

STOUT, SAMUEL HOLLINGSWORTH, 1822-1903.

Samuel Hollingsworth Stout papers, 1800-1899

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Stout, Samuel Hollingsworth, 1822-1903.
Title: Samuel Hollingsworth Stout papers, 1800-1899
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 274
Extent: 1.75 linear feet (4 boxes), 1 oversized papers box (OP), and 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Papers of Civil War surgeon and hospital administrator Samuel Hollingsworth Stout including correspondence, notes and writings by Stout, personal and official military records, and posthumous material about Stout.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Processing

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Collection Description**Biographical Note**

Samuel Hollingsworth Stout (March 2, 1822-September 18, 1903), Civil War surgeon and hospital administrator, was born in Nashville, Tennessee to Samuel Van Dyke Stout and Catherine (Tannehill) Stout. He earned an A.B. (1839) and an A.M. (1842) from the University of Nashville, and studied medicine intermittently at the University of Pennsylvania during the 1840s receiving a medical degree in 1848. After building a successful rural practice in Giles County, Tennessee, Stout entered the Provisional Army of Tennessee in 1861 as a surgeon. In 1863 he was appointed Medical Director of Hospitals for the Department and Army of Tennessee. Later, his territory expanded to include all hospitals between the Savannah and Mississippi Rivers.

Stout was well known during his career for his able administration of military hospitals. By requiring military discipline, improving sanitation and ventilation, emphasizing mobility, and combining strategic and medical skills, Stout won the confidence of the Confederate high command and rose rapidly to one of the most powerful positions in the medical hierarchy. His hospitals were forerunners of the highly mobile hospitals of World War II.

Following the war, Stout taught for a time at the Atlanta Medical College, then returned to Nashville to supervise the Confederate Orphan Asylum. During the 1870's and 1880's, he set up general practices in Roswell, Georgia and Cisco, Texas. In the early 1880's, he set up general practices in Roswell, Georgia and Cisco, Texas. In the early 1890's he became professor of obstetrics at the University of Dallas. Stout also published several articles during these years on private medical practice, gynecology, and history. Due to his own classical training, Stout had an enduring interest in education. In addition to his medical teaching, he taught in a Nashville academy, helped to establish public schools in Atlanta and Cisco, and sought the position of Commissioner of Education in the administration of President Grover Cleveland.

Stout married Martha Abernathy, daughter of Thomas Abernathy of Giles County, Tennessee, on April 6, 1848. They had two daughters, Katherine and Margaret. Following the war, Stout resided in Roswell, Georgia, and Cisco and Dallas, Texas. He died in Clarendon, Texas.

Scope and Content Note

The Samuel Hollingsworth Stout papers contain correspondence, notes and writings by Stout, personal and official records, and posthumous material about Stout. The bulk of the papers was created between 1861 and 1865. Series 1, Personal and Official Correspondence, 1847-1955, consists mainly of official correspondence of the Medical Department of the Confederate Army. Pre-Civil War correspondence relates to Stout family history and Stout's application for a commission in the United States Navy. In addition to general official correspondence, the Civil

War papers include general and special orders, circulars, and reports from subordinate medical officers relating to personnel, supplies, transportation of sick and wounded, and transport of entire hospitals. The Civil War group of papers also includes an order book for Flewellen Hospital, Cassville, Georgia, which contains general and special orders, circulars, forms and questionnaires received by Flewellen Hospital (on microfilm).

Several pieces of correspondence refer to specific campaigns, including Chickamauga, Vicksburg, and Atlanta. While troop movements and military strategy are rarely mentioned, these letters document the dislocation experienced even by hospitals well behind the front lines, as well as providing statistics on dead and wounded and information on Andersonville Prison (1865). Letters dated 1866-1903 deal with Stout's unsuccessful attempts to obtain a grant to write a history of the Hospital Department and to secure a position in the Cleveland Administration. This group of letters also includes personal correspondence with wartime associates. Post-1903 correspondence is primarily that of Stout's daughters and includes letters of sympathy on Stout's death and correspondence in regard to disposition of Stout's Civil War records.

Most of the series consists of chronologically arranged original documents. Included are some negative photostatic copies of these original and/or microfilmed items which are interfiled in Series 1. The microfilm contains several groups of unique, mainly official correspondence, 1861-1950. Each group of microfilmed correspondence is arranged more or less chronologically. Some of the material on microfilm is also available as photocopies, filed in a separate chronological sequence at the end of Series 1.

Series 2 consists of official records, such as requisitions, receipts, lists of surgeons, and statistics on dead and wounded. Another group of similar official records is on microfilm. A floor plan for an army hospital is also in Series 2 (OP 1). Personal records, including deeds, certificates, photographs, and Stout family materials are located in Series 3. Photographs include images of Samuel Stout, of his family, of his associates and friends, and of a memorial marker at Kingston Way Home [Kingston, Georgia?] which honors the founders of this first Confederate Hospital. Series 4, Notes and Writings, includes Stout's medical school class notes which are the earliest material in the collection. Stout's short biographical notes on the surgeons serving under him during the Civil War and various published and unpublished writings are also in this series. Series 5 includes posthumous biographical material about Stout, and reveals the high esteem with which he was regarded by contemporaries. Recent additions placed in this series are research papers about Stout or based on research in the Stout manuscripts.

Series 6 include additions received since the initial processing of the collection in 1989. The arrangement parallels that of the original first five series. Series 6 contains correspondence, official records, writings by Stout about his career in the Confederate Army, and articles about Stout from the Confederate Veteran 1895, 1897. Correspondents include Samuel Merrifield Bemiss (1821-1884), Braxton Bragg (1817-1876), Edward Archelaus Flewellen (1819-1910), Andrew Jackson Foard (1829-1868), Robert Coleman Foster (1825-1879), Danville Leadbetter (1811-1866), Samuel Preston Moore (1813-1889), William Lytle Nichol (1828-1901), and Benjamin Miller Wible (1814-1877). Individuals represented in the photographs include Thomas Edward Stout, F. E. Daniel, Edward Archelaus Flewellen, and Charles B. Johnson.

Arrangement Note

Organized into six series: (1) Personal and official correspondence, (2) Official records, (3) Personal records, (4) Notes and writingsw, (5) Posthumous materials about Stout, (6) Additions

Description of Series

[Series 1: Personal and official correspondence, 1847-1955](#)

[Series 2: Official records, 1861-1865](#)

[Series 3: Personal records, 1863-1951](#)

[Series 4: Notes and writings, 1840s-1897](#)

[Series 5: Posthumous materials about Stout](#)

[Series 6: Additions](#)

Series 1
Personal and official correspondence, 1847-1955
Boxes 1-2

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	1847-1861 June
1	2	1861 July-November
1	3	1861 December and undated
1	4	1862 January
1	5	1862 April-August
1	6	1862 September-October
1	7	1862 November
1	8	1862 December 1-11
1	9	1862 December 12-30 and undated
1	10	1863 January 3-17
1	11	1863 January 23-30 and undated
1	12	1863 February
1	13	1863 March 4-22
1	14	1863 March 23-31
1	15	1863 April
1	16	1863 May
1	17	1863 June
1	18	1863 July-September 14
1	19	1863 September 15-29
1	20	1863 October 1-21
1	21	1863 October 22-28 and undated
1	22	1863 November 3-11
1	23	1863 November 12-26
1	24	1863 November 27 - December 10
1	25	1863 December 11-30 and 1863 undated
1	26	1864 January 3-11
1	27	1864 January 13-22
1	28	1864 January 23-31
1	29	1864 February
1	30	1864 March 2-26
1	31	1864 March 28-31
1	32	1864 April
1	33	1864 May 1-9
1	34	1864 May 11-13
1	35	1864 May 15-23

1	36	1864 May 25-Jun 11
1	37	1864 June 13-28
1	38	1864 June 29-July 13
1	39	1864 July 14-26
2	1	1864 July 27-August 8
2	2	1864 August 11-31
2	3	1864 September
2	4	1864 October
2	5	1864 November
2	6	1864 December and undated
2	7	1865 January-February
2	8	1865 March
2	9	1865 April-December
2	10	1866
2	11	1867 and 1860s undated
2	12	1870-1875
2	13	1877-1886
2	14	1891-1893
2	15	1894-1898
2	16	1902-1903
2	17	1904-1916
2	18	1943-1954
2	19	1955
2	20	undated

Microfilmed personal and official correspondence and official records

MF1	2	1861 December 5-April 6, 1865
MF1	3	1861 May 28-August 27, 1865
MF1	4	1856-1858
MF1	5	1942-1950
MF1	6	1843-1911; undated
MF1	7	1864-1868

Photocopies of microfilmed correspondence

2	21	1856-1862
2	22	1863 January-April
2	23	1863 May-November
2	24	1864
2	25	1865-1874
2	26	1893

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Series 2**Official records, 1861-1865****Box 3 (folders 1-7) and OP 1**

Box	Folder	Content
3	1	Receipts, 1861-1869
3	2	Requisitions, 1862-1865
3	3	Miscellaneous financial records, 1862-1865
3	4	Statistical tables, 1862-1864
3	5	Lists of surgeons, no date [copied by daughter Katherine Stout Moore from originals located in the Tennessee State Library and Archives]
3	6	Miscellaneous, 1861-1862
3	7	Map, no date
OP1	1	Hospital plan, 1865
MF1	1	Order book for Flewellen Hospital, Cassville, Ga., May 28, 1863-April 27, 1865

Series 3
Personal records, 1863-1951
Box 3 (folders 8-17)

Box	Folder	Content
3	8	Legal documents, 1843-1864
3	9	Stout family history
3	10	Certificates
3	11	Photographs: Samuel H. Stout, [ca. 1861-1864?], 1865, 1873, 1902, no date
3	12	Photographs: Family, no date
3	13	Photographs: Associates and Friends, [1889?], 1896, no date
3	14	Photographs: Memorials: Kingston Wayside Home [1951?]
3	15	Clippings
3	16	Memorabilia
3	17	Envelopes

Series 4
Notes and writings, 1840s-1897
Box 3 (folders 18-31)

Box	Folder	Content
3	18	Class notes, University of Pennsylvania, ca. 1840's
3	19-24	Notes on surgeons, no date [copied by daughter Katherine Stout Moore from originals located in the Tennessee State Library and Archives]
3	25-29	Outline of the Organization of the Medical Department of the Confederate Army, 1897
3	30	Memoirs, no date
3	31	"Psoriasis" (reprint of journal article), no date

Series 5
Posthumous materials about Stout
Box 4 (folders 1-5)

Box	Folder	Content
4	1	Eulogy, 1903
4	2	Biographical material, ca. 1903
4	3	Miscellaneous printed material, no date
4	4	Bugge, Julia Emmons. "The Medical Career of Samuel H. Stout," research paper, 1977 (See also XE358 E45 M32 and XE 358 E45 M33).
4	5	Davis, Stephen. "A Confederate Hospital." <i>Journal of the Medical Association of Georgia</i> 75 (January 1986).

Series 6
Additions
Box 4 (folders 6-22)

Correspondence

Box	Folder	Content
4	6	1862-1865 (photocopies)
4	7	1890-1903, no date

Official records

4	8	Contract between SHS and Confederate States Army, 1864
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Personal records

4	9	Fringe from SHS's Confederate uniform
4	10	Photo: Confederate hospital marker, Newnan, Georgia

Notes and writings

4	11	Typescript excerpt from SHS's scrapbook re Civil War, no date
4	12	Manuscript: "Doctors and Surgeons under Samuel Hollingsworth Stout, A.M., M.D., L.L.D., Medical Director of Hospitals under General Braxton Bragg," no date
4	13	Manuscript: Brief biographical sketches of medical directors of hospitals, CSA, fragment, no date
4	14	Manuscript: Reminiscences of Civil War, fragment, no date
4	15	Manuscripts: Notes re medical records, CSA, fragment, no date
4	16	Manuscript: "Genealogies, Notes and Queries - William H. Egle," no date
4	17	<i>Andersonville, an Object Lesson in Protection</i> , with marginalia by SHS, no date
4	18	Fragment from medical [gynecological?] journal or textbook, no date
4	19	Notes from scrapbook and history of Civil War, no date

Biographical information

4	20	Brief biographical sketch from <i>Southern Practitioner</i> , fragment, no date
4	21	Excerpts from <i>Confederate Veteran</i> , 1895, 1897
4	22	Newspaper clippings re Stout, no date
