

C Cockrell, Ethlyn (1876-1963), Papers, 1907-1960
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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Ethlyn Cockrell contain the papers of a Missouri schoolteacher, World War I Army nurse, and Red Cross public health nurse. They include material on the American Red Cross and photographs.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Ruby Potter on 18 May 1979 (Accession No. 2241).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ethlyn Cockrell was born on September 6, 1876, to William E. and Maria Prichard Cockrell of Mt. Moriah, Missouri. Her family moved to Princeton, Missouri, when she was five years old. She graduated from Princeton High School and taught school at Princeton and Cainsville for several years before entering the Jewish Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis in 1904. In 1902, Ethlyn married Robert S. Stockwell in Mercer, Missouri, but the couple was soon divorced.

Upon graduating in 1907, Cockrell returned to Mercer County and did private duty nursing until entering the Army Nurse Corps in 1918. She was stationed at Camp McClellan, Alabama, for a year.

In 1923 Cockrell completed a course in public health nursing at the Missouri School of Social Economy located in St. Louis. Three years later she took a course in nursing teaching techniques at Pennsylvania State College.

From 1919 until her retirement Cockrell worked for the American Red Cross as a public health nurse. She taught home nursing classes in several Missouri counties and she served as an itinerant nurse throughout Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, Texas and Louisiana.

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- f. 1-2 Correspondence, 1918-1960. Primarily letters from Red Cross associates and supervisors concerning Cockrell's assignments and job performance. Also contains personal correspondence.
- f. 3-4 Articles, 1923-1960. Articles by and about Cockrell and on topics of interest to her.
- f. 5 Newspaper Clippings, 1918-1933, 1960. Mainly articles concerning Cockrell's work with the Red Cross.
- f. 6 Certificates, 1923, 1926. Certificates for completion of first aid courses from the Missouri School of Social Economy and Pennsylvania State College.

- f. 7 Reports, 1926-1943. Class reports, class roll reports, narrative reports, and statistical reports from various Red Cross projects.
- f. 8 Programs, 1907, 1919. Commencement and banquet programs.
- f. 9 Bulletins, 1918-1932. Issues of *The Caduceus*, *The Tray*, *The Red Cross Courier*, and other Red Cross publications.
- f. 10 Pamphlets, 1915-1927, 1955. Pertain to the Louisiana flood of 1927, the Red Cross, trachoma, Indian rights, and Disciples of Christ missionary work.
- f. 11 Miscellany, 1907-1927. French phrase books, graduation announcement, photograph, vaccination registers, alumnae listing from Jewish hospital School of Nursing, and certificates of appointment.
- f. 12 Songbook, 1918. U.S. Army songbook.
- f. 13 Photographs. Camp McClellan in Alabama, c. 1918, nurse portraits, soldier portraits, Ethlyn Cockrell, American Red Cross.

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- Item 1 Photographs. Camp McClellan in Alabama, c. 1918, panoramic view of officers, nurses and personnel at the camp.

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