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Series/Scope and Content Note: This collection consists of the papers of Col. George A. Otis (1830-1881), curator of the Museum from 1864 to 1881 and editor of two volumes of The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion. Items include biographical material, correspondence, obituaries, photographs, and Otis's will. Other Otis material is in the Curatorial Records.

BOX AND CONTENT LIST

Box 001:

00001: Biographical Data, Recollections, Etc.
  • "Certificate of Marriage": George Otis and Pauline Baury. 1850.
  • "Form for insertion of lineage in American Ancestry" including G.A. Otis and his immediate ancestors.
  • Biographical sketch of G.A. Otis' mother, Anna Maria Chalmers by Edward C. Mead (Otis' brother).
  • Letter, including a biographical sketch of G.A. Otis, to G. Otis Winston, from P.M. Ashburn.
  • Biographical sketch of G.A. Otis, handwritten, by J.J. Woodward (incomplete).
[VII] Biographical data.

Biographical form, 2 pages, completed. Affiliated with gov't(?).

List of G.A. Otis' writings; where 2 biographies can be found.

"Princeton University General Biographical Catalogue" (1916)


00002: Letters to and from George A. Otis

- Letters (2) from G.A. Otis to Miss Mary Baury (July 9, 1851) and Mrs. Alfred L. Baury (Dec. 27, 1851). The women are G.A. Otis' relatives.
- Letter from G.A. Otis to his daughter, Agnes Pauline Otis, who was sick with measles. Feb. 27, 1862.
- Letter from G.A. Otis to his daughter, from N. Carolina during the Civil War. June 4, 1862.
- Letter from G.A. Otis to his daughter, during the Civil War. Feb. 18, 1863.
- Letters (1845 - 1869) from G.A.O. to his mother.
  - March 18, 1845; concerning his studies.
  - Jan. 18, 1850; Springfield.
  - May 15, 1854; Richmond.
  - Dec. 27, 1855; Springfield.
  - March 29, 1856; Springfield.
  - Dec. 9, 1856.
  - Nov. 14, 1858; Springfield.
  - Oct. 5, 1858; " .
  - July 14, 1860; " .
  - May 20, 1868; Washington.
  - June 27, 1869.
- Letter to G.A. Otis' mother, Anna M. Chalmers from Charles F. O-----(?). Oct. 20, 1858; Maryland

00003: Photographs of George A. Otis

- "George A. Otis LTC, United States Army Curator, Army Medical Museum. 1864-1881".
- Same photograph as above; not mounted.
00004: Will, Obituaries, Condolence Letters re: G.A. Otis’s Death (1881)

- Obituary (short biography), on (3) small cards. Author unknown.
- Obituary; handwritten. No author. (2) pages.
- Letter from Dr. Gori, lecturer on Military surgery at Amsterdam University. (2) copies of the letter: (1) original, (1) copy of original. Addressed to mother of G.A. Otis, Anna M. Chalmers.
- Copy of letter of condolence from S.G. Longmore, to mother of G.A. Otis.

00005: Work of George A. Otis

- Otis' paper on artificial cranial deformations. Incomplete. (4) pages.