

# **Martha Emily Shaw papers**

MC 171

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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>	Shaw, Martha Emily, 1877-1944
<b>Title</b>	Martha Emily Shaw papers
<b>Call number</b>	MC 171
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	1911-1929
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1907-2011
<b>Extent</b>	0.6 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>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.</p>

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## Biography/History

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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

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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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## 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 Harry B. Kidd, 2011.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Archival Materials note**

See also: MC 39, American Legion Helen Fairchild Nurses Post No. 412 Records.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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

- American Legion. Helen Fairchild Nurses Post No. 412.
- Philadelphia General Hospital.

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

- Lecture notes
- Photographs

### **OCCUPATION(S)**

- Nurse

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

- Kidd, Harry B.
- Shaw, Martha Emily, 1877-1944

**SUBJECT(S)**

- Military nursing
- World War, 1914-1918--Medical care

## Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
CD of digitized 1911 lecture notes; biographical information provided by the donor, 2011.	1	1
Kodak photo envelope; news clipping; photographs of children and adults, circa 1911-1917.	1	2
Photographs of Shaw and classmates at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) Training School for Nurses.	1	3
Photographs of Shaw and others at Ellis Island, 1918.	1	4
Photographs from Shaw's WWI service in Europe, primarily from her time in Germany, 1919.	1	5
Photographs of Shaw and others, scenery, and American Legion events,	1	6

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circa 1920s-1940s.

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Unbound photo album pages, 1924-1929.	1	7
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Photo album primarily depicting recreational activities and American Legion tours, circa 1924-1930.	1	8
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<b>Notebook containing 1911 lecture notes and 1924-1929 personal ledger, 1911-1929.</b>	1	9
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**Scope and Contents note**

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



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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

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Opera glasses, 1920s.

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