



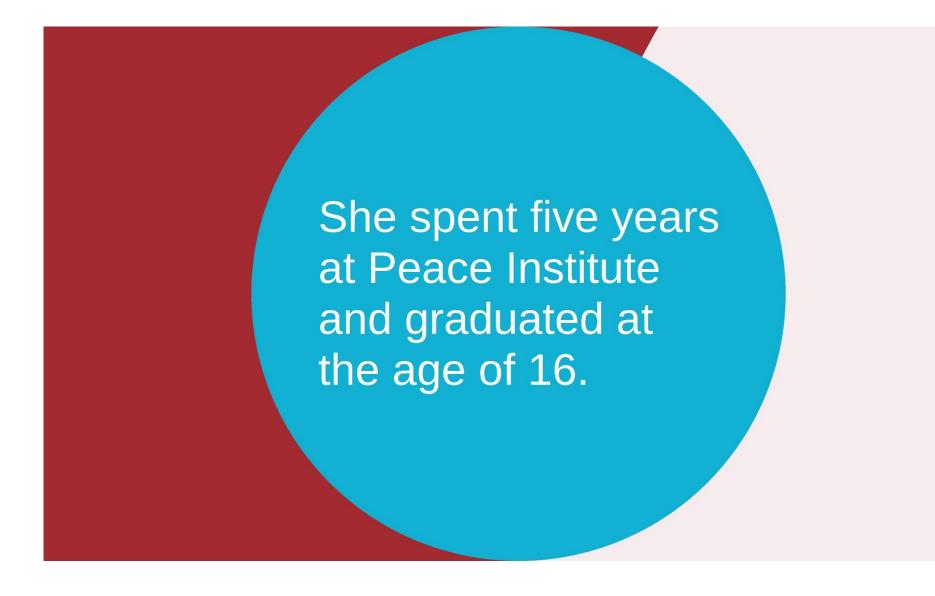
The Raleigh chapter of the Red Cross started at a small conference of nine women that met at the home of Elizabeth Grimes on August 16, 1916. The conference concluded that the best medium through which to work was the American Red Cross. They issued a public invitation and 25 women responded just six days later at the Yarborough Hotel on Fayetteville Street to organize as the Raleigh Auxiliary.



Raleigh
Woman's Club
in 1909
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She was born in Raleigh in 1867 and raised with strong Christian ideals.



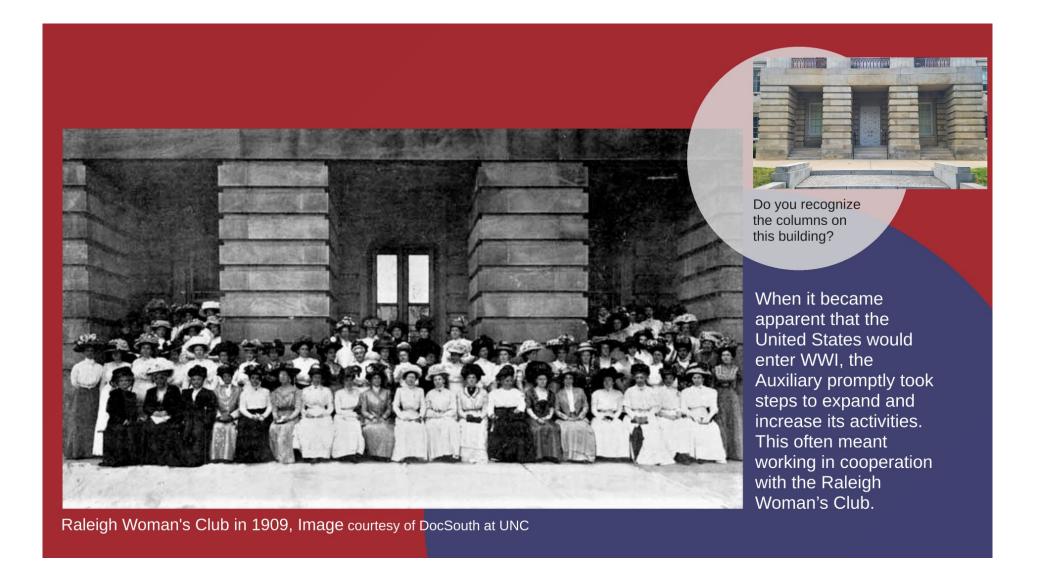
She spent the next twenty-two years establishing a home and teaching her children.

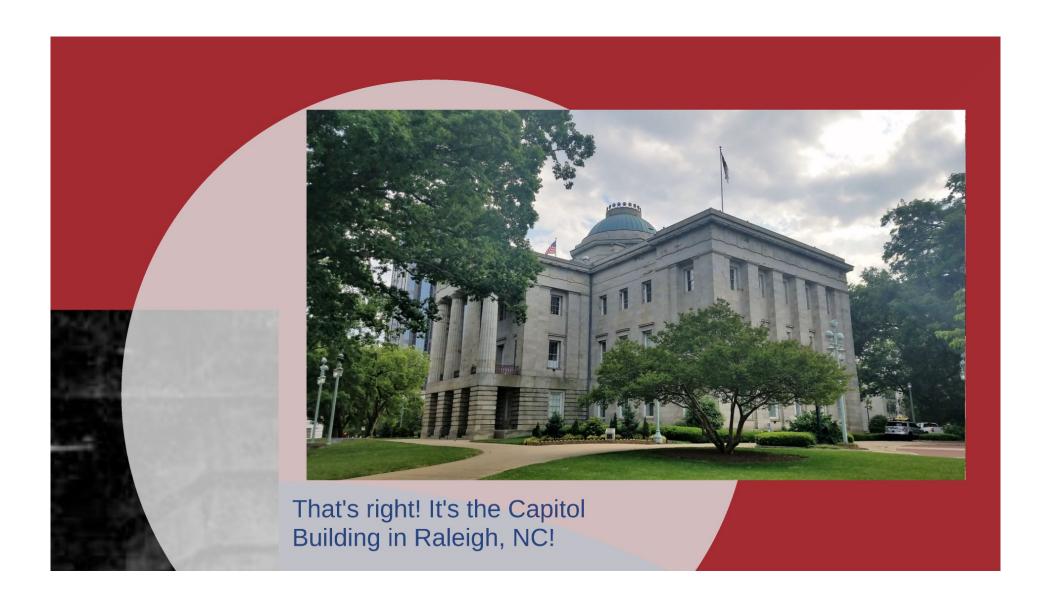


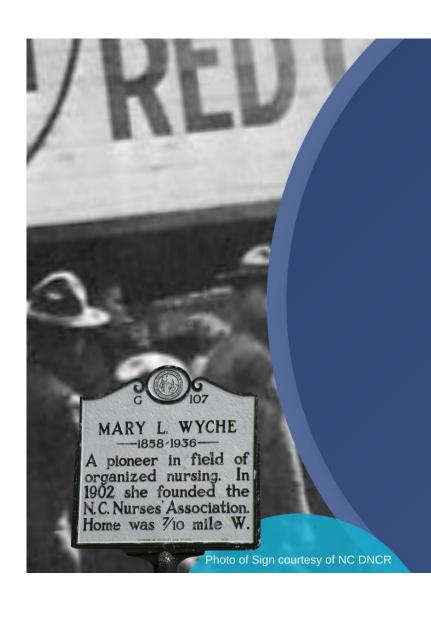










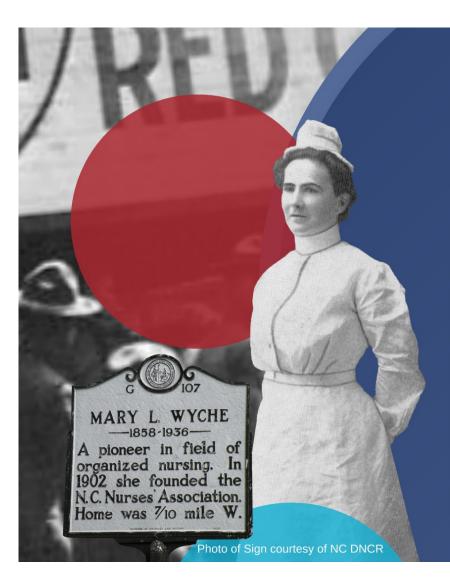


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Members of the American Red Cross in Salisbury, NC in 1918 Image courtesy of the State Archives of North Carolina

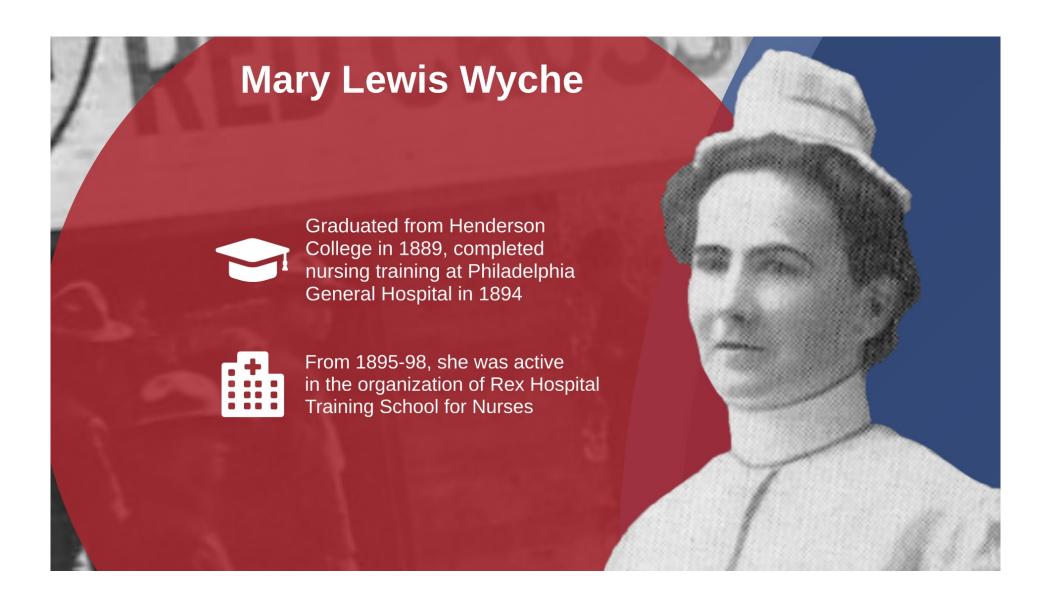


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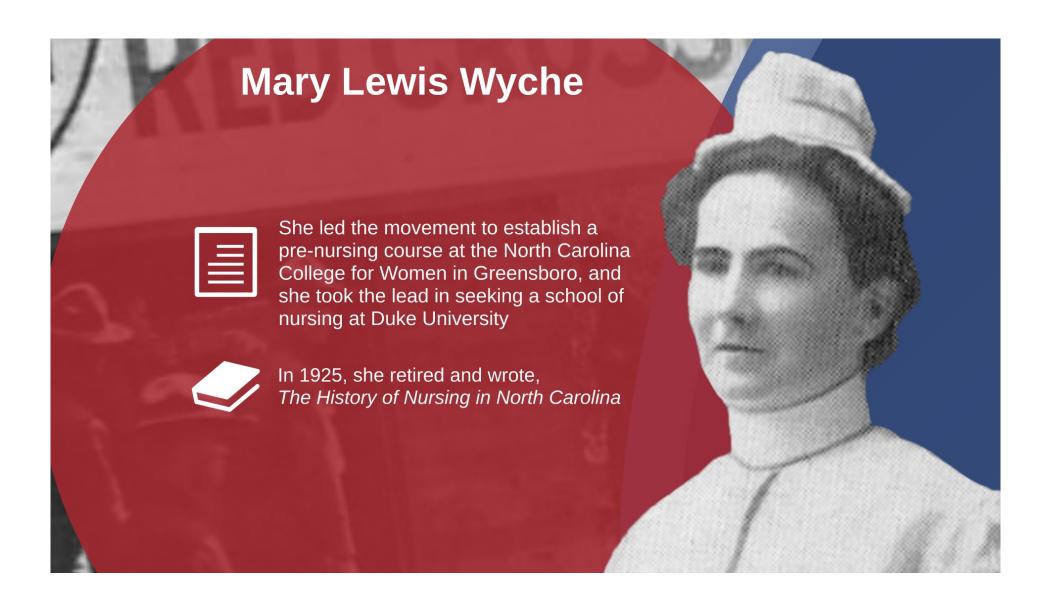
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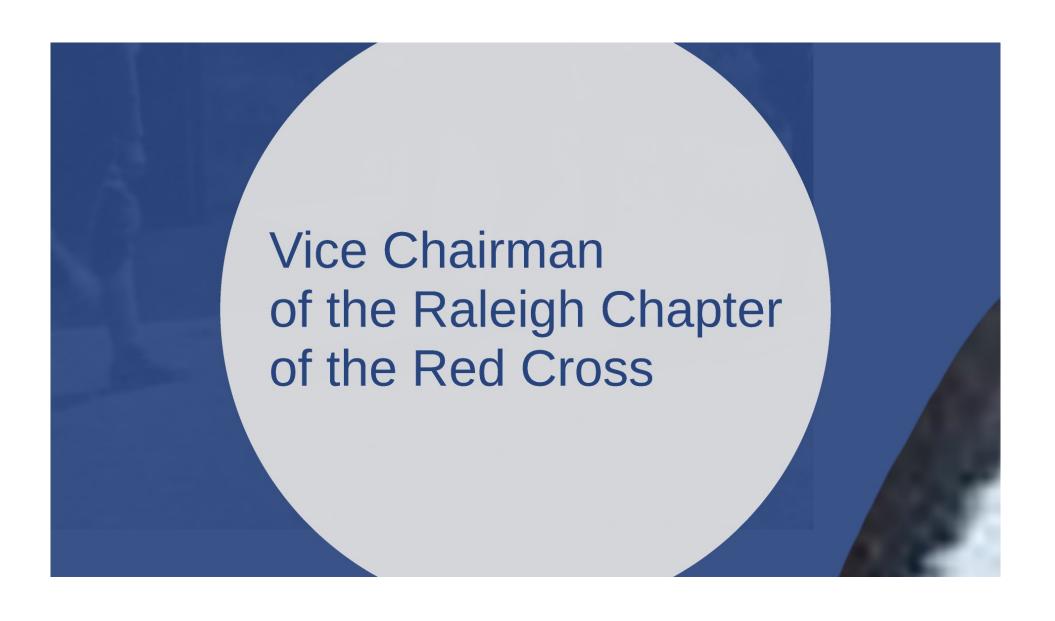






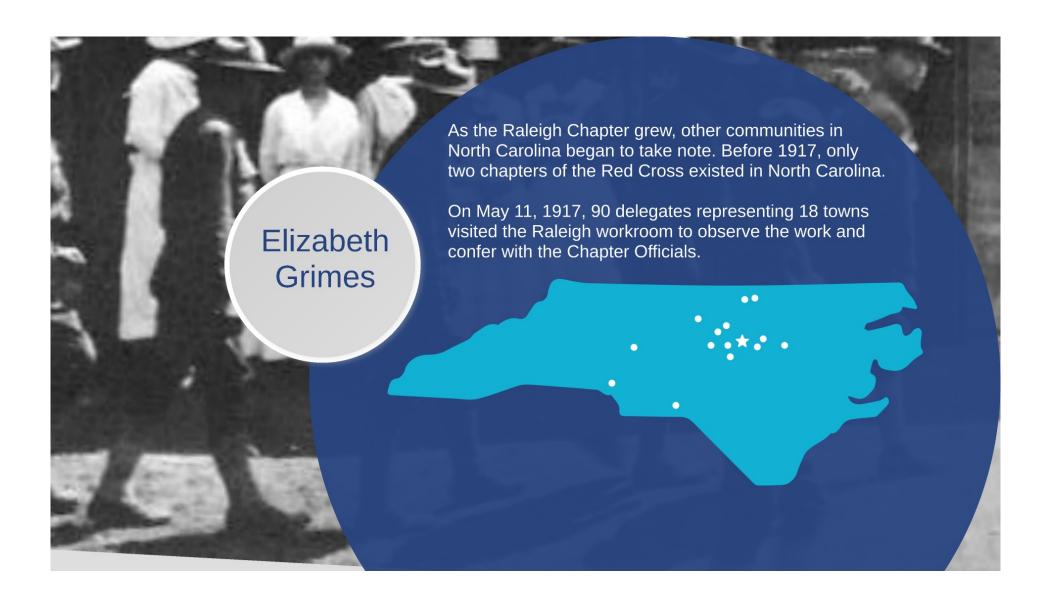


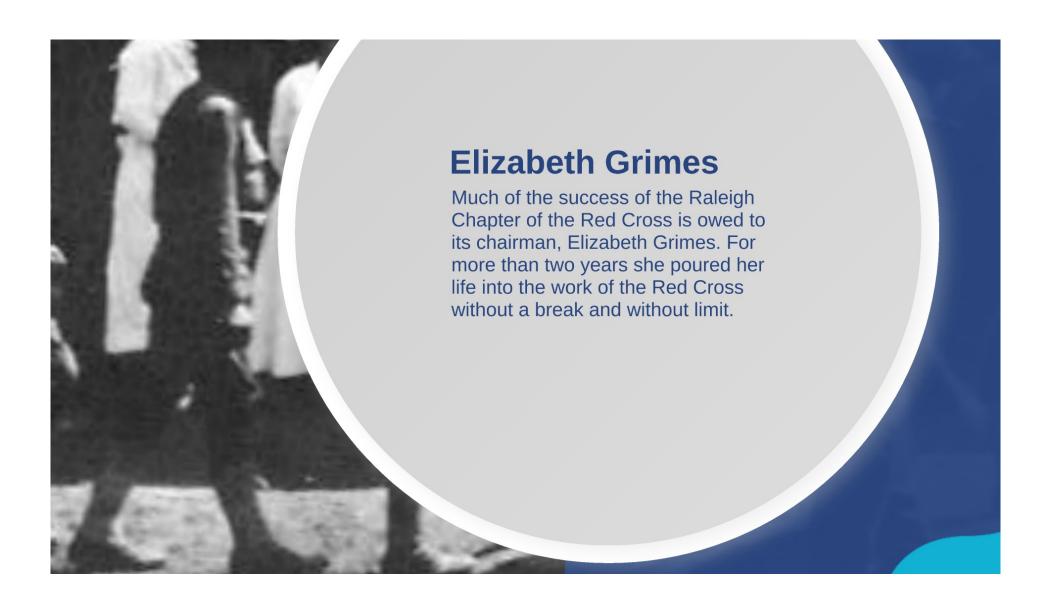
















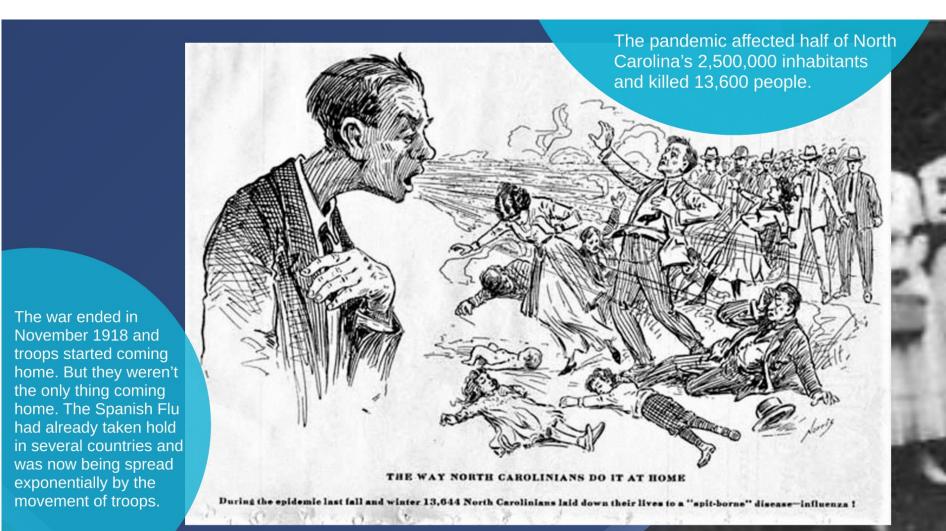


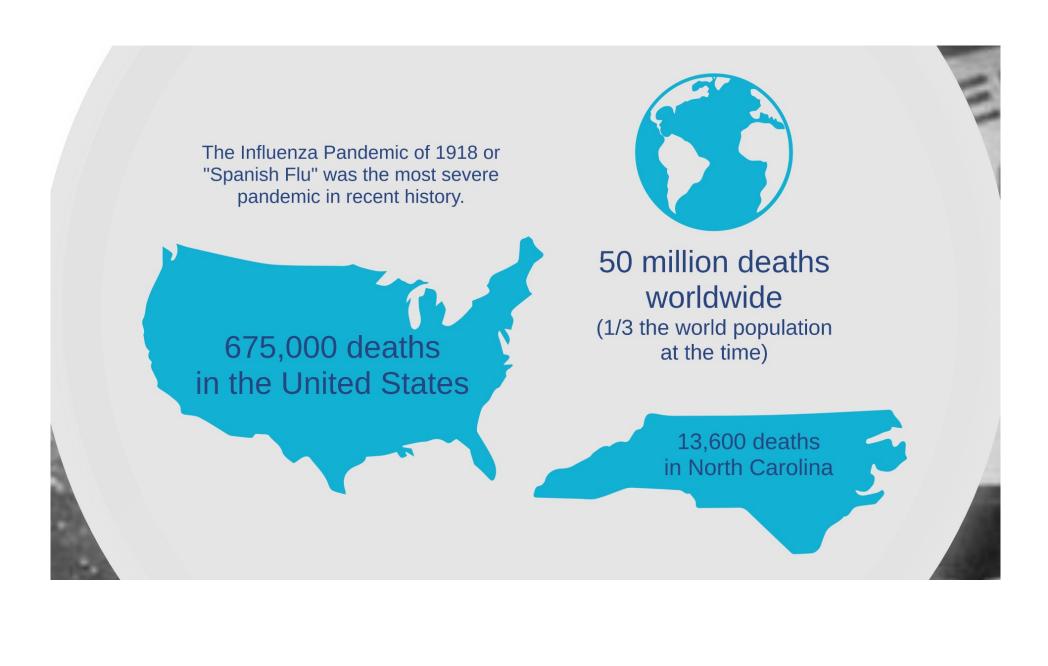
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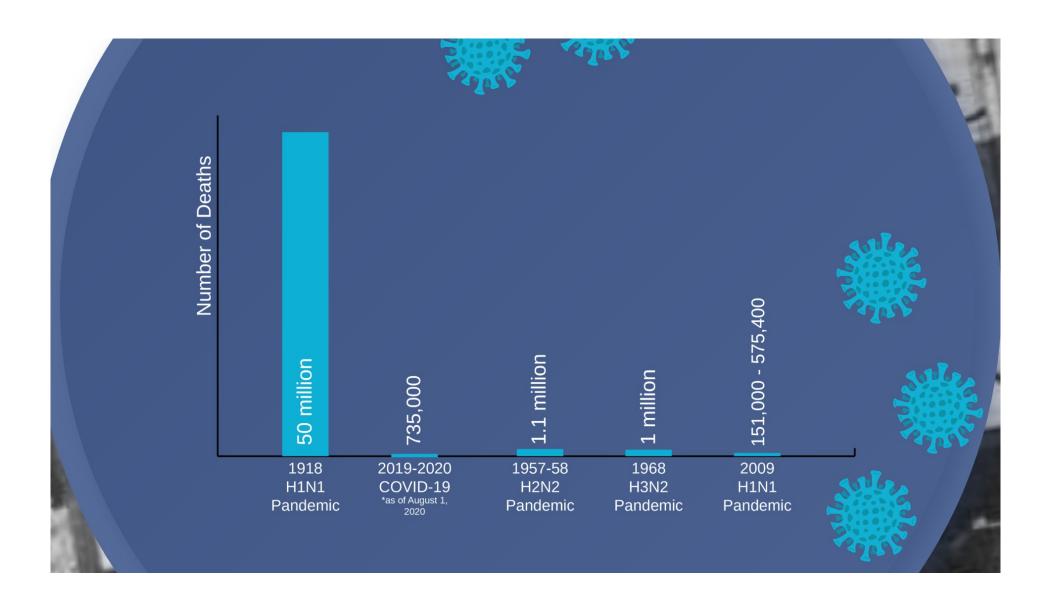
The Red Cross was called on to provide the necessary aid. Among so many material goods produced, the Red Cross also produced 192 trained professionals and volunteer nurses for the Raleigh area.

Two of which died from the virus, Eliza Riddick and Lucy Page.











The Red Cross served an influential role in the First World War and resulting Spanish Flu pandemic. We even see their effects today as they contribute to how we deal with large scale outbreaks.

