

# **Adaline Chase papers**

MC 2

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Barbara Bates Center for the Study of The History of Nursing
<b>Creator</b>	Chase, Adaline, 1900-1975
<b>Title</b>	Adaline Chase papers
<b>Call number</b>	MC 2
<b>Date</b>	circa 1900-1975
<b>Extent</b>	1.6 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Adaline Chase was a public health nurse and nurse educator who was instrumental in establishing the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. This collection documents her nursing and education career, along with her professional organization activities and her personal life.

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## Biography/History

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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

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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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## Administrative Information

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### **Access Restrictions**

This collection is unrestricted.

### **Use Restrictions**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Gift of Esther and Miriam Knoer.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **CORPORATE NAME(S)**

- University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

### **FORM/GENRE(S)**

- Faculty papers
- Personal papers

### **OCCUPATION(S)**

- Nurse
- Nursing schools--Faculty

### **PERSONAL NAME(S)**

- Chase, Adaline, 1900-1975

- Knoer, Esther and Miriam

## Collection Inventory

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### **SERIES 1. PERSONAL, 1915-1966.**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

This series consists of materials which reflect Chase's personal and professional life, including membership in professional associations. Her diaries cover daily activities from 1920 to 1932, although there are some gaps in the later years. Two unpublished manuscripts created by Chase for her graduate program at Teachers College and a 1934 radio script for WPRD radio in Providence, Rhode Island are also included in this series.

	Box	Folder
Biographical/Professional Information, 1953-1960.	1	1
Cash Books, 1935-1947.	1	2
Certificates, State Board of Registration.	1	3
Correspondence, General, 1956-1966.	1	4
Diaries, 1920-1932.	1	5
Educational Training, 1915-1953.	1	6
Manuscript, "Development in Rhode Island...", 1937.	1	7
Miscellaneous Pamphlets, 1935-1962.	1	8
Radio Script, "Nursing as a Profession", 1934.	1	9

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## **SERIES 2. NURSING HISTORY, 1968-1975.**

### **Scope and Contents note**

This series consists of 3 folders documenting Chase's interest in the history of the nursing profession later in her life. There is one folder on nursing history in general which includes correspondence and proposed course outlines in nursing history. Two folders focus on the development of the nursing program at the University of Pennsylvania with correspondence received by Ann L. Austin, Elizabeth Porter, and D. McKee; and miscellaneous notes, typescripts, manuscripts, and publications reflecting the history of the University's School of Nursing.

	Box	Folder
General University of Pennsylvania.	1	1
Correspondence, 1968-1975.	1	2
Miscellaneous Notes.	1	3

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## **SERIES 3. ORGANIZATIONS, 1944-1975.**

### **Scope and Contents note**

This series consists of Chase's organizational files. This includes the alumni association material from Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing; correspondence and minutes of the Advisory Committee for General and Special Hospitals (1963-1969), a division of the Pennsylvania Department of State; minutes from the Pennsylvania League for Nursing (1957-1958); and the Ruth Weaver Hubbard Foundation (1948-1956). Also included are course bulletins by the University of Pennsylvania's School of Education (1939-1944), correspondence and faculty/committee material from the School of Nursing (1948-1975), and a certificate designating Chase as an Emeritus Professor (1962). There is also one folder that consists of notes, correspondence, and certificates from professional associations.

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### **SERIES 3.1. MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL NURSES ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.**

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	Box	Folder
Alumnae Directory (1905-1955), circa 1954-1956.	1	1

**QUARTERLY RECORD OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL NURSES ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.**

	Box	Folder
1938-1973.	1	2
1973-1977.	1	3

**SERIES 3.2. PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL HOSPITALS.**

	Box	Folder
Correspondence, 1963-1969.	1	4
Minutes, 1964.	1	5
Pennsylvania League for Nursing, Minutes, 1957-1958.	1	6
Providence District Nursing Association, Annual Reports, 1931-1932.	1	7
Ruth Weaver Hubbard Foundation, 1948-1956.	1	8

**SERIES 3.3. UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

	Box	Folder
Certificate, 1962.	2	9
School of Education, Department of Nursing Education, Course Bulletins, 1939-1944.	2	10

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**SCHOOL OF NURSING.**

	Box	Folder
Correspondence, 1948-1975.	2	11
Faculty/Committee Material, 1957-1961.	2	12
Faculty Review, Chase, 1944-1962.	2	13
	Box	Folder
<b>PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, MISCELLANEOUS.</b>	2	14

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**SERIES 4. PHOTOGRAPHS, 1929-1962.****Scope and Contents note**

Included in this series are a variety of candid snapshots; formal portraits of Chase, including one family portrait with Chase as a young child; images of activities by a professional association, possibly the Pennsylvania League for Nursing; and a formal group portrait of the Provident District Nursing Association from 1933.

**EARLY NURSING CAREER.**

	Box	Photo
Visiting Nurse holding infant during home visit, early 1900s.	3	1
Visiting Nurse attending mother and infant, home visit, early 1900s.	3	2
Baby lying on bathing table, early 1900s.	3	3
Baby sitting in baby-carriage, early 1900s.	3	4

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Man holding baby, early 1900s.	3	5
Man holding baby, early 1900s.	3	6
Woman holding baby, early 1900s.	3	7
Woman standing outside building, March 17, 1929.	3	8
Woman standing outside building, March 17, 1929.	3	9
Woman standing outside building, March 17, 1929.	3	10
Two Women standing outside building, March 17, 1929.	3	11
Group of three women standing outside of building, March 17, 1929.	3	12
Group of four women standing outside of building, March 17, 1929.	3	13
Group, Visiting Nurses, Providence District Nursing Association, Providence, Rhode Island, March 4, 1933.	3	14
Visiting Nurse standing outside building, 1930s.	3	15
Group of Visiting Nurses outside building, 1930s.	3	16
Group of Visiting Nurses, outside of building, 1930s.	3	17
Group of Visiting Nurses, outside of building, 1930s.	3	18
Group of Visiting Nurses, outside of building, 1930s.	3	19
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Group of Visiting Nurses, outside of building, 1930s.	3	21
Group of students, University of Pennsylvania, Nursing, Fall 1939.	3	22

Group Picture, Pennsylvania Nurses Association, Nursing Awards, 1958.	3	23
Group of Nurses at Split Rock Lodge, White Haven, PA, 1950s.	3	24
Group, "Luncheon for Emeritus Professors", September 25, 1962.	3	25
Helen Ralston and Adaline Chase, Pennsylvania League for Nursing Convention, looking at "A Gallery of Student Nurse Cap", 1963-1964.	3	26a
Helen Ralston, with two women standing in front of exhibit commemorating Nursing Profession-U.S. Postage Stamp and Letter from President of United States, 1962.	3	27

**FAMILY PICTURES.**

	Box	Photo
Chase Family Portrait, Mother and Sisters Mary and Helen, and Adaline, 1890s.	3	28
Two ladies vacationing, 1930s.	3	29
Group of ladies vacationing, 1930s.	3	30
Countryside, 1930s.	3	31
Vacation Resort, 1930s.	3	32
Vacation Resort, lake, 1930s.	3	33
House and 1900s Ford Car, "Greeting's from the Mowerlyn", 1900s.	3	34
Group of ladies sitting on steps, "Greetings from the Mowerlyn", 1900s.	3	35

Young boy with dog, "Greeting from the Mowerlyn", 1900s.	3	36
Two women standing outside house, "Sold Sign" 45 Chelfield Road, May 31, 1947.	3	37
Portrait, Adaline Chase, Student Nurse, Massachusetts General Hospital, Class of 1922.	3	38
Portrait, Adaline Chase, Gradual Nurse, Massachusetts General Hospital, Class of 1922.	3	39
Portrait, Adaline Chase, Providence, Rhode Island, July 1932.	3	40
Portrait Adaline Chase, 1940s.	3	41
Portrait Adaline Chase, 1950s.	3	42a-b
Portrait Katherine Tucker, general Director, of Visiting Nurse Society of Philadelphia, 1916-1929.	3	43
Portrait Katherine Tucker, 1939.	3	44
Portrait-Florence Nightingale (later life) compliments of W.B. Saunders Company, 1940.	3	45