

# **Florence Nightingale letters and recordings**

MC 28

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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>	Nightingale, Florence, 1856-1896
<b>Title</b>	Florence Nightingale letters and recordings
<b>Call number</b>	MC 28
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1827-1845
<b>Extent</b>	1 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	This small collection includes a microfiche containing some of Florence Nightingale's letters, as well as two audio cassettes with brief recordings of Nightingale's voice.

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## Biography/History

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Florence Nightingale, byname Lady with the Lamp (born May 12, 1820, Florence [Italy]—died August 13, 1910, London, England), foundational philosopher of modern nursing, statistician, and social reformer. Nightingale was put in charge of nursing British and allied soldiers in Turkey during the Crimean War. She spent many hours in the wards, and her night rounds giving personal care to the wounded established her image as the “Lady with the Lamp.” Her efforts to formalize nursing education led her to establish the first scientifically based nursing school—the Nightingale School of Nursing, at St. Thomas’ Hospital in London (opened 1860). She also was instrumental in setting up training for midwives and nurses in workhouse infirmaries. She was the first woman awarded the Order of Merit (1907). International Nurses Day, observed annually on May 12, commemorates her birth and celebrates the important role of nurses in health care.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection is unprocessed. A preliminary inventory is given here. Please contact the Center for more information.

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## Administrative Information

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials note

See also: MC 180, Florence Nightingale recordings.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### FORM/GENRE(S)

- Audiocassettes
- Letters (correspondence)
- Microfiche

### PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Nightingale, Florence, 1856-1896
- Nutting, M. Adelaide (Mary Adelaide), 1858-1948

### SUBJECT(S)

- Crimean War, 1853-1856--Medical care.
- Nursing--History.

## Collection Inventory

	Box
Microfiche: Letters of Florence Nightingale, 1827-1845, compiled by S. Goldie.	1
Two audiocassettes: 6-minute recordings of Nightingale's voice, with introduction by Adelaide Nutting.	1