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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The following microfilm publication presents the correspondence and memoranda of the
Records of the Freedmen's Hospital, 1872–1910, filmed from the Records of the Office
of the Secretary of the Interior held at the National Archives and Records Administration.
The papers document the administrations of Gideon S. Palmer, Charles B. Purvis, Daniel H.
Williams, Austin M. Curtis, and William A. Warfield, none of whom escaped charges of
misconduct or medical malpractice. The files include annual reports, correspondence, bills,
newspaper clippings, rules and regulations handbooks, testimony transcripts, and memoranda.

Scandal dominates the Freedmen’s Hospital collection. In 1877, activist patient Franklin
E. Felton charged Surgeon-in-Chief Gideon S. Palmer with embezzlement of hospital funds
and neglect of patients. In hundreds of pages of hearing transcripts, patients, health
professionals, and hospital employees offer contradictory accounts describing either a well-
run facility or a severely understaffed hospital in crisis, battling pest infestations and starving
patients for profit. Although their stories are sometimes at odds with one another, together
the witnesses provide a detailed account of daily operations, treatment of patients, and the
personal dynamics among physicians, nurses, and medical students. The transcripts can be
found on Reels 4 and 5.

Although smaller in scope, the investigations of the other chief surgeons illuminate
decades of operations and personalities associated with the Freedmen’s Hospital.
Investigators suspected that Daniel H. Williams, a pioneer of open-heart surgery, silenced
witnesses who might testify to his theft of hospital property with gifts of medical equipment
and promises of future employment in better markets. Austin M. Curtis made the most of his
brief administration, shifting the duties of the hospital seamstress, ambulance driver, and
other employees to serve his family, while furnishing his home with hospital property. One
witness reported in 1901 that the Curtis family was demanding a dozen and a half lemons a
day, while “ward nurses were calling for as few as two lemons a time, to wash the mouths
of patients.” (Reel 1: 0519) William A. Warfield appeared to run a smoother operation than
his predecessors but had a personal enemy in Robert B. Tyler, a physician in private
practice. In 1905 Tyler charged Warfield with responsibility for the death of his patient, who
died following an operation for a “ruptured and gangrenous urethra.” Tyler believed the
patient would have lived had Warfield operated sooner and, in the process of establishing the
timeline of his patient’s treatment, narrated a fascinating day in the life of a private doctor.
Warfield responded with a lengthy statement of the patient’s symptoms and condition,
including a description of the operation he and Tyler performed, and was exonerated of
wrongdoing. (Reel 2: 0537)

The documents also demonstrate the confusing state of authority over the hospital,
which was directly overseen by the Interior Department, yet was the teaching hospital for
Howard University and under contract with the District of Columbia to care for district
indigents. Although transfer of administration from the Interior Department to Howard
University was frequently contemplated, the Interior Department remained in control until
1940 when authority was transferred to the Federal Security Agency. The government did
not cede administration to Howard University until 1967. Documents pertaining to the
administration of the Interior Department reveal the hospital’s financial affairs because
William A. Warfield had to submit numerous requests for additional funds to cover
emergency expenditures, food supplies, repairs, and other costs apparently not covered by
the hospital’s annual appropriation.

Other valuable records include the rules and regulations handbooks, which dictate
everything from physician salaries and handling of pharmaceuticals to nurse dress codes.
Patient admissions and discharge reports of the Freedmen’s Hospital, found on Reel 6,
include detailed analyses of patient demographics, as well as diseases and conditions treated
by the hospital. The topics mentioned here are just a few of those addressed by these files,
offering an exclusive look into an obscure and unique institution.

Other collections published by LexisNexis relating to Reconstruction and the early
twentieth-century experience of African Americans include Records of Southern
Plantations from Emancipation to the Great Migration and The Peonage Files of the
U.S. Department of Justice, 1901–1945. Collections addressing the medical profession
include Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs: Central Classified Files, 1907–1939,
Series C: Health and Medical Matters.
SOURCE NOTE

LexisNexis has microfilmed the Records of the Freedmen’s Hospital, 1872–1910: Correspondence and Memoranda from Record Group 48: Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, Records of the Patents and Miscellaneous Division, Records relating to Hospitals, Schools, and Charitable Institutions, Entry 309: The Freedmen’s Hospital, 1872–1910. In addition, LexisNexis has included the numeric-subject classifications 14-2, 14-7, 14-10, 14-15, 14-16, 14-22, 14-23, 14-24, relating to the “Freedmen’s Hospital” (14) from Entry 749A: Central Classified Files 1907–1972, for the period 1907 through 1910.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Several series of records for Freedmen’s Hospital exist among the records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior’s Patents and Miscellaneous Division. These include: Letters Received and Other Records relating to Freedmen’s Hospital, 1872–1910, Records relating to the 1877 Investigation of the Treatment of Black Patients at Freedmen’s Hospital, and Records relating to the New Freedmen’s Hospital Building, 1903–1909.

Letters Received and Other Records relating to Freedmen’s Hospital, 1872–1910, are arranged for the most part chronologically, starting in 1879, and many items also have assigned file numbers. The records relate to the transfer of the hospital from the War Department to the Interior Department in 1874, appropriations and other financial matters, rental of buildings from Howard University, conflicting authority of the Interior Department and District of Columbia government over the hospital, investigations, admission policy, personnel, supplies, and other subjects. LexisNexis has microfilmed these records in their entirety.

Records relating to the 1877 Investigation of the Treatment of Black Patients at Freedmen’s Hospital consist of testimony, exhibits, and the board of inquiry report. The testimony is arranged chronologically, and the exhibits are arranged numerically by assigned number. LexisNexis has filmed this series of records in their entirety as they are arranged at the National Archives.

Records relating to the New Freedmen’s Hospital Building, 1903–1909, are not included in this microfilm publication. These records consist of letters regarding estimates, bids, contracts, and vouchers, as well as plats and blueprints.

Selections from the Central Classified Files, 1907–1972, of the Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior comprise part of reel 5 and all of reel 6. The
classified filing system begun in 1907 provided for the maintenance of most records in a single series. The Central Classified Files are arranged according to a numeric-subject classification system comprising twenty-five major classifications for “files” relating to activities of the departmental bureaus and for other important subject areas. Each of these files is further divided into a number of secondary classifications. The major numeric-subject classification for “Freedmen’s Hospital is 14. Secondary subject classifications (14-1 to 14-49) for the Freedmen’s Hospital describe a wide variety of records. Reels 5 and 6 contain the secondary subject classifications 14-2 (Hospital Staff), 14-7 (Patients), 14-10 (Annual Reports), 14-15 (Miscellaneous), 14-16 (Admissions and Discharges), 14-22 (Personnel matters), 14-23 (Appropriations), 14-24 (History of the Freedmen’s Hospital and Relationship to Howard University), 14-27 (Interns and Externs), and 14-28 (Nurses) for the period 1907–1910. Records not filmed include routine administrative materials, inventories, and purchase orders for supplies and materials; building blueprints, maps, and tracings; information on grounds and physical plant activities; construction and remodeling; general expenditures; employee quarters; education; and advertising activities.
The following is a listing of the documents and folders that compose Records of the Freedmen’s Hospital, 1872–1910, Correspondence and Memoranda, filmed from the Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame at which a particular file folder begins. This is followed by the file title, the date(s) of the file, and the total number of pages. Substantive subjects are highlighted under the heading Major Topics, as are prominent correspondents under the heading Principal Correspondents.

Reel 1
Frame No.

0001 Copy of the Order of the Surgeon General, U.S. Army, Organizing the Freedmen’s Hospital, Washington D.C., 1872. 5 pp.
   Major Topics: Operating budget; lease agreement; elimination of care for orphans; medical students.

0006 Dr. C. B. Purvis, Freemen’s Hospital, Miscellaneous Letters, [1882–1883]. 19 pp.
   Major Topics: Food and medical supplies; drugs.

0025 Quarterly Return of Hospital Property for Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1882. 2 pp.
   Principal Correspondents: Henry M. Teller; Charles B. Purvis.

0027 Quarterly Return of Hospital Property for Quarter Ending June 30, 1882. 2 pp.
   Principal Correspondents: Henry M. Teller; Charles B. Purvis.

0029 Quarterly Return of Hospital Property for Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1881. 2 pp.
   Principal Correspondents: Samuel J. Kirkwood; Charles B. Purvis.

0031 Discharge of Wallis Gray, 1880. 3 pp.
   Major Topics: Indigent patients; military benefits and pensions.


0035 Letter to Carl Schurz from Gideon S. Palmer, M.D., July 19, 1880. 2 pp.
   Major Topic: Condemnation of hospital property.

0037 Transmittal of Report for Year Ending June 1880. 2 pp.

0039 Letter Concerning Water Supply at Freedmen’s Hospital, Nov. 25, 1879. 2 pp.
   Principal Correspondents: J. Dent; Carl Schurz.

0041 Letter to Carl Schurz from Gideon S. Palmer, M.D., Jan. 12, 1880. 2 pp.
   Major Topic: Condemnation of hospital property.

0043 Quarterly Return of Hospital Property for Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1879. 5 pp.
   Major Topics: Lease agreement; water supply.
   Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Gideon S. Palmer.

0048 Letter Concerning Lease of the Building Used for Freedmen’s Hospital, June 22, 1880. 2 pp.
   Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Gideon S. Palmer.

0050 Lease Filed for Freedmen’s Hospital for the Year Ending June 30, 1880. 2 pp.
   Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Gideon S. Palmer.

0052 Lease of the Freedmen’s Hospital for the Year Ending June 30, 1880. 4 pp.
Letter Concerning Water Supply at Freedmen’s Hospital, Aug. 12, 1879. 2 pp.
Major Topic: Insufficient water supply provided by the Potomac River.
Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Gideon S. Palmer.

Quarterly Return of Hospital Property for Quarter Ending Mar. 31, 1879. 2 pp.
Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Gideon S. Palmer.

Letter Concerning Lease of Building for Freedmen’s Hospital, June 21, 1879. 5 pp.
Major Topic: Insufficient water supply provided by the Potomac River.

Letter Concerning Inspection of Broken or Worn-out Hospital Equipment, July 30, 1879. 6 pp.

Letter Requesting Instruction on Admission of Patients, May 5, 1875. 3 pp.
Major Topic: Indigent patients supported by the D.C. government.
Principal Correspondent: Gideon S. Palmer.

Request to Sell 5,000 Pairs of Shoes Belonging to the Hospital, May 18, 1875. 2 pp.
Principal Correspondents: Columbus Delano; Gideon S. Palmer.

Annual Report of Freedmen’s Hospital and Asylum for Year Ending June 30, 1874. 10 pp.
Major Topics: Patient discharges and mortality; orphans.
Principal Correspondents: Columbus Delano; Robert Reyburn.

Lease of Freedmen’s Hospital for the Year Ending June 30, 1875. 5 pp.

History and Present Status of the Freedmen’s Hospital, Sept. 21, 1874. 5 pp.
Major Topic: Construction and mission of the hospital.
Principal Correspondent: Robert Reyburn.

Letter Concerning Amount of Rent to Be Paid to Howard University for the Use of Freedmen’s Hospital for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1875. 4 pp.

Quarterly Return of Hospital Property for Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1878. 2 pp.
Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Gideon S. Palmer.

Major Topic: Dismissal of hospital employee John James Calvert, apparently in retaliation for testifying against Gideon S. Palmer during the investigation into Palmer’s competence.
Principal Correspondent: John James Calvert.

Letter Making Certain Suggestions Relative to Reducing the Expenses of Freedmen’s Hospital for the Present Fiscal Year, June 1, 1875. 3 pp.
Major Topics: Dismissal of staff physicians; food and medical supplies.
Principal Correspondents: Columbus Delano; Gideon S. Palmer.

Letter Asking Instructions for Renewing the Lease for Freedmen’s Hospital, July 3, 1875. 3 pp.

Letter Concerning Furnishing Religious Instruction to Patients, July 9, 1875. 3 pp.

Lease of Freedmen’s Hospital from Howard University for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1876. 2 pp.

Major Topics: Patient discharges and mortality; orphans.
Principal Correspondents: Gideon S. Palmer; Zachariah Chandler.

Letter Calling Attention to the Reduced Appropriations Provided for the Freedmen’s Hospital in Bill before Congress, Feb. 24, 1877. 4 pp.
Principal Correspondents: Gideon S. Palmer; Zachariah Chandler.

Letter Regarding Whether Miscellaneous Expense Appropriations Can Be Used for Employee Pay, July 5, 1877. 5 pp.
Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Gideon S. Palmer.
  Major Topic: Hospital employees.
  Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Gideon S. Palmer.

0139  Report of Committee Appointed to Examine the Accounts of Freedmen’s Hospital, Aug. 7, 1877. 5 pp.
  Major Topic: Patient diet; audits.

0144  Protest against the Payment of Bill from J. H. Hoover, Sept. 7, 1877. 8 pp.
  Major Topic: Butchers.

0152  Letter Asking for a Board of Survey Concerning Condemnation of Broken or Worn-out Articles at Freedmen’s Hospital, Oct. 11, 1877. 2 pp.
  Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Gideon S. Palmer.

0154  Letter Requesting Funds for Payment to Defer Costs of Witnesses to Insure Attendance in the Case against Dr. Palmer, Oct. 15, 1877. 2 pp.

0156  Request for Certified Copies of Papers Concerning Case against Dr. Palmer, Oct. 16, 1877. 4 pp.
  Major Topic: Hospital revenues and purchase orders.
  Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Franklin E. Felton.

0160  Annual Report of Freedmen’s Hospital and Asylum for Year Ending June 30, 1877. 4 pp.
  Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Gideon S. Palmer.

0164  Transmittal of List of Worn-out or Broken Articles to Be Condemned at Hospital, Oct. 19, 1877. 3 pp.
  Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Gideon S. Palmer.

0167  Request That Surgeon-in-Chief Be Directed to Give Proper Clothing to Discharged Patient, Nov. 1, 1877. 3 pp.
  Major Topics: Clothing for John A. McGinn; indigent patients.
  Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Franklin E. Felton.

0170  Quarterly Return of Hospital Property for the Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1877. 3 pp.
  Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Gideon S. Palmer.

0173  Request for Trained Nurses to Be Placed in Wards at the Hospital, Feb. 5, 1878. 3 pp.
  Major Topic: Placement of nurses trained by the Society for the Education and Training of Nurses.


0177  Recent Robberies at the Freedmen’s Hospital, May 1, 1878. 8 pp.
  Major Topics: Conduct of hospital employees; abuse of patients.
  Principal Correspondent: Franklin E. Felton.

0185  Complaint about Conduct of Inmate at Freedmen’s Hospital, May 24, 1878. 11 pp.
  Major Topics: Personal conflicts with Franklin E. Felton; attempts by Gideon S. Palmer to discharge Felton against his will.
  Principal Correspondents: Charles B. Purvis; Gideon S. Palmer; Franklin E. Felton; Carl Schurz.

0196  Questions about the Lease of the Hospital Buildings for Year Ending June 30, 1879. 11 pp.
  Major Topic: Howard University.
  Principal Correspondents: Gideon S. Palmer; J. B. Johnson.

0207  Transmittal of Report of the Freedmen’s Hospital for the Year Ending June 30, 1878. 2 pp.
  Principal Correspondents: Carl Schurz; Gideon S. Palmer.

0209  Lease between Howard University and Freedmen’s Hospital, Sept. 3, 1883. 4 pp.
  Principal Correspondents: Charles B. Purvis; J. B. Johnson.
0213 Complaint against Freedmen’s Hospital Staff, July 6, 1883. 3 pp.

Major Topics: Conduct of hospital employees; patient diet; hospital inspections.

Principal Correspondent: William Turner.

0216 Request for Temporary Admission, Oct. 16, 1883. 3 pp.


0219 Letter Respecting Class of Persons Admitted to Freedmen’s Hospital, Feb. 13, 1884. 3 pp.

Principal Correspondent: John P. Smith.

0222 Quarterly Return of Hospital Property for Quarter Ending March 31, 1885. 2 pp.

Principal Correspondents: L. Q. C. Lamar; Charles B. Purvis.

0224 Report of Board Charged with Soliciting Bids for Supplies at Freedmen’s Hospital, June 28, 1884. 10 pp.

Major Topic: Food and medical supplies.

0234 Withdrawal of Opposition to Renewal of Lease, Oct. 27, 1884. 3 pp.

Principal Correspondents: Henry M. Teller; Charles B. Purvis.

0237 Complaint about Treatment Received at Freedmen’s Hospital, Jan. 21, 1884. 6 pp.

Major Topics: Patient diet; conduct of hospital employees.

Principal Correspondent: William Handley.

0243 Transmittal of Quarterly Return of Hospital Property for Quarter Ending September 30, 1884. 2 pp.

Principal Correspondents: Henry M. Teller; Charles B. Purvis.

0245 Partial Report Recommending Supplies for Freedmen’s Hospital, June 14, 1884. 4 pp.

0249 Schedules of Supplies Required for the Hospital for the Ensuing Fiscal Year, May 22, 1884. 11 pp.

Major Topics: Food and medical supplies; drugs.

0260 Temporary Rules for the Government of the Drug Department of Freedmen’s Hospital, May 1884. 6 pp.

Major Topics: Pharmacists; drugs; alcohol abuse and treatment.

0266 Letter Regarding Park between Howard University and Freedmen’s Hospital, July 20, 1898. 4 pp.

0270 Receipt of Communication from Howard University President Concerning Additional Rooms Needed at Freedmen’s Hospital, Nov. 6, 1898. 8 pp.

Major Topics: Nurse housing; Board of Visitors.

0278 Freedmen’s Hospital Reclassification of Employees, May 17, 1899. 3 pp.

Major Topics: Civil service system; medical students.

Principal Correspondent: John R. Proctor.


Major Topics: Mental health facilities and services; child custody.

0287 Request for Amendment of Regulations Governing Admissions to Freedmen’s Hospital. 14 pp.

Major Topics: Board of Charities; indigent patients.

0301 Annual Report of Freedmen’s Hospital, Aug. 16, 1900. 5 pp.

Major Topics: Board of Visitors; hospital inspections; patient diet; role of the hospital in the social advancement of African Americans.

0306 Annual Report of Freedmen’s Hospital, Aug. 7, 1899. 6 pp.

Major Topics: Board of Visitors; hospital inspections.

0312 Rules and Regulations for the Freedmen’s Hospital, June 1898. 41 pp.

Major Topics: Physician directory; hygiene; medical students; autopsies; social relations between interns and nurses; obstetrics; pharmacists; drugs; nurse dress code; Training School for Nurses; admission of patients; alcohol abuse and treatment; contagious diseases.

0353 Referral to the Record and Pension Office, War Department, Mar. 23, 1895. 2 pp.
0355  **Inspection of Freedmen’s Hospital, Apr. 25, 1890.** 6 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Hospital buildings; indigent patients.

0361  **Chief Records Office, War Department, Mar. 30, 1895.** 6 pp.  
*Major Topic:* Clinics offered at the hospital.

0367  **Protest against Amendment Regarding Hospital Administration, Jan. 18, 1897.** 8 pp.  
*Major Topics:* U.S. Senate; transfer of hospital administration from the Interior Department to independent “incorporators” of the hospital; annual budget; ambulance operation.

0375  **James McMillan, Chairman, U.S. Senate, Jan. 29, 1897.** 2 pp.  
*Major Topic:* U.S. Senate amendment regarding hospital administration.

0377  **Statement of Dr. Purvis, Apr. 9, 1897.** 2 pp.  
*Major Topic:* Racial diversity among patients and physicians.

0379  **Lease Delay, June 4, 1898.** 2 pp.

0381  **Surgeon-in-Chief, Freedmen’s Hospital, Apr. 17, 1897.** 1 p.

0382  **Hearings Schedule. Apr. 15, 1897.** 7 pp.  
*Major Topics:* U.S. Senate hearings on D.C. charities, orphanages, and hospitals; Interior Department administration of the hospital.  
*Principal Correspondents:* Daniel H. Williams; Cornelius N. Bliss.

0389  **Letter from the Secretary of the Interior, July 2, 1898.** 24 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Transfer of hospital administration from the Interior Department; medical students; drugs; hospital employee salaries; Training School for Nurses.

0413  **Letter to the Secretary of the Interior, Oct. 30, 1897.** 5 pp.  
*Major Topic:* Patient population statistics.  
*Principal Correspondent:* Daniel H. Williams.

0418  **Letter Requesting Delay in Execution of Annual Lease, June 2, 1898.** 4 pp.

0422  **Letter from the Attorney General, July 28, 1897.** 2 pp.  
*Major Topic:* Accusations of libel against Daniel H. Williams.

0424  **Letter from Senator James McMillan, Feb. 11, 1898.** 3 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Resignation of Daniel H. Williams; proposed transfer of hospital administration to Howard University.  
*Principal Correspondent:* Cornelius N. Bliss.

0427  **Letter from the Secretary of the Interior, July 2, 1898.** 1 p.

0428  **Testimony of Harry Cardoza on Hospital Administration, June 28, 1898.** 20 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Medical equipment; administration of Daniel H. Williams; treatment of hospital employees; suspected cover-up of mismanagement.

*Major Topics:* Investigation into D.C. charities, orphanages, and hospitals; security at juvenile reform institutions; Humane Society; infants.

0506  **Rules and Regulations for the Freedmen’s Hospital and Asylum, 1898.** 13 pp.  
*Major Topics:* Hospital employees; medical students; pharmacists; drugs; Training School for Nurses.

*Major Topics:* Curtis misconduct; interns; personal use of hospital property and services; patient diet; Board of Visitors.

0532  **U.S. Senate Request for Information Regarding Hospital Administration, June 30, 1898.** 2 pp.
0534  **Report of the Board of Visitors of the Freedmen’s Hospital, June 24, 1898.** 71 pp.

*Major Topics:* Hospital inspections; orphans; admission of healthy transients for temporary lodging; veterans; interns; Training School for Nurses; hospital facilities; contagious diseases; drugs; medical equipment; surgical procedures; obstetrics; employee salaries; service fees; alcoholic patients.

*Principal Correspondents:* Cornelius N. Bliss; John B. Wight.

0605  **Testimony of William A. Warfield, July 5, 1907.** 30 pp.

*Major Topics:* Medical equipment and supplies; misuse of hospital property by Daniel H. Williams.

0635  **Testimony Taken by Board of Visitors, May 7, 1907.** 48 pp.

*Major Topics:* Investigation into medical malpractice accusation by Robert B. Tyler against William A. Warfield; surgery to correct intestinal obstruction; patient mortality; pneumonia; nephritis; mental illness.

0683  **Report of the Board of Visitors of the Freedmen’s Hospital, May 15, 1907.** 8 pp.

*Major Topics:* Report of investigation into medical malpractice accusation by Robert B. Tyler against William A. Warfield; surgery to correct intestinal obstruction; patient mortality.

0691  **William A. Warfield Reply to Charges, May 4, 1907.** 7 pp.

*Major Topics:* Medical malpractice; surgery to correct intestinal obstruction.

0698  **Copy of Charges against William A. Warfield, May 3, 1907.** 8 pp.

*Major Topics:* Medical malpractice; patient mortality.

*Principal Correspondents:* James A. Garfield; Robert B. Tyler.

0706  **Monthly Statement of Supplies for Freedmen’s Hospital, 1896–1898.** 3 pp.

*Major Topic:* Medical supplies.

0709  **Report of Annual Lease from Howard University, June 8, 1898.** 15 pp.

*Principal Correspondents:* John B. Wight; J. E. Rankin.

0724  **Statement from the President of Howard University Regarding Lease, July 29, 1898.** 15 pp.

*Major Topic:* Dental facilities.

*Principal Correspondents:* Cornelius N. Bliss; John B. Wight; Herbert W. Lewis.

0739  **Issuance of Diplomas, Aug. 2, 1898.** 3 pp.

*Major Topics:* Interns; nurses.

0742  **List of Patients Admitted in Nov. 1898 and Dec. 7, 1898.** 21 pp.

0763  **Condition of Hospital Grounds, Aug. 2, 1898.** 7 pp.

0770  **Testimony of Sarah C. Ebersole on Conduct of Daniel H. Williams, June 28, 1898.** 19 pp.

*Major Topics:* Nurses; medical equipment and supplies.

0789  **Repeal of Act Requiring Howard University to Provide Medical Equipment, Feb. 6, 1906.** 8 pp.

*Major Topic:* U.S. Congress.

0797  **Medical and Surgical Practice of Medical Students, Aug. 5, 1901.** 12 pp.

*Major Topics:* Failure of physicians to provide adequate patient care; intern salaries.

*Principal Correspondent:* Robert Reyburn.

0809  **Abolition of Intern Salaries, Oct. 9, 1901.** 2 pp.

*Principal Correspondents:* Ethan Allen Hitchcock; Spencer C. Dickenson.

0811  **Order Directing Removal of Families, July 9, 1901.** 10 pp.

*Major Topic:* Personal use of facilities by hospital administration.

0821  **Request of Clemency for Austin M. Curtis by Hannah Curtis, July 20, 1901.** 5 pp.

*Major Topic:* Investigation into misconduct of Austin M. Curtis.

*Principal Correspondent:* William McKinley.

0826  **Freedmen’s Hospital Property, Aug. 6, 1901.** 10 pp.

*Major Topic:* Personal use of hospital property by Austin M. Curtis.
0836  **Request for Increase in Nurse Salaries, Sept. 9, 1901.** 10 pp.
       **Major Topic:** Increase in salary for male nurses.
       **Principal Correspondents:** R. B. Hawley; Eli Moore.

0846  **Statement of Daniel H. Williams, July 28, 1898.** 21 pp.
       **Major Topics:** Investigation into personal use of hospital property by Austin M. Curtis;
                       medical equipment and supplies.

       **Major Topics:** List of hospital employees and salaries; abolition of intern salaries.

       **Major Topics:** Medical practice of interns; failure of physicians to provide adequate patient
                       care; medical supplies and equipment; obstetrics; x-ray equipment; appointment of
                       William A. Warfield as surgeon-in-chief.

0891  **Letter to the Surgeon-in-Chief, Freedmen’s Hospital, Nov. 2, 1901.** 8 pp.
       **Major Topic:** Intern salaries.

0899  **Supplemental Report Filed by Board of Visitors, July 11, 1899.** 5 pp.
       **Major Topic:** Intern salaries.
       **Principal Correspondent:** Austin M. Curtis.

       **Major Topic:** Personal use of medical supplies and equipment by Daniel H. Williams.

0926  **Testimony, Investigation, Freedmen’s Hospital, July 1901.** 64 pp.
       **Major Topics:** Personal use of medical supplies and hospital staff by Austin M. Curtis;
                       testimony of Annie Sims, Harry Cardoza, Ralph B. Stewart, and William A. Warfield;
                       patient diet; medical practice of interns.

0990  **History of Freedmen’s Hospital, Dec. 30, 1907.** 13 pp.
       **Major Topics:** Howard University; Freedmen’s Bureau; facilities lease.

**Reel 2**

0001  **Letter to Secretary of the Treasury, June 30, 1902.** 2 pp.
       **Major Topic:** Alcohol use.
       **Principal Correspondent:** William A. Warfield.

       **Major Topics:** Hospital facilities; physician salaries.
       **Principal Correspondents:** Ethan A. Hitchcock; William A. Warfield.

0013  **Request for Alcohol for Hospital Use, Dec. 13, 1902.** 4 pp.
       **Principal Correspondents:** Ethan A. Hitchcock; William A. Warfield.

0017  **Admission of John Stevenson Jr. to the Freedmen’s Hospital, Apr. 14, 1903.** 6 pp.
       **Major Topic:** Scrofula.
       **Principal Correspondent:** John Stevenson Sr.

0023  **Request for Admission by Isaac Cartwright, Apr. 18, 1903.** 2 pp.
       **Principal Correspondent:** J. Milton Hopkins.

0025  **Request for Alcohol for Hospital Use, June 25, 1903.** 4 pp.
       **Principal Correspondents:** Ethan A. Hitchcock; William A. Warfield.

0029  **Complaint of Victoria Jackson about Notification of Her Mother’s Death, July 15, 1903.** 5 pp.
       **Major Topic:** Patient mortality.

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  *Principal Correspondent:* William A. Warfield.
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