

Title: Thompson, James H. Papers

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Inclusive Dates: 1862 – 1865

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Abstract: James H. Thompson was a native of Maine. During the Civil War he served as a surgeon with the 12th Maine Volunteer Infantry and saw action at New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Port Hudson. From 1864 until the end of the war he was in charge of prisoners at Point Lookout, Maryland. After the war he was the surgeon at the National Soldiers Home and had a private practice in Milwaukee from 1870-1890.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of Civil War letters from Thompson to his wife and a colored sketchbook of scenes from Point Lookout drawn by Confederate prisoner Pvt. John J. Omenhausser, Co. A, 46th Virginia Infantry. Also included is a copy of a certificate of appreciation to Thompson from patients at Church Hospital in Baton Rouge, 1862, and a certification of Thompson's rank to colonel.

Access and Use: The sketchbook is very fragile. A digital copy is available for public use.

Language: English

Notes: The material was donated by Edith Sorenson, May 1971.