

ANDERSON, LEILA HARRISON.
Leila Anderson collection, 1907-1919

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Anderson, Leila Harrison.
Title: Leila Anderson collection, 1907-1919
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 009
Extent: 1.9 linear ft. (4 boxes)
Abstract: Contains the nurse uniform of Leila Anderson that she wore as a member of the Emory Unit during World War I, a scrapbook of photographs taken while overseas, and her nurse certificate.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

Born in Cedartown, Georgia, Leila Anderson graduated from the Wesley Memorial Hospital Training School for Nurses in 1907. From there she spent one year in Havana, Cuba following graduation, then did private duty nursing in Macon, Georgia. On April 26, 1918, Leila Anderson enlisted in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and was a member of Base Hospital 43, U. S. Army, American Expeditionary Forces, otherwise known as the "Emory Unit." This volunteer medical regiment was stationed in Blois, France where they operated out of a 12th Century monastery that had been converted into a hospital. Her work as a nurse was centralized in Annexes 29, 13, and Ecole Superieure. Following the war, Leila Anderson served as the Superintendent of Nurses as T. C. I. Hospital in Copper Hill, Tennessee. In 1929, she was living in Marietta, Georgia.

Scope and Content Note

The Leila Anderson collection consists of her nurse uniform issued by the U. S. Army Nurse Corps. This uniform consists of the gray, full length dress with white cuffs and matching collar, white apron, leather boots, U. S. Army Nurse Corps identification tag and insignia pins (2), and a small brown shoulder bag. Also included is a scrapbook of photographs, clippings, and memorabilia taken from her time overseas. The many photographs include scenes of Leila Anderson and her colleagues, photographs of Allied soldiers and French civilians, and landscapes depicting both war torn regions and peaceful European locations. In addition to these items from the World War I time period, her 1907 certificate from the State Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia is included.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1		U. S. Army Nurse Corps insignia pins (2), 1918
1		Brown cloth shoulder bag, circa 1918-1919
1		U. S. Army Nurse Corps identification tag, 1918
2		Scrapbook of photographs, clippings, and memorabilia, circa 1918-1919
3		Leather boots, 1918
3		Certificate from the State Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia, 1907
4		U. S. Army Nurse Corps uniform, 1918
