

Laura Heath Hills scrapbook

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Summary Information

Repository	Drexel University: College of Medicine Legacy Center
Creator	Hills, Laura Heath
Title	Laura Heath Hills scrapbook
Call number	WM.SC.057
Date [inclusive]	1892-1949, bulk 1892-1896
Extent	2 linear feet (2 boxes)
Language	English
Abstract	Scrapbook containing miscellaneous letters, original poems, photographs of school life at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, and a variety of newsclippings and mementos.

Cite as:

Laura Heath Hills scrapbook, Drexel University College of Medicine Archives.

Scope and Contents

Collection consists of a single scrapbook assembled by Dr. Laura Heath Hills. It contains photographs, personal letters, and other mementos covering the life of Dr. Hills from her entrance to Woman's Medical College in 1892 to 1949. Among photographs are those showing administrators and faculty members

of the college such as Dr. Clara Marshall, Dean; Dr. Anna Broomall, Professor of Obstetrics; and Dr. Mary W. Griscom. Also included are photographs showing medical students in the dissecting room, the chemistry laboratory, the library, etc. and personal photographs of Dr. Hills and her friends Grace Shermerhorn, Ellen J. Patterson, Clara Israel, and Nellie Louise Lawrence. One page of the scrapbook holds individual graduation pictures of the class of 1896. most of the photographs in the scrapbook have been labeled. Dr. Hills also included numerous printed materials among which are certificates of enrollment and completion of various courses, commencement announcements and programs for 1895 and 1896, original poems, personal letters, and newspaper clippings.

Arrangement note

Photographs and items from the scrapbook are

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Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research use. Digital images available.

Use Restrictions

Consult archivist regarding copyright restrictions.

Provenance

First page of scrapbook has pencilled, "12-5-60 Rec'd thru Development Dept. via Auxiliary member." Cover of scrapbook reads, "DR LAURA H. HILLS/ WOMENS MEDICAL COLLEGE/ 1892-1896/ PHILA PENN." Item was accessioned in 1980 by Charlotte Kresowich, Archives staff member. Ball point pen inked identifications (by Laura Hills?) probably pre-date acquisition. Further I.D.'s and page numbers handwritten in pencil appear to be by Barbara Malinsky and Jill Gates Smith (former photograph curators). Pages are numbered 1-31 (n.b., page 14 is either missing or misnumbered (page 28?); page 28

is recorded on two separate sheets (one sheet has newsclipping on verso). Photograph P-numbers are in sequence or refer to identical prints in other collections.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital.

Subject(s)

- Medical colleges
 - Women medical students
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Condition and Conservation Note

As of 1989, the scrapbook had been disbound and pages placed in polypropylene sleeves. Scrapbook pages were extremely friable, damage to edges (containing captions) was advanced. This scrapbook had been microfilmed (along with others) presumably in the 1980s. There are two reels (master and duplicate) available; use is limited due to lack of registrations and targets which were not included in the filming. Limited negatives and slides have been produced from select images. Photographs and other paper items had been glued to acid support pages and accelerated degradation had been noted between the time when some negatives were made (1980s) and the present (3/1993). Artifacts were falling off the page and glue stains had darkened. Because of these concerns (and being aware that the original arrangement had been recorded on microfilm), photograph curator, Michael Angelo, had decided, in consultation, that the scrapbook should be disbound into mylar sleeves and acid-free folders, with the captions recorded on acid-free paper. Five original pages have been left intact because of adhesive resistance. Several other pages where items had been removed have been retained as samples. Future preservation action may include the following: Comprehensive negative and slide duplication of items. Restoration of photographs and other paper items. Remounting treated items on acid-free board (using microfilm as guide).

Collection Inventory

1. Box 1.

	Box	Folder
Page 1: 1 newsclipping, 9 photographs, circa 1892- 1896.	1	1
Page 2: 9 photographs, circa 1892- 1897.	1	2
Page 3: 12 photographs, circa 1892- 1898.	1	3
Page 4: 11 photographs, circa 1892- 1899.	1	4
Page 5: 11 photographs, circa 1892- 1900.	1	5
Page 6: 1 photograph (22 photos remain affixed to page 6, Box 2), circa 1892- 1901.	1	6
Page 7: 9 photographs, circa 1892- 1902.	1	7
Page 8: 1 poem, 6 photographs, circa 1892- 1903.	1	8
Page 9: 7 items (matriculation cards), circa 1892- 1904.	1	9
Page 10: 6 items (matriculation cards), circa 1892- 1905.	1	10
Page 11: 8 items (matriculation cards, postcard, calling card), circa 1892- 1906.	1	11
Page 12: 7 items (invitations, matriculation cards, receipts), circa 1892- 1907.	1	12
Page 13: 6 items (invitations, menus), circa 1892- 1908.	1	13

Page 14: missing or page 28?, circa 1892- 1909.	1	14
Page 15: 12 photographs, circa 1892- 1910.	1	15
Page 16: 13 photographs, circa 1892- 1911.	1	16
Page 17: 13 photographs, circa 1892- 1912.	1	17
Page 18: 14 items (clipped autographs, receipt, poem), circa 1892- 1913.	1	18
Page 19: see Box 2, circa 1892- 1914.	1	19
Page 20: see Box 2, circa 1892- 1915.	1	20
Page 21: 5 ephemera items, 4 photographs, circa 1892- 1916.	1	21
Page 22: 3 ephemera items, 1 photograph, 1896.	1	22
Page 23: 22 items (correspondence, envelopes, calling cards), 1896.	1	23
Page 24: 11 items (correspondence, envelopes), circa 1892- 1916.	1	24
Page 25: 3 photographs, circa 1892- 1917.	1	25
Page 26: 7 items (correspondence, envelopes, roster, "Souvenirs of the Class of 1896."), circa 1892- 1918.	1	26
Page 27: see Box 2, circa 1892- 1919.	1	27
Page 28: 6 items (correspondence, envelopes, menu, newsclipping), circa 1892- 1920.	1	28
Page 29: 13 items (correspondence, envelopes), circa 1892- 1921.	1	29

Page 30: 2 items ("Connecticut State Medical Society"), circa 1892-1922. 1 30

Page 31: 16 items (correspondence, envelopes, newsclipping, ephemera), circa 1892- 1923. 1 31

2. Box 2.

	Box	Folder
Page 6: 22 photographs, circa 1892- 1924.	2	1
Page 19: 10 items (newsclippings), circa 1892- 1925.	2	2
Page 20: 3 items (newsclippings, invitation), circa 1892- 1926.	2	3
Page 27: 7 items (newsclippings), circa 1892- 1927.	2	4
Page 28: 2 items (newsclippings), circa 1892- 1928.	2	5
Page 28, verso) 1 item (newsclipping), circa 1892- 1929.	2	6