

THE END OF RAGTIME:

A BRIEF HISTORY OF
JULIA CATHERINE
STIMSON
CLASS OF 1908



JULIA C STIMSON

“RAGTIME” was the music that gave the name to the years from 1890 to 1920. It was a time of mass immigration to America, doubling the population.

Stepping Over Rooftops

Health Care during the Era of Mass Immigration to America



Mary F. Belmont

Hester Street 1889





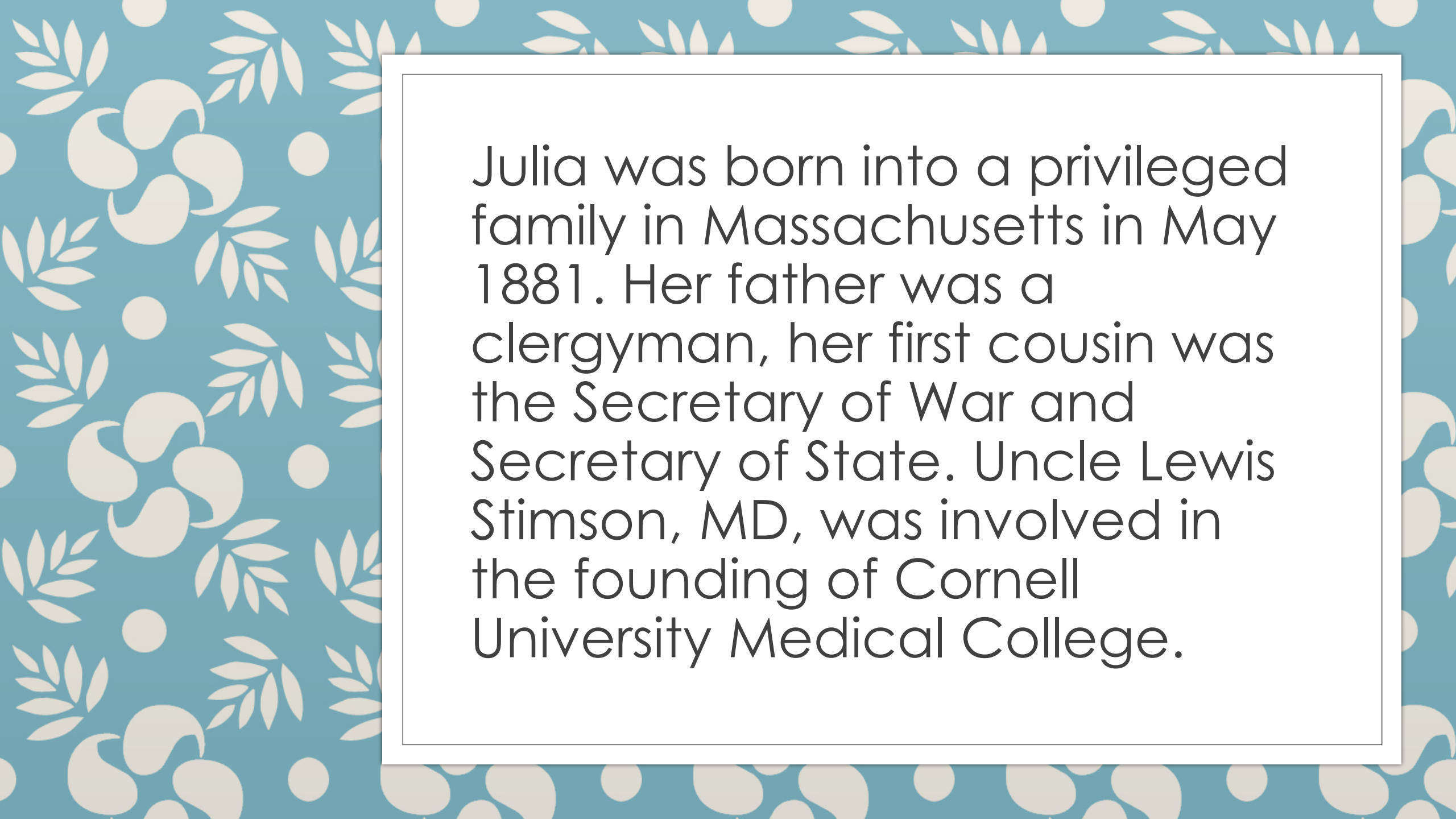
Fashionable black uniforms were worn by these graduates awaiting immigrants to New York City harbor

It was the time of industrialization, and the middle class expanded with an abundance of available jobs and careers. Lives were changed by the availability of:

- ❖ electricity
- ❖ telephone
- ❖ indoor plumbing
- ❖ automobile



Just a very few families became extremely wealthy providing them with the ideal of a carefree, “American aristocratic” life.



Julia was born into a privileged family in Massachusetts in May 1881. Her father was a clergyman, her first cousin was the Secretary of War and Secretary of State. Uncle Lewis Stimson, MD, was involved in the founding of Cornell University Medical College.

1901 Graduated with a
bachelor's degree
from Vassar College

1908 Graduated from New York
Hospital Training School
for Nurses

1908-11 Nursing Superintendent,
Harlem Hospital, NYC

1911 Head of Social Service, Washington
University Medical School, St.
Louis

Superintendent, Training School for
Nurses, Barnes Hospital and
the St. Louis Children's
Hospital

1917 Master's degree in sociology,
Washington University

A CAREER OF DUAL POSITIONS

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WWI Britain & France join Allies in World War I



A British, French and Japanese nurse care for wounded soldiers in Rouen, France, 1914-17.

OUR GRADUATES IN TRANSPORT TO EUROPE PRIOR TO US ENTRY TO WAR



APRIL 1917 THE US ENTERS WORLD WAR I

Julia volunteers and becomes
Chief Nurse at Base Hospital #21,
deploying to Rouen, France on
May 1917

McCALL'S

JULY 1918

MAGAZINE

10 CENTS



30,000
Nurses Needed

Secretary Baker
Secretary Daniels
General Gorgas
Appeal to you, see page 16

War Marriages
by Maude Radford Warren

Josephine Daskam Bacon · Margaret Widdemer
Albert Bigelow Paine · William R. and Louis Duryea Leighton







BASE HOSPITAL #21





- ❖ Director of Nursing Service of the American Expeditionary Forces
- ❖ Chief Nurse, Base Hospital #21
- ❖ Chief Nurse, American Red Cross in France

BASE HOSPITAL

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FRANCE

MAY 1917

APRIL 1918



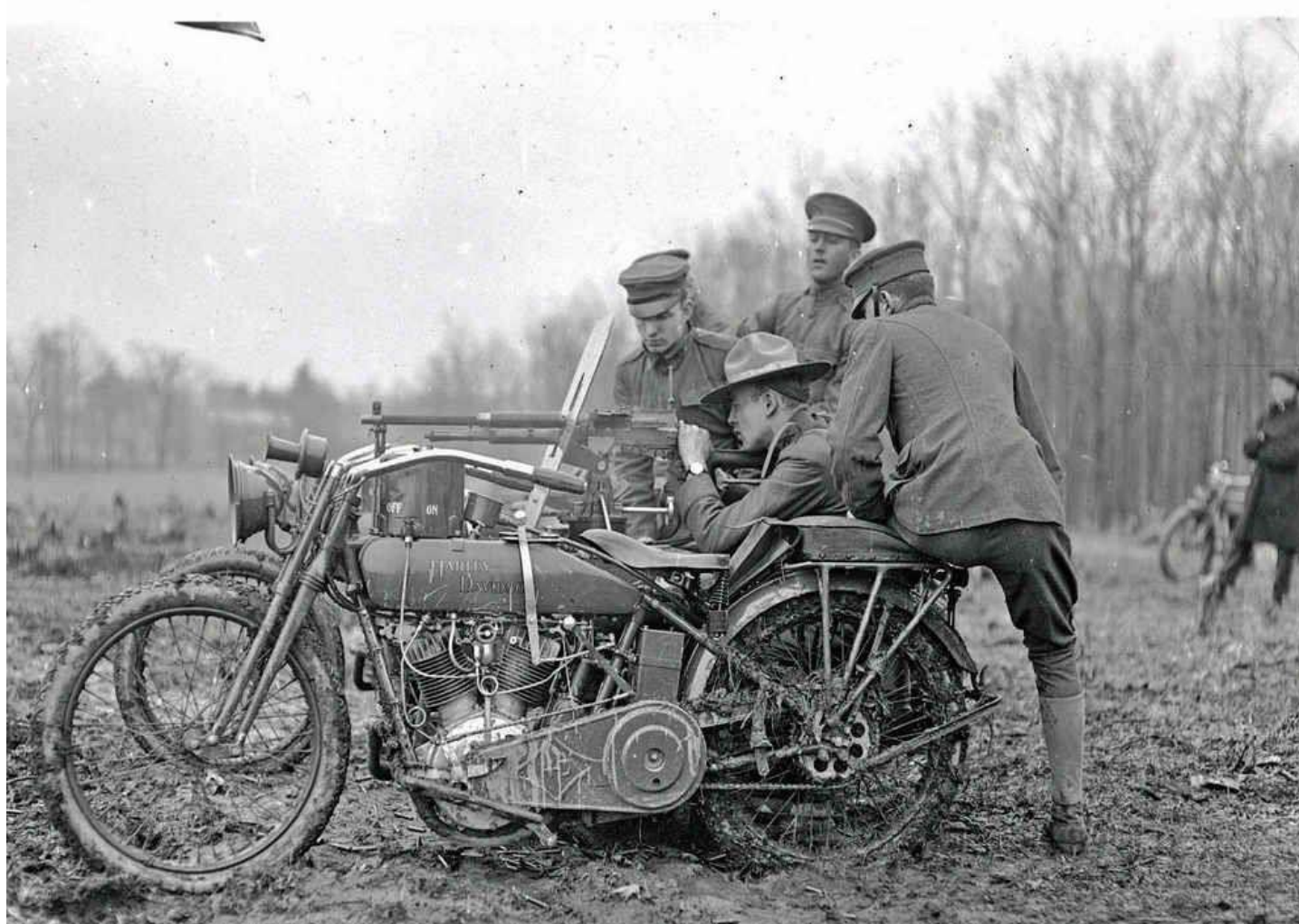
BELGIAN NURSES







Beds were
moved
outdoors
when
weather
permitted





WWI Soldier & Wounded Horse



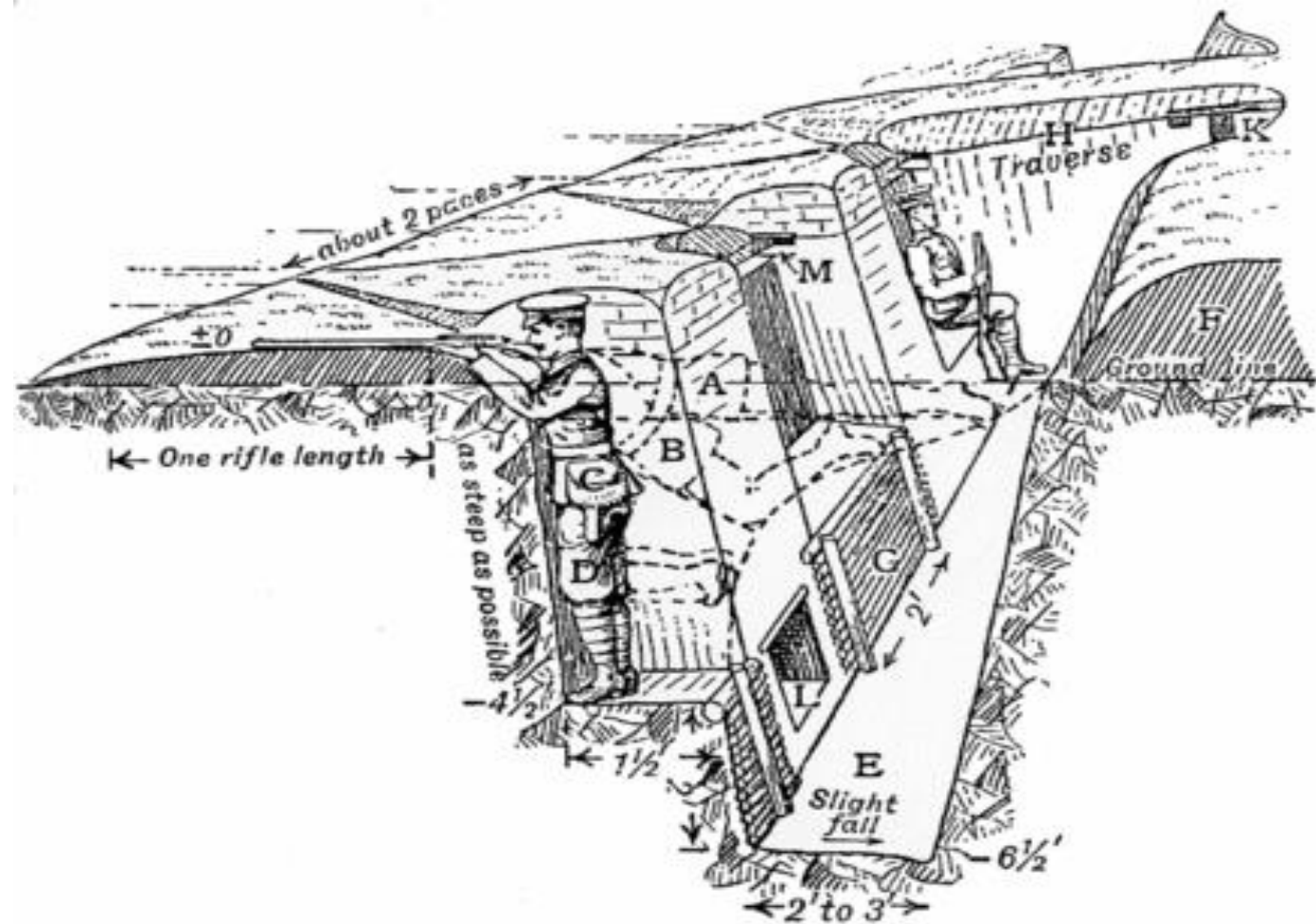
❖ Airplane Warfare

❖ Trench Warfare

❖ Chemical Warfare

**MILITARY
OPERATIONS**







Aerial view of Allied and German trenches WWI











MAJOR INJURIES & ILLNESS

Head Injuries - metal helmets start

Chemical – burns, blindness, lung

Infection – no antibiotics

Spanish Flu – affected all

BRITISH TRENCH COAT







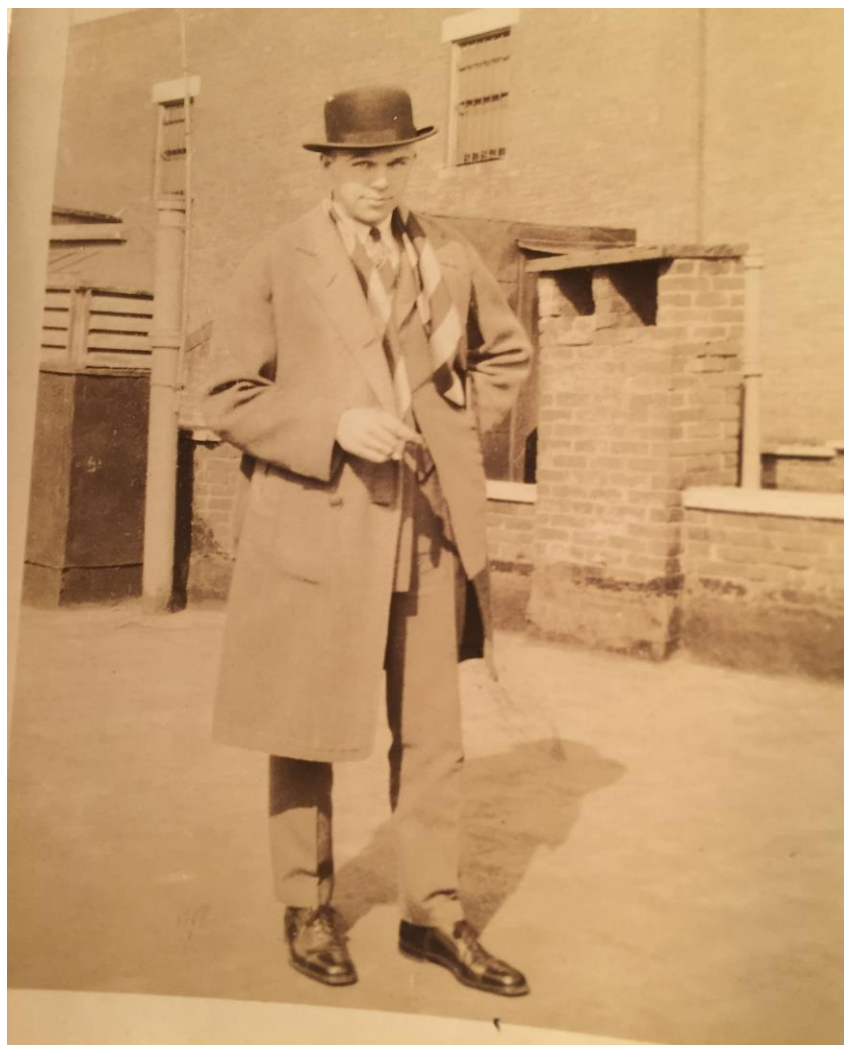
Immediate Post WW1 Changes in America

- ❖ 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic
- ❖ 1920 18th Amendment Prohibition
- ❖ The Roaring 20's was the "Jazz Age"; the Charleston & Speakeasy
- ❖ 1920 19th Amendment giving women the vote after being first introduced in 1878









Post WWI Positions

- ❖ Dean, Army School of Nursing, 1919-1937
- ❖ President, American Nurses Association, 1938-44
- ❖ President, NYH Training School for Nurses Alumnae Association
- ❖ Return to US Army during WW2

Select Awards

- First woman to attain rank of Major, retired as a Colonel six weeks before her death in 1944
- Awarded the United States Distinguished Service Medal
- Florence Nightingale Medal of the International Red Cross
- British Royal Red Cross

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