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## Joanelle Mulrain Memorabilia Collection

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Of

Florence Nightingale

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### **Historical / Biographical Note**

Reflecting on Florence Nightingale, the Pioneer of Modern Nursing  
Joanelle Wood Mulrain | Artist – painter, photographer, author

As I picked up my brush, camera and pen once again in my mid-50s, little did I know how the path chosen for its unfettered wear and tear was to be so extraordinary. As a mother of two grown men whose characters and personae reflect some of my most treasured traits, my journey as an artist doggedly interested in the character and persona of Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) had begun. It lit a fire of which consumed me to complete a suite of eight paintings depicting her life and times; to collect and secure two Legacy Towers of related ephemera; and to challenge myself to research this woman of influence from the halls of the Library of Congress to her touch points in England order to gather the visual tools necessary to complete this most personal artistic task. From the opening of my international exhibit at the Anthropological Museum of Panama with a U.S. Embassy Grant as guest artist of the U.S. Ambassador followed by the personal honor of being asked to be an Artist in Residence at Claydon House, a leading National Trust property in England, I continued on my quest. I was welcomed by the curator along with Lord and Lady Verney at Claydon House. I delved into raw history in the archived cases and drawers, painted in the carriage house, walked the grasses in the early morning when the birds landed perfectly on the trout stream, and walked two miles up the hill to fetch food for my little flat in the house overlooking the 1742 courtyard. I experienced another time and place as I walked the halls of this most beautiful estate looking through windows where Florence spent so much time in her corner apartment while visiting her sister, Lady Parthenopy Verney. The owners of Nightingale's childhood home at Lea Hurst also welcomed me. It was here that I slept in Florence's childhood bedroom overlooking the daffodils in the garden only to experience the volcanic eruption from Iceland of which brought an eerie quiet hush over the English country side for weeks. From BBC interviews to working with curators, I delved deeply into Nightingale's history only to find more mystery as I documented specific items and places for my paintings to share what I envisioned as the most important life points of this pioneer of modern nursing and to paint what it must have been like for her as a child, a young woman during war, a leader in the field, and a global legacy. I think of my mother Nelle Beryl Rucker Wood, a Registered Nurse; my mother-in-law Mina Mulrain, an artist; my boys, Jeffry Arthur Mulrain Jr. and John Wood Mulrain. This is my legacy, and I am so honored for this exhibit to be housed at The Carpenter Library at the University of North Florida to inspire and create curiosity in the minds of the nursing students and others as they, too, learn about Miss Florence Nightingale. SPECIAL THANKS TO DR. DIANE RAINES, DR. JEAN WATSON AND DR. DAVID KARPELES WHO HELD THE TORCH ON THE PATH DURING THIS JOURNEY

## **Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains artifacts, biographical information, correspondence, newspaper clippings, photos, printed material, and research. These items were gathered by the Jacksonville, Florida artist Joanelle Mulrain, in preparation for and exhibition of her work honoring the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale, on the 100 anniversary of her death. The seven original exhibit paintings, along with other rare items collected by Joanelle Mulrain, are on permanent display in The Brooks College of Health. The Art of Caritas, additional artwork created by Joanelle Mulrain to enhance the mosaic honoring Florence Nightingale, can be found in special collections.

## **Box 1: Biographical Information and Artifacts**

### **Biographical Information**

1. Florence Nightingale, 2009
2. Florence Nightingale: Country Joe McDonald's Tribute Site, 2009

### **Artifacts**

3. Letters of Authenticity, 2008 –2009
4. Purchase Receipts, 2009

## **Box 2: Correspondence and Speeches**

### **Correspondence Personal**

1. England, 2010
2. Panama: Sprint phone, 2010

### **Correspondence Professional**

3. Anderson, Lee B., 2014
4. Bank of England, 2009
5. Baptist Medical Center, 2009 –2010
6. BBC, 2009
7. Burr, Attorney Karen Koster, 2009
8. Claydon House, 2009
9. Degreefinders.com, 2010
10. Enterprise, 2009 –2010
11. Exhibit Advertising: Facebook and You Tube, 2009
12. Exhibit Pieces Research, 2009
13. Exhibit Promotion, 2009
14. Florence Nightingale Museum, 2009
15. Florida Center for Nursing, 2009
16. Florida Nurses Association, 2009
17. General, 2009
18. Hargareaves, Lynn, 2010
19. Hurst, Lee, 2009
20. Items of Interest, 2009

21. Jackson, Ron, 2010
22. Jacksonville University School of Nursing, 2009
23. Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum, n.d.
24. Leitz, Robert, 2009
25. LOC Manuscript Division, 2009
26. LOC Print and Photograph Division, 2009
27. London, 2009
28. McDonald, Joe, 2009
29. Media, 2009
30. NLAPW, 2010
31. NursingSpectrum.com, n.d.
32. Official Exhibit Statements, n.d.
33. American Express Travel Service, 2010
34. ANEP, 2010
35. Austen, H.M. Ambassador Richard J., 2010
36. Barone, Vilma, 2010
37. Canal Movers and Logistics, 2010
38. Coleman –Honn, Anne, 2009 – 2010
39. Exhibit Sponsors, 2010
40. Panama: General, 2010
41. Panama: Hospital Punta Pacifica, 2009 – 2010
42. Panama: Marriott Hotel Reservations, 2010
43. Panama: Museo del Canal Interoceanico de Panama, 2010
44. Panama: National Institute of Culture (INAC), 2010
45. Panama: National Museum of Anthropology, 2010
46. Panama: National Nurses Association, 2009 – 2010
47. Panama: Panama Artists Collective Foundation, n.d.
48. Panama: Suddath International Exhibit, 2010
49. Panama: University of Panama School of Nursing, 2010
50. Panama: U.S. Business Contacts, 2010
51. Panama: United States Embassy, 2010
52. Panama: United States Embassy Invitations, 2010
53. Sams, Heather, 2009
54. Selander, Louise, 2009
55. Smedley, Pat, 2009
56. University of Colorado Denver: College of Nursing, 2009
57. Washburn, Dr. Thomas, 2010
58. Watson Caring Science Institute, 2009 – 2010
59. Zebede, Dr. Moises S., 2010

## **Speech**

60. Speech: Baptist Health Preceptors Pinning Ceremony, November 10, 2009

### **Box 3: Newspaper Clippings, Photos, and Printed Material**

#### **Newspaper Clippings**

1. Recordonline.com, July 16, 2010
2. The Times-Union, November 21, 2009
3. The Times-Union, January 15, 2011
4. The Romance of Florence Nightingale (Special Collections Map Case)

#### **Photos**

5. Panama: INAC "Instituto Nacional de Cultura", n.d.

#### **Printed Material**

6. Arbus, September/October 2009
7. Claydon House Pamphlets, 2004 – 2009
8. Exhibit flyer: Panama National Conference of Nurses, 2010
9. Items of Interest: Articles, Exhibit Cards, and Invitations, 2008 –2009
10. A Master's Work: Florence Nightingale, 2009
11. Nightingale Song, April 1856
12. Exhibit Programs: Caritas Consortium, 2011
13. Exhibit Programs: Claydon House the National Trust, 2010
14. Exhibit Programs: Karpeles Manuscript Library Museums, 2010
15. Exhibit Programs: U.S. Embassy Sponsored, 2010
16. Exhibit Programs: University of North Florida School of Nursing, 2014

### **Box 4: Research: Exhibits**

1. Bank of England, 2009
2. Blackwell, Elizabeth, n.d.
3. British Library, 2009
4. Clark, Clare, 2009
5. Claydon House, 2009 – 2010
6. Embley Park, 2009
7. Exhibit Jacksonville University School of Nursing, n.d.
8. Exhibit: "The Calling", 2009
9. Exhibit: Caritas Exhibit: Nursing Words", n.d.
10. Exhibit: "Crimean War I" and "Crimean War II", 2009
11. Exhibit: "Portrait", 2009
12. Exhibit: "Portrait of Young Florence Nightingale", n.d.
13. Exhibit: "Reflections", 2009
14. Exhibit: "Reformer", 2009
15. Exhibit: "Thought and Ideas", 2009
16. Exhibit: "Towers", n.d.
17. Exhibit: Watson, Dr. Jean "Nursing Words", n.d.
18. Exhibit Sponsors, n.d.
19. Exhibit University Course, n.d.

20. Exhibit Washington D.C., 2009
21. Florence Nightingale: Florence Nightingale Museum, 2009
22. Florence Nightingale: Hurst, Lee, 2009
23. Florence Nightingale: Images, 2009
24. Florence Nightingale: LOC Manuscript Division, n.d.
25. Florence Nightingale: LOC Print and Photograph Division, 2009
26. Florence Nightingale: Wellcome Trust, n.d.

**Box 5: Research: Exhibits (cont'd)**

1. "Florida Doctor": The Art of Nursing, 2010
2. General, 2009 – 2010
3. Higham, Andrea, 2009
4. Items of Interest, 2009
5. Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum, 2009
6. London, 2009
7. Mulbrain Research Group, n.d.
8. Nightingale Initiative for Global Health (NIGH), 2009
9. Panama, 2009
10. Panama: Ambassador to Panama, 2010
11. Panama: Exhibit, 2010
12. Panama: Nurse Survey Results, n.d.
13. Seacole, Mary, 2009
14. Watson Caring Science Institute, 2009 – 2010

**Box 6: Research: Exhibits**

**and Paintings**

1. Research: Exhibit Flyers Panama, n.d.
2. Research: Exhibit Flyer Baptist, n.d.
3. Research: Florence Nightingale, n.d.
4. Painting: Bumble Bee and Ladybugs, 2010
5. Painting: Bumble Bee, Ladybugs and Spider webs, 2010
6. Painting: Flower, 2010
7. Painting: Window Sill, 2010
8. Painting Claydon House: Wall and Pot, 2010
9. Painting Claydon House: Steeple and Weather Vain, 2010
10. Painting Claydon House: Blue Flowers, 2010
11. Painting Claydon House: Tree, 2010
12. Painting Claydon House: Field of Yellow Flowers, 2010
13. Painting Claydon House: Pond, 2010
14. Painting Claydon House: Varied Flowers, 2010
15. Painting Claydon House: Bricks and Windows, 2010
16. Painting Claydon House: Sheep in Field, 2010
17. Painting Claydon House: Sheep, 2010
18. Painting Claydon House: Building Front with Arched Doors, 2010

19. Painting Claydon House: Parkway, 2010
20. Painting Claydon House: Building View, 2010
21. Painting Claydon House: Manor House Frontal View, 2010
22. Sketches: Gentleman's Profile
23. Sketches: Steeple Claydon, 2010
24. Sketches: Gentleman by Window

#### **Box 7: Artifacts**

1. Florence Nightingale Stamp
2. Florence Nightingale "baseball card"
3. Florence Nightingale card
4. Florence Nightingale buttons
5. U.S.S. Florence Nightingale business card
6. Florence Nightingale Brooke Bond Tea Card
7. Florence Nightingale Movie
8. Commemorative Pot
9. Letter from U.S.S. Florence Nightingale
10. Florence Nightingale Post Card

#### **Artwork**

##### **Art of Caritas Collections**

- Pause Suite I - Caring Moments
- Share
- Methods
- Healing, Trusting, Caring
- Spiritual, Emotional, Physical
- Embraced, Practical
- Nurturing, Sensitivity
- Open, Allow

#### **Books**

1. Notes on Nursing. (1860)
2. The Life of Florence Nightingale. (1913)
3. The Life of Florence Nightingale. (1913)
4. Claydon House. (1999)