

National Museum of Health and Medicine

Otis Historical Archives

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OHA 1 Curatorial Records: Account Books

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Date of Records: 1865-1915

Size: 1 box, 1 linear foot

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Condition: This collection may include fragile material that requires special or limited handling.

Historical Note: This collection is part of the curatorial records section of the Otis Historical Archives. This section and specific collection (OHA 1) relate to the early history of the Army Medical Museum (AMM), now the National Museum of Health and Medicine (NMHM). The AMM was established in 1862, at the beginning of the Civil War, to document battlefield medicine, trauma, and pathology through the collection of records, specimens, and artifacts. The curatorial records document the mission, work, and day-to-day activities of the museum up through the end of World War II, when the museum became a component of the Army Institute of Pathology, later the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

Scope and Content Note: This collection contains accounting books from the early years of the Army Medical Museum. Most were created during the tenure of museum curator George A. Otis. A later expenditures ledger is from Maj. Walter Reed through Maj. Eugene Whitmore tenures as curators, ending during World War I. Account books include lists of payments and services, dates of payment, and how payment was received.

A slush funds ledger includes which hospital funds were transferred to the medical museum per Surgeon General's Office, Circular No. 15 (see OHA 323). The circular states that slush funds of discontinued hospitals, in possession of Medical Purveyors, were to be transferred to Otis and the Army Medical Museum. A folder of consolidated public monies provides a summary of these transfers. Other account

books detail receipt, issue, expenditure, and remaining medical and hospital property, as well as purchase of exhibit and publishing materials used by the Army Medical Museum.

BOX AND CONTENT LIST

Box 001

- Consolidated Statement of Public Monies, 1865-1866
- Account Current—Slush Fund, 1865-1867
- Account of Property and Chemicals, 1866-1867
- Expenditures Ledger, 1894-1915