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Summary Information
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Abstract: Adaline Chase was a public health nurse and nurse educator who was instrumental in establishing the University career, along with her professional organization activities and her personal life.

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Biography/History

Adaline Chase, 1897-1978, was born and raised in Lynn, Massachusetts. She graduated from Whiting High School in Lynn (1915) and enrolled in Mount Holyoke College as a member of the Class of 1919. In the fall of 1919, Chase entered Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing in Boston where she received her formal nursing training. She met the state registration requirements in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania earning the title of "Registered Nurse" in both states.

Following her training at Massachusetts General Hospital, Chase began her career as a public health nurse for the American Red Cross as well as working as a private duty nurse in Milford, New Hampshire. In 1927, Chase became Assistant Director of the Visiting Nurse Association in Waterbury, Connecticut. The following year she accepted the position of Teaching Supervisor at Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing. In 1931, Chase moved to Providence, Rhode Island to become the Educational Director of the District Nursing Association. To further her career as a nurse-educator, she enrolled in Columbia University’s Teachers College and earned her Master of Arts degree in 1937.

Chase then moved to Philadelphia where she was instrumental in establishing a School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, where she served as Assistant Professor of Public Health Nursing (1937-1949) and as Associate Professor of Nursing Education (1949-1962). She retired as Associate Professor Emerita in 1962. Chase was active in many local, state, and national professional organizations as well as a number of philanthropic associations. She was a member of, among others, the American Nurses Association, the National League for Nursing, the Pennsylvania Nurses Association, and a Fellow in the American Public Health Association.

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Scope and Contents

Despite its small size, this collection documents Chase’s career from her training days in Boston to her post retirement activities in Philadelphia. Chase kept personal diaries of hospital training, manuscript drafts on issues relating to public health nursing, and other documents promoting the nursing profession in general. There is a good overview of her professional career and the advancements she made throughout her life. Her activities at the University of Pennsylvania are also well documented with correspondence files, teaching records, and related material about the development of an academic-based nursing education program.

There is one small file on the development of the Ruth Weaver Hubbard Foundation, established by the Visiting Nurse Society of Philadelphia in 1956 in memory of its former director, of which Adaline Chase served on the board of directors. There are several files documenting her work with the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee for General and Special Hospitals. Chase’s work with professional organizations are also well documented throughout collection. Later in her life, Chase became interested in nursing history, and she kept several files about nursing history in general and nursing history at the University of Pennsylvania in particular.

This collection also contains photographs, artifacts, and some publications. The 2 photographs are stored separately; the artifacts have been added to the artifact collection; the publications have been added to the book collection.

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