

Matthews, Irene
Research Files, 1871-1944

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Extent:

.2 linear feet

Provenance:

Irene Matthews

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Irene Matthews Research Files, Center for the Study of the History of Nursing, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania

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Biographical or Historical Sketch. Irene Matthews is a nurse historian who spent part of her career researching notable women who served as nurses in the military services.

Summary. This collection includes the files that Matthews created while researching several women for a proposed publication entitled *Dictionary of Early Nurses*. These files, arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the nurse, consist of Matthews correspondence to archivists and manuscript curators, photocopies of official records, general writings and compilations, and some printed material. The files of Harriet Newton Phillips are particularly rich, consisting of four folders of materials on this Civil War nurse who was, reportedly, the first trained nurse in the United States.

Box 1

- f.1 Bickerdyke, Mary Ann
- f.2 Holman, Lydia
- f.3 Kennedy, Cecila
- f.4 Kratz, Elizabeth Rinker
- f.5 McCarran, Sarah
- Phillips, Harriet Newton
- f.6 Correspondence
- f.7 General Files
- f.8 Prepared Notes
- f.9 Collected Records
- f.10 West, Roberta M.