

**Ellen Newbold La Motte Collection on Opium Traffic**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Ellen Newbold La Motte Collection on Opium Traffic

**Span Dates:** 1919-1933

**ID No.:** MSS35170

**Creator:** La Motte, Ellen N. (Ellen Newbold), 1873-1961

**Extent:** 360 items

**Extent:** 18 containers plus 2 oversize

**Extent:** 7.2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm82035170>

**Summary:** Nurse, superintendent of the tuberculosis division of Baltimore (Md.) Health Department, traveler, and author. Material relating to the League of Nations and the control of narcotic drugs, including mimeographed and printed matter originating from the proceedings of the League of Nations Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium and Other Dangerous Drugs, in reports of the committee to the League of Nations Council, minutes of the Council, and reports of league members.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

La Motte, Ellen N. (Ellen Newbold), 1873-1961.

### Organizations

League of Nations.

League of Nations. Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium and Other Dangerous Drugs.

League of Nations. Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium and Other Dangerous Drugs. League of Nations. Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium and Other Dangerous Drugs records.

League of Nations. Council.

### Subjects

Drug control--International cooperation.

Drug control.

Drug traffic.

Drugs.

Narcotics.

Opium trade.

### Occupations

Authors.

Nurses.

## Provenance

The collection on opium traffic of Ellen Newbold La Motte, nurse, superintendent of the tuberculosis division of the Baltimore (Md.) Health Department, traveler, and author, were given to the Library of Congress by La Motte from 1934 to 1940.

## Processing History

The La Motte Collection was processed in the 1940s and rehoused in 2002. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Ellen Newbold La Motte is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The Ellen Newbold La Motte Collection on Opium Traffic is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Ellen Newbold La Motte Collection on Opium Traffic, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1873	Born, Louisville, Ky.
1902	Graduated, Johns Hopkins Training School for Nurses, Baltimore, Md.
1904-1905	Assistant superintendent, St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.
1905-1910	Tuberculosis nurse, Instructive Visiting Nurses Association, Baltimore, Md.
1910-1913	Superintendent, Tuberculosis Division, Baltimore Health Department, Baltimore, Md.
1914-1916	Served with American Ambulance Service, Paris France, and as nurse in French army field hospital in Belgium
1916	Published <i>Backwash of War</i> . New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons
1919	Published <i>Civilization</i> . New York: George H. Doran Co. Published <i>Peking Dust</i> . New York: The Century Co.
1920	Published <i>Opium Monopoly</i> . New York: Macmillan Co.
1925	Published <i>Snuffs and Butters</i> . New York: Century Co.
1930	Awarded Lin Tse Hus Memorial Medal by the Nationalist Government of the Republic of China
1961	Died

## Scope and Content Note

The collection of Ellen Newbold La Motte (1873-1961) on opium traffic spans the years 1919-1933 and consists mainly of material relating to the League of Nations and the control of narcotic drugs, including mimeographed and printed matter originating from the proceedings of the League of Nations Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium and Other Dangerous Drugs, in reports of the committee to the League of National Council, minutes of the Council, and reports of league members.

## Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of material with oversize items files at the end.

# Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX 1	Committee minutes
BOX 1	Sessions
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BOX 1	9th, 17 Jan.-1 Feb. 1927
BOX 2	10th, 1929
BOX 2	10th, 26 Sept.-8 Oct. 1927
BOX 2	11th, 12-27 Apr. 1928
BOX 3	12th, 17 Jan.-2 Feb. 1929
BOX 3	13th, 20 Jan.-14 Feb. 1930
BOX 4	14th, Jan.-Feb. 1931
BOX 4	15th, 15 Apr.-4 May 1932
BOX 5	Seizures-illicit transactions
BOX 5	1925
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BOX 5	1928-1930
BOX 5	Reports to the League of Nations Council
BOX 5	1924
BOX 5	1926
BOX 5	1928
BOX 5	1930
BOX 5	1932
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BOX 6	1921-1928
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## Container List

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BOX 14	1925-1926 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 14	Scrapbooks
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BOX 17	(3 vols.)
BOX 18	(1 vol.)
BOX OV 1	Oversize
BOX OV 1	Committee minutes
BOX OV 1	Miscellaneous documents
BOX OV 1	1920-1925, 1928-1931 (Container 14)
BOX OV 2	1925-1926 (Container 14)