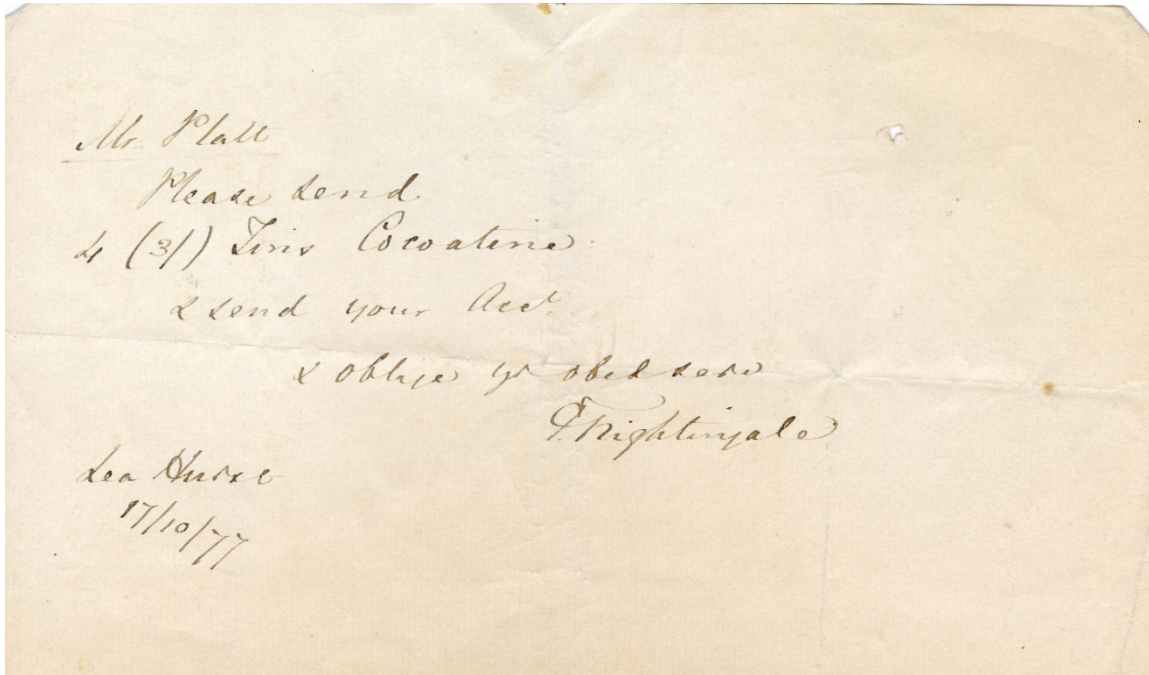


Historical Collections is Celebrating National Nurses Week!

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May 6-12, 2019 is National Nurses Week; the HS/HSL's historical collections is celebrating by highlighting our materials from the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale.



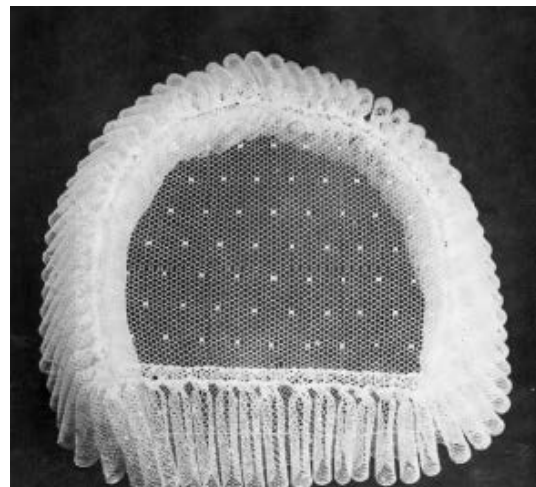
Florence Nightingale to Mr. Platt, 10/17/1877

In 1962, Dr. Florence M. Gipe, then dean of the School of Nursing, donated three notes written by Florence Nightingale to a Mr. Platt. It is believed Mr. Platt was a chemist or pharmacist who supplied Nightingale with supplies and medication at Lea Hurst, her family home in Derbyshire, England. The notes have been digitized and are available in the library's [Digital Archive](#).

Florence Nightingale founded the St. Thomas Hospital School of Nursing in London, which began formalized nursing education in England. Nightingale's pupil, Louisa Parsons, was hired as the first superintendent for the University of Maryland's School of Nursing in 1889, one of the first nursing schools in the United States. Parsons introduced the nursing cap, the Flossie, which has been worn by University of Maryland Graduates.

To learn more about UMB's School of Nursing check out the [Digital Archive](#), which includes yearbooks, academic catalogs, histories and newsletters of the school or stop by historical collections on the 5th floor of the HS/HSL.

And remember to thank a nurse this week!



The Flossie, Nightingale Nursing Cap