

NC Public Health Nurses funded by the American Red Cross 1922

The following information (names added in 2019 and 2021) was sent by Miss Mary Rose Batterham, RN to the offices of the American Red Cross titled: Public Health Nurses in North Carolina (at present Dec. 18, 1922) working as follows :

(Please see county links for more information and news clippings about these nurses)

County Nurses	Type of Services	Financed by	Supervised By	Working With
Gaston County/ Miss Davis (White)and then Miss Alice Ward (White)	Joint	R. C. Chapter & Federal & State subsidy.	Red Cross & State Board Health.	Red Cross Chapter.
Cabarrus County/	Joint	County; Kings' Daughters & Red Cross.	Red Cross & Board of Health	County Health Dep't
Moore County Miss Craft (White)	Joint	R.C. Chapter & County	Red Cross & St. Board H.	Red Cross Chapter
Moore County Mrs Carrie E Broadfoot (African American)	Red Cross Chapter	Personal subscription	Red Cross & St. B. H.	Chapter
Nash County/ Lucia Freeman (White)	Joint	Chapter and county	Red Cross & St. Bd. H.	Chapter
Lincoln	Joint	R. C. Chapter, Kiwanis Club & Federal & State subsidy	State Bd. Health and Red Cross	Chapter
Guilford Dorothy Hayden (white)	Joint	County; Federal & State subsidy & Red Cross	St. Board Health & Red Cross	Chapter
Lenoir Georgia King (African American) Marie Farley (White) Miss Simpson (white)	Chapter	Red Cross	Red Cross	Co. Health Dep't
Wilson Martha C. Newman (white)	Chapter	Red Cross	Red Cross	Co. Health Dep't
Henderson Pearl Weaver (white)	Joint	Chapter & Federal & State Subsidy.	Red Cross & State Bd. Health	Chapter
Person	Joint	Chapter and Federal & State Subsidy	Red Cross & St. Bd. Health	Chapter
Rockingham	Joint	Chapter & County	Red Cross & St. Bd. Health	Chapter
Edgecombe	Joint	Chapter & Co.	Red Cross	Co. Health Dep't
Union	Joint	Chapter & Co.	Red Cross	Co. Health Dep't
Catawba Mrs. G.W. Wkilburn (white)	Not R.C.Serv.	Co. & State & Federal	State Bd. Of Health	

TOWN OR TOWNSHIP NURSES:

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Highlands (Macon County) Magaret Harry	Joint	Red Cross & Delando Memoria N.	Red Cross	Chapter
Hickory	Joint	Red Cross & Met. Life Ins. & Personal subscript.	Red Cross & St. Bd. Health	Chapter
Rocky Mount	Chapter	Red Cross	Red Cross	City Health Dep't
Thomasville	Joint	Chapter & Personal subscriptions	Red Cross	Co. Health Dep't
Lexington	Joint	Chapter, Co.& Rotary Club	Red Cross	Co. Health Dep't
Wilmington	Chapter	Chapter	Red Cross	Health Department
Dunn	Joint	Chapter & City Council	Red Cross	Chapter
Newbern	Chapter	Red Cross	Red Cross	Health Dep't
Belmont	Joint	Private Subscriptions	Chapter	Chapter
Burlington	Chapter	R. C. Chapter	Red Cross	Chapter

(Vacancy but hunting a nurse to fill it now)

OTHER COUNTY NURSES TO START JANUARY 1922

County Nurses	Type of Services	Financed by	Supervised By	Working With
Perquimans	Joint	Red Cross & State, & Federal	R. C. Chapter & St. Bd. H.	Chapter
Rutherford	Not R.C.	County & State Federal	State Board Health	Chapter

NOTE: The "State Board Health Supervision" referred to means Division of Public Health Nursing.

Other American Red Cross nurses who worked in NC:

Avery County Goldie Allen (Itinerant) 1931

Durham County - Julia Latta (perhaps the first African American RN hired by a local Red Cross office) 1915

Forsyth - Ruth Crew Grimes

Warren -Freda Hinnah

Qualla Boundary -Lula Owl Gloyne taught Red Cross Home Nursing and First Aid during WWII

Camden- Noyes, C. (1934). Department of Red Cross Nursing. American Journal of Nursing 34(10). pg. 1008-1009. Article about Red Cross nurses working in a malaria outbreak in Camden County in 1934.

Frances Elliot Davis (see biography portion of this website) was the first African American nurse employed by the national American Red Cross. She was born outside Shelby, NC.

Many, many more nurses were hired and/or volunteered in Emergency Hospitals set up by the Red Cross during the 1918-1919 influenza (often misnamed the Spanish Flu) epidemic across the state. Generally these nurses worked for a few months and many of their names have been lost.