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Ruth McWilliams Papers, 1917-1918, 1920-1922

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(1 half-manuscript box)
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Access: There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

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Scope and Content:

This collection consists of a small number of published and handwritten materials pertaining to nursing at the MGH and to nursing education, ca. 1918-1922. Also included is a formulary from 1951. The collection documents aspects of the experiences of a nurse in training, especially as the training related to practical duties in MGH wards.

Biographical Note:

Ruth McWilliams seems to have attended the MGH School of Nursing, ca. 1918-1920. The name McWilliams does not appear on nursing school registers from the time, although a number of women named Ruth do appear. Her maiden name is said to have been Tufts, but that surname is also absent from the register.

Processing Note:

Materials were flattened, reorganized, and re-folded in acid-neutral folders. Rusted paper clips were removed.

Related Collections Note:

Researchers may also be interested in the following item contained in the MGH's historical collections: Sara E. Parsons, *History of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses* (Boston: Whitcomb & Barrows, 1922).

Box and Folder List:**Box 1**

Composition book, 1918

Formulary (a published MGH manual), 1951

Notes regarding nursing tasks, 1920 (vol. 1)

Notes regarding nursing tasks, 1920 (vol. 2)

Nurses Alumnae Association ephemera, 1924-1926

Nursing student notes, 1918