

## Medicine and the Civil War Series

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013**

**LECTURE AND RECEPTION**

### ***“Dr. Zabdiel Boylston Adams: Surgeon and Soldier for the Union”***

**4:00 - 5:30 PM**

Lahey Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Countway Library of Medicine  
Harvard Medical School  
10 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA

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Mitchell L. Adams, MBA, Former Vice Chair of the Executive Committee, Harvard University Board of Overseers, is also the great grandson of Union Army soldier and surgeon Zabdiel Boylston Adams (MD 1853, Harvard University).

The Adams' papers have been generously donated by the family to the Center for the History of Medicine at the Countway Library of Medicine and describe military-camp life, battles, maneuvers, medical activities, and family matters between 1861 and 1865. The materials include his account of the Battle of the Wilderness fought on May 5–6, 1864, and the history of the 7th Massachusetts Regiment. Additional material consists of clippings and other printed materials. In his reminiscences of his military and professional activities written in 1884 and 1894, Adams writes of vaccination and public health, of witnessing post-mortems of cholera patients, and of the prevalence of fevers on ships carrying immigrants.

In this second lecture in our *Medicine and the Civil War Series* commemorating the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, Mitchell Adams will speak about his great grandfather, his legacy, and the generations of healers from which he is a descendant.



*Dr. Zabdiel Boylston Adams*

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