

Index of Patients at Confederate General Hospital No. 4 at Wilmington NC

This index of patients at General Hospital No.4 comes from the National Archives (Record Group 109) microfilm now at the New Hanover County Public Library (North Carolina Room). It was through the efforts of Ms. Beverly Tetterton and others who provided the funds to produce the microfilm. Consisting of seven volumes, it is hoped that these records will aid the researcher and genealogist. Recorded during the war, these records always seem to leave something to be desired; in many cases, all that was written was the man's name, rank, unit and date admitted, while other entries, such as that for W.D. Fox of the 79th Virginia Regiment, chronicle his captivity and imprisonment in several Northern camps.¹

The writing of the clerk has been transcribed as best as is possible; if in doubt please check the original source microfilm. Many times the soldier's name was written phonetically, making any cross-reference difficult. Wherever possible the original spelling was retained, mainly for the various diseases but also for the Post Office listings.

The columns are arranged as follows:

A - Name: the soldier's name and rank

B - Unit: regiment and company, the original entry is enclosed in brackets;

C - Disease - - (see also the helpful list of Diseases)

D - Date Admitted: date admitted to this hospital

E - Date Discharged: date discharged from this hospital

F - Other: Date returned to duty: or if available, the soldier's disposition (furloughed, transferred, died, discharged, deserted). Furloughs were difficult to come by, but if a soldier was not making progress, the doctors thought it best to send the man home, for better or worse! If he recovered, he was expected to return to duty; if he did not, well then, at least he died at home among friends and family. It is also noteworthy that many of those soldiers listed as deserters were back with their units at the conclusion of the war.

G - Ward: the ward in which the soldier was treated

H - Bed: the bed number of the soldier

I - Patient's Post Office: the home post office reported by the patient (the State, if known, is also listed, enclosed in brackets)

J - Baggage Location: denotes the soldier's baggage location in the hospital storeroom. Also included here are any remarks listed in the registers

K - References: the source microfilm number and other reference works (see **References** list)

One must wonder about the remark made for Private Pat Gilber of the 3rd N.C. Regiment²: the clerk penned the note "Rebillious." Also a patient at one time (July 1862) was William Nunnery.³ Nunnery, a soldier of the 51st NC would be captured and while en route to Elmira , New York, would perish in a train wreck in Shalola, Pennsylvania.

In placing the names in an alphabetical index in this spreadsheet there is something lost. Many of these soldiers came with other members of their unit and were sometimes placed in adjacent beds; often these men were from the same town and it is likely a friendship was formed while in the hospital.

¹ W. D. Fox: in Chapter VI, volume 285, Medical Department, *Register of Patients, General Hospital No.4, Wilmington, N.C.*, 1863-1864. On page 11, it was recorded that W. D. Fox, of the 79th Virginia, was captured in March. 1863 in Greenbrier County, Virginia and was sent to Camp Chase, "4 miles of Columbus, Oh.; remained there from 3d April until 6 Sept., then to Lake Erie, there until 22 Nov., then to Cairo, then to Camp of Exchange at Vicksburg, Miss. To Mobile, sick 3 weeks. Left there Jan. 8th, landed at Wilmington Jan. 12th & died Jan. 23 in Gen'l. Hosp."

²Pat Gilber: Gilber's entry is in Chapter VI, volume 4, page 87. He only remained in the hospital for two days and was not found in Manarin and Jordan's *North Carolina Troops*.

³William Nunnery is listed in Chapter VI, volume 282, page 84.