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Summary

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Abstract: The Woman's Central Association of Relief (WCAR) was founded in April 1861 in New York City, officially becoming a branch of the USSC on June 24. Its primary function was the procurement of supplies, obtained from an extensive network of contributing aid societies. The WCAR also participated in other war relief efforts, such as fundraising, registering female nurses for work in military hospitals, and helping to direct returning, discharged soldiers and soldiers' families to local relief agencies for assistance. The Woman's Central Association of Relief held its final meeting on July 7, 1865, although it continued to receive supplies into October. Two prominent organizers within the WCAR were Louisa Lee Schuyler (1837-1926) and Ellen Collins (1828-1912). The Woman's Central Association of Relief Archives, 1861-1865, primarily document the supply procurement and distribution activities of the WCAR and consist of correspondence, minutes, reports, supply records, and directories listing associate managers.

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Creator History

The Woman's Central Association of Relief (WCAR) was founded in April 1861 in New York City. On April 25, a group of women met informally at the New York Infirmary for Women, run by Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910), to discuss options for wartime volunteer relief efforts. The group issued a public appeal and organized a mass meeting at the Cooper Institute on April 29. The newly-formed WCAR

created a Board and Executive Committee; its primary functions initially were to organize a volunteer system of supplies on the home front and to register female nurses for work in military hospitals.

The Reverend Henry W. Bellows spoke at the meeting at Cooper Union and was named chairman of the WCAR's Executive Committee. Bellows, along with Dr. Elisha Harris and other groups, took the WCAR's cause to Washington DC in May to enlist government support for civilian relief efforts; while in Washington he realized the need for a larger Commission with a presence in Washington that would offer medical advice and assist with coordinating supply donations. The U.S. Sanitary Commission was formed and was officially endorsed by the U.S. government on June 9. On June 24, the WCAR became a supply branch of the USSC, a role it would play throughout the war.

Two prominent organizers within the WCAR were Louisa Lee Schuyler (1837-1926) and Ellen Collins (1828-1912). Both would end up using their experience in the WCAR to build careers in the philanthropic world following the war. Schuyler founded the State Charities Aid Association and the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness, helped to establish Bellevue Hospital's training school for nurses, and served on the board of the Russell Sage Foundation. Collins was involved with the New York National Freedmen's Relief Association and became active in New York City housing reform efforts.

The primary function of the WCAR was the procurement of supplies, obtained from an extensive network of contributing aid societies. Its network area included New York City, Eastern and Central New York State, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and parts of Northern New Jersey, Massachusetts, Vermont, Canada, and the European auxiliaries. Supplies were received at WCAR's office and storeroom at 10 Cooper Union (7 and 11 Cooper Union were also used), then repacked and forwarded to USSC offices, agencies, and departments in the field. Over the course of the war, the WCAR formed a number of committees and subcommittees to handle specific aspects of the supply work. The Committee of Correspondence and the Diffusion of Information communicated with aid society section managers. The Committee on Receiving and Forwarding Supplies handled the unpacking and repacking of supply shipments arriving daily at WCAR headquarters. The Committee for Purchasing, formed in 1863, purchased garment-making materials for aid societies at wholesale prices.

In addition to the procurement of supplies, the WCAR also participated in other war relief efforts. One of the association's earliest functions was to register female nurses for work in military hospitals. The Registration Committee, originally headed by Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, recruited nurses to be sent to Dorothea Dix (who was independent of the USSC) in Washington DC. Nurses' uniforms and transport were also paid for by the committee. By the spring of 1862, the committee had registered 60 nurses, of whom 42 were still actively working. Blackwell resigned in June 1862, with little work conducted following her resignation. The Registration Committee disbanded in the spring 1863. The Committee for Special Relief was formed in November 1863 to direct returning, discharged soldiers and soldiers' families to local relief agencies for assistance with food, lodging, pensions, and transportation. Clothing or money was occasionally given out to extreme cases. The Committee chair was Christine K. Griffin. In addition, Hospital Directory clerk Caroline Howard and others at WCAR handled inquiries concerning soldiers after the Hospital Directory closed its New York office at Cooper Union in early 1864. The Finance Committee was formed in 1861 with Mrs. Hamilton Fish as chairman. The WCAR treasurer Howard Potter, of the Wall Street firm Brown, Brothers & Co., also served on the Finance Committee. Fundraising was a primary function of the committee. While the Finance Committee is not listed in WCAR's reports after May 1863, financial contributions continued to be donated to the WCAR through the end of the war. The association also sponsored the formation of Alert Clubs to stimulate fundraising efforts for aid societies among children and young people. Representatives from the WCAR, including Collins and Schuyler, attended the Women's Councils (organizing supply meetings with women from numerous auxiliaries east and west) held in Washington DC in November 1862 and January 1864. The

WCAR held a delegates meeting in New York for all of its aid societies in November 1864.

The Woman's Central Association of Relief held its final meeting on July 7, 1865. WCAR supply records indicate that they continued to receive a small number of supplies into October 1865.

Scope and Content Note

The Woman's Central Association of Relief Archives, 1861-1865, primarily document the supply procurement and distribution activities of the WCAR and consist of correspondence, minutes, reports, and supply records.

Most WCAR material pertains to the Committee on Correspondence and Diffusion of Information and the Committee on Receiving and Forwarding Supplies, which handled different aspects of supply work. Committee on Correspondence records include letters received and sent, minutes, and indexes of associate managers; Committee on Supplies records include letters and invoices received and sent, and record books of supplies received, forwarded, and on hand. WCAR numbered documents are mostly letters received from aid societies and USSC personnel. There is little material related to the Metropolitan Fair of April 1864 in the Woman's Central Association of Relief's records.

Container List

I. Numbered documents

Letters are primarily from aid societies regarding supplies needed, offered, and sent, garments made, and sewing patterns needed. Letters are also from USSC personnel (especially Frederick Law Olmsted, Alfred J. Bloor, Elisha Harris, J. Foster Jenkins, and Henry W. Bellows) mostly concerning supplies needed. Some letters are from other Commission branches or departments in the field. Numbered documents include some Hospital Directory correspondence. Also present are reports of various WCAR committees, aid societies, and canvassing agents. Numbered documents were organized by the USSC's Archive Department and are indexed in an Archive Department register (USSC New York, N.Y. record group, MssCol 22263, volume 14). Several items, mostly found within groups, are unnumbered. Items 489, 503, 731, 736, 1542, 1966, 2375, 2458, 2477, 2491, and 2855 are not present. Items 3228-3269 (receipts, vouchers, invoices) are not present and were presumably destroyed by the USSC.

Many items bear penciled markings from prior conservation treatment.

- b. 1 f. 1-14 #1-258 1861 Apr 29-Nov 11
- b. 2 f. 1-15 #259-576 1861 Nov 12-1862 Jul
- b. 3 f. 1-13 #577-818 1862 Aug-1863 Mar
- b. 4 f. 1-13 #834-1153 1863 Apr-Nov
- b. 5 f. 1-12 #1154-1442 1863 Nov-1864 Apr
- b. 6 f. 1-9 #1443-1551 1864 Feb-1864 Jun
- b. 7 f. 1-13 #1552-1794 1864 Jun-Oct
- b. 8 f. 1-10 #1795-2032 1864 Oct-1865 Jan
- b. 9 f. 1-9 #2033-2350 1864 Feb-Dec
- b. 10 f. 1-15 #2351-2692 1863-1864
- b. 11 f. 1-15 #2693-3035 1865 Jan-Jun
- b. 12 f. 1-15 #3036-3271 1861-1865
- b. 12 f. 16-17 II. Board of Managers meeting minutes 1861 Apr 30-1862 Jul 3, 1863 Feb 6-1865 Jul 7

The Board of Managers was the primary governing body of the WCAR. The Board met regularly and had 24 members (12 women and 12 men). Meetings covered general WCAR business, and activities of various committees. The original board included several USSC personnel including Olmsted, Bellows, and Elisha Harris, as well as local physician Valentine Mott (1785-1865), who was named WCAR president. A number of prominent New York families were represented on the board of managers, including the Fish, Field, and Schuyler families.

III. Committee records

Committee on Correspondence and Diffusion of Information

The Committee on Correspondence and Diffusion of Information was formed in February 1863 (beginning as a subcommittee of the Executive Committee), when the WCAR implemented New England Women's Auxiliary Association's associate manager system. The WCAR's tributary states were divided into sections, each with a manager who supervised the aid societies in their section, organized new ones, and corresponded with the committee monthly. Louisa Lee Schuyler served as chair. Over 800 aid societies contributed supplies to the WCAR by the end of the war.

The Committee also supervised several canvassing agents who delivered hundreds of lectures throughout the area, and distributed USSC publications. Prior to 1863, correspondence with aid societies was handled by a subcommittee of the Executive Committee and by Schuyler. Other committee members included Julia Curtis, Angelina Post, C. Nash, and Helen Marshall.

III. Committee records (cont.)

Committee on Correspondence and Diffusion of Information (cont.)

Letters received

Letters are from 14 disbound letterbooks and are chronological except where noted. Letters were not numbered or indexed, and all indexes are blank. All titles except "Responses to circular" were originally assigned by the USSC. Letterbooks, originally 16 in number, are in original order. The absence of two (preceding and following the Washington and New York volume) was noted in 1878.

- b. 13 f. 1-9 **Washington and New York** 1863 Jan-1865 Oct
Letters, mostly to Schuyler, from the Central Office, New York Office, Canvassing and Supply Department in Philadelphia, and Western Department, primarily concerning USSC publications and canvassing.
- b. 14 f. 1-13 **Responses to circular** 1863 Jan 13-Jul 16
Letters from aid societies, organized alphabetically by town, in response to a WCAR circular questionnaire of January 13, 1863. Circular is in the first folder.
- b. 15 f. 1-9 **Miscellaneous** 1863 Mar 12-1865 Aug 5
Letters are mostly to Helen Marshall and to Schuyler, with some to other committee members, from aid societies and individuals regarding USSC publications received, aid society personnel, the WCAR's delegates meeting in New York in November 1864, lectures, and wrapping up work after the war. There are some letters to Ellen Collins and the Committee of Invitation. A few copies of outgoing letters are present.
- Associate managers** 1863 Jan 9-1865 Aug 11
Letters mostly to Schuyler, with some to Curtis, Marshall, Post, and Nash, from associate managers. Letters concern offers of associate manager appointment, some additional responses to a circular of January 13, 1863 (see above), activities as associate manager, the boundaries of section areas or towns included, the receipt of and requests for USSC publications, supplies sent, the Metropolitan Fair, and the WCAR's delegates meeting in New York, November 1864. Letters also concern the death of Lincoln, and the closing up of operations and submissions of final lists of aid society officers. A few letters pertain to the personal circumstances of managers, fundraising, lecturers and public meetings, garment production, and alert clubs. Several letters from USSC personnel are also present.
- b. 15 f. 9-14 **1863 Jan-Jul**
- b. 16 f. 1-15 **1863 Aug-1864 Aug 15**
- b. 17 f. 1-14 **1864 Aug 16-1865 Mar 27**
- b. 18 f. 1-5 **1865 Mar 27-Aug 11**
- b. 18 f. 6-11 **Lecturers** 1863 Feb-1865 May
Letters primarily to Schuyler, also to Post and Nash, from canvassers regarding their activities and lectures. A few copies of outgoing letters are present.
- b. 18 f. 12-13 **Branches** 1862 Sep-1865 Jul
Letters and circulars mostly to Schuyler from other USSC branches (including Cleveland, Women's Pennsylvania Branch, Buffalo, NEWAA, Chicago) regarding branch activities, the women's council, canvassing, publications, and other topics.
- b. 18 f. 14 **Fragments** circa 1865
- b. 19 f. 1 **Letters sent** 1862 Dec 22-1865 Apr 10 (Letterpress copybook)
Copies of letters sent by Schuyler, mostly to aid societies regarding the organization of the associate manager system, and aid society activities. Letters also concern general WCAR activities, supplies, and canvassing. Original circulars and forms were also glued into the copybook. Index is partial.
- b. 19 f. 2 **Minutes** 1864 Mar-Nov

III. Committee records (cont.)

Committee on Correspondence and Diffusion of Information (cont.)

- b. 19 f. 3 **Index of associate managers by county 1863-1865**
Entries, in alphabetical order, include associate manager's name, address, date of appointment, and geographical section. Includes an entry for Montreal, Canada under C. Volume has an alphabetical list of managers at the end.
- b. 19 f. 4 **Index of associate managers by town 1863**
Entries, in alphabetical order, include associate manager's name, address, and date of appointment; and county and geographical section defined, with date of section appointment.
- v. 1 **Associate manager section book**
Record, in tabular form, of the number of packages received from each section and aid society on a monthly basis from 1861 to 1865. Volume includes entries for New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island; New Jersey has no entries. Index is alphabetical by surname of associate manager, with section listed.
- b. 19 f. 5 **Printed matter received, distributed, and on hand 1863 Sep-1865 Aug**

Committee on Receiving and Forwarding Supplies

The Committee on Receiving and Forwarding Supplies (also known as the Committee on Supplies) was formed in February 1863, beginning as a subcommittee of the Executive Committee; its chair was Ellen Collins. Prior to 1863, the function of receiving and forwarding supplies had been performed by variously named subcommittees.

Supplies were received at and forwarded from the Cooper Union storeroom. The WCAR initially recorded incoming supplies in receiving books; supplies were then unpacked and repacked by type of stock, and recorded by box number (a combination of letters and numbers) in day books. Ledgers with entries arranged by type of stock were also kept so that quantities on hand could be easily ascertained.

Letters and invoices received

Letters and invoices are primarily from aid societies, with some from individual donors, and concern supply shipments to the WCAR and their contents. Items were originally glued into 26 letterbooks, usually in the order they were received. Letterbooks were numbered by the WCAR, but the original numbering of first 6 volumes has been lost; these have been placed in chronological order. Items were usually filed by date of shipment receipt, and include the date received and the shipment number written at the top by WCAR personnel. These dates and numbers generally correspond to those in the receiving books. In addition, the correspondence registers below list these receipt dates and shipment numbers for each aid society. Early items, circa 1861, have a slightly different system in place; dates found in receiving books and registers may be those of the original item or of the WCAR's acknowledgment.

Date ranges of letterbooks are taken from the original dates of items, and not date of shipment receipt. Some follow-up letters from aid societies regarding individual shipments were interfiled by the WCAR under the date of shipment received rather than the item's original date. Many items are undated.

Letters and invoices in letterbooks 1-2 and 4-17 are numbered within each, most in a reverse numerical order and a reverse, roughly chronological order. Letterbooks 1 and 4 are in a rough, forward chronological order; letterbook 7 is in a forward numerical and chronological order. In most of these letterbooks, many items do not have numbers written on them, but they are indexed under the adjacent number, which may precede or follow it.

Letterbook 15 has numbered items, in reverse order, with several unnumbered at the end of the sequence. Numbers originally appeared on letterbook tabs, which have been removed. Numbers written directly on the first sixty items do not necessarily correspond to those assigned on the index. There are some gaps in numbering.

Letterbooks 3 and 18-26 contain unnumbered items that are in roughly reverse chronological order. Letterbook 26 is found under City Receipts.

Indexes for letterbooks with numbered items are alphabetical by first letter of location of aid society or donor; some also contain a few surnames. Indexes for letterbooks with unnumbered items are blank. Letterbook 6 has no index.

III. Committee records (cont.)

Committee on Receiving and Forwarding Supplies (cont.)

Letters and invoices received (cont.)

- b. 19 f. 6-14 Letterbook 1 1861 Apr 30-Aug 3
- b. 19 f. 15 Letterbook 1 index
- b. 20 f. 1-13 Letterbook 2 1861 Jul 17-Oct 31, Dec 30
- b. 21 f. 1-6 Letterbook 2 continued
- b. 21 f. 7 Letterbook 2 index
- b. 21 f. 8-15 Letterbook 3 1861 Sep 22-1862 Jan 17, 1862 Apr 3
- b. 22 f. 1-13 Letterbook 3 continued
- b. 23 f. 1-13 Letterbook 3 continued
- b. 24 f. 1-13 Letterbook 4 1861 Dec 20-1862 Apr 10
- b. 25 f. 1-2 Letterbook 4
- b. 25 f. 3 Letterbook 4 index
- b. 25 f. 4-15 Letterbook 5 1862 Mar 21-Jun 20
- b. 26 f. 1-4 Letterbook 5 continued
- b. 26 f. 5 Letterbook 5 index
- b. 26 f. 6-15 Letterbook 6 1861 Jul 6-1862 Jul 25 1862 Jun-Jul
- b. 27 f. 1-4 Letterbook 6 continued
- b. 27 f. 5-14 Letterbook 7 1862 Jun 30-Oct 22
- b. 28 f. 1-16 Letterbook 7 continued
- b. 28 f. 17 Letterbook 7 index
- b. 29 f. 1-15 Letterbook 8 1862 Sep 8-Nov 12
- b. 29 f. 16 Letterbook 8 index
- b. 30 f. 1-15 Letterbook 9 1862 Sep 11-Oct 27
- b. 30 f. 16 Letterbook 9 index
- b. 31 f. 1-13 Letterbook 10 1862 Oct 1-Dec 19
- b. 31 f. 14 Letterbook 10 index
- b. 32 f. 1-18 Letterbook 11 1862 Oct 24-1863 Feb 25, 1863 May 22
- b. 32 f. 19 Letterbook 11 index
- b. 33 f. 1-12 Letterbook 12 1862 Oct 5-Mar 20
- b. 33 f. 13 Letterbook 12 index
- b. 33 f. 14-16 Letterbook 13 1863 Feb, Mar 18-Aug 10
- b. 34 f. 1-18 Letterbook 13 continued
- b. 35 f. 1-13 Letterbook 13 continued
- b. 35 f. 14 Letterbook 13 index
- b. 35 f. 15--17 Letterbook 14 1863 Jul 7-Sep 26
- b. 36 f. 1-10 Letterbook 14 continued
- b. 36 f. 11 Letterbook 14 index
- b. 36 f. 12-14 Letterbook 15 1863 Sep 5-1864 Jan 5
 Unnumbered documents, followed by #186-199 (in reverse order)
- b. 37 f. 1-13 Letterbook 15 continued
 # 1-185 (in reverse order)
- b. 37 f. 14 Letterbook 15 index

III. Committee records (cont.)
 Committee on Receiving and Forwarding Supplies (cont.)
 Letters and invoices received (cont.)

- b. 38 f. 1-14 Letterbook 16 1863 Oct 30-1864 Apr 29
- b. 38 f. 15 Letterbook 16 index
- b. 39 f. 1-13 Letterbook 17 1864 Jan 12-May 7
- b. 39 f. 14 Letterbook 17 index
- b. 40 f. 1-14 Letterbook 18 1864 Mar 28-Jul 8
- b. 41 f. 1-16 Letterbook 19 1864 May 20-Jul 28
- b. 42 f. 1-14 Letterbook 20 1864 Jul 12-Nov 21
- b. 43 f. 1-17 Letterbook 21 1864 Apr 21, Aug 20-Nov 11
- b. 44 f. 1-14 Letterbook 22 1864 Oct 8-1865 Feb 4
- b. 45 f. 1-13 Letterbook 23 1864 Sep 21-1865 Mar 15
- b. 46 f. 1-17 Letterbook 24 1864 Dec 23-1865 May 13
- b. 47 f. 1-13 Letterbook 25 1865 Mar 4-Sep 27
- b. 48 f. 1-2 Correspondence registers 1861-1865
 Entries are alphabetical by aid society location and include receipt date and number of supply shipments. Dates and numbers usually correspond to those written on letters and invoices from letterbooks and those in receiving books.

Letters and invoices sent (Letterpress copybooks)

Copies of letters and invoices of supplies sent to the Central Office and other USSC departments and offices; also some letters to Army personnel. Letters also concern supplies received, requested, and on hand, and clothing patterns.

- b. 48 f. 3 1861 Apr-1862 Mar 10
- b. 48 f. 4 1862 Mar 12-1863 Jun 18
- b. 48 f. 5 1863 Jun 19-1865 Aug 3

Supplies received

Receiving books

Chronological entries typically include date, shipment number (shipments received each day were numbered consecutively from one), sender, number of containers, quantities of articles and "list received", and acknowledgment date with initials. From September 17, 1862 forward, the staff member in charge is also noted. A few entries also include forwarding information or invoice number. Location of shipment in WCAR storeroom is included from September to December 1862.

- b. 49 f. 1-11 1861-1864
- b. 50 f. 1 1865
- b. 50 f. 2 Supplies received from May 1861 to July 1865, 1865 Oct
 Tabulated monthly summaries of supplies received; entries within each table are chronological and by type of stock. Some tables also include monthly distribution and stock on hand totals. Volume also contains a table for receipts and disbursements from May to November 1861 with location sent or recipient by group listed. Some tables include totals of packages received per month.

City receipts

Letters and invoices received

- b. 50 f. 3-14 Letterbook 26 1862 May 7-1865 Oct 4
- b. 51 f. 1-16 Letterbook 26 continued 1861 Nov 1-1862 May 13
- b. 51 f. 17 Letterbook 26 index
 Index is a report of articles received 1861 Nov 1 to 1862 Jun 11

III. Committee records (cont.)
Committee on Receiving and Forwarding Supplies (cont.)
Supplies received (cont.)
City receipts (cont.)

- b. 52 f. 1 **City receipts 1862 Sep 9-1863 Mar 28**
Chronological entries for local supply receipts include date, donor, quantities and articles, and acknowledgment.
- b. 52 f. 2 **Letter register and city receipts 1863 Dec-1865 Jul**
Register of letters received, 1863 Dec 3-1864 May 14; entries include date, sender, and correspondence type (inquiry, invoice, etc). Also includes supplies received locally, 1865 Mar 15-Jul 25 with date, quantities and articles, and donor.
- b. 52 f. 3 **Manufacturing account book 1862 Sep-Nov**
Primarily an account of material distributed to aid societies and individuals, and garments made and returned for distribution to the hospital transport Euterpe. Entries, in ledger format, include name, date, quantities of material distributed and articles returned. Volume includes a list of names with page numbers.

Supplies issued and forwarded

Supplies were forwarded primarily to the Central Office in Washington; the Department of the Gulf in New Orleans; the Department of the South in Beaufort, South Carolina; and the Department of North Carolina in New Bern. Supplies were also issued locally, and sent to hospital transports carrying sick and wounded soldiers from the Army of the Potomac in Virginia to hospitals in the North.

- b. 52 f. 4 **Supplies received and issued 1861 May-1865 Aug**
Day books
Entries, in box number order, include box number, invoice number, quantity and type of stock, date shipped, recipient, location and method of shipment. Later entries also include ledger page number. Entries are not in chronological order. Each box was assigned a letter of the alphabet, followed a number (after the first alphabet run). The alphabet was reused 727 times.
- b. 52 f. 5 **A - Z113 1862 Jun-1863 Oct**
- b. 52 f. 6 **A114 - N225 1862 Jun-1865 Apr**
- b. 52 f. 7 **O225 - K337 1862-1865**
- b. 52 f. 8 **L337 - M488 1863 May-1865 Mar**
- b. 53 f. 1 **N488 - C647 1864 Mar-1865 Jun**
- b. 53 f. 2 **D647 - W727 1864 Dec-1865 Jul**
- b. 53 f. 3 **Stock ledger, 1863 May-1865 Jul**
Entries are by type of stock, with no particular order thereunder, and include box number (corresponds with those in day books), quantities of articles, recipient location, and date sent.
- b. 53 f. 4-5 **Supplies forwarded 1861 Jul 13-1865 Apr 29**
Forwarded to various locations; entries are in tabular form and are arranged by location or recipient (USSC agencies and departments, regiments, hospitals and transports, special cases), and include date, number of packages, type of stock and quantities.
- Receipt books**
Receipts, letters acknowledging receipt, and invoices for supplies issued and forwarded in the New York area and elsewhere, pasted in scrapbook format. Endorsements note recipient, location, date, and number of boxes or invoice numbers.
- v. 2 **1861 May 2-1862 Nov 25**
- v. 3 **1862 Nov 4-1865 Jul 17**

III. Committee records (cont.)

Committee on Receiving and Forwarding Supplies (cont.)

Lists of auxiliary aid societies

Entries, in alphabetical order by first initial of place name, include town, county, state, society name, and contact officer(s). Dates are those provided on the title pages, which may not reflect date span of creation.

- b. 54 f. 1 1861 May 1-1865 Jul 7
- b. 54 f. 2 1863 Mar
- b. 54 f. 3 1864 Jun 1
- b. 54 f. 4 **Registration Committee and Committee for Special Relief record book, 1861 Jun-1865 Jul**
Volume contains records of the Registration Committee, 1861 Jun 14-1863 Jun 4, including a cash account, financial records, and a list of nurses. Volume also contains records of the Committee for Special Relief, 1863 Nov 10-1865 Jul 10, including a register of activities, financial accounts, and resolutions (beginning on page 20).

IV. Donation books

- b. 54 f. 5 1862 Apr 25-[1863] Jun 28
- b. 54 f. 6 1863 Sep 22-1865 Aug 4

V. Scrapbook of clippings 1863

- v. 4 Scrapbook
- b. 54 f. 7 Loose pages from scrapbook