

Margaret E. Miller



Margaret (Meg) Elgar Miller was the first school nurse at St. Andrew's School. Meg Miller came to campus in 1930 at the age of 32 and stayed til 1942. Prior to working here, she was a school nurse at Tower Hill School in Wilmington. As part of her war effort, she left briefly to work for the Red Cross in Honolulu from 1942 - 1943. In 1943 she worked at St. Mary's Hall in Burlington, NJ (also an Episcopal church school). Miss Miller returned to SAS in 1944 again as head nurse. During her tenure, Meg resided in the infirmary quarters on the third floor of Founders' Hall where she painted murals on the walls. She fully immersed herself in boarding school life as she was the organist in chapel and the choir director, or as it was referred to in the 1930s, the choir mistress. She played the role of midwife, delivering the children of local families in the community.

Always at odds with the students for not dressing for the weather, it is written that her mantra was "wraps or ringers" - either dress appropriately or marks will be given. In Bill Amos' book, *Time to Remember*, past students discuss "pranking" Miss Miller by bringing her very small car, a Crosley, into the dining hall.

She resigned in 1948 to return to general nursing at Montgomery County Hospital in Olney, MD. Sometime in the 1950s, Meg married Alex Ferguson in Sussex, England, living there until her death in 1985 at the age of 87.

The Margaret E. (Meg) Miller Health Center was named in her honor in the spring of 1999.