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Biographical Information:

Clara Louise Walde Lawrence was a nurse in the period before, during, and after World War I. Her family lived in Rochester, New York and her two children were named Betty and Donald.

Scope and Contents

This collection primarily concerns Clara Louise Walde Lawrence's career as a nurse in the period before, during, and after World War I. Materials in the collection include correspondence, scrapbooks, diaries, photographs and negatives, pamphlets, medical supplies, and other publications. Most of the correspondence, photographs, and publications relate to either WWI or nursing. Notable correspondents include a letter from Julia Cherney (Bateman) to Clara Walde while serving as a missionary in China. Other items of interest include a 1763 Boston Gazette as well as several 19th century American newspapers. The collection also includes Lawrence's Veterans Administration account books from the 1930s.

Transcriptions were created of the correspondence before the collection was donated to the Special Collections Research Center and are available here as PDFs.

Series 4, Acc. 2010.784 contains correspondence, 1909-1923.

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Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Correspondence

Unit ID id60419

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/310500

Unit Date 1909-1937

Scope and Contents

This series contains correspondences between Clara Lawrence and her friends and family before, during, and after the World War I period. Many of the correspondences come from Julia Cherney (Bateman), a friend of Lawrence and a missionary in China. Cherney describes her travels in Asia and later life in the United States. Another segment of the correspondences date from the World War I period. Lawrence exchanged letters frequently with her mother, father and sister, describing her experiences training in Alabama and later serving as a nurse in France and Germany. She also communicated on a regular basis with her future husband, Sergeant Otto Lawrence.

Correspondence, Binder 1, 1909-1920

Unit ID id60420

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/310510

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Correspondence, Binder 2

Unit ID id60421

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/310511

Unit Date 1917-1919

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Correspondence, Binder 3, Part 1

Unit ID id60825

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/310512

Unit Date 1918

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Correspondence, Binder 3, Part 2**Unit ID** id60423**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/310513**Unit Date** 1918**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Correspondence, Binder 3, Part 3****Unit ID** id60424**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/310514**Unit Date** 1919**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Correspondence, Binder 3, Part 4****Unit ID** id60425**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/310515**Unit Date** 1919**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Greeting Cards****Unit ID** id65215**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/310516**Unit Date** 1928-1937**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 7 (Folder)**Series 2: Biographical material****Unit ID** id64694**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/310501**Unit Date** 1910-1939**Scope and Contents**

This series contains materials from Clara Lawrence's life and career as a nurse during the World War I period. Two albums include photographs, newspaper clippings, receipts, and other materials related to Lawrence's involvement in World War I. Items of interest include an order announcing the November 11, 1918 Armistice ending World War I. The series also contains Lawrence's nursing certificates from the states of New York and Michigan, as well as several Red Cross publications. In addition, the series includes fiduciary account books from the Veterans Administration and negatives of family photographs.

Photo Album**Unit ID** id64696**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/310517**Unit Date** 1916-1920**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

The album consists primarily of pictures of an army base during World War I as well as other scenes in Europe. Additionally, the album includes several newspaper clippings, hotel receipts and Western Union telegrams. The album also contains orders from Headquarters, including the announcement of the November 11, 1918 Armistice.

Souvenir Book**Unit ID** id64697**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/310518**Unit Date** 1911-1920**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

The souvenir book contains material related to nursing, such as hospital photographs, business cards, newspaper clippings, and Red Cross publications. Additionally, the book includes wedding notices, seasonal greeting cards, and poetry pieces.

Registered Nurse Certificates from the States of Michigan and New York**Unit ID** id60836**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/310519**Unit Date** 1915, 1923**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Red Cross Publication, Prayer Book, and Nurses Calendar****Unit ID** id60837**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/310520**Unit Date** 1913-1918**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Veterans Bureau Fiduciary Account Books****Unit ID** id60838**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/310521**Unit Date** 1931-1939**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Journal****Unit ID** id60841**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/310522**Unit Date** 1918-1919**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Camp McLellan Photographs****Unit ID** id60840**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/310523**Unit Date** 1917**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Negatives of Family Pictures****Unit ID** id60839**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/310524**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)

Box 6 Artifacts to be rehoused

Unit ID id60826

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/310508

Unit Date 1910-1939

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Wallets, souvenir boxes, and leather case.

Series 3: Publications

Unit ID id64695

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/310502

Unit Date 1763-1939

Scope and Contents

This series contains historical American newspapers as well as publications related to WWI and nursing. Items of interest include a 1763 Boston Gazette as well as several 19th century newspapers concerning political events. The series also contains maps from the WWI era, publications related to WWI, and language phrase books. In addition the series contains a brief history of the base where Lawrence served during WWI, as well as pamphlets related to nursing.

Maps and Brochures

Unit ID id60426

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/310525

Unit Date 1918

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Map of Europe, map of Southern Railway System, pamphlet on Michigan State Parks, pamphlet on Der Rhein, German Hotel Brochures, and other related materials.

Newspaper clippings and Documents

Unit ID id60427

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/310526

Unit Date 1763, 1883-1888, 1914-1938

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder includes several historical papers including a 1763 Boston Gazette, an 1848 Owego Gazette, an 1883 Rochester Morning Herald, and an 1888 New York Mail and Express. Many of these newspapers concern presidential elections and other major political events. Additionally, the folder includes a flier from President Lincoln's 1864 re-election campaign and a memorial pamphlet marking the passing of General U.S. Grant. The folder also contains materials related to World War I, such as several Nations at War publications and a German map of France.

Nursing Pamphlets

Unit ID id60428

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/310527

Unit Date 1914, 1939

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Nursing pamphlets on topics such as heart disease and eye care. Folder also includes pamphlets on baths of Neuenahr.

Base 19 History

Unit ID id60843

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/310528

Unit Date 1917-1918

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Manuscript history of Base 19, and excerpts of letters between Miss Jones and Miss Keith which describe nursing life on base. Originally in Berlin Linene Fabirc box.

Language Books

Unit ID id60844

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/310529

Unit Date 1913-1917

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

French and German phrasebooks and cards. Originally in Berlin Linene Fabirc box.

Pamphlets

Unit ID id60845

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/310530

Unit Date 1862-1928

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Popular History of France, History of the Shoe, Patriotic Songbook. Originally in Berlin Linene Fabirc box.

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Unit ID id82180

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/310503

Unit Date 1909-1923

Contents of this addition were added to Box 3.

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Mixed Materials 3 (Box)