

Time Line Linda Richards (Melinda Ann Judson Richards)

July 27, 1841	Birth West Potsdam New York Father "Itinerant Preacher"
1854 (Estimated)	When Linda was 13, Mother died of TB. Linda nursed mother through her final illness.. Family doctor, Dr. Currier, taught Linda some medical knowledge to help her care for her mother.
1856 (estimated)	At age 15, enrolled in St. Johnsbury Vt. Academy for teacher training.(1 year) Taught school .
1860	Engaged to George Poole who fought in the Civil War, wounded (1865); Linda cared for him until he died in 1869.
September 1, 1872	Entered New England Hospital for Women and Children: One year nurse training
September 1, 1873	Graduated – Diploma awarded
October 1, 1873 to October 15 1874	Bellevue Hospital – Night Superintendent in Bellevue Training School (First Position)l
November 1, 1894 to April 1877	Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston MA - Superintendent of Training School
April to November, 1977	England: Resident Visitor in St. Thomas's Hospital, London; King's College Hospital, London Scotland: Edinburgh Royal Infirmary
August, 1879 - September, 1881	Enforced rest (medical)
September, 1881 - December, 1885	Boston City Hospital, Matron of Hospital and Superintendent of Training School
December, 1885 - October, 1890	Organization of First Training School for Nurses in Japan
October, 1890 to March, 1891	Voyage to France via Suez Canal; Visit to Paris
April. 1891 to November, 1891	Charge: Philadelphia Visiting Nurse Society
December, 1891 to April, 1892	Matron: at Kirkbride's Hospital for Insane, Philadelphia, Pa.
April, 1892 to December, 1892	Matron of Hospital and Superintendent of Training School, Methodist Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia, Pa.
January, 1893 to April, 1894	Superintendent of Hospital, New England Hospital for Women and Children, Roxbury, Ma.
April, 1894 to October, 1895	Superintendent of Training School, Brooklyn Homeopathic Hospital, Brooklyn, NY
November, 1895 to November, 1897	Matron of Hospital and Superintendent of Training School, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, Ct.
November, 1897 to 1899	Superintendent of Training School and Assistant Superintendent of Hospital, University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia

September, 1899 to 1904	Superintendent of Training School, Taunton Hospital for the Insane, Taunton, Ma.
January, 1906 to September, 1909	Superintendent of Training School, Kalamazoo, Michigan
September, 1910 to March, 1911	Superintendent of Training School, Taunton Hospital for the Insane, until retirement as Superintendent Emeritus
1923	Suffered a severe stroke; lived remainder of her life at the New England Hospital for Women and Children
April 16, 1930	Died

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