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Biographical Note: Joseph Janvier Woodward was born in Philadelphia on October 30, 1833. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1853 and practiced medicine in his native city until 1861, when at the outbreak of the Civil War, he offered his services to the Union and served as assistant surgeon with the Army of the Potomac. In 1862, he was assigned to duty in the Surgeon General's office at Washington. After having organized several military hospitals in that city he was put in charge of the Army Medical Museum. While in this position he collected in conjunction with Col. Otis the materials for *The Medical and Surgical History of the War of Rebellion*. Additionally, Woodward did valuable work in microscopy and photomicrography, and the publications in these fields made him famous among scientists throughout the world. When originally collected, his papers filled some four columns in the catalogue of the Surgeon General's library. Woodward published numerous articles on cancer and other medical subjects as well. In 1881, he was elected President of the American Medical Association. That same year he was called to the bedside of President Garfield. He was made an honorary member of the Royal Microscopical Society many other societies at home and abroad. He died August 17, 1884.

Series/Scope and Content Note: Papers of Lt. Col. Joseph J. Woodward (1833-1884), head of the Army Medical Museum's Medical and Microscopic Sections, who prepared the medical part of *The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion* and pioneered in photomicrography. Includes correspondence, family photographs, reports, certificates, minutes of a National Academy of Sciences meeting (1879), notebooks, lists, newspaper clippings, reprints, and pamphlets. SEE ALSO Curatorial Records, Photomicrograph Collection, and Woodward Photomicrographs for Woodward material.



BOX AND CONTENT LIST

- 00001: Publications of Joseph J. Woodward, Surgeon U.S. Army (handwritten bibliography 1858-1881)
- 00002: Incoming Correspondence (2 letters from 1874 and 1877)
- 00003: Invitation to Mr. and Mrs. JJ Woodward from Gen. and Mrs. W.T. Sherman, 1874
- 00004: Note to Dr. JJ Woodward from Surgeon General C.H. Crane, ca. 1880
- 00005: Memo of Photomicrographs, 1876 (Notebook)
- 00006: Journal Articles
- 00007: "Magnesium and Electric Lights as Applied to Photomicrography" 1870
- 00008: "Histology of Minute Blood Vessels" (1870)
- 00009: "The Pliocene Skull," by Bret Harte (1870)
- 00010: Minutes of National Academy of Sciences Meeting (Committee to "cooperate with the National Board of Health) 1879
- 00011: List of *American Journal of Medical Sciences* Communications, 1858-65
- 00012: Chronological List of Journal Remarks and Research
- 00013: Personal Notebook, Poems, School Notes
- 00014: Association Certificates
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- 00017: Photograph: Blanche Wendell Woodward, wife of JJ Woodward
- 00018: Calling Card: Joseph J. Woodward
- 00019: Photograph: Young J.J. Woodward with George Woodward