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## Otis Historical Archives

### OHA 260 Otis Collection

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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).
- *The American Journal of the Medical Sciences* vol. LXXXII, 1881. Pp.278 - 284. Biographical sketch of G.A. Otis; work and educational history mostly.
- *The Transactions of the American Medical Association*, vol. XXXII, 1881. Pp. 529 - 534. Biographical sketch of G.A. Otis; medical work and education mostly.
- *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, vol. LIV, No. 8. Long paragraph, pp.602 - 603, on G.A. Otis in "The Early History of Abdominal Surgery in America." By Henry O. Marcy.
- 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)
- "George A. Otis (1830 - 1881)" by James J. Walsh. *American Medical Biographies*, 1920.
- "Personal Recollections of George A. Otis" with notes on his life, by R.W. Shufeldt, MD. *Medical Life*, N.Y., 31: 186 - 193, 1924.

00002: Letters to and from George A. Otis

- Letter from G.A. Otis to father-in-law, March 21, 1859.
- Double letter to mother of G.A. Otis, from him and her father-in-law. March 13, 1856.
- Letters (2) from G.A. Otis to Miss Mary Baurly (July 9, 1851) and Mrs. Alfred L. Baurly (Dec. 27, 1851). The women are G.A. Otis' relatives.
- Letter of introduction for G.A. Otis from H.W. Spencer, Philadelphia, to H. Bouluguet, Bordeaux, France. Aug. 5, 1851.
- 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.
- Letter from G.A. Otis to his daughter. March 11, 1863.
- Letter from G.A. Otis to his daughter. April 16, 1863.
- Letter from G.A. Otis to his daughter. Aug. 2, 1868.
- Letter from G.A. Otis to his daughter. July 4, 1875.
- Letter from J.W. Belknap to C.H. Crane; re: G.A. Otis and his "Report on the Transportation of the wounded". Oct. 26, 1875.
- 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)

- Will of G.A. Otis. Witnessed by J.J. Woodward, Nov. 12, 1870. Includes (2) documents: "Holding a Special Term for Orphans Court Business." April 1, 1881. Nov. 11, 1881.
- First Will of G.A. Otis. Aug. 5, 1863.
- Obituary (short biography), on (3) small cards. Author unknown.
- Obituary notice, by J.J. Woodward. From *American Journal of Medical Science*, 82: 278 - 284, 1881.
- Notice of death from: "War Department, Surgeon General's office Washington D.C., February 25, 1881" by K. Barnes, Surgeon General.
- Article on G.A. Otis: "The Late Dr. Otis", from *British Medical Journal*, London, vol. II, Pg. 299. Mentions Dr. Gori, Dr. Billings, S.G Longmore.
- 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.
- Empty envelope addressed to Mrs. Isaac Winston, The Portner, Washington, D.C., from the War Department, Office of the Surgeon General.

00005: Work of George A. Otis

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

00006: Letter Book: Letters of G.A. Otis (1871-1877)