense medicines from the pharmacy, mop floors and help out where needed. In 1927, William K. Boyd in *The Scalpel* attributed the success of the institution to her dedication and countless hours of work. From "A record of 50 years, 1867-1917' St. Augustine College

She was elected President of the Durham Chapter in 1926 and served in that capacity again in 1946. She gave a talk about the history of the organization at the 1937 convention. She died in 1950 in Durham at age 75.

Lois Rice (?Mrs. HB) Cunningham was a graduate of Blue Ridge Hospital School of Nursing in Asheville NC she passed the state boards in 1929. She attended the first meeting in 1923 in Winston-Salem and was elected as first Vice President of the state organization but had to give it up the next year due to not being an RN. She was vice president of the Winston-Salem chapter in 1924 and she gave a talk at the 1925 NCACGN meeting in Durham.

Eula Mae Julia David graduated from LHSON in 1919 and passed state boards in 1920. She attended the 3rd and 4th Annual Conventions in 1925 and 1926.

Lucy A. Dillard was from Winston- Salem. She both graduated from SAHSON and passed state boards 1923. She attended the organizational meeting in 1923 in Winston-Salem. She spoke on School Nursing at the 5th Convention in 1927. She served as an assistant or corresponding secretary of the state organization from 1927-1932.

Eunice Douglas Heilig was from Concord. In 1922 she both graduated from Good Samaritan Hospital in Charlotte and passed the state boards. By 1924 she was a public health nurse in Charlotte. She was elected Treasurer of the state organization in 1925 and gave talk on "Communicable Diseases" at the 1925 meeting. She was elected to the state executive committee in 1929. In 1935 she was elected as the recorder of the local club and was the contact person for the 1931 and 1937 NCANRN Conventions. She is mentioned in the following articles in the Charlotte Observer: Feb 12, 1924 p. 9, Oct 12, 1927 p 11, May 30, 1922, p. 7, Jan 8, 1925, p. 12, May 29, 1922 p.5, Jan 22, 1928 p. 28.

Sadie E. Eaton lived and worked in Raleigh. She graduated from Freedman's Hospital in Washington, DC in 1912. She passed the NCBON exams in 1917. In 1923 she was the Entertainment President of Raleigh group which held the state-wide meeting that year. She spoke on "The nurse and pneumonia" in 1926. She attended annual meetings in 1930, 1937 and 1944. She was both a private duty nurse in Raleigh and she worked for the city health department 1937- 1944. In 1944, she became the nurse for Shaw University [The News and Observer Raleigh, North Carolina 11-17-1937, p.16; 10-22- 1939, p. 29; 9-7-1944, p. 7; 10-18-1944, p. 8; 5-21, 1953, p. 29](#)

Mabel Weaver Ellis (Taylor) was born on September 10, 1902 and died on February 8, 1995 in Wilson. She joined the organization in 1934 and attended annual meetings in 1934 and 1942. She was a school nurse in Wilson and was remembered this way:

"A nurse would come there, one of the county nurses, Mable Ellis, and when everybody would see her coming, they would know she was coming to give a shot.

Emma R. Evans was born in 1895 in Georgia. She was President of the Greensboro chapter of the NCACGN in 1926. She led a discussion about private duty nursing at the 1929 annual session. She was the Assistant Secretary of the state organization in 1931. The 1930 and 1940 censuses show her working as a city nurse (public health nurse) in Greensboro.

Charlotte Hall McQueen Faison graduated from SAHSON in 1914 and passed state boards the same year. She attended the 1921 NACGN Annual Convention in Washington DC where she was at the founding meeting of the NCACGN. She worked in Rocky Mount, Wilson and Fayetteville. She was elected to the state executive committee in 1929 and as the corresponding secretary of the group in 1931. In 1933 she and Carrie Broadfoot compiled a list from county clerk of court files of the African American Registered Nurses in NC. In 1943 she worked for a federal program to improve the health of migrant farm workers, managed by the Farm Security Administration called the Seaboard Agricultural Workers Health Association. She may have worked there through 1947 when the program closed.

Henrietta Alline Foster (Mebane) was born on August 4, 1901 to Walter and Nettie Young Foster in Wilson or Tarboro. She graduated from LHSON and the NCBON exams in 1921. She attended the organizational meeting of the NCACGN in 1921 and the annual conventions in 1924 and 1926. The 1930 census places her as a trained nurse in a hospital in Wilson. The 1940 census shows her nursing in Tarboro. She married Rev John A Mebane and died on June 2, 1950

Hallie French The 1920 census shows her at 30 years old living with her sister Mary and both of them working as nurses in a hospital (presumably Good Samaritan). She spoke on a panel about public health nursing at the 1925 Convention. In 1926 she was the president of the Charlotte Chapter/ Florence Nightingale Club in Charlotte. A brief memorial service was held for her at the 1941 convention.

Rosa Mai Godley

was from Charlotte. In 1948 she was elected VP of the Southeastern region of NACGN and VP of the state-wide organization. That same year, she was one of the African American nurses to meet with white nurses to negotiate the merger of the two state nursing associations. From the 1942 "Pioneer" the yearbook of St Agnes Hospital School of Nursing:

"Director of the School of Nursing: Mrs. Rosa May Godley, R.N. who hails from Harlem School of Nursing, New York City, and has hopes of raising the curriculum and the nursing technique of St. Agnes to equal that of Harlem School of Nursing. Where the nursing profession is concerned, she knows the answers for she is a Twentieth Century Florence Nightingale." By 1949 she was the Director of Nursing at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Charlotte.

She is mentioned in the following newspaper articles among many others:

New York Times article : June 8, 1973, p. 43, American Journal of Nursing, January, 1941, The New York Age Nov 16, 1940, p. 2, The Charlotte News, April 22, 1949, p. 11, [The Charlotte Observer Sept 4, 1949, p. 19, Raleigh News and Observer: May 5, 1950, p.6, June 6, 1942, p. 12, December 13, 1943, p. 2,](#)

Mary Elizabeth Gary was from Portsmouth, Virginia. She was a graduate of SAHSON and passed the state boards in 1931 She taught at LHSON in 1937. In 1938 she became the Operating Room supervisor at L. Richardson Hospital in Greensboro. She was elected President of the Durham Chapter in 1941 and VP of the state-wide organization in 1942. She moved to the Bronx in 1942.

Flora Gray attended and gave a presentation at the first NC meeting in Winston-Salem in 1923. She also sang the opening song at the 1928 convention.

Maggie McAdams Greenlee was from Due West, SC and graduated from McVicar Hospital in Atlanta. She passed the state boards in 1922 and became a public health nurse in Asheville in 1923. She taught the American Red Cross Home nursing course to African Americans in western North Carolina. When she died in a car wreck in 1957, she was honored in the Asheville Citizen Times newspaper. See Asheville Citizen-Times (ACT) 10-5-57, p. 4 and ACT 1-5-38, p. 14

[Asheville Citizen-Times 5-27-1922 p. 5](#)

Leonora Sarah Hargrave (sometimes Sarah Leonora) was born on March 28, 1888 in Wilmington. Hargrave graduated from Freedman's Hospital in Washington, D.C. in 1903. She returned to Wilmington and was a private duty nurse (The Wilmington Morning Star 22 Sep 1915, Page 8). At the 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the NACGN in 1912 in Washington, DC, Hargrave gave a paper on "Feeding the sick". In 1915 she was elected Secretary of NAGGN at its 8th convention in Raleigh. She was re-elected to the position in 1916. The 1919-1920 Bulletin of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College lists Hargrave as a faculty member teaching "Nurse Training". By 1921 she was working as a Blue Circle Nurse in Fort Valley, Georgia. The 1930 census shows Hargrave was working as a school nurse in Wilmington, NC. She attended the 1931 Annual Convention of the NCACGN in Wilmington. She died on February 11, 1970.

Newspaper clippings about her include: [The New York Age 07 May 1921, Page 11](#) and [The New York Age 14 Jan 1922, p. 7](#) [The New York Age 8-6-1921, p. 8](#)

Annie E. Harrell was born in VA circa 1890. She graduated from SAHSON in 1916 and worked there for many years. She was elected President of the Raleigh Chapter and served as Secretary of the state organization in 1929. The 1930 census shows her at the Negro Division of the State Sanitarium. By 1935 she was at Seaview Hospital (a TB hospital) in New York City.

Mildred Haygood. In 1933 Haygood graduated from LHSO and passed state boards. She was a public health nurse in Charlotte. In 1935 she was elected president of the Charlotte Chapter.

Lila Gillians Haywood was from Goldsboro. She graduated from SAHSON and passed state boards in 1922. She worked as the Operating Room supervisor at St Agnes. She was active in the Raleigh Chapter and attended at least 4 state wide conventions. She was also very active in American Red Cross programs.

Pearl Henderson was from Durham. She was born around 1899. The 1910 census shows her living at Lincoln Hospital in Durham. She graduated from LHSO in 1911 and soon began a career as a public health nurse in Durham. She attended the 1925 meeting and was elected to the statewide finance committee. The next year she is listed as the president of the Durham Chapter. In 1931 she was elected to the state wide executive committee. In the 1940 census she is listed as a head of household, living alone and being employed as a city public health nurse.

Rebecca Clotilde Hennie was born on in Jamaica, West Indies around 1901. She came to the US in 1920 to attend nursing school. She both graduated from SAHSON and passed boards in 1926. She was a school nurse at St. Mary's College in Raleigh and worked at Good Samaritan Hospital in Charlotte. She joined the NCACGN in 1927 and gave a talk that year about Sexually Transmitted Diseases. By 1929, she was the Head Nurse of the Good Shepherd Hospital in New Bern which was supported by the Episcopal church. In the 1939 Journal of the 56th Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, page 46 states "Miss Hennie, our United Thanks Offering nurse who serves as Superintendent is handling her difficult job well, and will study at New York University for six weeks this summer".

She became a US Citizen in 1935. She served in the Army Nurse Corps in WWII. After the war she earned her BS in Nursing in New York City and then held several jobs in the north. She was honored at a luncheon in 1953 which is described in this newspaper article: [The New York Age](#) 13 Jun 1953, Page 20. Other articles from the New York Age have information or photos of nurse Hennie and include: 21 Nov 1959, Page 10, February 12, 1955, p. 8, January 28, 1956 p. 20, January 24, 1959, p. 5. She died in 1980.

Mary E. Henry was from Wadesboro. She graduated from LHSO and passed state boards in 1921. She attended the 1925 convention and was elected President of the Winston-Salem chapter in 1926.

Ruby A.F. Woodbury Scarlett Hilton See Presidents biographies.

Versie Hobbs was a 1926 graduate of SAHSON. She was from Princeton NC. She was the secretary-treasurer of the Raleigh Chapter in 1930. In 1933 she worked at the state psychiatric hospital in Goldsboro now called Cherry Hospital.

Mary E. Fisher Holt was from High Point. She spoke at the 1927 convention and was named State Organizer in 1929 -1931. She graduated from SAHSON and passed boards in 1926.

Geneva Sitrena Collins Hunt See Presidents biographies

Beulah E. Jackson (Porter) was born in Tennessee around 1903. She graduated from Grady Hospital School of Nursing in Atlanta and moved to Durham to work at Lincoln Hospital. The 1930 census lists her as a head nurse at Lincoln. She served as Secretary of the NCANRN in 1933 and 1934, and as state wide Treasurer in 1935. In 1935 she gave a talk on hospital supervision. In 1942 she was the Acting Superintendent at Lincoln and she reported on the Durham Chapter at the convention.

Della Hayden Raney Jackson joined the NCANRN in 1940 while working at Lincoln Hospital in Durham, but soon became a pioneer US Army Nurse. Nurse [Della Hayden Raney Jackson](#) was born in Suffolk, Virginia on January 10, 1912, the 4<sup>th</sup> of twelve children born to George H and Willie V. Raney. She graduated from LHSO in 1937. After graduation, she worked as the operating room supervisor at Lincoln Hospital. When the United States entered World War II, Nurse Raney was anxious to serve her country and applied for a position in the Army Nurse Corps. Initially her application was denied due to her race. Despite this rejection, Nurse Raney persisted in her efforts to become an Army nurse. A nurse needed the endorsement of the American Red Cross to be considered for military service. She wrote in 1983:

"When I entered nursing more than forty years ago, it was serious business with me. It was a commitment to give my life for a cause - that of caring for those who were ill ... It was this strong desire to elevate my profession that led me to volunteer for military service in 1940 with the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Getting accepted by the Red Cross was difficult for graduates of

black schools of nursing in the south, but I persisted in overcoming this barrier to the point of writing Miss Mary Beard, who at that time was director of nursing for the American Red Cross, telling her of my desire to serve my country and practice my profession. Miss Beard replied with my membership card, certificate and pin.

[Nurse Raney's](#) determination paid off. In April, 1941 she became the first African American nurse accepted into the US Army Nurse Corps, at the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant.

[The Pittsburgh Courier](#) Apr 21, 1945 · Page 10

Lottie R. Jackson Graduated from Frederick Douglas Hospital in Philadelphia and passed the NC BON exams in 1918. She worked at Leonard Hospital on the campus of Shaw University in Raleigh before becoming the Superintendent of Nurses at St. Agnes Hospital in 1915. She organized and hosted the 8th Annual Convention of NACGN in Raleigh ("Of Interest to Nurses" JNMA 7(4) p 326). During the 1918 flu pandemic, Jackson was the head nurse of the Red Cross Emergency Hospital (Colored) in Raleigh at the Washington School. In 1920 she served on the nominating committee NACGN (Thomas, S., 1920, "Nursing Section" JNMA 12(4) p 71).

Katie Tiney Corbett Jenkins graduated from LHSO in 1916. She passed boards in 1919. She attended the first meeting of the NCACGN in 1923 and attended the 1925 convention. In 1926 she was the secretary of the Durham chapter of the NCACGN. Later she worked in Greensboro.

Addie E. Lane graduated from Dixie Hospital in Virginia and passed the NC state boards in 1917. She was the President of the Raleigh chapter in 1926 and worked as a public health nurse through the Associated Charities in Raleigh in the 1920s and 1930s.

[The News and Observer](#) Raleigh, North Carolina Sun, Jul 11, 1926 · Page 11

She is also mentioned in this newspaper articles:

[The News and Observer](#) Raleigh, North Carolina, Nov 11, 1925 ·Page 6

Julia A. Latta was born in 1867 in Hillsboro and was the sole graduate of SAHSON in 1900. In 1901 she was hired as a nurse at the new Lincoln Hospital in Durham and soon became the Matron there. In 1903, she was one of two employees - the other was the janitor. She took care of patients, cooked the meals, did the laundry and did whatever else was necessary to keep the hospital running. In the same year, 1901, she opened a nurse training program. During her tenure as the Head Nurse of Lincoln, 1903-1911, 17 nurses graduated from the program. After she left Lincoln she became Durham's first African American public health nurse in July, 1915, (Durham Morning Herald, 11-21-1915, p. 8, 3-7-1916, 4-27-16, p. 10, p.7, 7-11-1917, p.7, 5-9-1917, p. 5, 3-4-1919, p. 7, 11-30-1921, p. 6 and many more). She later worked for the American Tobacco Company (Durham Morning Herald, 11-11-1920, p.9) as an industrial nurse. and by 1920 she was hired by the American Red Cross, the first African American Red Cross nurse in NC. At the 4<sup>th</sup> annual NACGN meeting in 1912 in Washington, DC, Latta spoke on "How can the Association be made beneficial to its members" as well as another talk on "Nursing ethics". At the 1916 meeting in New York City Latta "presented a very spicy paper" on "Public health nursing and sanitation in the south". At the first Annual Convention in Raleigh in 1923 she was elected Vice President of the organization and was chosen to represent the group at the NACGN convention that year. In 1925 she served on both the executive committee and the finance committee.

In 1925, Latta married Lewis Tinnin, who was also born in Hillsboro, into slavery in 1860, but was residing/working in Chicago at the time of their marriage. She moved to Chicago with her new husband. The 1930 census shows they were living in Los Angeles. However, she died in Chicago on August 31, 1939 and was buried there. She never had any children.

Effie C. Wortham Lytle was born around 1869 in Raleigh to Samuel and Annie Wortham. She was one of the first two African American nurses to be educated in North Carolina, she was in first class at SAHSON and graduated in 1898. She worked as a private duty nurse in Raleigh until she married William H. Lytle on 12-12-1905. With him she moved to Granville County and was the nurse at the state supported Oxford Orphanage for many years. She died 9-16-1951 probably while visiting her sister in Philadelphia.

[The News and Observer](#) Raleigh, North Carolina 4-22-1898, p. 8

[The News and Observer](#) Raleigh, North Carolina 9-22-1951, p. 5

Mary Elizabeth McMillan (Thompson). See Presidents biographies

Edith Corrine MacNeill (Holmes) was born in 1905 and grew up in Clarkton, North Carolina. She graduated from the SAHSON in 1923. She worked at a doctor's office before joining the Halifax County Health Department in 1924. She began working in midwife supervision the following year and trained all 75 midwives in her county. She retired in 1964. There is a piece about her in the Tar Heel Nurse June 1964, p.35.

In a 1980 interview with Jane Plyler, <https://archive.org/details/EdithMacNeilHolmes> Holmes discusses her childhood, family background, and education, and work as a public health nurse. She attended the convention in 1928, gave a talk about maternal/child health at the 1934 National convention and gave a welcoming address at the state 1938 convention. She was the president of District 9 from 1936-1941.

Ella Louise Mason was from Richmond, VA and as an adult she lived and worked in Charlotte. She both graduated from LHSO and passed state boards 1924. She presented a talk at the 1929 annual session on private duty nursing. She gave a talk at the 15th Annual Convention (1937) on "Nurses experiences in the flood areas". She was the Recorder of Charlotte Chapter in 1925 and president of the Charlotte chapter in 1941. Nurse Mason was a part of a Civil Deference Medical Unit during WWII. She is mentioned in the following newspaper items in the Charlotte Observer

Feb 7, 1937, p 15; Jan 7, 1948, P 10, Feb 7, 1937, P 15, Aug 9, 1935, P13, Oct 27, 1931 p. 11, Feb 18, 1937, p. 12, Jan 14, 1942 P 1 and 15, Jan 8, 1925, p. 12, Nov 6, 1938 p. 16, May 3, 1950 p. 7, Jan 5, 1939 p.21, August 8, 1935, p.3.

Eva Louise Mathews graduated from Good Samaritan Hospital in Charlotte and passed state boards in 1922. She lived and worked in Charlotte. She was secretary of the Charlotte Chapter in 1926 and was elected to the state executive committee in 1929.

Elizabeth Miller was the Superintendent of Nurses at Good Samaritan Hospital in Charlotte, circa 1913-1925. In 1913 she gave a talk on "Nursing as a profession in America". In 1920 she served as the Auditing Chairman of the NACGN. More information about her can be found in an article titled "Lynching at Hospital" in the August 26 1913 Charlotte Observer p. 2 and in the April 1920 issue of the Journal of the National Medical Association. JNMA. She received her NC Registration

through reciprocity with Pennsylvania in 1922. At the 13th Annual Convention in 1920 of the National organization, she was elected as Chair of the Nominating committee. In 1924 at the 2nd Annual State meeting, she joined the publicity committee. At the 3rd annual state meeting she spoke on private duty nursing. She attended the 4th annual convention and spoke about Good Samaritan Hospital at the 7th annual state convention in 1929. See these articles in the Charlotte Observer: [21 Jun 1925, Page 5](#), [20 Jul 1915, p. 2](#),

Capt. Mary Lee Mills, MSN, MPH, RN, CNM was born in Watha in Pender County. She graduated from LHSO and passed state boards in 1934. She joined the NCANRN in 1935 and gave a talk on private duty nursing at the 1935 convention. Mills left North Carolina to continue her education in New York City. She earned a midwifery certificate from Lobenstein School of Midwifery, a master's and bachelor's from New York University and graduated from George Washington University with a graduate certificate in health care administration. She returned to North Carolina to practice midwifery and then to start the public health certificate program at NCCU for African American nurses. She gave a talk at the 1945 convention. just before she joined the US Public Health Service and spent decades serving patients in Lebanon, Viet Nam and Cambodia before retiring back to Pender County.

Nannie Lucille Moore lived in High Point. She graduated from Good Samaritan and passed the NCBON exam 1932. In 1937 she sent letters to 47 nurses across the state telling them about the work of the NCANRN. She is mention in an article in The Charlotte Observer May 29, 1932 p. 9

Anna H. Moorehead from Winston- Salem. was a founding member of the organization in 1923. She was elected the first Vice President but she had not passed the state board of nursing examinations so she was replaced the following year by Julia Latta. She was appointed as a state organizer for the NCANRN in 1929 -1931. She spoke on different aspects of public health nursing at the conventions in 1923, 1931, 1934. She served on the Board of Directors from 1930-1935. She was active during the merger with the white NCSNA in the late 1940s. Moorehead was honored as a "Charter Member" at the 1941 convention.

Lillyn P. Newsome was a public health nurse in New Bern. She attended meetings of the NCACGN in 1927-1930. At the 1929 NCACGN convention she and Mrs. Nellie McKenzie Sanders of Charlotte gave a talk on "Maternity, Infancy, Nursing and Control of epidemics". She was President of the New Bern Chapter in 1930.

Mamie E. Hill (Mrs. L.A.) Oxley – Graduated from St. Agnes in 1909 and worked in Raleigh as a public health nurse (at least 1921-1931). In 1924 Oxley was elected Secretary of the Raleigh Chapter (the Edith Cavell Club) of the NCACGN. In 1927, she and Mrs. Freedland Price of Durham gave a talk on the "Rural aspects of Public Health Nursing". She was elected to the state executive committee in 1929 and was the Treasurer of the state organization in 1927- 1932. She left NC in 1935 when her husband moved to Washington, D.C. where her husband worked for the US Department of Labor and was a member of President Roosevelt's "Black

Cabinet.: Raleigh News and Observer articles:

6-29-27 p. 4

3-3-1921, p. 2

Raleigh News and Observer 4-2-21 p. 2

She is also mentioned in these newspaper articles from the [The News and Observer Raleigh, North Carolina](#):  
31 Jan 1933, P. 2, Mar 06, 1921, p. 17, Jan 6, 1921, p. 5, 16 Dec 1928, P.6, June 16, 1921 · Page 12

Annie Groves Perkinson was one of the first two African American nursing graduates in NC. She graduated in 1898 from SAHSON before there were NCBON exams. She passed the state boards in 1917. Annie Groves was born in approximately 1872 to Alstan and Margaret Groves in Raleigh. By 1902 she was the Head Nurse at Leonard Medical School Hospital in Raleigh. According to the 1910 census she was 38 years old and living at home with her mother and father. Her employment was listed as a trained nurse working with a private family (private duty nurse). In 1910 or 1911 she married Mr. Perkinson but was widowed by the 1920 census that she her living at home with her mother and working as a nurse with a "city charity nurse" (Associated Charities). She was hired by the Colored Auxiliary of the Board of Charities in Raleigh in 1916. Her work during the 1918 "Spanish Flu" pandemic was noteworthy. In 1930 when she 60 years old she attended the NC Association of Colored Graduate Nurses convention in Raleigh. Six years later she passed away at age 66. She is mentioned in these Raleigh newspaper clippings:

[The News and Observer Raleigh, North Carolina 8-31-1916 p.3](#)

[The State Journal Raleigh, North Carolina 11-22-1918 p. 7](#)

[The News and Observer Raleigh, North Carolina 11-30-1922 p.11](#)

Mary Peebles was a public health nurse in Winston-Salem. She was the president of the Winston-Salem chapter in 1926 and 1930. She was elected to the state executive committee in 1929 and gave a talk about public health nursing at the convention in Raleigh in 1930.

Sadie Price graduated from Lincoln Hospital in 1916 and attended the first Convention in Winston-Salem in 1923.

Willette Freeland Bailey Price – Graduated from LHSO and passed the state boards in 1918. She attended the 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1929 NCACGN conventions. She was a public health/school nurse in Durham and later an "Admitting officer" at Lincoln Hospital. In 1943 she worked for a federal program to improve the health of migrant farm workers, managed by the Farm Security Administration called the Seaboard Agricultural Workers Health Association. She may have worked there through 1947 when the program closed. In 1929, "Mrs. L.A. Oxley of Raleigh and Mrs. Freedland Price of Durham gave a talk on the Rural aspects of Public Health Nursing".

Charlotte Rhone was from and worked her whole life in New Bern except for her years at Freedman's Hospital in Washington DC where she graduated in 1903. She was the first African American Registered Nurse in North Carolina and probably the United States. She worked as a public health nurse and social worker. She attended the first meeting of the national organization in 1908, and was elected Secretary of the national organization, but was not active in the state association.

Sallie Elizabeth (Mrs. C.E.) Richardson was from Spring Hope. In 1918 she graduated from SAHSON and passed state boards. She attended conventions in 1933. In 1934 she gave a talk on "The public health nursing bag". In 1935 was elected to the Board of Directors and served until 1942. She was elected Secretary of the state wide organization and 1944.

Eula Saffrit was from Charlotte. She graduated from Good Samaritan School of Nursing and passed state boards in 1930. She elected to the Board of Directors in 1933 and re-elected in 1935.

Gertrude M. R. Salter graduated from SAHSON in 1903. She lived and worked in High Point and was at the first 1923 meeting in Winston-Salem where she spoke on "The problems of private duty".

Anna E. Saunders was born in 1900. She attended the founding meeting in Washington DC in 1921. She graduated from Benedict College Hospital in Columbia SC and passed NC Boards in 1920. In 1923, at the organizational meeting she gave a talk on "The problems of hospital work". In 1925 she was elected to the Board of Directors. In 1926 she was elected Secretary of the High Point chapter and the state wide executive board, In 1933 she gave a talk on "Loyalty to the profession". She also attended the meeting in 1941. Later she was involved in efforts to raise money for an air-ambulance service, and helped with a "colored" Girl Scout troop in High Point. (High Point Enterprise 9-3-1941)

Nellie Saluda McKenzie Sanders was born on November 19, 1894, the daughter of Professor Rufus McKenzie and Lucy Ann Edwell McKenzie of Greensboro. She graduated from LHSON in 1909. In 1918 she was a public health nurse employed by the Home Service Section and Negro Chamber of Commerce in Charlotte and was engaged in "general nursing of the Negroes" (Charlotte Observer 8-2- 1919, p. 3 in an article titled "Want funds for public nursing"). She passed the state boards in 1925. On May 10, 1928 she married Professor Madison Sanders who taught at Florida A & M in Tallahassee. She attended the organizational meeting in 1923, was on a public health nursing "round table" discussion in 1925, attended the convention in 1927 and responded to a talk Lillyn Newsome gave about maternal/child health in 1929. In 1936, she hosted a meeting of the Charlotte Chapter of the NCACGN/Florence Nightingale Club. She was widowed by 1940 and never had children. Sanders died on May 10, 1953.

Catherine Blanche Hayes Sansom – See Presidents biographies

Lillian M. Robinson Savage - Was born around 1898. She graduated from SAHSON in 1916. The 1930 census shows her working as a public health nurse in Durham. She attended the 3rd Convention in 1925 and was elected to the executive committee. She attended the 1926 convention. She led a discussion at the 1929 annual session. By the 1950s she was working with the welfare department in Gastonia.

#### [The Gastonia Gazette Oct 19, 1951, p.2](#)

Mattie Mae Sampson Sears was from Asheville. She gave a talk at 15th convention in Charlotte in 1937. She was born on 5-30-1899, graduated from Dixie Hospital in Virginia in 1925. She was the Superintendent of Blue Ridge Hospital School of Nursing in Asheville in the 1927. The 1928 city directory of Asheville lists her as a school nurse. In 1940 she was working for a New Deal WPA school project in Asheville. In 1947 she was President of the Asheville Chapter of the NCANRN. She passed away on March 30, 1977.

Girly (Girly) Lee Jones Strickland was born on June 20, 1888 in Roxboro. She graduated from LHSON in 1916, winning the W.C. Strudwick prize. She passed state boards in 1917. In 1916 she became an early public health nurse in Winston-Salem. By 1917 she was the school nurse and in charge of "nurse training" day the Depot Street Colored School in Winston-Salem. She attended in the organizational meeting in 1923 and spoke on "The advantages and disadvantages of public health nursing". In 1926 she spoke on "Malnutrition". In 1935 she gave another talk on "Public Health Nursing". She attended the 1945 convention.

She is mentioned in these newspaper articles:

Durham Morning Herald May 21, 1916, p.2; Winston-Salem Journal Sept 10, 1916, p. 8 and April 22, 1917, Page 18

Gwendolyn/Gladys Sykes Carney was from Goldsboro where she was a public health nurse. Sykes graduated from LHSON and passed state boards 1931. She joined the organization in 1934, gave a talk in 1937 at the 15th annual convention in Charlotte, was honored as a WWII veteran at the 1946 convention and was elected treasurer of the state wide group in 1947.

M.L. Taylor was one of the first 5 founders of the NCACGN. She attended the national convention in 1920 in Washington DC. She lived and worked in High Point Greensboro, and Winston-Salem. She graduated from LHSON and passed state boards in 1921. She served as the first state wide secretary of the NCACGN and the Secretary of the Greensboro chapter in 1926.

Salome Taylor

came to NC in 1922 to become the Nursing Superintendent of Community Hospital in Wilmington. She graduated from Lincoln Hospital School of Nursing in NYC. Taylor passed the NC state boards in 1925. She supervised the training of nurses at the hospital and oversaw the graduation of its first two nurses in 1924. In 1926, her duties were increased when she succeeded Dr. Foster Burnett as superintendent of Community Hospital. Taylor resigned as hospital superintendent in 1940 but

stayed on as superintendent of nurses until her retirement in June 1950. Under her supervision, the nursing student body greatly expanded. In May 1963, the city of Wilmington declared a "Salome Taylor Day" in her honor. She died Jan. 3, 1964.

She formed the Wilmington chapter of the NCACGN in 1930 and served as its president. She was elected Chair of the Ways and Means Committee of the national group. In 1931 she gave a paper on the advantages and disadvantages of small hospitals at the annual convention. She was honored at the 1941 convention and gave the welcoming address at the 1942 convention.

Mary Elizabeth Wall was from Charlotte. She graduated from Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing and passed the NCBON exams in 1927. She, with Eunice Douglas, gave a talk at the 1929 Convention on Well Baby clinics and care of pre-school children. Wall was elected secretary of the Charlotte chapter/ Florence Nightingale Club in 1935 and attended the 1941 convention.

Claudia Mae White Tucker was born about 1894 in Greensboro. She graduated from LHSO and passed state boards in 1921. She worked at Lincoln Hospital and then became a private duty nurse in High Point. She attended the organizational meeting in 1923 where she spoke about "The Problems of Institutional work". She was elected to the executive Board at the 1925 meeting and attended the 1926 and 1927 conventions.

Mercy Dorothy (M.D.) Wheeler (Edwards) was born about 1903, in SC. She graduated from SAHSON and passed the state boards in 1921. Edwards worked at St Agnes Hospital for 4 years. She joined the NCACGN in 1925 and was elected to the Executive Committee in 1926. She married J. H. Edwards Sept 14, 1929, an Episcopal Priest and then moved to Charlotte and worked at Good Samaritan Hospital. She attended the conventions in 1926, 1929, 1930 and 1945. She was the state wide Parliamentarian in 1947.

Annie Mae Wheeler lived and worked in Charlotte. She was President of the Charlotte Chapter/Florence Nightingale Club in 1925. She gave a talk on "Office Nursing" in 1929. and attended the 1934 convention. She was the secretary of the Charlotte chapter in 1936. Wheeler presided at the public meeting of the 15th NCACGN convention in Charlotte in 1937. The 1930 and 1940 census show her as a trained nurse working at a private hospital (assumed to be the African American Good Samaritan Hospital) in Charlotte. She died of cancer in 1942.

Ethel Mae Young was from Mercersburg, PA. She was a graduate of Freedman's Hospital, Washington DC. Young passed the NCBON exams in 1930. She joined the NCACGN in 1930. In 1932 she was elected Secretary of the state wide group. In 1933 she gave a talk on "New methods of training school record keeping" and she was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the NCACGN. She was re-elected the next year. In 1936 she studied nursing school administration at Columbia University in NYC. In 1937 she was named Superintendent of Nurses at St Agnes Hospital in Raleigh. See the: St. Augustine's Record. October 01, 1935 Image 2

Willie Lucille Zimmerman (Williams) was born in 1907 in Anderson, S.C. She graduated from SAHSON in 1934. She worked at St. Agnes as a lab technician and a nurse anesthetist. She served as President of the Raleigh Chapter of the NCANRN in 1934 before she became a field nurse for the Farm Secretary Administration, and traveled the east coast working with immigrants. In 1941 she was elected Recording Secretary of the state wide group. In 1945 she became the Director of the LHSO where she finished her career. In 1948 she was elected President of the Southeast region of the NACGN.