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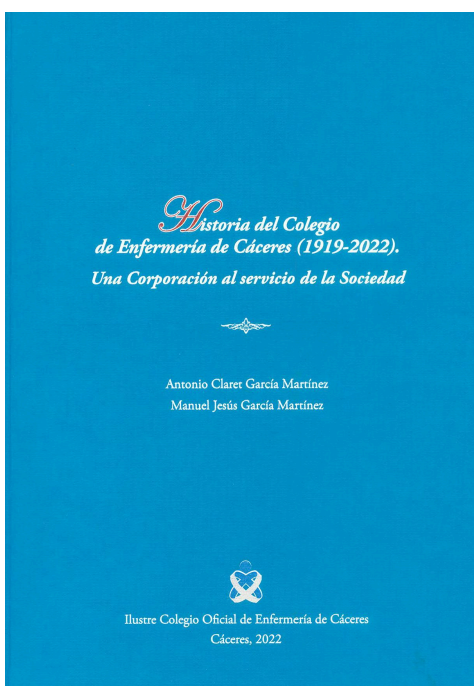
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The Recovery of the History and Documentary and Bibliographic Heritage of the Profesional Nursing Association of Cáceres (Colegio de Enfermería de Cáceres) (2019-2025). A Necessary Project

INTRODUCTION

The Profesional Nursing Associations (Colegios de Enfermería), founded from the mid-19th century throughout Spain, hold a rich Historical Heritage, consisting of documents, books, bulletins, photographs, and other significant items. However, only some of these corporations have decided to launch projects for their recovery and enhancement. Among them, we want to highlight the Profesional Nursing Association of Cáceres (Spain) (Colegio de Enfermería de Cáceres, España).



In 2019, this Corporation celebrated the Centenary of its foundation (1919-2019). Among the numerous and diverse activities organized was the launch of a project aimed at researching and publishing a book on the History of the Professional Association, holding conferences, seminars, and meetings and interviews with veteran members, and creating its Historical Archive. Over these five years, these efforts have advanced considerably, with the publication in 2022 of a book titled: "History of the Profesional Nursing Association of Cáceres (1919-2022). A Corporation at the Service of Society," and significant progress has been made on the Historical Archive.

In this brief report, we want to inform our colleagues, on the one hand, and encourage the launch of similar projects, on the other, about the strategies implemented by the Profesional Nursing Association of Cáceres for the recovery and enhancement of its Documentary and Bibliographic Heritage and offer basic guidelines for similar research that other Colleges and Health Institutions (Spanish or international) may carry out. All this under the Presidency of Raquel Rodríguez Llanos and her Board of Directors. The authors of this report (Antonio Claret García Martínez and Manuel Jesús García Martínez) have taken charge of all these tasks.

Illustration 1. "History of the Profesional Nursing Association of Cáceres (1919-2019). A Corporation at the Service of Society" ("Historia del Colegio de Enfermería de Cáceres (1919-2019). Una Corporación al servicio de la Sociedad").

METHODOLOGY FOLLOWED

For the research on the History of this Professional Asociación, we have developed the following phases:

1. Search, location, and study of samples of the Documentary and Bibliographic Heritage existing in the Nursing Corporation of Cáceres itself.
2. Search, location, and study of documentation preserved in other institutions in Cáceres, such as the Municipal Archive and the Public Library.
3. Search, location, and study of documentation existing in various national institutions, such as the National Historical Archive, Professional Association of Nursing in Spain, and other diverse institutions.
4. Search, location, and study of documentation found in private hands: photographs, administrative certificates, and other documents of interest.
5. Interviews with veteran professionals.



Illustration 2. Manuel Jesús García Martínez organizing and classifying the documentation of the Historical Archive of the Professional Nursing Association of Cáceres. Photograph: Antonio Claret García Martínez.

RESULTS

- Documents of great historical value have been located, such as the personal files of members of the first Board of Directors of the College (year 1919); files of practitioners from Cáceres who practiced at the beginning of the 20th century.
- Documentary material related to presentations letters given by practitioners from Cáceres at professional meetings has also been located, offering interesting information about the tasks and ideas around professional associationism since the early 20th century.
- A database is being created with historical material directly or indirectly linked to the Professional Nursing Association of Cáceres.
- This Professional Association is gaining visibility through the possibilities offered by the use of its Documentary and Bibliographic Heritage as an instrument of social projection, both within and outside the Province of Cáceres.
- The identity of an Institution is highlighted through the recovery of its Memory and its tangible and intangible heritage, a true witness to its contributions to improving the quality of life of citizens.

With all the available material and the information it provides, it has been possible to compile the list of Presidents of the Association and their Boards of Directors:

Presidents of the College of Nursing of Cáceres.

Damián Martínez Gonzalez	1919-1925 / 1929-1933
Eloy Boticario Baños	1925-1929
Mariano Sánchez Llanos	1933-1940
Agustín Orozco Avellaneda	1940-1945
Ángel Salomón Rodríguez	1946-1958
Antonio Chamorro Fuentes	1958-1970
Antonio Gerardo Pérez Cáceres	1970-1975
Anselmo Salas Mendoza	1976-1978
Manuel Arévalo González	1978-1982
Antonio Galindo Casero	1982-1990
M ^a Carmen Hernández Criado	1990-1994
Isidro Nevado Vital	1994-2014
Raquel Rodríguez Llanos	2014-Continúa

Fuente: Archivo Histórico del Colegio de Enfermería de Cáceres.



The new Historical Archive shows the great contributions to the consolidation of the Professional Association, the periods of crisis, advances, and their impact on the consolidation of the nursing profession and the services provided to citizens.

The *Historical Archive* and the *website* will soon be inaugurated, and their collections will be available to researchers and students who wish to use the resources provided by the Professional Association.

The current President, Raquel Rodríguez Llanos, and her Board of Directors have made a great effort to develop this Project, with the conviction that it will benefit the Corporation and the professionals they represent.

Illustration 3. Antonio Claret García Martínez organizing and classifying the documentation of the Historical Archive of the Professional Nursing Association of Cáceres. Photograph: Manuel Jesús García Martínez.

CONCLUSIONS

We believe it is essential for all Nursing Associations in Spain to create their Historical

Archives and preserve and expand the documentation they possess, as it is the best witness to the historical reality of these corporations and their deep connection with their City and Province, the enormous activity carried out throughout their existence; their connection with the society they serve, and ultimately, it is a faithful testimony of the history of our country and its health institutions.

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