

Civil War History Consortium-Collection Survey 2003

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Civil War Medicine in Philadelphia (records of hospitals, photographs, memorabilia of doctors and nurses, portraits of same, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment)

Germantown Historical Society

Artifacts

Army issued linen hospital sheet used at Cuyler Hospital in Germantown.

written on bed sheet is HOSP USA Dept Hanies. Beige in Color.

Documentary

Civil War box 3 National Association of Civil War Army Nurses booklet

Civil War Box 2 Letters from Cuyler Hospital (in Germantown Town Hall)

Civil War Box 2 Diary of physician Josiah Curtis surgeon at Cuyler 1863

Civil War Box 4 File on Mower Hospital-secondary materials

Civil War Box 1 Petition drive (and clippings about Miss Dye) to get pension benefits for

Civil War nurse initiated by a nurse from Germantown Miss Clarissa Dye (nee Jones).

She was school principal who became an army war nurse during summer. Married a veteran at end of war-lived in Germantown and was active in philanthropy.

Bucks County Historical Society

Documentary

Papers Dr. Caspar Widdifield to Surgeon C. S. Widdifield 1861 assigns W to duty as surgeon of the PA Volunteers Colonel Lyle's regiment.

2. Misc 224 mention of CW nurses

Mutter Museum College of Physicians of Philadelphia

Artifacts and Costume

7 sets of general operating, amputation, and bone resetting instruments, including one presented to the physician by the patients of the Filbert Street General Hospital and one from patients at a Chestnut Hill Hospital, possibly Mower. Most marked either "USA Hospital Dept." or USA Medical Dept.

1 Set of trephining instruments marked USA Hospital Department

Field Kit of Homeopathic remedies-"Soldiers Sanitor"

Sword Carried by Samuel Weissel Gross, M.D.

5. Counter Signs carried by Major J. K. Corson, MD

Chang & Eng Bunker plaster cast postmortem (lived in SC during CW)

Specimens

11 bone specimens and 3 fluid-preserved specimens from the CW, including a soldier wounded at Cold Harbor and a piece of cervical tissue from John Wilkes Booth (assassinated Lincoln)

Note: The Mutter Museum began in 1863 during the CW, the members of the College of Physicians which established the museum in part to buildup a collection useful in training medical personnel for the front.

Documentary-Library College of Physicians

Highlights:

1. Patient register and scrapbook containing names of wounded at Philadelphia military hospitals, names of donors and caregivers
2. Memoirs of nurses, doctors, and others caring for wounded
3. Papers of John Hill Brinton, CW Surgeon, administrator and founder of Army medical Museum
4. First edition of Louisa May Alcott's Hospital Sketches
5. Diary of William Bartoll, Surgeon Steward, US ironclad Nahant
6. US Sanitary Commission various pamphlets and reports
7. Ward casebook Broad Street Hospital Philadelphia
8. First edition Army Surgeons Manual 1864
9. Papers of St. John Watkins, CW Surgeon, hospital administrator and inspector for

- the post-war Freedmans Bureau
10. Newspaper West Philadelphia Hospital Register, put out by Satterlee Hospital 1863-64
 11. Patient Records and follow-up studies of dozens of patients of S. Weir Mitchell, contract surgeon during the war worked to establish Turner's Lane Hospital as a specialty hospital to treat soldiers with nerve injuries

General Breakdown of holdings: Dozens of primary-source books and manuals; 3 periodicals published by participants during the War; over 20 manuscript collections with CW material, over 200 images of CW physicians and CW era physicians, many served in war; hundred of books and periodicals documenting medicine at the time of CW Details see Resources in CW Medicine <http://www.collphyphil.org/FINDAID/hist/histcvwr.htm>

CIGNA Museum and Art Collection

Prints, Drawings, and Photographs

V49.1 US Fire Engine Company Ambulance helped soldiers wounded or injured while in Philadelphia, got them from the RR depots to the hospitals often on the city's outskirts.
Cross-listed in Lincoln

Temple University Special Collections

Documentary

Hospital Case Book (Ward D) Broad Street 1862-1863

Patients, wounds, regiments, where wounds received etc

Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul Emmitsburg, MD

Paintings

Have several need details

Prints, Drawings, and Photographs

Images of the sisters at Satterlee.

Image of Sister Gonzaga Grace, local superior at Satterlee

Biography of Sister Grace by Eleanor Donnelly 1900

Documentary

Built Legacy

Gettysburg area 1863, fields, tents, and farmhouses of are set up three improvised hospitals at Saint Francis Xavier Church Hospital, Methodist Church Hospital, and Pennsylvania College Hospital (now Gettysburg College). Do any of the actual sites where they nursed still exist?

Philadelphia-St Joseph's Hospital—also were at Satterlee no longer exists but a marker is at the location and at Satterlee's Isolation Hospital—where was this?

Chester County Historical Society

Artifacts

Medical tool kits and implements (no detail provided)

Documentary

Photographs

Album carte-de-visite photographs belonging to Dr. Nathan A. Pennypacker . Photo Album # 27.

Carte-de-visite portrait of Dr. William Brinton, MD of the 4th Penn Reserve Regiment

Manuscripts

1. Daniel G. Brinton, surgeon letters 1863-64
2. Rebecca Price, nurse ms recollections

Camden County Historical Society

Artifact

1. Tourniquet CW period

Chestnut Hill Historical Society

Documentary

Records and files on the Mower General Hospital also called Chestnut Hill Hospital, used to obtain historical marker for site.

NARA Mid-Atlantic Branch of the National Archives

Following records are at the main archives in Washington DC and College Park,
Maryland

Documentary

Records of the US Naval Home

Adjutants General's Office –many medical records from the US General Hospitals
including surgical operations at the Christian Street Hospital. Records relating to Mower
General Hospital in Chestnut Hill and Satterlee General Hospital in West Philadelphia.

Surgeon General's Office –records of the Army medical Board which convened in
Philadelphia.

History of Nursing Archives at Penn School of Nursing

Artifacts:

2 metal memorabilia plaques with inscription “The Woman’s Hospital of Philadelphia the First Chartered School of Nursing in the US founded march 22, 181.”
Nurses caps, and pins—no date on processing sheet.

Documentary

Woman’s Hospital of Philadelphia 1858-1976 MC89. Hospital established in 1861 to train women physicians, began to address need for more nurses and nurses training in 1863.

Box 1, Box 8 Charter and bylaws. Framed tablet with section of the hospital’s by laws. Annual Reports for hospital beginning in 1862.

Box 2 Addressed by Ann Preston 1858 on. May 21, 1863 “Nursing the Sick and the Training of Nurses”.

Photographs

Box 6 Emeline H. Cleveland MD 1st resident physician and surgeon at Women’s Hospital 1862-68.

Published Books:

Philadelphia in the Civil War by Frank Hamilton Taylor 1913
(cross listed in legacy)

Stories of Hospitals and Camps Charlotte McKay—some Philadelphia material
To Bind Up the Wounds: Catholic Sister Nurses in the Civil War. Has some excellent photos of the Daughters of Charity at Satterlee. Need to contact the Sisters of St. Josephs for location of originals.

Women of the War by Frank Moore 1866. Sketches of women nurses during CW images of each, many Philadelphia references, sacrifice, heroism and what they did, Seems to have gotten data from letters and oral interviews.(Cross-listed in legacy)

Booklet. In Honor of the National Association of CW Nurses. Published by Citizens Executive Committee Atlantic City NJ 1910. First organization of CW veteran nurses

formed in Philadelphia succeeded by Andrew Curtin Nurses Corps disbanded in 1910. Good images of each woman featured with her personal story.

Philadelphia notables-Susanna Kripps Mary Ashton, Mary Fryer Gardner, Anna Baker and Clarissa Dye of Germantown note. Details their war service and their pension status.

Philadelphia Museum of Art

Prints, Drawings, and Photographs

1. Walt Whitman as a Nurse in the Civil War, negative by Matthew Brady, printed by Ansel Adams.
2. Etching. Hospital Steward Filling Surgeons Order at the Army Drug Store 1864
3. Color litho. Satterlee USA General Hospital West Philadelphia

Free Library of Philadelphia

Documentary

The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion 1861-65.
Government Department of Library

Atwater Kent Museum of Philadelphia

Documentary

Book on the United States Army 1865

letter handwritten thank you on lined letterhead July 4, 1863

2 Handbill Image of Vol Refreshment Saloon and hospital ca 1860

Letter from the citizens volunteer hospital, Phila about packages that were received and a visit. Receipt for items donated to the hospital relates to Sanitation Commission letters.
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Envelope Soldiers letter. Signature beneath printed Chaplain Hospital at Broad and Cherry

6. Receipts for donations 1863, one with amputee receiving gift

7. Broadside Health Rules Seal of PA 39.19.3

Prints, Drawings, and Photographs

Color print hospital interior w/patient and nurse 1860

Photograph exterior of hospital and kitchen 1862/ 2

Photograph of Phila, Reading & Pottsville RR, Gen Hospital US Army 1862

Drexel University College of Medicine Archives and Special Collections

Hahnemann Collection

Artifacts

Amputation kit from Civil War period (missing one piece)

Pocket Homeopathic kit (like a cigar case) 9 vials instruction pamphlet for soldiers, mariners and travelers 1861

Documentary

Books

History of The Homeopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania 1898 by Bradford

Naomi Rogers, *An Alternative Path: The Making and Remaking of Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital of Philadelphia* 1998 Rutgers

Brief history of institution during CW with specific archival references.

Set up a hospital on Cuthbert Street to treat military personnel

who wanted homeopathic medicine. Ultimately not used a lot because of US Military would not refer there while soldiers in service. They only could go there once discharged, located at 1118 Cuthbert Street. Formed Ladies Association to raise money for effort.

During the war the hospital struggled to make ends meet and to meet the demand for services military and civilian.

Front cover of the Twentieth Anniversary Announcement of the Homeopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania Session 1867-68 is image of college during CW.

Photographs

1. Rufus Benjamin Weaver 1898 photo of him with his dissection of a complete nervous system. CW-relationship is that as a young medical student, he grew up on a farm near Gettysburg overlooking the battlefield, he knew where Confederate soldiers buried in shallow graves—he exhumed many and returned their remains to their home states .

Notes to file: Rufus Sargent 1824-1886 a 1852 graduate worked as a military surgeon 1862-65. Lewis Henry Willard 1838-1906 attended college lectures from 1861- 62 and then became a hospital cadet served at Satterlee. Benjamin Barr an 1855 graduate served as surgeon in chief of an army corps at Lee's surrender. Have images of Sargent and Willard.

Women and Medicine Collection

Documentary

Minutes of the Board of Managers 1861, 62 discuss college's difficulties during war and need to close for a period.

Female Medical College's founder's fervent anti-slavery positions may have attracted more hostility than donations in early years. Ann Preston for example came from a Chester County family active in anti-slavery activity. Preston's comments on the closing of the college during the war are in the Preston papers in a printed pamphlet "Address in Memory of Ann Preston, M.D."

Passport issued Dr. Anne M. Smith permitting her to pass between northern and southern armies during CW attended MCP after the war but did not graduate from MCP.

Book. Women's Work in the Civil War by L.P. Brockett MD and Miss Mary C. Vaughan 1867. Write ups and some images of outstanding women from CW period. Philadelphia connections: Mary Morris Husband-served in Philadelphia hospitals, image of her. Lydia G. Parrish, Hospital Transport Service; Clara Davis served Broad and Cherry Hospital, Woman's PA Branch of US Sanitary commission Mrs. Grier, Ladies Aid Society took care of sick and wounded soldiers had an evangelical bent. Key players Mrs. Joel Jones, Mrs. John Harris, Mrs. Stephen Colwell. Jones was widow of former president of Girard College.

Pennsylvania Relief Association organized by Hicksite Quakers to care for sick and wounded soldiers. Mrs. Rachel Evans president, Miss Anna P. Little and Miss Elizabeth Newport –some of those distributing aid Mrs. Husban, Hetty Painter and Mary Lee and Anna Carver.

Soldiers Aid Association 1862 Mary A. Brady of West Philadelphia from Ireland and her English husband worked at Satterlee, she was involved with Gettysburg and died as a result of infections picked up there o from her work

Union Volunteer Refreshment Saloon Philadelphia. Mary W. Lee and Ann M. Ross Eliza G. Plummer nursing at Union Vol. Ref Saloon and on July August 1863 engaged in nursing wounded from Gettysburg. Who crowded the facility as they made their way to hospitals further north. Image of Mary Wade p.737. Margaret Boyer native of Philadelphia lost her health because of her care taking exertions after Gettysburg and from Grant's campaign.

Miss Cornelia Hancock nursed at Satterlee focused efforts on providing food and attention. Among the first to arrive at Gettysburg to help wounded.

Dorothea Dix became superintendent of all nurses at US Military Hospitals. She was not well liked by some surgeons who only wanted Sisters of Charity (eg Satterlee)

October 29, 1863 She assumed control over all nurses at military hospitals.

Anna Maria Ross worked at Cooper Shop Hospital as Lady Principal of institution-she did everything—she died as a result of her overwork on behalf of soldiers. Worked to raise funds for a permanent Soldiers Home which was dedicated to her..she died Dec 22, 1863 buried at Monument with inscription--...the friendless child, fugitive slave, victim of intemperance were the objects of her tender solicitude.

Her father William Ross and mother Mary Root of Chester County. Woman Branch of Sanitary Commission organized at Academy of Music. Mrs Grier first president. 1307 Chestnut location of first warehouse. Women's Commission focused on assisting families of soldiers. They got women to make clothes and food items to give to those requiring assistance-then they paid widows to do some of the work and then as need mounted they paid 830 women already employed to make clothes to work for them as volunteer labor could not meet the need. Provided 1,129 a total of 59,723 items

Of which 21,174 made by paid contractors, 37,915 by volunteers—cited 1,129 articles made for freedmen Need to revisit these numbers. Also provided 400 tons of coal for families of soldiers.

Prints, Drawing, Photographs

Print of Emeline Cleveland, MD , date of print 1864; 1855 graduate

Book at MCP Women's Work in the Civil War 1867. Cleveland was part of sanitary corps that went out to Gettysburg. MCP also has photos of her.

Photograph of Ann Preston in antebellum dress

Photograph of Hetty Painter, original belongs to Penn, she was John Brown's neice and a local Union spy.

Historical Society Pennsylvania at Atwater Kent Museum of Philadelphia

Artifacts and Paintings

Chain-poss watch chain made by wounded CW soldier at hospital Broad and Cherry.
HSP.Q-5-19.

5 rings made by soldiers recovering in Phila hospitals

Surgeon's Case with tools HSP.1000.901A-G Dr. Lavington.

2 Strap.military patch from surgeon

American Philosophical Society

Documentary

1. **Proceedings of APS during war years-expulsion of March 12, 1862 of two members for treason. Several pages of accessions of medals and business cards many of which had patriotic images and slogans for CW era**
2. **John le Conte Papers many CW letters relating to hospitals and medicine.**
3. **Allen Dallas Bache 1806-67 diaries-was physician and president of Girard College (might be a stretch)**
4. **Allen Dabidie Bache diary 1862 USS Hartford and USS Iroquois has some medical references.**

Thomas Jefferson University Archives and Special Collections

Artifacts:

1. **Amputation Set belonging to Thomas Sydenham Reed MD (1846 grad). Unclear TJU continued**
2. **who used this set fund on battlefield at Fair Oaks VA and given to above. Made by a NY company. Excellent condition. Thought is that it belonged to a northern surgeon.**
3. **Surgical Instruments belonging to Dr. Samuel D. Gross Union surgeon**

Textile:

1. **American Flag flew over shop at 503 Market Street during the war. Tattered flag very evocative—fabric color is good 35 stars**

Documentary

1. **A Manual of Military Surgery or Hints on the Emergency of Field, Camp, and Hospital Prctice by S. D. Gross MD 1861**

2. Photo of Jefferson Medical College 10th at Walnut 1860s
 3. Photo of George McClelland founder of TJU and father of Gen. McClelland
 4. Minute Book Dr. Robley Dunglison unpublished comments on Philadelphia especially exodus of 200 Southern medical students from area December 1859 on the brink of war.
 5. John Hill Brinton letters home 1861-65 some from period July 1863
 6. Photo of Brinton in civilian dress ca 1880
 7. Personal Memoirs of military service 1861-65—worked under command of Grant
 8. Certificate of Brinton's commission as Brigade Surgeon signed by Lincoln.
 9. Letter from southern Jeff graduate 1884 recounting story of how a fellow Jeff alum saved his home and personal effects during a Union raid in Tennessee.
10. Other Jeff alum working as contract physicians for Union Richard S. Levis (eye surgeon) and surgeon in chief of 2 military hospitals in Phila), Jonathan Letterman (became medical director of Army of the Potomac—best remembered for devising ambulance corps for rapid evacuation of wounded from battlefield).

Salem County Historical Society

Artifacts:

1. Folding Cot—no details in survey
2. CW Slipper made for the hospital during CW. Women of Salem made many items and sent them to hospitals in the south. Women met in Grand Jury Room in the Court House to make and pack items for hospitals. Mrs S. Prior packed many boxes

Historical Society of Pennsylvania

Manuscripts

1. Meredith Clymer, letters US Surgeon

Library Company of Philadelphia

Prints, photographs, and printed works

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1. Many advertisement for medicines and war-related products and services (coffins, prosthetics) etc.
2. Medical literature of the period.

Civil War Library and Museum:

Artifacts

1. Pocket mirror belonged to Philip Leidy
2. 2 swords from the medical service
3. Amputation Kit
4. small (hand size) medical kit

Textiles

1. medical service kepi
2. medical service sash worn by Major John Huston

Paintings

1. Oil portrait of Major Philip Leidy surgeon

:Prints and Photographs

1. Philip Leidy surgeon 119th Pa Infantry—tinted print

