



**Collection Name:** Hannah Helen Mendelsohn Commencement Memory Book  
**Collection Number:** MSS 1013  
**Volume:** One Commencement Memory Book  
**Dates:** 1920-1921  
**Processed By:** Emma Maines  
**Restrictions:** None

**Biographical Note:**

Hannah Helen Mendelsohn was born December 10, 1900 in Charleston, SC. Her parents were Isaac M. Mendelsohn and Esther Feinson Mendelsohn. Miss Mendelsohn was a graduate of Roper Hospital's School of Nursing in 1921, and served as class president of the School of Nursing's Student Body Government. She married Samuel Charles Brown in October of 1921 and was thereafter known as Hannah Mendelsohn Brown. She elected to apply to the School of Nursing rather than attend a musical conservatory in Gainesville, Ga. Miss Mendelsohn died on November 4, 1989 in Virginia Beach, Va. Her class ring is also a part of the Waring Historical Library Artifact Collection as 32 CON.

**Scope and Content:**

The Hannah Helen Mendelsohn Commencement Memory Book, 1920-1921, consists of one commencement memory book that celebrates Miss Mendelsohn's graduation from the School of Nursing. Her memory book contains images of her classmates and facilities, newspaper clippings, a commencement program, memorabilia such as class schedules, cards, a betrothal announcement, boutonnieres, ribbons, and autographed notes from friends and well-wishers. Additionally, the book features Miss Mendelsohn's short account of how she came to apply to Roper Hospital's School of Nursing and her thoughts on classmates and school. The memory book contains dates from 1920-1921. Photographs mostly depict classmates around Charleston, both in and out of uniform. Miss Mendelsohn appears in some photos throughout the book, as do various nursing students and interns at Roper Hospital.

**Related Collections:**

32 CON: Medical College of the State of South Carolina Class Ring belonging to Hannah Mendelsohn Brown  
1918 Commencement Memory Book

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**Subject Headings:**

Mendelsohn, Hannah Helen, 1900-1989.

Brown, Hannah Mendelsohn, 1900-1989.

Mendelsohn, Hannah Helen, 1920-1921. Memory book.

Roper Hospital (Charleston, S.C.).

Autographs.

Memorabilia.

Medical College of the State of South Carolina. School of Nursing—photographs.

Medical University of South Carolina. School of Nursing—photographs.

Education, Nursing – South Carolina.

Nursing – South Carolina -- Photographs.

Schools, Nursing – history -- South Carolina.—photographs.

Students, Nursing.

Nursing students – United States.

**Inventory**

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Commencement Memory Book belonging to Hannah Helen Mendelsohn