

Mary W. Duncan Oral History, 1982



Mary W. Duncan was born on August 30, 1895, in South Bend, Indiana. After graduating from nursing school, she went to France in 1918 as a Red Cross volunteer. When the war ended, she traveled to Germany with the army of occupation. She returned to the United States in July 1919. Before settling in Fort Knox, Kentucky, she served in many hospitals. She attended the University of Louisville when she left the military and upon graduation worked in public health in Wayne County until 1963. She then went to Turkey and Iran as a member of the Peace Corps.

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