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## Summary

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## Creator History

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The Department's first headquarters was in Cleveland, Ohio; in October 1862, it moved its base to Louisville, Kentucky in order to be closer to the action unfolding in the Western Theater. Over the

course of the war, the Department provided assistance to soldiers in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Arkansas, Kansas, and parts of West Virginia and Maryland. Those returning to homes in or passing through the upper Midwest were also assisted in many ways by the Western Department and its branches. The Department conducted little work in Missouri, which was served by the St. Louis-based Western Sanitary Commission, an independent organization. Soldiers in most of Louisiana and along the Gulf Coast were assisted by the USSC's Department of the Gulf.

Like many USSC departments, the Western Department primarily conducted inspections of camps and hospitals in the beginning, but over the course of the war its two main functions became that of supply distribution and special relief.

Supplies were procured for Western armies mostly through an extensive network of branches and soldiers' aid societies throughout the Midwest. The Chicago (also known as the North-western Sanitary Commission), Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Kentucky (based in Louisville) Branches—all established in 1861—were prominent in the region, tapping into regional aid societies. Branches as far east as Buffalo and Pittsburgh were part of the Western Department's network; Detroit, Milwaukee, Columbus, and Iowa were also home to organizations that supported the USSC. Western branches usually operated independently, running their own supply systems and financially supporting their own staff and facilities, though the USSC did provide some financial aid and occasional support if needed.

Branches shipped their supplies—including fresh and pickled vegetables to combat scurvy—to Louisville (after October 1862) or to Cairo, Illinois, via steamer or railroad, often at reduced rates or no cost. Supplies were then forwarded to the numerous agencies and depots that were established during the course of the war based on troop movements or other needs. In early 1862, the Department was mostly active in Kentucky and Tennessee, especially following the battle of Shiloh. Agents also assisted Union troops at Corinth, Mississippi. In the fall, Western Department efforts were expanded, and the number of relief agents in the field doubled. Departmental personnel traveled extensively, with many agents working in numerous locations during the war.

The Western Department maintained two primary areas of operation throughout much of the war: one that supported troops along the Mississippi River; the other assisting soldiers involved in the actions in Middle Tennessee, Chattanooga, Northern Alabama, and Georgia.

Mississippi River operations stretched from Cairo, Illinois as far south as Natchez, Mississippi. An agency was established at Memphis in October 1862. Supplies were also distributed in the river towns of Columbus, Kentucky, and Helena, Arkansas. The Western Department supported troops involved in General Ulysses S. Grant's siege of Vicksburg, and established an agency there after the city fell to the Union in July 1863.

In Tennessee, an agency was established at Nashville soon after that city fell to the Union in late February 1862, and at Murfreesboro following the battle of Stone's River in December 1862/January 1863. In the spring of 1863, an agency was established at Tullahoma, as Western Department personnel followed the movements of General William S. Rosecrans. Chattanooga and its surrounding area became a major focus for the Sanitary Commission in the fall, with agencies and depots set up along the railroad at Stevenson and Bridgeport, Alabama. The Chattanooga agency soon became one of the most active in the Department. A USSC presence was also established in Huntsville, Alabama, and Knoxville, Tennessee. Relief agents accompanied General William T. Sherman on his Atlanta Campaign in 1864, providing food and supplies at numerous locations in Northern Georgia from depots and temporary feeding stations.

In addition, the Western Department distributed supplies in other areas including Leavenworth and

eastern Kansas; Wheeling, West Virginia; Cumberland, Maryland; and Little Rock, Arkansas. Troops in Kentucky were assisted through agencies at Bowling Green, Lexington, Camp Nelson, and elsewhere. Agents at Camp Nelson and in Kansas aided numerous refugees displaced by the war. In the spring of 1865, the USSC assisted paroled and exchanged Union prisoners at Vicksburg, with many recently released from prisons at Andersonville, Georgia and Cahawba, Alabama.

The special relief services provided by the Western Department were similarly extensive. The Department or its branches operated numerous soldiers' homes and lodges, which provided temporary housing and meals for soldiers. Some also assisted soldiers with back pay, bounty, and pension claims, correction of papers, and transport. A few in the Western Department provided services to soldiers' families, who were visiting or searching for their relatives. Facilities were established at Cairo, Nashville, Memphis, Louisville, Camp Nelson, Detroit, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Paducah, Columbus, Buffalo, and New Albany and Jeffersonville in Indiana. Some soldiers' homes were run and financed independently by the local USSC branch, others by the Western Department, while still others had a combination of branch and departmental support during their histories. Most remained open until the summer or fall of 1865, with a few continuing work into 1866.

The Western Department provided numerous other special relief services to soldiers and families. The Hospital Directory for the Department, based in Louisville with H.S. Holbrook in charge, documented sick and wounded soldiers in hospitals and answered inquiries from families and friends (see the Hospital Directory Archives record group). Local relief agents assisted with hospital documentation and individual queries; they also transported remains and effects, transcribed the headboards of hastily-dug graves, and noted and marked gravesites. Western Department agents accompanying General Sherman's troops on his Savannah Campaign performed similar duties.

The Department also operated hospital cars on the railroad lines and hospital steamers on the rivers. They assisted family members with travel and transport in the South. Agents maintained gardens in Murfreesboro, Chattanooga, Nashville, and Knoxville, providing much-needed vegetables to area hospitals. The Department also hired a number of hospital visitors, mostly clergymen who visited soldiers in barracks, hospitals, and prisons. A pension and claim agency was opened in Louisville in the spring of 1863 by the USSC; Western Department branches also ran their own pension and claim agencies in Cleveland and Chicago. Other agencies were established in affiliation with the USSC's Army and Navy Claim Agency. In addition, some branches and agencies assisted discharged soldiers with employment searches.

As an associate secretary heading a department with a large expanse of territory, Newberry operated somewhat independently, though he did report periodically to the Standing Committee and the General Secretary, and handled financial matters largely through the New York Office. The Western Department issued its own publication, *The Sanitary Reporter* (May 15, 1863-1865). The Department's Central Office at Louisville closed in October 1865.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Western Department Archives, 1861-1865, primarily document the Department's extensive supply distribution and relief efforts in the Western Theater, from its first base in Cleveland, Ohio (1861-1862) and later Louisville, Kentucky (1862-1865). Material is arranged by office or function and includes records for the Central Office, some agency offices, supply distribution, and Soldiers' Homes.

Central Office records consist mainly of letters and telegrams received and sent, most to or from Associate Secretary John S. Newberry. Letters and telegrams received are primarily from branches and

soldiers' aid societies affiliated with the Western Department, departmental agencies in the field, and the USSC's Washington and New York Offices. Most letters concern the need for and transport of supplies from branches to agencies and depots in the field. Numerous items also pertain to special relief activities, especially the operation of Soldiers' Homes. Letters from USSC's Washington and New York Offices mostly concern personnel issues and assignments, finances, meetings, and issues with Western Department branches.

Letters and telegrams sent are generally to Western Department branches and agencies, and to the USSC's Washington and New York offices concerning supplies, special relief, personnel assignments, transportation and travel, and general departmental activities. Central Office records also contain some Western Department rosters.

Agency office records include material for Western Department agencies at Camp Nelson, Kentucky, and at Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville, Tennessee. Material is mostly volumes containing records or copies of correspondence and inquiries regarding special relief activities (tracking soldiers' whereabouts, disinterring and moving soldiers' bodies, and recording patients and deaths in hospitals for the Louisville Hospital Directory), and supplies needed and distributed.

Records documenting the Western Department's supply procurement and distribution network are primarily inventories of supplies received at and forwarded from the central depot at Louisville, and of supplies issued from various locations in the field in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Arkansas.

Soldiers' Home records include registers for two of the Western Department's Homes located at Jeffersonville, Indiana and Nashville, Tennessee, as well as one item for an unidentified location.

See also the Louisville Hospital Directory records in the USSC Hospital Directory archives, (MssCol 19877). The Special Relief Archives in the New York, New York Archives, Historical Bureau (MssCol 22263), contain some letters and reports that address Western Department activities.

## Container List

### I. Central Office 1861-1865 (23 boxes)

The Western Department's Central Office staff included Associate Secretary John S. Newberry, Assistant Secretary R.T. Thorne, Bookkeeper C.S. Sill, and Chief Clerk N.E. Soule.

#### Letters and telegrams received

Letters and telegrams received are mostly from twenty disbound letterbooks. The majority are to Newberry; some letters are to Thorne or occasionally to other Departmental personnel.

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#### Letters received

Most letters concern the need for and transport of supplies from branches to agencies and depots in the field. Numerous items also pertain to special relief activities, especially the operation of Soldiers' Homes, and occasionally to individual soldiers' cases or remains, and assistance with passage to the front or travel for soldiers' families. Many letters detail the assignments and movements of agents and personnel within the Department. Letters from USSC's Washington and New York Offices (from Frederick Law Olmsted, J. Foster Jenkins, Alfred J. Bloor, and Henry W. Bellows) mostly concern personnel issues and assignments, finances, meetings, and issues with Western Department branches. In addition, some letters pertain to the condition of hospitals and health of troops, the canvassing of Northern states to promote the USSC, and the search for employment or nursing positions. Many letters document the work of women within the Department and branches. Two letterbooks (1863 Mar 18-Nov 4; 1863 Apr 2-Dec 31) pertain, partially or wholly, to specific campaigns of the Western Theater in 1863. Letters regarding these campaigns and locations also appear in other letterbooks. Letterbooks are in rough chronological order. Date ranges often overlap, especially at the beginning and end of letterbooks. Unless stated otherwise, there is little distinction as to content, sender or recipient in cases where date ranges overlap, and it appears that some items were added to letterbooks by the USSC at a later time. Most items were numbered and indexed, though there are some gaps in numbering, and some unnumbered and unindexed items. All letterbooks have indexes, which are filed at the end of each.

1861 Jun 14-1862 Mar 20

- b. 1 f. 1-15 1-300
- b. 2 f. 1 301-324
- b. 2 f. 2 Index

1862 Jun 5-1863 Jan 26

- b. 2 f. 3-18 1-370
- b. 3 f. 1-3 371-436
- b. 3 f. 4 Index

1862 Oct 27, Dec 8-1863 May 7

Items following #428 are unnumbered or incorrectly numbered and do not appear in the index.

- b. 3 f. 5-17 1-290
- b. 4 f. 1-7 291-443, unnumbered
- b. 4 f. 8 Index

1863 Mar 18-Nov 4

Items relate to actions in Middle Tennessee and Northern Alabama, with letters from agents in Murfreesboro, Nashville, Chattanooga, and elsewhere working with soldiers from the Union's military Department of the Cumberland. Letterbook was originally labeled Department of the Cumberland.

- b. 4 f. 9-17 1-181

## I. Central Office (cont.)

## Letters and telegrams received (cont.)

## Letters received (cont.)

1863 Mar 18-Nov 4 (cont.)

- b. 4 f. 18      Index  
1863 Apr 2-Dec 31  
Items 1-86 (Apr 2-Nov 3) relate to activities along the Mississippi River in Cairo, Memphis, and Vicksburg supporting troops in the Union's military Department of the Tennessee. Items 87-186 (Aug 18-Dec 31) are more general in scope. Letterbook was originally labeled Department of the Tennessee.
- b. 4 f. 19-20      1-30
- b. 5 f. 1-7      31-186
- b. 5 f. 8      Index  
1863 May 1-Jun 27
- b. 5 f. 9-18      1-193
- b. 5 f. 19      Index  
1863 Jun 27-Sep 4
- b. 6 f. 1-10      1-194
- b. 6 f. 11      Index  
1863 Sep 2-1864 Jan 27
- b. 6 f. 12-19      1-180
- b. 7 f. 1-13      181-445
- b. 7 f. 14      Index  
1863 Nov 24-Mar 24  
Items following #299 are incorrectly numbered and do not appear in the index.
- b. 7 f. 15-19      1-90
- b. 8 f. 1-10      91-299, [100-121]
- b. 8 f. 11      Index  
1863 Dec 4-1864 May 30, Dec 1
- b. 8 f. 12-17      1-85
- b. 9 f. 1-18      86-395
- b. 10 f. 1-2      396-438
- b. 10 f. 3      Index  
1864 May 18-Aug 30
- b. 10 f. 4-17      1/2-310
- b. 11 f. 1-7      311-467
- b. 11 f. 8      Index  
1864 Mar 17, Jun 13-Oct 25
- b. 11 f. 9-16      1/2-120
- b. 12 f. 1-16      121-395
- b. 13 f. 1-2      396-441
- b. 13 f. 3      Index  
1864 Oct 25-Dec 24
- b. 13 f. 4-16      1-300
- b. 14 f. 1-3      301-371
- b. 14 f. 4      Index

## I. Central Office (cont.)

## Letters and telegrams received (cont.)

## Letters received (cont.)

1864 Dec 24-1865 Mar 8

b. 14 f. 5-14

1-180

b. 15 f. 1-11

181-318

b. 15 f. 12

Index

1865 Mar 1-May 19

b. 15 f. 13-16

1/2-65

b. 16 f. 1-16

66-332

b. 16 f. 17

Index

1865 Jun 1-Oct 3

b. 17 f. 1-14

1-210, unnumbered

b. 17 f. 15

Index

b. 17 f. 16

Unidentified index

## Telegrams received

Telegrams received mostly concern the need for and transportation of supplies, the movement of agents and personnel, meetings, and financial matters. Also included are a few copies of telegrams sent

1862 Nov 6-1863 Jul 7

b. 18 f. 1-9

1-301

b. 18 f. 10

Index

1863 Jun 18-Dec 31

b. 18 f. 11-14

1-125

b. 19 f. 1-8

126-320

b. 19 f. 9

Index

1863 Dec 24-1864 Jun 10

b. 19 f. 10-18

1-218

b. 19 f. 19

Index

1864 Apr 29-1865 Oct 3

b. 20 f. 1-15

3/8-350

b. 21 f. 1-4

351-435

b. 21 f. 5

Index

b. 21 f. 6

Loose telegrams, 1861 Nov-1865 Sep

## Letters and telegrams sent

## Letters sent (letterpress copybooks)

Letters sent are mostly sent by Newberry and Thorne, and occasionally others, usually on behalf of Newberry in his absence. Letters are primarily to Western Department branches and agencies, USSC offices, and army personnel regarding general work done in the Department, branch and agency activities, personnel assignments and movements, USSC procedures and issues, supply shipments and transport, the Department's relationships with its branches, and special relief and Soldiers' Homes. Numerous letters toward the end of the war involve passes for transport and travel.

b. 21 v. 1

[1861] Nov 16-1863 Feb 26

b. 21 v. 2

1863 Mar 2-Nov 17

b. 22 v. 1

[1863] Nov 13-[1864] Aug 3

b. 22 v. 2

1864 Aug 5-1865 Mar 20

## I. Central Office (cont.)

Letters and telegrams sent (cont.)

Letters sent (letterpress copybooks) (cont.)

b. 23 v. 1 1865 Mar 21-Oct 12

b. 23 f. 1 1865 Mar 21-Oct 12

Loose document

b. 23 f. 2-3 Telegrams sent 1863 Jan 5-1865 Oct 16 2 v

Copies of telegrams sent, mostly by Newberry, also by Thorne, to branches and agencies and USSC offices. The majority concern the need for and transport of supplies. Some also pertain to personnel assignments and movements, special relief, and financial matters.

## Staff rosters

Copies or drafts of Western Department rosters forwarded to the New York Office. Also present are rosters for agencies at Chattanooga, Memphis, and Nashville sent to the Western Department's Central Office.

b. 23 f. 4-6 Department rosters 1863 Jun-1864 Aug

b. 23 f. 7 Agency rosters 1864 Jul-1865 Feb

## II. Agency Offices 1863-1865 (2 boxes, 1 volume)

b. 24 f. 1 Camp Nelson, Kentucky 1863 Nov-1865 Jul

Telegrams received chiefly by Thomas Butler, Agent and Superintendent of Soldiers' Home at Camp Nelson, regarding supplies and agency activities.

## Chattanooga, Tennessee

Telegrams received are mostly to agent M.C. Read. Telegram volumes contain copies of telegrams received and sent, by M.C. Read and other staff, as well as inquiries from the Louisville Hospital Directory and others, regarding individual soldiers and bodies; telegrams also concern supplies. Orders for disinterments of bodies usually identify the person to whom the body was to be shipped. Special inquiry volumes are Hospital Directory records maintained by the Chattanooga agency. These document inquiries (applications) received from the Louisville Hospital Directory and others concerning the status of individual soldiers, and the agency's responses. Hospital records in three volumes contain lists of patients in general hospitals in Chattanooga and vicinity, copied from Army hospital reports in late 1864 and presumably created for Hospital Directory purposes. All volumes bear the cover imprint "U.S. Army Medical Department. Register and Prescription Book."

b. 24 f. 2 Telegrams received 1863 Nov-Dec

b. 24 f. 3 Telegrams and disinterment orders 1864 Jan-Aug

Telegrams 1864 Jan 17-Jul 22; disinterment orders 1864 Feb 28-Aug 2. Also includes hospital garden records, 1864 Feb-May.

b. 24 f. 4 Telegrams 1864 Jul 23-1865 Jul 15

b. 24 f. 5 Disinterment orders 1864 Sep-1865 Feb

Includes record of individuals passing through the Chattanooga agency (1864 Jan-Mar) and hospital garden records (undated).

b. 24 f. 6-7 Special inquiries 1864 Apr-1865 Jul

b. 24 f. 8 Hospital records 1864

b. 25 f. 1 Hospital records 1864-1865

Includes agent's notes on hospital reports received or copied, 1864 Oct-Nov, and a list of inquiries from the Medical Director, 1865 Feb-Jul, concerning individual soldiers.

b. 25 f. 2 Knoxville, Tennessee 1863-1865

Supplies issued and on hand 1863 Dec-1865 Feb; deaths of soldiers in hospitals 1864 Feb-1865 Jul. Soldiers are listed in chronological order by date of death.

## Memphis, Tennessee



II. Agency Offices (cont.)  
 Memphis, Tennessee (cont.)

- b. 25 v. 1      **Letters sent 1865 Jan-Jul**  
 Copies of letters sent mostly by Dr. Benjamin Woodward (Inspector) and some by H.M. Way (Storekeeper) regarding supplies and agency activities.
- b. 25 f. 3      **Loose documents**
- b. 25 f. 4      **Nashville, Tennessee 1864 Sep-1865 Apr**  
 Correspondence register of letters received and sent, mostly regarding inquiries from the Louisville Hospital Directory and others about soldiers and bodies, and some about supplies. With name index. Volume also includes accounts with government undertaker, and record of passes procured.

III. Supplies 1862-1865 (4 boxes, 4 volumes, 1 oversize folder)

Many supply volumes document work at multiple locations, presumably they were kept or re-used by relief agents as they traveled with the Army.

Central Depot, Louisville

**Supplies received**

Shipments received are mostly from Western Department branches; records also include supplies purchased.

- v. 1      **Receiving book 1864 Jun 11-1865 Jul 17**  
 Information includes number and type of container, packing or other numbers, place of origin, sometimes name, and method of shipment. Entries in chronological order by date of receipt.
- b. 25 f. 5      **Loose document**
- b. 25 f. 6      **Memorandum of invoices received 1863 Nov 7-1864 Nov 30**  
 Entries include place and name of sender or merchant, number and type of containers, sender's invoice date and date of receipt and a consecutive number assigned to each shipment by the clerk, reflecting rough chronological order.

**Registers**

Full entry of shipment details and contents, noting further distribution of some containers by date and place. In chronological order by date of entry, with memorandum shipment number from November 1863 forward.

- b. 26 v. 1      **1863 Feb 24-1864 Feb 29**
- v. 2      **1864 Mar 1-1865 Sep 25**
- Supplies shipped**  
 Entries include name of recipient or consignee and method of transport, number and type of container, packing or other numbers (many correlating to registers above), and contents. Entries are by date of shipment or forwarding.
- b. 26 v. 2      **1863 Mar-1864 Feb**
- b. 26 f. 1      **Loose document**
- b. 26 v. 1      **1864 Mar-1865 Oct**
- v. 3      **Supplies received and issued 1865 Jan-Aug**  
 Supplies listed by type in ledger format, with stock received on the left, and supplies issued on the right (identifying sender or recipient), each in chronological order. Also miscellaneous supplies and record of private packages sent.

III. Supplies (cont.)

- b. 27 f. 1 **Corinth, Mississippi** 1862 Aug-1863 Nov  
Original entry of supplies issued at Corinth, with the signatures of recipients.
- Volume misidentified as Memphis on flyleaf.
- b. 27 f. 2 **Helena, Arkansas** 1863 Mar-1864 Feb  
Supplies issued and received
- b. 27 f. 3 **Huntsville, Alabama; Marietta and Atlanta, Georgia** 1864 Jan-Nov  
Supplies issued in the Huntsville area Jan 25-Jun 27, Marietta Jul 18-Sep 16, Atlanta Sep 16-Nov 7.
- Memphis, Tennessee; Columbus, Kentucky**
- b. 28 f. 1 **Supplies issued** 1862 Jul-1863 Jun  
Issues at Columbus 1862 Jul 15-1863 Jan 3; Memphis 1863 Jan 1-Jun 6.
- b. 28 f. 2-3 **Supplies issued** 1864 Jan-1865 Sep
- v. 4 **Supply receipts and disbursements** 1863 Jan-1865 Aug  
Tabulations.
- b. 28 f. 4 **Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Bridgeport, Alabama** 1863 Feb-Dec  
Issues to hospitals in the Murfreesboro area 1863 Feb-Jun, with many pages pasted over with newsclippings for Chattanooga-Nashville patient transfers and Nashville deaths; Dr. Castleman's stores, 1863 Jul-Aug; and issues at Bridgeport, Alabama, 1863 Nov-Dec. From the last page, running in reverse direction are supplies issued to hospitals and regiments in the field near Murfreesboro, 1863 Feb-Aug.
- b. 29 f. 1 **Stevenson, Alabama; Chattanooga, Tennessee** 1863 Aug-1864 Feb  
Supplies issued and received at Stevenson 1863 Aug 24-Nov 10; issues at Chattanooga 1863 Dec 1-1864 Feb 26, and received at Chattanooga and forwarded to Knoxville 1864 Jan 1-Feb 26.
- Vicksburg, Mississippi (and vicinity)**
- b. 29 f. 2 **Supplies issued** 1863 Jan 3-Jun 4  
January issues are at Memphis and Arkansas.
- b. 29 f. 3 **Supplies issued** 1863 Jun 4-Jul 1
- b. 29 f. 4 **Supplies issued** 1863 Sep 21-Dec 2
- b. 29 f. 5 **Supplies issued** 1864 Jun 1-Dec 27
- o. 1 **Disbursements of the depot near Vicksburg from April 28 to July 1, 1863**  
Tabulated statement.
- Multiple and unidentified locations**
- b. 29 f. 6 **Supplies issued and invoices** 1862 Aug-1863 Mar  
Copies of supplies issued at Corinth, Mississippi 1862 Aug 6-Nov 22 and of invoices 1862 Dec 26-1863 Mar 27. Invoices list USSC supplies received onboard, or from, steamers at various Western Department locations.
- b. 29 f. 7 **Loose supply tables, undated**  
Possibly Vicksburg or another Mississippi River location.

IV. Soldiers' Homes 1864-1865 (4 boxes, 9 volumes)

## IV. Soldiers' Homes (cont.)

## Jeffersonville, Indiana

Admission registers and cash book for the Jeffersonville Soldiers' Home, located near a busy railroad depot across the Ohio River from Louisville, and in operation from October 1864 until September 1, 1865. Superintendents were Egbert T. Smith (October 1864-May 1865) and E.D. Way (May 1865 until closing). One volume also contains entries for the Soldiers' Rest at Seymour, Indiana, which was in operation from May to August 1865 at a transfer point on the Jeffersonville Railroad line.

## Admission registers

- b. 30 f. 1      1864 Nov 1-1865 Jan 25
- b. 30 f. 2      1865 Jan 26-May 31
- b. 30 f. 3      1865 Feb 2-May 31  
Some entries vary from preceding volume. Also contains Soldiers' Rest Seymour, Indiana  
1865 May 3-Jul 10.
- b. 30 f. 4      1865 Jun 1-Aug 20
- v. 5      1865 Jun 1-Aug 20  
Transcription of preceding volume.
- v. 6      Cash book 1864 Nov-1865 Mar, 1865  
Includes list of supplies furnished to Soldiers' Rest at Seymour, 1865.
- b. 30 f. 5      Cash book 1864 Nov-1865 Mar, 1865  
Separated documents

## Nashville, Tennessee admission registers

Admission registers for the Soldiers' Home in Nashville, in operation from March 26, 1863 until August 1, 1865, and located from August 1863 until closing in the Planters Hotel on Summer Street. Captain Isaac Brayton was Superintendent for most of the Home's duration. In addition to assisting discharged and furloughed soldiers, the Nashville Home also provided assistance and shelter for soldiers' families and had a separate matron for female guests. Their names occasionally appear in the registers.

- b. 31 f. 1      1863 Mar 26-Dec 26 (1 v.)
- v. 7      1864 Jan 29-Mar 3, Apr 24-Apr 26, May 25-Jun 8  
Also includes Sick Men Received at the Home and Reported to Louisville, May 1-Jul 1.
- b. 31 f. 2      1864 Jan 29-Mar 3, Apr 24-Apr 26, May 25-Jun 8  
Separated documents
- b. 31 f. 3      1864 Mar 4-Mar 29
- v. 8      1864 Mar 4-Mar 29  
Transcription of preceding volume.
- b. 31 f. 4      1864 Mar 4-Mar 29  
Separated documents
- b. 31 f. 5      1864 Mar 29-Apr 23
- b. 31 f. 6      1864 Apr 24-May 25
- v. 9      1864 Jun 8-Jun 18, Sep 12-Sep 26
- b. 31 f. 7      1864 Jun 8-Jun 18, Sep 12-Sep 26  
Separated documents
- b. 32 f. 1      1864 Jun 19-Jul 23

IV. Soldiers' Homes (cont.)

Nashville, Tennessee admission registers (cont.)

- b. 32 f. 2 1864 Jul 22-Aug 20
- b. 32 f. 3 1864 Aug 21-Sep 11
  - v. 10 1864 Sep 26-Oct 25
- b. 32 f. 4 1864 Sep 26-Oct 25
  - Separated documents
- v. 11 1864 Oct 25-Nov 16
- b. 32 f. 5 1864 Oct 25-Nov 16
  - Separated documents
- v. 12 1864 Nov 16-Dec 13
  - v. 13 1864 Dec 13-1865 Jan 11
- b. 32 f. 6 1864 Dec 13-1865 Jan 11
  - Separated documents
- b. 33 v. 1 1865 Jan 11-Feb 25
- b. 33 v. 2 1865 Feb 25-May 29
- b. 33 f. 1 1865 Jun 2-Jun 29
- b. 33 f. 2 Special relief record 1865 Jan-Feb
  - Record of soldiers assisted at an unidentified home, lodge, or feeding station.
- b. 33 f. 3 Ephemera