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**Finding Aid To
THE IRENE SUTLIFFE, RN (1850-1936) PAPERS**

**Dates of Papers:
1897-1940**

**2.5 Linear Inches
(1 Box)**

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ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Irene Sutcliffe was born in Albany, NY on November 12, 1850. In 1880, she received a nursing degree from New York Hospital Training School for Nurses. From 1880-1886, she organized nursing schools at Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn and Hamot Hospital in Erie, PA. In 1886, she returned to New York Hospital Training School for Nurses where she served as the directoress from 1886-1902. During the Spanish American War in 1898, she established a nursing service at Camp Black in Hempstead, Long Island for the Red Cross. She came out of retirement in 1908 to organize the social service program at New York Hospital's House of Relief on Hudson Street and in 1916 to operate a special hospital for victims of the polio epidemic.

Throughout her career, she was active in nursing education. She was a charter member of the Superintendents of Schools of Nursing in 1893. She was well regarded by her colleagues and students who included Lillian Wald, Minnie Gordon, and Annie Goodrich.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The collection offers only a small glimpse of the life of Irene Sutcliffe. Most of the information relates to New York Hospital Training School for Nurses including correspondence on the school's seal and a list of graduates. Some biographical information and a list of Camp Black nurses are available.

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- f. 1 Biographical Information
- f.2 Correspondence, 1897-1940 (includes info on Tiffany Seal)
- f.3 Correspondence, Nurses Abroad, 1916-1931
- f.4 List of Graduates, New York Hospital Training School of Nurses
- f.5 Lists of Nurses assigned to Camp Black, 1898
- f.6 Miscellaneous, Ways and Means Committee, NYH, brochure on NYH and address by Thomas Eddy to Bd. of Govs.
- f.7 Miscellaneous, prayer book, a memo book, leather bound book re her work with polio
- f.8 Pension, 1928