



*Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid*

**ACCESSION No.:** HRHS-73

**COLLECTION TITLE:** Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War Questionnaires

**DATES:** 1910

**SIZE:** 1 (one) folder

**DONOR:** unknown

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** An estimated 3,000 to 5,000 women volunteered during the Civil War, tending to soldiers injured on the battlefield and ill with dysentery, pneumonia and other infections. Their actions bear little resemblance to what nurses do today, but it laid a foundation for professional caregiving.

Neither the Union nor the Confederacy seemed prepared for the carnage that would result from the war, nor for the need to remove injured soldiers from the battlefield or treat their wounds. It took years for the North to develop an ambulance corps.

Many military officials and the public began the war believing it would not last long and that women were ill suited to care for soldiers. Some considered a woman's presence a distraction. Many women just showed up at field hospitals with a sincere desire to lend a hand. Others came to care for their husbands, sons or brothers.

After the war, nurses began seeking more education about health and medical treatment. They understood the value of good nutrition and the importance of mental as well as physical health. (Information from NurseZone.com)

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** Consists of questionnaires, letters, and clippings concerning Civil War nurses that were submitted to Col. Frank M. Sterrett for use in the encampment publication of the Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.

**COLLECTION INVENTORY:**

108 questionnaires requesting information for the encampment publication sent by Col. Frank M. Sterrett to Kate M. Scott, National Secretary of Army Nurses of the Civil War.

8 newspaper copies of Civil War information

8 handwritten letters addressed to Col. Frank M. Sterrett in 1910

**ARRANGEMENT:**

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