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## Otis Historical Archives

### OHA 304 Simonds Collection

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**Date of Records:** 1863-1911

**Size:** 1 linear foot, 1 box

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**Biographical Note:** Justin F. Simonds was born in Pawlett, Vermont on June 18, 1826. After studying medicine with local doctors, he attended and graduated from Castleton Medical College in June 1851. He relocated to Iowa Falls, Iowa, where he practiced medicine until the outbreak of the Civil War. During the War he served as a contract surgeon with the United States Army. From 1863-1864, he was assigned to Jackson Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Emma L. Tyler was born in upstate New York on February 1, 1838. She attended the Packer Institute in Brooklyn, NY, which was operated by her aunt, Harriet Packer. She taught school in Hardin County, Iowa until the Civil War, when she worked as a nurse with the U.S. Sanitary Commission in Army hospitals around Memphis.

Justin Simonds and Emma Tyler were married on June 12, 1863 in Memphis, Tennessee. When the Civil War ended, the Simonds returned to Iowa until the early 1870s, when they moved to Fayetteville, Arkansas. Justin practiced medicine until 1892; Emma died in Fayetteville on May 14, 1893. Justin relocated to the Washington, DC area, resumed his medical practice, and died in Riverdale, MD on January 3, 1920.

**Series/Scope and Content Note:** This collection is comprised of Dr. Simonds' prescription logbook for Ward C of Jackson Hospital, Memphis (1863), and his pension certificate (1911). Emma Simonds' material consists of nursing appointments to Jackson and Gayaso hospitals in Memphis (1863) and her release certificate from Gayaso (1864). There is also a small amount of biographical information. Associated material consists of the book *Our Army Nurses: Sketches and photographs of over one hundred women who served as nurses in Union hospitals and on battlefields during the late Civil War* (1897), which is located in the NMHM library collection.



## **BOX AND CONTENT LIST**

### **Box 001:**

00001: Justin Simonds' prescription logbook for Ward C of Jackson Hospital, Memphis (1863)

00002: Appointments and Certificates, 1863-1911