MARTHA GRAHAM will choreograph "Rite of Spring," which will receive its world premiere in her company's season at the New York State Theater in February and March. The three-week season, the company's first here since June 1982, and Miss Graham's new work were announced by Miss Graham at a news conference yesterday at the Martha Graham Center for Contemporary Dance on East 63d Street. It will be one of a number of events in a yearlong celebration of Miss Graham's 90th birthday on May 11. "I started work on 'Rite of Spring' with rel Martha Graham, American dancer, choreographer (one who creates and arranges dance performances), and teacher, is considered one of the major figures of modern dance. Early life. Martha Graham was born in a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on May 11, 1894, one of George and Jane Beers Graham's three daughters. Her father was a doctor who treated people with nervous disorders. When she was ten years old, and after one of her sisters developed asthma (a breathing problem), the family moved to California because the weather was better. Graham became interested in studying dance after she s Martha Graham was a prominent American dancer who was the first dancer ever to perform at the White House. This biography of Martha Graham provides detailed information about her childhood, life, achievements, works & timeline.Â This biography of Martha Graham provides detailed information about her childhood, life, achievements, works & timeline. Quick Facts. Birthday: May 11, 1894.