Collection #: MSS 816
Name: Soldier’s Relief Hospital Register of Patients in Private Quarters
Dates: 1863-1865
Size: 1 volume (.05 cubic feet)
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Citation: Soldier’s Relief Hospital Register of Patients in Private Quarters, MSS 816, Waring Historical Library, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston

Organizational History: The Soldier’s Relief Hospital opened in Charleston on December 16, 1861. The Soldier’s Relief Association, an organization of Charleston women founded to provide Confederate soldiers with clothing, bedding, and hospital supplies, created the hospital. The hospital was located in the Trapman Street private hospital of Dr. Julian John Chisolm. Dr. William Huger was the first superintendent of the Soldier’s Relief Hospital, and operated under the jurisdiction of the Medical Director of the Confederacy. In 1864, the hospital was relocated to the property of John Tucker at the intersection of Cooper and Drake streets. The hospital remained in operation for the duration of the Civil War. After the war ended, the hospital became the Tucker Hospital, and provided care for the poor.¹

¹ Thomas More Downey, “A Call to Duty: Confederate Hospitals in South Carolina” (M.A. thesis, University of South Carolina, 1992), 15-18, 30-31, 128
Scope and Content Note: The Soldier’s Relief Hospital Register of Patients in Private Quarters, 1864, 1 volume, is a small notebook detailing the name, rank, regiment, company, date admitted into the hospital, date admitted into private quarters, disease, and final disposition of Confederate soldiers admitted into private quarters at the Soldier’s Relief Hospital. A portion of the register also includes the home address of the soldiers. The end of the register also contains a list of food supplies, and has calculations in both the front and back. The names “Robert Kelly” and “Joseph W. Caldwell” are written at the beginning of the book. The register covers the period of July 1863 to February 1865.

Related Collections:
MSS 456 Julian John Chisolm, M.D. [manuscript]
MSS 622 Letter to Dr. William H. Huger From Postmaster General, Charleston, S.C.

Subject Headings:
Caldwell, Joseph W.
Chisolm, Julian John (1830-1903)
Huger, William Harleston (1826-1909)
Kelly, Robert

Soldier’s Relief Association (Charleston, SC)
Soldier’s Relief Hospital (Charleston, SC)
Tucker Hospital (Charleston, SC)

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