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Frank Wagner: Army Hospital Steward

Wagner Family History - Narrative Transcript

By **eighteen eighty**, Frank **WAGNER** was recorded at **El Paso, Texas**, as an **Army Hospital Steward**.

The position belonged to the nineteenth-century United States Army Medical Department.

For a modern listener, an Army Hospital Steward can be understood as an early predecessor to the enlisted Army medic.

Hospital Stewards assisted Army surgeons, cared for the sick and wounded, managed medicines and medical supplies, maintained hospital operations, and served wherever the Army required medical support.

Frank's surviving family record shows a long career.

A military entry dated **December fifth, eighteen eighty-five**, is identified as his **third enlistment**.

Another entry dated December fifth, eighteen ninety, records him as a **Steward in the Army Hospital Corps**.

His service therefore extended across multiple enlistments and through an important transition in Army medicine.

By the end of his career, his title had changed.

An official War Department order would identify him as:

Sergeant First Class, Hospital Corps.