

# National Museum of Health and Medicine

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## Otis Historical Archives

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### OHA 11 Curatorial Records: Endorsement Books

**Accession Number:** N/A

**Date of Records:** 1864-1894

**Size:** 3 boxes, 1 linear foot

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**Restrictions:** This collection is unrestricted.

**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 11) 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.

**Series/Scope and Content Note:** Collection consists of three endorsement books describing administrative actions under Army Medical Museum curators George A. Otis, David L. Huntington, and John S. Billings, including two for the Department of Surgical Records, Office of the Surgeon General. Endorsements include all acknowledgement letters received and sent by the Office of the Surgeon General and its corresponding bodies, then those specific to the Army Medical Museum. Acknowledgements are related to requisition requests for supplies, materials, building improvements, as well as leaves of absence, distribution of funds, and receipt of medical specimens.

## BOX AND CONTENT LIST

**Box 001:** Book 1, 1864-1869

**Box 002:** Book 2, 1864-1882

**Box 003:** Book 3, 1882-1894