

was impressed with my work.

She gave me a position in the Saint Philip Hospital as Medical and Pediatrics Supervisor. I worked there until July 1933.

I asked for leave of absence to attend Teachers College of Columbia University, New York City to advance my education in the nursing field in order that I may be able to teach student nurses in the Saint Philip School of Nursing much better.

I came back to my position in the Saint Philip Hospital with many new methods and ideas in the nursing field. I started a new ward teaching program for my students as it was taught to me at Teachers College.

I was unable to attend college due to the fact that I only had a mother with five children younger than I. Of course I decided that a high school education was not enough. I had a desire to continue my education.

I wrote several hospitals desiring to take nurse training, finally I decided to come to Saint Philip Hospital School of Nursing to take nurse training in September 1927 to 1930.

During my stay at Saint Philip Hospital as a student there was no tuition to pay. I enjoyed nursing very much and I loved the nursing profession.

After completing the course of nursing and passing the Virginia State Board of Nursing Examinations.

Miss Frances Helen Zeigler, Dean of Nurses Medical College of Virginia

In the summer of 1934 I asked for another leave of absence to attend Teachers College for summer session. I continued to advance my nursing education in which enabled me to be a supervisor and a teacher on the medical and pediatrics wards.

During the years 1934 and 1935 I attended Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia as a regular college student. I worked in the afternoon in the Saint Philip Hospital as assistant instructor to pay my board and lodging in the Saint Philip Dormitory. At night I taught night school at the Armstrong High School, Richmond, Virginia to aid me financially with my school tuition and street car fare. The night school lasted from

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Negro nurses Saint Philip Hospital
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Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Ave
Chicago, Ill.

Dr. M. O. Bonfield
Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of December 16th, concerning the scholarship I was indeed glad to hear from you. I decided to give you a few facts concerning my educational struggle. I have made indeed a sacrifice to educate myself. I went to Saint Augustine High School in Raleigh, North Carolina during the years 1923 to 1927. There I worked my way through school completing the course in four years as other students.

You can see why I am struggling
so for a college degree in nursing
I am going to Teachers College
on a leave of absence to return
to the Saint Philip School of
Nursing because we do not have
a Negro nurse here with a
college education.

I certainly will appreciate
any aid that you will give me.
If you will aid me with
tuition at Teachers College
I will work out my board
and lodging as a maid in
New York.

For further references concerning
the truthfulness of my statements
write: Rev. Edgar H. Gould,
President of Saint Augustine
College Raleigh, North Carolina;

In September 1935 my year leave
of absence was up. I began on
my regular position as teacher
and supervisor in the Saint
Philip Hospital school of Nursing.
It has been indeed a sacrifice
for me to work on my college
degree in nursing because I
have not had anyone to help
me financially. I have spent
all the money that I saved
while working regularly.
I thought that it would be
worthwhile because there are
few Negro schools of Nursing
that have a Negro instructor
to teach Negro students.
It is impossible now to apply
for an instructors position in
a school of nursing without a
College degree.

Dr. W. J. Sanger, President of the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia
Miss Frances Helen Zeigler, Dean of Nursing Medical College of Virginia Richmond, Virginia.

I am expecting to hear from you soon, please do the best you can for me. I will appreciate it very much indeed. Many thanks for a favorable reply.

Yours truly,
Edna Ma Purdie

October 1934 to September 1935.
This enabled me to attend Virginia Union University summer school for twelve weeks. The night school was a FECA project. The students I taught were a group of women who were interested in practical nursing and home nursing. The subjects I taught were; communicable diseases, the care of children in the home emphasizing their feeding, the care of diabetic patients in the home prenatal care, preparation for home delivery, personal hygiene, the importance of attending the clinic. I also encouraged the group to cooperate with the public health Doctors and Nurses.