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Civil War Collection
1804-1865
(bulk dates 1860-1865)

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Introduction

The Civil War Collection comprises one cubic foot of materials that contain primary records from the hospital of the Confederate prisoner camp in Andersonville, GA, including roll books, letter books and statistics on admissions and deaths within the hospital. There is also a series of printed material, broadsides, circulars and forms, covering a wide variety of Civil War related topics including politics, suffrage, war forms, National Guard orders, religious organizations, relief organizations, Freedman's groups, and temperance. The condition of the materials is generally fragile. There are no restrictions on use for this collection.

Biographical and Historical Note

Edwin P. Hopkins was born in Zanesville, Muskingum County, OH in 1841 or 1842. He enlisted in the 1st Ohio Volunteer Light Artillery Regiment, Battery H on October 27, 1861. He was captured on November 27, 1863 during the Mine Run Campaign and imprisoned in Richmond, VA. In March 1864 he was transferred to Andersonville and appointed Steward in charge of the 1st division of the camp hospital, which was divided into four divisions. He was released in November 1864 and as of May 1865 was living in Toledo, Ohio. Andersonville Prison, officially named Camp Sumpter and located in Andersonville, GA, was active from February 1864 until the end of the Civil War in April 1865 and was one of the largest Confederate prisoner of war camps. The camp covered 26.5 acres and held up to 32,000 prisoners during the height of its use. Over the fifteen months it was in operation almost 13,000 prisoners died as a result of the extremely poor living conditions created by overcrowding and a scarcity of supplies of medicine, food, clothing and shelter. For more information about Andersonville Prison please see the Related Materials section of this finding aid.

Provenance

Edwin Hopkins collected the Andersonville materials in the first series while a prisoner at Andersonville. The records are original documents that were consolidated into reports by the surgeon in charge of each division and then submitted to the Chief Surgeon. Afterwards the originals were sent back to the Steward to be discarded. Hopkins, however, did not discard them and instead secreted them away and took them with him when he left Andersonville in November 1864. Nothing is known of how they came to be at the Brooklyn Historical Society.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises one cubic foot of materials organized into two series. The content of the first series is primarily related to Andersonville Hospital and is in the form of handwritten letter books, roll books, lists and statistics. The content of the second series is mostly in printed form and covers topics such as politics, suffrage, war forms, National Guard orders, religious organizations, relief organizations, Freedman's groups, and temperance. A more detailed description of each series is below.

Series I: Andersonville Hospital Records, 1862-1865

Materials were collected by Edwin P. Hopkins while he was a Steward in Andersonville's hospital. Materials include C.V. Hopkins' affidavit of the authenticity of the documents, daily hospital admissions list that contain name, rank, regiment and coded diagnosis, reports by medical officers of the day and correspondence from Chief Surgeon R.R. Stevenson, miscellaneous military lists: clothing

rolls list names and articles of clothing received, prisoner lists with names, when and where captured, waiting lists for supplies and death lists. There is a roll book of hospital attendants by ward, signed by Edwin Hopkins, a register of deaths from 1864, with loose death lists inserted and a letter book with copies of daily medical reports from August thru Sept. 1864. There are additional miscellaneous papers: guard reports describing when posted and who relieved, minutes of a meeting of sergeants commanding detachments of the prisoners, an Oath of Allegiance to Army of Potomac for Sam King, Oct. 1863, miscellaneous sheets entitled Hospital Registry from April-May 1864, that contains names, ranks, etc. date of admittance and release or death. Also, there is a muster roll from Co. C, 36th Regiment, North Carolina Troops (Dec. 1862) that includes names, some occupations, and payroll. Finally, there is the report on battle of Fair Oaks by Col. Stephen Dodge, 87th, N.Y.V. It was written in the Confederate Hospital and Prison, Richmond, Va. June 5, 1862, and sent to Brig. Gen. Jamison, Kearney's Division.

Series II: Civil War Materials, 1804-1865

This series contains a wide variety of printed materials relating to the Civil War. There are some political broadsides from before the war (the earliest date is 1804), but the bulk of the materials date from 1860-1865. Included are Union envelope scrapbooks, items from the Freedman's Relief Association, including circulars, forms and announcements regarding the recruitment of colored troops in the Civil War, an annual report synopsis and an announcement for a Jubilee Meeting Jan. 4, 1864. A scrapbook entitled, "Humors of the Presidential Campaign of 1864", contains cards and cartoons about the election, also one-sheets, flyers, and announcements. There is a folder of Brooklyn newspaper memorabilia mostly related to *The Brooklyn Daily Union*, including notices to stockholders and calls for advertisements (female employment advertisements). Another folder contains published orders of 13th Regiment, New York State National Guard (1863-1865), including a call to duty in response to the New York draft riots in July 1863. There is a folder of Suffolk County Broad­sides, including a newspaper draft list for Queens County (undated), Sabbath School Associate (1863), Sabbath school journal (1864), Letter to the people of Suffolk county (1863) by William Jaggar, election notices for Harrison, Meeting of Suffolk County Temperance Society (1852), Sabbath school convention (1864), Notice to Democrats (undated), and an overdue payment notice from the American Female Moral Reform Society for the *Advocate of Moral Reform*. Finally, there is a large folder of broadsides, cartoons, programs, forms and speeches. Their content covers how to treat cholera, political platforms (one in German), blank Protective War Claim form, soldier's absentee ballot, constitution of National Equal Suffrage Association, presidential election sheets in German, diagram of New York State Assembly chamber (1848), assorted bits & pieces for The Union Club, notice of false rumor of Van Rensselaer running against Governor Clinton (1804), program for consecration of cemetery at Gettysburg, 1863, a circular for the American Union Commission, notices for Sanitary Commission, notice for the Refugee Relief Commission of Ohio, Playbill for Union Theater in Hilton Head, S.C. April 19, 1864, and a call to organize the democratic party by the New York State Committee for Correspondence (1840).

Related Material

The Brooklyn Historical Society holds many archival collections with material related to the Civil War. For a subject guide to these collections please contact the Archivist. For bibliographical information on published works in the Othmer Library please visit BobCat, New York University's online catalog, at <http://www.bobcat.nyu.edu/>. For a good selective bibliography about Andersonville visit Georgia Southwestern State University's James Earl Carter Library online at <http://www.gsw.edu/~library/Andersonville.htm>.

Below is a selective list of Archives and Manuscript collections which relate to this collection:

1973.110 Grumman, Josiah M. Diary, 1861-1862. Co. H, 14th Regiment. Diary kept while a prisoner in Libby Prison, Richmond, VA.

1973.191, 1974.123, 1977.099, 1977.329, 1981.005 Brooklyn Civil War Relief Organizations. Contains materials from Brooklyn organizations that functioned during the Civil War in providing resources and relief to Union Army soldiers and their families.

1974.134 C.B. Nichols Civil War Scrapbooks. Contains Civil War ephemera.

1974.259 Scrapbook of Civil War envelopes (NYKI590-940-0199)

1977.006 Frank J. Bramhall Civil War History Collection. Contains material relating to Brooklyn's military and public contributions to the Union cause during the Civil War. (NYKI590-940-0494)

1977.059 New York State National Guard: Brooklyn Units Records, 1865.

1977.313 Civil War Civilian Relief Collection, 1862-1869.

1978.026 New York State National Guard: Brooklyn Units Records 1831-1892. Includes records of the 13th Regiment.

References

National Park Service, Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System, online <<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>>.

National Park Service Southeast Archeological Center, "Archeology at Andersonville", online <http://www.nps.gov/history/seac/andearch.htm>.

Container List

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Series I: Andersonville Hospital Records, 1862-1865		
1	1 E.P. Hopkins affidavit	May 29, 1865
	2 Daily hospital admission lists	1864
	3 Reports by medical officers of the day	1864
	4 Miscellaneous military lists	1864
	6 Miscellaneous papers	1863-1864
	7 Roll book	1864
	8 Letter book, daily medical reports	Aug.-Sept. 1864
	9 Miscellaneous sheets entitled hospital register	April-May 1864
	10 Muster roll, Co. C, 36 th Regiment, North Carolina Troops	Dec. 1862
	11 Col. Dodge's report on battle of Fair Oaks	1862
Series II: Civil War General, 1804-1865		
2	1 Union envelope scrapbook	undated
	2 Union envelope scrapbooks (2 vols.)	1861
	3 Freedman's Relief Association	1863-1864, undated
	4 Scrapbook of Presidential Campaign	1864
	5 Brooklyn Newspaper Memorabilia	1861-1864, undated
	6 Published orders, 13 th Regiment	1863-1865
	7 Suffolk County broadsides	1852-1864
	8 Broad­sides, cartoons, programs, forms, speeches	1804, 1848-1865

Access Points

LCSH

Personal Names

Dodge, Stephen A.

Hopkins, Edwin P.

Corporate Names

Confederate States of America-Army-Regiment, North Carolina Troops, 36th-Company C

United States-Army-Regiment Infantry, New York Volunteers, 87th (1861-1862)

New York (State)-National Guard-Regiment, 13th

Suffolk Sabbath School Association

National Freedmen's Relief Association (U.S.)

American Freedmen's Friend Society

The Brooklyn Daily Union

Subject

Confederate States of America-Army-Prisons

Hospitals-Military

Prisons-Military-Georgia

Hospital patients

United States-History-Civil War, 1861-1865-Prisoners and prisons

United States-History-Civil War, 1861-1865-Campaigns

United States-History-Civil War, 1861-1865-Hospitals

Fair Oaks, Va. Battle of, 1862

Patriotism-United States

Elections-New York (State)

United States-History-Civil War, 1861-1865-Collectibles

Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.)-History-Military

Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.)-Charities

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Form/Genre

Hospital records

Scrapbooks

fliers (printed matter)

circulars (fliers)

Programs

Broadsides