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INTRODUCTION

These are the papers of Samuel Hollingsworth Stout, 1819-1963, physician, educator, writer, and Director of Hospitals for the Army of Tennessee, CSA, 1863-1865. These papers were the gift of Mrs. Katherine Stout Moore of Lancaster, Texas, through the agency of Mr. Stanley Horn, Nashville, Tennessee.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Samuel Hollingsworth Stout Papers, containing approximately 450 items, cover the years 1819-1963. They are focused on the life and career of Dr. S. H. Stout (1822-1903), a native Tennessean, physician, educator, writer, and Director of Hospitals for the Confederate Army of Tennessee.

The papers are composed of biographical data; correspondence; papers relating to the military medical service of the Confederate Army; clippings containing the history of educational and financial institutions in Nashville; photographs of S. H. Stout and others; correspondence and data dealing with S. H. Stout's father, S. V. D. Stout (1786-1850); biographical and genealogical material on Josiah Tannehill (1753-1811) and the Tannehill, Hill, Stout, and Abernathy families; manuscript autobiography of John Wilkins, Sr. (1733--1816); essays and speeches of S. H. Stout; and writings of S. H. Stout on the history of Giles County, early Tennessee, David Crockett, James Robertson, John Sevier, Isaac Shelby, Andrew Jackson, Sam Houston, and newspaper editors Albert Roberts and Henry Watterson.

The correspondence of S. H. Stout makes up the bulk of the collection. It deals especially with hospital administration techniques and military field conditions in the Confederacy during the Civil War. Problems encountered and their solutions are noted and discussed. As the medical service was necessarily mobile, letters were written from Dalton, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Louisville, Macon, Montgomery, Nashville, and many smaller towns all over the South. The correspondents include William B. Bate, William R. Cole, E. A. Flewellen, A. J. Foard, Robert Coleman Foster IV, Watson Meredith Gentry, Hiram Bronson Granbury, Thomas Hill, J. P. Logan, John M. Moore, W. L. Nichol, and B. M. Wible. In a letter written in 1895, John M. Moore evaluated certain speakers he heard while he was a student at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee. They were James D. Porter, Horace Maynard, Robert L. Caruthers, Jordan Stokes, Isham G. Harris, and Andrew Johnson.

In addition to the collection of S. H. Stout, there are some papers and correspondence of A. J. Foard, Robert Foster IV, and S. V. D. Stout. The papers of Foard and Foster are concerned with military medical service. Those of Stout's father are for the early 1800s and deal with business matters.

Other important papers contained in the collection include some official papers of the Confederate military service; a list and register of physicians and surgeons in the Southern Army; a list of Confederate deaths in Pensacola, Florida, 1861; a list of sick Confederate soldiers in Blind Asylum Hospital, 1862; report of personnel at Gordon Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, 1861; a request for medical officers at Georgia hospitals; special orders, 1861-1865; requisitions for supplies by medical officers; and Stout's manuscript entitled Outline of the Organization of the Medical Department of the Confederate Army and Department of Tennessee Especially of "the Hospitals," Dec. 4, 1897.

An autobiography of John Wilkins, Sr. contains some information on the currency situation during and immediately following the American Revolution. He was a tavern keeper and suffered as a result. Some early speeches of S. H. Stout and some correspondence regarding the acquisition of the Stout Papers by the Tennessee Historical Society make up the remainder of the collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Samuel Hollingsworth Stout

- 1822 March 3 – Born in Nashville, Tennessee, son of Catherine Tennehill and Samuel Van Dyke Stout
- 1835 Entered University of Nashville
- 1839 Graduated with B.A. degree, University of Nashville
- 1842 Received M.A. degree, University of Nashville; began teaching in Giles County, Tennessee, while at the same time pursuing his medical studies
- 1842-1843 Attended lectures at the University of Pennsylvania
- 1844 Studied medicine under his brother, Dr. J. W. Stout, and Dr. R. C. K. Martin
- 1845 Passed examination before a Board of Naval Surgeons (first in a class of fifty-two applicants). Commissioned assistant surgeon two days before he received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania; declined commission in order to go into private practice
- 1848 Received M.D., University of Pennsylvania
- 1848 Married Martha M. Abernathy of Giles County, Tennessee
- 1861 Entered Confederate service as Surgeon in John C. Brown's Third Tennessee Regiment. Placed in charge of Gordon Hospital in Nashville until the city's evacuation in March, 1862; then ordered to take charge of hospitals at Chattanooga
- 1862 By special order of General Braxton Bragg, made medical superintendent of Bragg's army under Medical Director, Surgeon A. J. Foard
- 1863 Appointed Medical Director of Hospitals for the Army of Tennessee, a position he held until the end of the War
- 1882 Moved to Cisco, Texas, and built up schools in the area

- 1885 Received honorary degree of L.L.D. from the University of Nashville
- 1893 Applicant for the office of Commissioner of Education for the United States; made dean of Baylor Medical School, Dallas, Texas
- 1903 Died September 18

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