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Series/Scope and Content Note: This collection consists of various publications by the Museum or Museum staff, including the Catalogue of the United States Army Medical Museum (Surgical, Medical and Microscopical Sections), The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion, Surgeon General's Office circulars, late 19th-century and early 20th-century reports by Walter Reed and others on typhoid fever, cholera, yellow fever, general hygiene, and sanitation in the military, and publications that use resources available at the Museum. The collection also includes preliminary drafts of the Museum’s earliest publications, with extensive handwritten notes for revisions, additions, etc. Working copies of the Catalogue of the United States Army Medical Museum and The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion are stored with some of the miscellaneous publications in Building 2500, Collection Room 1013, Row 7, Column 1.

SERIES 001: CATALOGUES OF THE ARMY MEDICAL MUSEUM

The Army Medical Museum published its first catalogue in 1863. At that time, Curator John H. Brinton reported the collection consisted of 1,349 objects (985 surgical specimens, 106 medical specimens, and 133 missiles). The 58-page 1863 Catalogue listed a Museum number for each object, along with a brief description and name of the contributing medical officer. By 1867, the Catalogue had been divided into three sections: Surgical (which listed nearly 5,000 specimens and reached 664 pages), Medical (nearly 900 specimens, over 136 pages), and Microscopical (more than 2,000 specimens, over 161 pages). This
series includes multiple editions of the catalogue as well as other publications derived from the information contained therein. This series includes Boxes 001-018.

SERIES 002: MEDICAL AND SURGICAL HISTORIES OF THE WAR OF REBELLION

The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion (MSHWR) was published between 1870 and 1888 (later editions were titled The Medical and Surgical History of the Civil War). Surgeon General William Hammond assigned curators Dr. John Hill Brinton and Dr. Joseph Janvier Woodward to research and write the Surgical (injuries) and Medical (diseases) sections, respectively. MSHWR was announced to the Army Medical Department on 9 June 1862 and Circular No. 5 requested cases and patient data from medical officers. Compiling and publishing the massive volumes of the MSHWR was an integral part of the Museum operation and took 23 years to complete. Each of the six “parts” of the two “volumes” averaged nearly 1,000 quarto pages of text, with an average of some 40 full-page plates made mostly from illustrations, many in color, plus scores of black and white wood cuts. In 1870, the first Medical and Surgical volumes were completed, with Woodward's Medical section designated Part I, Volume I. George A. Otis replaced Brinton after just two years and his Surgical section became Part II, Volume I. Otis arranged his portion of MSHWR by methodically examining the wounds of the body from head to foot and then discussing surgical treatments, such as amputation. The second Surgical volume came out in 1876, followed by the second Medical volume in 1879. Both volumes were heavily illustrated with engravings, lithographs and photomechanical prints based on photographs. Otis devoted 17 years to MSHWR, and upon his death in 1881 his work was completed by Dr. David L. Huntington, who scrupulously adhered to Otis’ plans that the final Surgical volume would include the legs and feet. Woodward died in August 1884 and was succeeded by Charles Smart, who also adhered to his predecessor’s original plan, following up the second Medical volume that focused exclusively on dysentery and diarrhea with a third that focused on common diseases and especially fevers such as malaria, typhoid, smallpox, and yellow fever. The third Surgical volume was completed in 1883 and the third Medical volume was published in 1888. This series includes multiple issues of each volume, including some versions with inscriptions, notes, and marginalia. This series includes Boxes 019-022.

SERIES 003: SURGEON GENERAL’S OFFICE CIRCULARS

The circulars in this series employed the information collected by the Army Medical Museum and furthered the role of the Surgeon General’s Office as a repository of information and educational arm of the federal government. The series includes reports on cholera, yellow fever, and general hygiene in the U.S. Army; reports on important developments in the treatment of injuries to the femur from gunshot wounds, hip-joint surgeries, and other general surgical developments during the Civil War; and a report on the construction of post hospitals following the war. This series includes Boxes 023-025.
SERIES 004: MISC. PUBLICATIONS

This series includes additional reports on disease and hygiene in the U.S. Army, a list of skeletons and crania used during the International Exhibition of 1876, information about the Museum’s Billings Microscope Collection, general histories of the Museum, and contracted studies of the Museum, its holdings, and its operation. Lastly, this series also includes recent publications by Museum staff, which incorporate materials that are part of the Museum’s collections. This series includes Boxes 026-028.

- SERIES 001: CATALOGUES OF THE ARMY MEDICAL MUSEUM
- SERIES 002: MEDICAL AND SURGICAL HISTORIES OF THE WAR OF REBELLION
- SERIES 003: SURGEON GENERAL’S OFFICE CIRCULARS
- SERIES 004: MISC. PUBLICATIONS

BOX AND CONTENT LIST

SERIES 001: CATALOGUES OF THE ARMY MEDICAL MUSEUM

Box 00001: Medical and Microscopical Catalogues [1 of 4]


- [12 copies, original binding]

Box 00002: Medical and Microscopical Catalogues [2 of 4]


- [11 copies, original, damaged binding, fragile condition]

Box 00003: Medical and Microscopical Catalogues [3 of 4]

Box 00004: Medical and Microscopical Catalogues [4 of 4]


- [8 copies, original, damaged binding, fragile condition]
- [2 copies, secondary black binding, labeled J972892, Army, 26/4, Bk.2 & 3, MM 8522-6 & 7]

- [4 copies, secondary green binding, no inscription]
- [1 copy, secondary green binding, inscribed “R.S.L,” minimal marginalia]


- [1 copy, secondary green binding, no inscription]


- [3 copies, secondary green binding, no inscription]
- [1 copy, secondary green binding, draft with extensive handwritten notes and corrections]
- [1 copy, maroon binding, AFIP Library copy]

Box 005: Surgical Catalogues [1 of 2]


- [1 copy, original binding, no inscription]
- [1 copy, original binding, labeled 3-5-D]
- [1 copy, original binding, labeled MM 8526-4]
- [1 copy, original, damaged binding, fragile, extensive notes, inscribed “Museum Hall” copy,” missing pp. 657-664]
- [1 copy, original, damaged binding, fragile condition, labeled MM 8526-5, missing pp. 1-8]
Box 006: Surgical Catalogues [2 of 2]


- [1 copy, secondary green binding, labeled Set #2, unnumbered]
- [1 copy, secondary green binding, inscribed “R.S.L”]
- [1 copy, grey binding, labeled MM 8526-9]
- [1 copy, maroon binding, AFIP Library copy]
- [1 copy, black binding, labeled J972892, Army, 26/4, Bk. MM 8526-2]
- [1 copy, black binding, draft with extensive notes and corrections, labeled J972892, Army, 26/4, Bk. 1, MM 8524, inscribed “Not to be taken from the files—Havilandis, January 1875”]

*Catalogue Army Medical Museum, Surgical Section, Classes, XI, XII & XIII, Pelvis, Hip Joint & Shaft of Femur.* (no title page)

- [1 copy, green binding, draft with extensive notes and corrections, inscribed “Corrected and additional information entered from the copy on file in the Division of Surgical Records, SGO, up to date.—illegible name, Feb. 1st, 1868”]

*Catalogue. Army Medical Museum, Sections 1 & 2, Cranium & Face.* (no title page)

- [1 copy, black and brown binding, no inscription]

Box 007: Surgical, Medical and Microscopical Catalogues [1 of 3]


- [1 copy, original binding, fragile condition, labeled MM 8527-4]
- [1 copy, original binding, fragile condition, labeled MM 8527-5]
- [1 copy, original, damaged binding, fragile condition, labeled MM 8527-8]
- [1 copy, original binding, fragile condition, gift from Library of Woman’s Medical College of Pennsylvania, June 12, 1967]
Box 008: Surgical, Medical and Microscopical Catalogues [2 of 3]


- [1 copy, original, damaged binding, fragile condition, labeled MM 8527-9, Surgeon General’s Office Library #38689]
- [1 copy, original, damaged binding, fragile condition, labeled MM 8527-10]
- [1 copy, maroon binding, AFIP Library Copy]
- [1 copy, grey binding, labeled MM 8527-12]

Box 009: Surgical, Medical and Microscopical Catalogues [3 of 3]


- [2 copies, green binding, no inscription]
- [1 copy, green binding, with newspaper article pasted on first pages titled “The Denver Express,” and inscribed “This story is not quite finished owing to having lost a part of the paper.”]
- [1 copy, brown embossed with gold, labeled MM8527-1, Acc. No. 1391, Stamped “Curator Medical Museum” and “Library U.S. Army Medical School”]

Box 010: AMM Catalogue, Working Copy, Sections 1-14 [1 of 8]

00001: Index
00002: Sections 1-2: Cranium and Face; pp. 1-53; MM 8521-1
00003: Sections 3-4: Vertebral Column, Spinal Cord, Bones of Thoracic Parietes; pp. 54-81; MM 8519-2
00004: Section 5: Shoulder Joint; pp. 82-116; MM 8518-3
00005: Sections 6-7: Shaft of Humerus, Elbow Joint; pp. 117-75; MM 8517-5
00006: Sections 8-10: Bones of Forearm, Carpal Articulation, Bones of Hand; pp. 176-219; MM8520-3
00008: Section 14: Knee Joint; pp. 313-365; MM 8517-8

Box 011: AMM Catalogue, Working Copy, Sections 15-30 [2 of 8]

00009: Section 15: Bones of the Leg, pp. 366-409; MM 8519-6
00010: Sections 16-17: Tarsal Articulations, Bones of the Foot; pp. 410-49; MM 8517-10
00011: Sections 18-20: Organs of Circulation, Organs of Respiration, Abdominal, Pelvic Viscera & Genito-Urinary Organs; pp. 450-95; MM 8520-7
00012: Sections 21-24: Results of Operations, Injuries of Soft Tissues, Results of Erysipelas, Gangrene and Allied Diseases, Tumors; pp. 496-530; MM 8517-8
00013: Sections 25-26: Casts, Photographs, Drawings and Maps; pp. 531-579; MM 8517-13

Box 012: AMM Catalogue, Archival Copies, Sections 1-4 [3 of 8]

00015: Sections 1-2: MM 8519-1
00016: Sections 1-2: MM 8518-1
00017: Sections 3-4: MM 8517-3
00018: Sections 3-4: MM 8521-2
00019: Sections 3-4: MM 8520-1
00020: Sections 3-4: MM 8518-2
00021: Sections 3-4: MM 8519-3

Box 013: AMM Catalogue, Archival Copies, Sections 3-10 [4 of 8]

00022: Sections 3-4: MM 8517-4
00023: Section 5: MM 8520-2
00024: Sections 6-7: MM 8519-11
00025: Sections 6-7: MM 8518-4
00026: Sections 8-10: MM 8517-6
00027: Sections 8-10: MM 8518-5
00028: Sections 8-10: MM 8519-4

Box 014: AMM Catalogue, Archival Copies, Sections 11-15 [5 of 8]

00029: Sections 11-13: MM 8519-5
00030: Sections 11-13: MM 8520-4
00031: Sections 11-13: MM 8518-6
00032: Sections 11-13: MM 8517-7
00033: Section 14: MM 8518-2
00034: Section 15: MM 8517-9
Box 015: AMM Catalogue, Archival Copies, Sections 15-20 [6 of 8]

00035: Section 15: MM 8518-8
00036: Section 15: MM 8520-5
00037: Sections 16-17: MM 8518-9
00038: Sections 16-17: MM 8519-7
00039: Sections 16-17: MM 8520-6
00040: Sections 18-20: MM 8521-3
00041: Sections 18-20: Unnumbered

Box 016: AMM Catalogue, Archival Copies, Sections 18-26 [7 of 8]

00042: Sections 18-20: MM 8518-10
00043: Sections 18-20: MM 8517-11
00044: Sections 21-24: MM 8517-12
00045: Sections 21-24: MM 8520-8
00046: Sections 21-24: MM 8518-11
00047: Sections 25-26: MM 8518-2
00048: Sections 25-26: MM 8520-9

Box 017: AMM Catalogue, Archival Copies, Sections 25-30 [8 of 8]

00049: Sections 25-26: 3-5-P
00050: Sections 25-26: MM 8519-9
00051: Sections 27-30: MM 8518-3
00052: Sections 27-30: MM 8517-4
00053: Sections 27-30: MM 8520-10
00054: Sections 27-30: MM 8521-4
00055: Index: MM 8518-14

Box 018: Misc. Catalogues


- J.J. Woodward, *List of Skeletons and Crania in the Section of Comparative Anatomy of the United States Army Medical Museum, for use During the International Exhibition of 1876 in Connection with the Representation of the Medical Department of the U.S. Army* (Washington DC: Army Medical Museum, 1876). (52 pp)
- J.J. Woodward, *Hospital of Medical Department, United States Army* (Philadelphia: 1876).
  - No. 2: *Description of the Models of Hospital Cars, Exhibited in Room No. 2* (23 pp)
  - No. 4: *Description of the Models of Hospital Steam Vessels Exhibited in Room No. 2* (13 pp)
  - No. 5: *Description of Perot & Co.’s Improved U.S.A. Medicine Wagon* (16 pp)
  - No. 6: *Description of the U.S. Army Medical Transport Cart, Model of 1876* (16 pp)
  - No. 7: *Description of Selected Specimens from the Surgical Section of the Army Medical Museum at Washington* (22 pp)
  - No. 9: *List of Microscopical Preparations from the Army Medical Museum* (7 pp)
  - No. 10: *Description of Selected Specimens from the Medical Section of the Army Medical Museum at Washington* (22 pp)
- George A. Otis, *Check List of Preparations and Objects in the Section of the Army Medical Museum for Use During the International Exhibition of 1876 in Connection with the Representation of the Medical Department U.S. Army* (Washington DC: Army Medical Museum, 1876). (135 pp)

  - [1 copy, labeled “Reception Book Anatomical Section 3-4-B, MM 8775, with notes]

  - [1 copy, Acc # 2484, UH O206l, Antique Collection, with notes]
  - [1 photocopy, from Smithsonian Natural History, Physical Anthropology Dept, with annotations]
Box 019: AMM Catalogue Classes

- **AMM Catalogue, Surgical Section, Classes 1-2, Cranium and Face**
  - [1 copy, J9722892, Army, 33/9, Bk. 8, MM 8550-1]

- **AMM Catalogue, Surgical Section, Classes 3-4, Vertebral Column, Spinal Cord, Etc.**
  - [1 copy, J9722892, Army, 33/9, Bk. 7, MM 8550-2]

- **AMM Catalogue, Surgical Section, Class 5, Shoulder Joint**
  - [1 copy, J9722892, Army, 33/9, Bk. 1, MM 8550-3]

- **AMM Catalogue, Surgical Section, Classes 6-7, Shaft of Humerus and Elbow Joint**
  - [1 copy, J9722892, Army, 33/9, Bk. 4, MM 8550-4]

- **AMM Catalogue, Surgical Section, Classes 8-10, Bones of Forearm, Carpus and Hand**
  - [1 copy, J9722892, Army, 33/9, Bk. 6, MM 8550-5]

- **AMM Catalogue, Surgical Section, Class 14, Knee Joint**
  - [1 copy, J9722892, Army, 33/9, Bk. 3, MM 8550-6]

- **AMM Catalogue, Surgical Section, Shafts of Tibia and Fibula**
  - [1 copy, J9722892, Army, 33/9, Bk. 9, MM 8550-7]

- **AMM Catalogue, Surgical Section, Classes 25-26, Casts, Photographs, Etc.**
  - [1 copy, J9722892, Army, 33/9, Bk. 2, MM 8550-8]

- **AMM Catalogue, Surgical Section, Class 27, Weapons and Projectiles**
  - [1 copy, J9722892, Army, 33/9, Bk. 5, MM 8550-9]

- **AMM Catalogue, Surgical, Etc., Sections Index**
  - [1 copy, J9722892, Army, 34/1, MM 8779]

Collection Room 1013, Row 7, Column 1, Shelf 7 (working copies):


**SERIES 002: MEDICAL AND SURGICAL HISTORIES OF THE WAR OF REBELLION**

**Box 019: MSHWR, Vol. II, Part II**

  
  o [1 copy, “Face,” pp. 321-98, MM 8609-1, w/ notes]
  o [1 copy, “Neck and Spine,” pp. 399-465, J972892, Army, 32/6, Bk. 4, MM8609-5, w/ notes]
  o [1 copy, “Chest,” pp. 472-650, MM 8609-2, w/ notes]
  o [1 copy, “Shaft of Humerus,” pp. 665-826, J972892, Army, 32/6, Bk. 5, MM8609-4, w/ notes]
  o [1 copy, “Elbow Joint, Forearm, Wrist Joint, Hand,” pp. 827-1024, J972892, Army, 32/6, Bk. 6, MM8609-1, w/ notes]

  
  o [1 copy, “Abdomen,” pp. 1-208, J972892, Army, 32/6, Bk. 1, MM 8609-3, w/ notes]

**Box 020: Medical and Surgical History of the War of Rebellion (damaged binding, fragile) [1 of 3]**

• Medical Part I, 2nd Issue, 1875, from private library of Dr. Max Miller, Newton, Kansas
• Medical Part I, 1st Issue, 1870, Acc # 1413, Nevins Memorial Library, Dr. John McLean Hayward
• Medical Part II, 1st Issue, 1879
• Medical Part III, 1888, Alvane Cary Seely, M.D., No. 275

**Box 021: Medical and Surgical History of the War of Rebellion (damaged binding, fragile) [2 of 3]**

• Surgical Part I, 1870, Nevins Memorial Library, Dr. John McLean Hayward
• Surgical Part II, 2nd Issue, 1875, from the private library of Dr. Max Miller, Newton, Kansas
• Surgical Part II, from AFIP Library, missing pages and cover
• Surgical Part II, photocopy, pp. XXIV-CLV
• Surgical Part III, 2nd Issue, 1883, from the private library of Dr. Max Miller, Newton, Kansas
Box 022: *Medical and Surgical History of the War of Rebellion* (damaged binding, fragile) [3 of 3]

- Surgical Part III, 1st Issue, 1883 (3 copies, no notes or annotations)
- Surgical Part III, 1st Issue, 1883, Nevins Medical Library, William Everett Smith, Framingham, MA, 4/30/88

**Collection Room 1013, Row 7, Column 1, Shelf 4:**

- Medical Part I, 1st Issue, 1870, JB Marvin Library, University of Louisville Medical Dept.
- Medical Part I, 2nd Issue, 1875 [3 copies]
- Medical Part II, 1st Issue, 1879
- Medical Part II, 1st Issue, RO205.U5
- Medical Part II, 1st Issue, Acc #1414
- Medical Part II, 2nd Issue, 1879, 296-050
- Medical Part III, 1888, Acc #1415, Nevins Memorial Library
- Surgical Part I, 2nd Issue, 1875, J. Beech, MD, Private Library of Dr. and Mrs. A.J. Williams
- Surgical Part II, 1st Issue, 1876, Nevins Memorial Library
- Surgical Part III, 1st Issue, 1883, MM 9423
- Shoulder Joint, Surgical History

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- Medical Part I, 1st Issue, 1870
- Medical Part II, 1st Issue, 1879
- Medical Part III, 1888 [2 copies]
- Medical Part III, 1888, 33Ah.U6, Sinai Hospital Staff Library
- Surgical Part I, 1st Issue, 1870
- Surgical Part II, 1st Issue, 1876, RO205.U5
- Surgical Part II, 2nd Issue, 1877
- Surgical Part II, 2nd Issue, 1877, 296-050 [2 copies]
- Surgical Part III, 2nd Issue, 1883

**Collection Room 1013, Row 7, Column 1, Shelf 7 (working copy):**

  - Volumes I-XII
SERIES 003: SURGEON GENERAL’S OFFICE CIRCULARS

Box 023: SGO Circul[ar s [1 of 3]


- [1 copy, inscribed #66, MM 8745-11]
- [1 copy, inscribed “Dr. George A. Otis, Office Copy,” #97, MM 8745-10, J972892, Army, 1/1, Bk. 1, with extensive notes, additions, and revisions]

Box 024: SGO Circul[ar s [2 of 3]


- [1 copy, green binding, no inscription]


- [1 copy, “Museum Hall Copy,” J972892, Army, 4/2, Bk. 1, MM 8745-13, Acc #1349, UH O223.AIC]
- [1 copy, “Office Copy,” J972892, Army, 4/2, Bk. 2, MM8745-12, with notes]
- [1 copy, original, damaged binding, fragile, MM 8745-14, Acc #1350, 3rd Copy]


- [1 copy, Antique Collection, W223.Alc, Acc #2162, 2nd Copy, MM 8745-1, Gen. C.H. Crane]
- [1 copy, original, damaged binding, fragile, MM 8745-2]
Box 025: [3 of 3]


- [1 copy, J972892, Army, 2/1, Bk. 1, #74, MM 8745-5]
- [1 copy, 3-3-E, MM 8745-3]
- [1 copy, original, damaged binding, fragile, duplicate, MM 8745-4]


- [1 copy, soft binding, fragile, UH W223.Alc, Acc # 1345]


- [1 copy, Antique Collection, UH O223.Alc, Acc # 1348, MM 8745-6]
- [1 copy, Surgeon General’s Office Loan File, MM 8745-7]

Collection Room 1013, Row 7, Column 1, Shelf 6:


SERIES 004: MISC. PUBLICATIONS

Box 026: *List of Skeletons and Crania*


- [1 copy, possible original binding, MM 8530, handwritten notes, additions, corrections]
- [1 copy, possible original binding, MM 8530-2, Acc. No. 919, 4/13/49, AFIP Library]
- [1 copy, black binding, Ash Library, AFIP, rebinding receipt 12/1/64]
Box 027: Billings Microscope Collection


   - [1 copy, green binding, QH A11b, Acc # 793, No. 50 of a first edition of 1000 copies]
   - [1 copy, green binding, QH A11b, stamped “Curator Medical Museum,” No. 855 of 1000 copies]
   - [1 copy, green binding, stamped OHA/NMHM/AFIP, No. 139 of 1000 copies]
   - [1 copy, second edition, soft cover, 1974]

2. Photocopies:

   - John S. Billings, *Description of Microscopes of the Army Medical Museum, Washington D.C., No. 5* (World’s Columbia Exposition, War Department Exhibit, Medical Department United States Army, Chicago, Ill: 1892-93)

   - John S. Billings, *Description of Microscopes of the Army Medical Museum, Washington D.C., No. 6* (World’s Columbia Exposition, War Department Exhibit, Medical Department United States Army, Chicago, Ill: 1892-93)

Box 028: Misc. Publications

- Yellow Fever Publications
  - Walter Reed, James Carroll, and Jesse W. Lazear, “The Etiology of Yellow Fever—A Preliminary Note,” reprinted from the *Proceedings of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting,*


Collection Room 1013, Row 7, Column 1, Shelf 6:


- Borden, William Cline. *The Use of the Rontgen Ray by the Medical Department of the United States in the War with Spain (1898)*, prepared under the direction of SG George M. Sternberg. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1900. (2 copies) [http://archive.org/details/useofrntgenray00unit]


• Woodward, J.J. *List of Skeletons and Crania in the Section of Comparative Anatomy of the United States Army Medical Museum, for use During the International Exhibition of 1876 in Connection with the Representation of the Medical Department of the U.S. Army.* Washington DC: Army Medical Museum, 1876. [http://archive.org/details/listskeletonsan00yarrgoog]