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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Pennsylvania: Barbara Bates Center for the Study of The History of Nursing
Source - dnr:	Kidd, Harry B.
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Abstract:	This collection consists of the personal papers of Martha Emily Shaw, Philadelphia native and graduate of the Training School for Nurses of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. This collection contains a volume of her lecture notes from 1911. Shaw served as a nurse during World War I at the University of Pennsylvania's Base Hospital No. 20 in France. Upon her return from the war, she became an active member of the American Legion's Helen Fairchild Post #412. Her activities with the Post are documented in this collection's photographs.

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Biographical / Historical

Martha Emily Shaw (1877-1944), RN, was born November 3, 1877 in Manayunk, Pennsylvania. She was admitted to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Training

School for Nurses in the fall of 1910. In March of 1918 she was mobilized with the University of Pennsylvania's 20th Base Hospital. After receiving military training at Ellis Island, she was stationed in Châtel-Guyon, Puy de Dome, France. In 1919 she transferred to the 49th Evacuation Hospital in Coblenz, Germany. After returning to the United States in the early 1920s, Shaw joined the Helen Fairchild Post #412 of the American Legion. She was an active member, attending many conventions in the U.S. and Europe through the 1920s and 30s. Shaw died July 31, 1944.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the personal papers of Martha Emily Shaw, Philadelphia native and graduate of the Training School for Nurses of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. The collection includes her 1911 course lecture notes, photographs taken while she served with the University's Base Hospital No. 20 in France during World War I, and materials concerning her participation in the American Legion's Helen Fairchild Post #412.

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Related Materials

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See also: [MC 39, American Legion Helen Fairchild Nurses Post No. 412 Records](#).

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Controlled Access Headings

- Military nursing
- Nurse
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Medical care
- Photographs
- Lecture notes
- Nursing
- Kidd, Harry B.
- Philadelphia General Hospital
- American Legion. Helen Fairchild Nurses Post No. 412
- Shaw, Martha Emily

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
CD of digitized 1911 lecture notes; biographical information provided by the donor, 2011	box 1	folder 1

Kodak photo envelope; news clipping; photographs of children and adults, circa 1911-1917	box 1	folder 2
Photographs of Shaw and classmates at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) Training School for Nurses	box 1	folder 3
Photographs of Shaw and others at Ellis Island, 1918	box 1	folder 4
Photographs from Shaw's WWI service in Europe, primarily from her time in Germany , 1919	box 1	folder 5
Photographs of Shaw and others, scenery, and American Legion events, circa 1920s-1940s	box 1	folder 6
Unbound photo album pages, 1924-1929	box 1	folder 7
Photo album primarily depicting recreational activities and American Legion tours, circa 1924-1930	box 1	folder 8
Notebook containing 1911 lecture notes and 1924-1929 personal ledger, 1911-1929	box 1	folder 9

Scope and Contents

The notebook containing Shaw's 1911 lecture notes from her time as a student at the Training School for Nurses of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania also contains a ledger of personal expenses covering the period 1926-1929. The pages of lecture notes have been scanned and are available on a compact disc. The individual lectures are as follows: April 28, 1911 Dr. Piersol Therapeutics & materia medica

May 5, 1911 Dr. Piersol Materia medica

May 12, 1911 Dr. Piersol Materia medica

October 4, 1911 Dr. J.B. Hirst Obstetrics

October 10, 1911 Dr. J.B. Hirst Management of normal labor

October 17, 1911 Dr. J.B. Hirst Obstetrics

October 4, 1911 Dr. Müeiler Tracheotomy & intubation

November 1, 1911 Dr. Müeiler Surgical infections

November 7, 1911 Dr. Morris Disease of kidneys

November 14, 1911 Dr. Piersol Diet in disease

November 28, 1911 Dr. Sailor Medical emergencies

December 7, 1911 Dr. Wood Treatment after abdominal operations

December 7, 1911 Dr. Turnbull Causes of disease

December 19, 1911 Dr. Martin Complications after
abdominal operations

December 21, 1911 Dr. J.G. Clark Observation of
operative cases

Undated No name listed Rheumatism

Opera glasses, 1920s

box 2