GEORGIA ARCHIVES – Manuscripts Section AC 0000-0085M Inventory 12/22/2016 jes (mll)

Elisha James Roach Collection 1862 - 1863 3 folders, original loose papers.

Donor: Mrs. Aurelia Roach McMillan

These records were collected by Dr. Elisha James Roach in his capacity as a senior surgeon with the Confederate Army. The records were created preparatory and during the advance of the Army of Northern Virginia into south-central Pennsylvania in June, 1863, and concern primarily the transportation by ambulance of the sick and wounded, and the granting of disability discharges. The records reference soldiers primarily from the 47th and 48th Regiments of Alabama Volunteers, but include also references to Georgia, Texas, and Arkansas soldiers.

Dr. Roach was commissioned a surgeon with the 18th Regiment, Georgia Volunteers in 1861. He was transferred to General John B. Hood's Texas Brigade in 1862, and served in the field and in hospitals until 1865.

FOLDER DESCRIPTION

- Dr. Elisha James Roach Biographical Sketch, undated. Original loose papers. Information concerning Dr. Roach from Reed's History of Atlanta, presented on Equal Suffrage Party of Georgia stationary, of which Miss Aurelia Roach of Atlanta, was the State Organizer. (See also Biographical Questionnaire, 3 pages, in Office of Official and Statistical Register.)
- Administrative Directives medical Director's Office to Dr. Roach, 1863. Original loose papers. Directives concerning transportation and care of the wounded. Includes also a statistical report on the sick and wounded of 10 companies.
- Disability Discharge and Transfer Records, 1862 1863. Original loose papers. These records include requests for discharges and transfers, and physicians' certificates of disability for discharges, furloughs, or transfers. They include information on the applicant's wound or sickness, his physical description, and his occupation at the time of enlistment; citing also the battle in which the wound was incurred, the name of the Regiment and Company, and the orders granted. A particularly unique item in this series is a petition of thirty-one women from a Marshall County, Alabama "neighborhood" for the release of Private Jesse P. Stallings, a blacksmith whose services were needed in their community "to enable us to cultivate our farms for the sustenance of our children."

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The records in this series are arranged alphabetically by name of the soldier as follows:

Adams, R.F., 47th AL Regt.

Alldridge, Z.Z., 48th AL Regt.

Baughs, John C., 2nd GA Regt.

Becker, W.P., 44th AL Regt.

Butler, A.F., 8th GA Regt.

Collins, James A., 48th AL Regt.

Davidson, E.L., 15th AL Regt.

Draughan, J.R., 15th AL Regt.

Duke, R.L., 47th AL Regt.

Fauhender, J.C., 48th AL Regt.

Grubbs, Oscar D., 4th AL Regt.

Johnson, W.S., 4th TX Regt.

Jones, C.C., 15th AL Regt.

Knox, Jas. H., 47th AL Regt.

McDaniel, E.D., 47th AL Regt.

McGlown, J.J., 47th AL Regt.

Morris, Samuel C., 47th AL Regt.

Rhinehart, Benjamin B., 9th GA Regt.

Schmid, Kasper, 3rd AR Regt.

Seargent, James, 4th TX Regt.

Smith, John I., 47th AL Regt.

Stallings, Jesse P., 48th AL Regt.

Switzer, A.T., 17th GA Regt.

Tatum, T.P., 3rd AR Regt.

Teel, John W., 15th AL Regt.

Trammell, J.J., 48th AL Regt.

Turner, Thomas E., 15th AL Regt.

Ward, L.N., 47th AL Regt.

Woods, Wyatt, 47th AL Regt.