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OBJECT NAME	Uniform
DATE CREATED	circa 1918
OBJECT ENTITIES	Laggis, Helen (owned by) Peters, Helen (is related to) Laggis, Helen (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	American Red Cross red Red Cross Service uniform White womans World War I WWI

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Womans Red Cross uniform. It is a floor length, white dress with long sleeves. The neckline is fairly high with a slight "V" to it. The back of the dress has five buttons starting at the top of the neck and gong down to the lower back, after the buttons the dress still has an opening. In between the third and forth button is where the belt is connected; the belt itself is plain with just a button on the end that would attach in the front of the dress. The dress is compeletly plain, minus the Red Cross symbol right under the neckline, in the center of the chest area and on a pocket that is on the right breast, at the very top, is a red strip that has stitched on it "American Red Cross Service"

ORIGIN

Uniform belonged to donors aunt, Helen Laggis. She was a Red Cross volunteer during WWI, in Minneapolis MN.

Europe was thrown into conflict in June 1914. At the beginning of the war, the American Red Cross was a small organization still in the process of developing its identity and programs. When the United States declared war against Germany on April 6, 1917, the organization began a period of

extraordinary growth. By the time the war ended in November 1918, the Red Cross had become a major national humanitarian organization with strong leadership, a huge membership base, universal recognition, and a broad and distinguished record of service.

CITATION

Uniform, circa 1918, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.