



Irene Matthews research files, 1871-1977

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Pennsylvania: Barbara Bates Center for the Study of The History of Nursing
Source - dnr:	Matthews, Irene
Title:	Irene Matthews research files
ID:	PU-N.MC 30
Date [inclusive]:	1871-1977
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Physical Description:	0.2 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Irene Matthews is a nurse historian who spent part of her career researching notable women who served as nurses in the military services. This collection includes the files that Matthews created while researching several women for a proposed publication entitled <i>Dictionary of Early Nurses</i> .

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

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Scope and Contents

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 nurses in the United States.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Research (document genres)
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Medical care
- Nursing
- Nursing -- History
- Matthews, Irene
- Phillips, Harriet Newton

Collection Inventory

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