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PROVENANCE

In 1975, Mary Scally, daughter of Thomas H. Sherwood, with her cousin John W. Croswell, expressed interest in donating the collection to the Archives. Beverly Oldfield, Executrix to the estate of Scally, delivered the collection to the Archives in 1985.

ARRANGEMENT

Three series comprise the Sherwood papers: Documents and Correspondence, Civil War Memorabilia, and Photographs and Painting. The Documents and Correspondence series is arranged chronologically.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Thomas Humphries Sherwood was born to Jesse Sherwood and Ann Curtis Sherwood on September 24, 1834 in Milford, Delaware. He earned the degree of M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1858. In 1861, he served as Assistant Surgeon with the rank of First Lieutenant of

the Third Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry Regiment. He was promoted to Major in the Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry Regiment in 1863. In December 1863, he was appointed Surgeon in Chief, First Brigade, Second Division, XI Corps. He then served as Assistant Surgeon for the United States Volunteers in 1864. He was promoted to the rank of Captain in 1865.

Following the war, Sherwood continued his medical studies in London, Paris and Heidelberg. In 1882, he became Medical Examiner for U.S. Pension Bureau in Washington D.C. He was promoted to Inspector for the Department of the Interior in 1887. He was married twice, first to Josephine Massy and then to Mary Phoebus. He died on February 10, 1905, survived by his daughter Mary Josephine Sherwood Scally.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Within the Documents and Correspondence series (1862-1890), the bulk of the material pertains to Sherwood's service in the Civil War. The series includes certificates of promotion, letters of recommendation, and correspondence from Sherwood to his wife. The Civil War Memorabilia series contains a few items removed from Sherwood's uniform and his medical service sword. The Photographs and Painting series contains two photographs and one painting of Sherwood in his Civil War uniform.

CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Army. Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, 27th (1861-1865).
- United States. Department of the Interior.
- United States. Pension Bureau.
- University of Pennsylvania. School of Medicine.

Subject(s)

• Civil war.

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DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE	Box	Folder
Certificate, 1st Lieutenant, PA Volunteers 11 August 1862	1	1
Correspondence, Letter from Sherwood to his wife 29 November 1862	1	2
Correspondence, Letter of recommendation from Surgeon 3 January 1863	1	3
Certificate, Major of the PA Volunteers 15 April 1863	1	4
Correspondence, Telegram from Sherwood to his wife 29 April 1863	1	5
Correspondence, Letter of Support, Surgeon in Chief, 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, XI Corps 30 December 1863	1	6
Certificate, Assistant Surgeon of Volunteers 5 July 1864	1	7
Certificate, Captain 1 October 1865	1	8
Correspondence, Letter of Appointment, Captain of Volunteers 7 October 1865	1	9
Certificate, Surgeon of the 2nd Regiment, Missouri State Militia 17 July 1866	1	10
Correspondence, Letter of Appointment, Medical Examiner 18 September 1882	1	11
Certificate, Inspector, Pension Office, Department of the Interior 2 November 1887	1	12
Passport 1 July 1890	1	13

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Miscellaneous Envelopes 1863

CIVIL WAR MEMORABILIA	Box	Folder
Buckle, U.S. officer's eagle	1	
Button, coat "G.A.R"	1	
Button, Rosette (red, white and blue ribbon)	1	
Button, shirt "G.A.R. Veteran 1861-1866"	1	
Medal, G.A.R. Veteran 1861-1866	1	
Pin, ribbon missing medal	1	
Sword, U.S. Officer's	2	

PHOTOGRAPHS AND PAINTING	Box	Folder
Painting, Sherwood sitting in Civil War uniform	1	15
Frame, patented Oct. 24, 1871	1	16
Photograph, Sherwood headshot in Civil War uniform	1	17
Photograph, Sherwood in Civil War uniform holding sword	1	18
Frame, made in Denmark	3	