

Doris E. Porter collection, 1974-2003

Collection Overview

Title: Doris E. Porter collection, 1974-2003

Dates: 1974-2003 (bulk 1974-1979)

Extent: 0.2 linear feet (1 box)

Creator/Collector: School of Health Professions, Department of Physical Therapy

Source of Acquisition: This collection was donated by Doris E. Porter in July 2017.

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Related Materials: The American Physical Therapy Association has an oral history of Doris Porter. Additional material on Doris Porter includes an interview transcript from the UT Southwestern collection.

1. [Jim Murray Film: Doris Porter interview transcript, circa 1976.](#)

Arrangement: The records are arranged in alphabetical order by document type.

Biographical/Historical: In 1970, Doris E. Porter founded the Department of Physical Therapy in what was then UT Southwestern's Allied Health Sciences School (known today as the School of Health Professions). Ms. Porter served as Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy from 1970-1978, retiring in 1980. Ms. Porter advocated for the licensure of physical therapists in Texas, and the Physical Therapy Practice Act was enacted by the 62nd Texas Legislature in 1971. The Act, which

made licensure a requirement for physical therapists practicing in Texas, established a nine-member Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to facilitate enforcement of the new state law, and Ms. Porter was a member of the first Board of Examiners. In 2000, Ms. Porter helped to establish the Doris E. Porter Professorship in Physical Therapy, which is the first endowed professorship in the School of Health Professions and provides support for research and instructional activities at the School.

Scope and Contents: The collection consists of class lists of the Department of Physical Therapy and cookbooks created by physical therapy students and the Faculty Wives' Club from the 1970s. The 1977 Physical Therapy cookbook was signed by students and dedicated to Ms. Porter.

Box and Folder List

Box 1

- Folder 1: Class Lists, Physical Therapy, 1977, 1979
- Folder 2: Cookbook, Faculty Wives' Club, 1974
- Folder 3: Cookbook, Physical Therapy Class of 1977
- Folder 4: Cookbook, Physical Therapy Class of 1979
- Folder 5: News Clipping: *Center Times* print photo, 2003