

Negro Nurses
(Covers)

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Dear Dr. Bausfield:

May I present to you on the inclosed record a statement of my professional experience since graduating from the Mery Hospital School of Nursing. Perhaps you would like to know what has been accomplished since it received a fellowship from The Rosenwald Fund in 1931.

My work, which was temporary with the New Jersey Tuberculosis League will terminate July 15, 1938. I took this desperate chance hoping the League would recognize its importance and continue this work on a permanent basis. From the inclosed record do you know of a vacancy that I might fill? I am very anxious to have a permanent position for I have one and one half dependents. I share in the up-keep of my mother and have assumed the full responsibility of a

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niece whose parents are dead.

Since receiving a grant from The Rosenwald Fund I have married but am now a widow, there are no other changes.

If you know of a vacancy in any part of the United States I shall be grateful for receiving this information and also grateful to you if you can help me to secure future and permanent work.

Very respectfully yours,
Lazarene Miller Payne.

Chronological Listing of Professional Experience

1. June 1930 graduated from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia, Pa. (3 year course)
2. June 15, 1930-September 1931;-June 1932 - May28, 1934
Staff nurse in Phipps Institute, Philadelphia, Pa.
September 1931 - June 1932 on leave of absence to study
Public Health Nursing at Teachers College Columbia University.

Duties:

- a. Taught prevention and control of tuberculosis to tuberculous persons and their contacts.
 - b. Conducted mothers club classes.
Taught home nursing and child care.
Taught value of immunization.
 - c. Gave and interpreted mantoux.
 - d. Took blood for Wassermans.
Took blood for sedimentation tests and interpreted same.
 - e. Instructed affiliated students in tuberculosis nursing.
 - f. Escorted visitors to homes of tuberculosis families.
 - g. Assisted physicians in birth control clinics held for tuberculosis patients. Gave instructions to applicants for this service.
3. June 1934 - July 1936
Deleware Community Nurse and Director of Negro Health Clinics
State Board of Health, Wilmington.

Duties:

- Same as above; additional duties ---
Supervised midwives in New Castle County.
Consulted with others in adjoining counties.
Investigated social problems of many Negro families.
(The later was not required by State Board of Health but all agencies expected and called upon Negro Nurse for advice regarding Negro families.
4. July 1936 resigned this work to complete studies for Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health Nursing. (Delayed four months because of death of consort.) Studies completed Aug. 1937. Degree conferred June 1, 1938.
 5. September 1937 - February 1938 ---
Assistant Director Social Service, Lincoln Hospital, New York City.

Duties:

- a. Assisted director in all ways requested.
- b. Gave counsel to all members of staff and affiliated students in social case work problems.
- c. Lectured to students and interns on Medical Social Work and its relation to the patient, the family, the hospital and the community.

- d. Served as floating worker in absence of any staff member.
- e. Assisted in arranging for convalescent care.
- f. Consulted with patients and family physicians and other members of hospital staff as well as community agencies to aid in preventing chronic social problems.

6. February 1938 to present --

Became employed by New Jersey Tuberculosis League as Director of Negro Health Work. Demonstrations in form of tuberculosis educational programs followed by diagnostic clinics conducted in two counties, Passiac and Bergen. Another demonstration is being organized in Union County.

See attached sheet for brief description of entire program and goal.

Lay Health Education Program ---

Approach general --- Tuberculosis and Venereal diseases used as illustrations and compared with other diseases to show how control may be affected.

Topics discussed ---

Personal and Community Hygiene -----

- Water
- Waste
- Sanitation
- Books on Health
- Diseases from animals

Personal and Community Health ---

Diet ---

Contagious Diseases ---

- Diphtheria
- Smallpox
- Tuberculosis
- Veneral diseases, etc.

Preventing Future Illness -----

- Mothers --Prenatal care
- Babies --Child hygiene and immunization
- Marriage --Wasserman law, N. J.

Using Health Knowledge ---

- Health check - up
- What medicines offer for health.
- What physicians offer for health.
- What hospitals offer for health.
- What clinics offer for health.
- What vacations offer for health.

Relation of housing to health.
Relation of income to health.

