

Resources for North Carolina Military Nurses

General

- [Duke University](#) collections include the personal papers of women and the records of women's organizations dedicated to serving and improving society.
- [Finding aid](#) to the World War II papers at the North Carolina Department of Archives and History. There are many items related to nurses.
- [North Carolina Museum of History](#) documents about World War II nurses.
- Nurses Who Served: And Did Not Return. Doreen Spelt. The American Journal of Nursing, Vol. 86, No. 9 (Sep., 1986), pp. 1037-1039.
- [UNC-Greensboro's](#) Betty H. Carter Women's Veteran History Collection.
- [Women's Veterans General Textile Collection](#) 1940s-1990s at UNC-Greensboro has military uniforms and foot wear donated by UNC-G alumni mostly from WWII, including an Army Nurse Corps uniform worn by World War II POW. Evelyn Whitlow of Caswell County. Captured in the Philippines in 1942, she spent four years in a Japanese POW camp. Her family's in-service banner with six stars, representing four sons and two daughters in the military, appears in the exhibit.
- [A Call to Action: Nursing in Uniform and War](#). A special supplement to the Raleigh News and Observer May 5, 2002.

Spanish American War

- [Lucy Ashby Sharp](#), Spanish American War nurse. Article reprinted from the Junior Tar Heel Historian, Fall 2012.

World War I

- North Carolina's Governor Thomas Bickett's "[Call for Nurses](#)" to serve in World War I
- See Madelon "Glory" Hancock in the biographies section of this website. From Asheville, she was the most decorated woman in all of WWI. She received 14 Medals from 3 countries for her nursing services.
- [Blue family papers](#) including papers about Jean Blue, a WWI nurse.
- Photograph of nurse [Harriett Arrington](#) of Granville Co, NC
- [Josephine Finch](#), WWI nurse from Charlotte.
- Jessie Morris [photograph album](#) of Oteen Hospital, Asheville, North Carolina and nurses during WWI.
- [Suzanne Hoskins from NC Museum of history](#) World War 1 nurse.
- The Betty H. Carter Women Veterans [Historical Project](#) at University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

- A [report](#) about North Carolina women in WWI in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH) library system.
- [Information](#) about Willie Ramsey Young, RN of Charlotte is on page 159.
- [Information](#) about a WWI era nurse from Wilmington.
- [Information](#) about WWI nurses list from Georgia State Archives - includes several nurses from North Carolina.
- [Index](#) to the WWI papers housed at NC State Archives in Raleigh, NC. Boxes 2,26,31 and 60 have items related to nurses and nursing during WWI.
- [Orange County women](#) during WWI, with a little bit about nurses.
- [Photograph](#) of Camp Green, a WWI US Army camp
- [Photograph](#) of nurses dining hall at Camp Green, WWI
- [Photograph](#) of nurses living quarters at Camp Green, WWI
- [Elizabeth Herbert Smith Taylor](#) is born in Scotland Neck in 1888. Taylor served as a nurse during World War I with the Maguire Unit of the Army Nurse Corps. She was educated at North Carolina College for Women in Greensboro and received training in nursing at St. Timothy's Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her [diary](#), which consists of pithy statements summarizing the events of each day, begins with her cross-Atlantic trip to France in September 1918 as part of the Army Nurse Corps. The diary provides a fascinating look at the variety of social gatherings created by hard-working soldiers and support personnel during World War I.
- [Tillinghast family](#) (From Duke University Special Collections) Papers after 1900 are primarily those of Anne Wetmore Tillinghast and her daughter and pertain to public schools and education in N.C. and nursing with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe during WWI.
- [Miss Willie Ramsey Young](#) - WWI nurse from North Carolina
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The roles women played in WWII

World War II nurses with significant North Carolina connections

- Information about the [38th Evacuation Hospital](#) unit formed at Charlotte memorial hospital.
- [Doris Armenaki](#) was a World War II nurse who later taught nursing at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro for 17 years.
- [Blossom Ellis](#) was a World War II nurse who later nursed in Randolph County.
- [Annie Ruth Graham](#) WWII [nurse](#) from Efland, North Carolina.
- [Mattie Hicks](#) from Greensboro was a World War II and Korean War Army nurse.
- [Della Raney Jackson](#), a graduate of Lincoln Hospital School of Nursing in Durham, North Carolina, became the first African American nurse to be commissioned in the U.S. Army. Jackson served at Fort Bragg.
- [Elna Jones](#) was a World War II nurse from Hickory, North Carolina who later nursed in the triad area of North Carolina.
- [Shirley Lyle](#) was a World War II nurse from Franklinville, North Carolina.

- [Daphne Doster Mastroianni](#) - A World War II nurse from Monroe, North Carolina.
- [Mizelle, Margaret B.](#), Letters, 1942 - 1944 are available in the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh. Margaret B. Mizelle served as a 2nd lieutenant with the Army Nurse Corps during World War II. While stationed with the 38th Evacuation Hospital in England, Africa, and Italy, she wrote letters to her mother concerning articles of clothing, cosmetics, or food that Lt. Mizelle wished sent to her from home. Occasionally the letters contain descriptions of life in the field.
- [Sarah Wahab Moore](#) Oral History Interview (Oral History #OH0151) WWII nurse
- [Estelle Garner Ptaszynski](#) was a World War II nurse from Seagrove, North Carolina.
- [Virginia Reavis](#) of Onslow County served as a World War II nurse.
- [Frances Turner](#) of Durham, North Carolina, had a career in the Army Nurse Corps, serving during World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.
- [McCoy, Jessie Marion Wall](#). Papers, 1941-1943. 73 items. Randleman, N.C. Letters to McCoy while in nurses training from her mother, Marion A. Wall, who was serving in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps describing her duties, activities, and social life while stationed in Ft. Des Moines, Iowa.
- [Edna Weston](#), was a World War II nurse from Wilkesboro, North Carolina.
- [Wanda Wills](#) Wanda Wills (b. 1918) of Sparta, North Carolina, was a nurse in the Army Nurse Corps (ANC) from 1940 to 1946 and 1948 to 1964.
- Parkview Hospital School of Nursing graduates who joined the US Army Cadet Nurse Corps and/or served in WWII were Margaret Flye, Hodgie Shearin, Eloise Hobgood, Alice Bradley, and Ruth Crowder Williford.
- See Ruby Brooks WWII Navy nurse in the Wake County page.

African American nurses who served in WWII - Della Raney Jackson, Rebecca Hennie (see Craven County page and St. Agnes SON Page)

Korean and Vietnam Wars

- [Army Maj. Julia Baxter](#), a Korean War [veteran nurse](#).
- [Col. Mildred Irene Clark](#) completed the statutory four-year appointment as Chief of the Army Nurse Corps. She served as Special Assistant to the Director, Personnel and Training for Nursing Activities, Office of the Surgeon General, from 1 September 1967 until her retirement on 11 October 1967. Colonel Clark was the recipient of many honors, including the Distinguished Service Medal awarded for eminently meritorious service while serving as Chief of the Army Nurse Corps, and the University of Minnesota's Outstanding Achievement Award. She was honored by her hometown of Clarkton, North Carolina, on Irene Clark Day.
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- [Julia Choate Baxter](#) of Wake County served in the Korean war and volunteered for a dangerous mission
- [Twenty oral histories](#) of Viet Nam era nurses found in the Betty Carter Collection at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

- The US Library of Congress has an audio cassette of (male) nurse Bobby Finch, a US Army nurse from Wake County who served during the Viet Nam War 1964-1968.
- Lt. Col. Annie Ruth Graham, Chief Nurse at 91st Evac. Hospital, 43d Med Group, 44th Medical Brigade, Tuy Hoa. [Annie Ruth Graham](#) WWII [nurse](#) from Efland, North Carolina.

Lt. Col. Graham, from Efland, NC, suffered a stroke in August 1968 and was evacuated to Japan where she died four days later. A veteran of both World War II and Korea, she was 52. Her name is etched on "The Wall" - the Viet Nam War memorial in Washington, DC.