

# Guide to the Elizabeth Hudson Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1464

**CREATOR:** Hudson, Elizabeth

**TITLE:** Elizabeth Hudson papers

**DATES:** 1914-1950

**BULK DATES:** 1916-1919

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of four albums of photographs and autographs documenting Elizabeth Hudson's service as a nurse in American Military Hospital #1 in Paris during World War I. The albums contain pictures of French, Moroccan, and American wounded soldiers with written identifications by Hudson and comments by her patients. There are also scenes of battlefields, hospital staff, and of the victory parade in Paris in 1919.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

- b. box
- f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscripts Library, 1987.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

Elizabeth Hudson Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Related Materials

Elizabeth Hudson Collection of E. C. Somerville & Personal Papers (GEN MSS 28), Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Originally from Syracuse, New York, Elizabeth Hudson traveled to France during World War I to assist in the relief efforts for children left destitute by the war. While in France, she trained as a volunteer nurse, and served at the American Military Hospital No. 1 (also known as the American Ambulance Hospital) in Paris. She also served as a "marraine de guerre," a correspondent with soldiers, many of whom wrote to her even after the war. During World War II, Hudson served on the board of directors for the Coordinating Council of French Relief Societies.

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## Scope and Contents

The Elizabeth Hudson Papers consist of four albums of photographs and autographs which document Elizabeth Hudson's service as a nurse in Paris during World War I. The photographs depict French and Moroccan wounded soldiers being treated at the American Ambulance Hospital in 1916 and 1917. The American Army and Red Cross took over the hospital in 1917 after which it was known as American Military Hospital No. 1. Photographs after 1917 also portray American wounded. The albums contain identifications of patients giving names, hometowns, and place, date and extent of injuries. There are also patients' autographs, expressions of gratitude, occasional letters, and Hudson's later annotations scattered through the volumes. Several photographs, especially in the album in folder 3, picture battlefields and the destruction of towns. The album in folder 4 contains photographs of the hospital staff and of the victory parade in Paris in 1919.

The Elizabeth Hudson Papers were transferred to the Manuscripts and Archives Department from the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library in 1987.

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## Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Album	1916-1918
b. 1, f. 2	Album	1917
b. 1, f. 3	Album	1914, 1917-18
b. 1, f. 4	Album	1918-19, 1949-50

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Military nursing -- France  
Nurses  
World War, 1914-1918 -- Hospitals  
World War, 1914-1918 -- Medical care  
World War, 1914-1918 -- Women

### **Genres / Formats**

Albums  
Photoprints

### **Names**

Hudson, Elizabeth

### **Corporate Body**

United States. Army. American Expeditionary  
Force. American Red Cross Military Hospital  
No. 1 (Paris, France)