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Guide to the Louise Williams Dennis Interview, 2008

Louise Williams Dennis graduated from Duke University School of Nursing in 1948.

### Descriptive Summary

**Collection Title:** Louise Williams Dennis Interview, 2008

**Creator:** Dennis, Louise Williams.

**Extent:** 1 record storage box, 3 items, .25 linear feet

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### Biographical and Historical Note

Louise Williams Dennis graduated from Duke University School of Nursing in 1948.

### Collection Overview

Dennis speaks about her background; the medical care in her small town; her decision to enter the nursing profession; her decision to go to Duke; testing to be accepted at Duke; three years' study at Duke; a few memories of being at Duke; especially ill patients on Nott Ward; the types of patients; standing up when authority figures entered the room; her favorite doctors; free time activities; the hands-on nature of nursing at the time; keeping uniforms clean; Dean Margaret Pinkerton; tuberculosis patients; polio patients; nurses administering medications; hands-on care; courses in the nursing school; private rooms; Drake Ward; general stories of the patients she remembers; perceptions of World War II; being a cadet nurse; Dean Florence Wilson; helping each other; working on the wards at night; penicillin; Baker House; the housemother; remembering an orderly who was a friend; uniforms; the capping ceremony; and her life after graduating from Duke.

### Online Catalog Headings

Dennis, Louise Williams.

Duke University.

Duke University. School of Nursing.

History of Medicine -- North Carolina -- Personal Narratives.

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**Interview on 18 July 2008**

**Box 1**

Interview CD [1 hour and 14 minutes total]

Transcript [34 pages]

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