

engagements at the Barrier Forts, Canton River, China. He served in the Michigan in 1858, 1859, and again in 1861; Fleet Surgeon North Atlantic Blockading Squadron, 1862, and Inspector of James River Flotilla, participating, on board the Minnesota, in the battle between the Merrimac and Monitor, the first engagement between iron-clad vessels; also in the capture of Sewall's Point. In 1865-66, he was again on board the Michigan; in the receiving ship at Baltimore in 1866-67; President of the Medical Examining Board in 1868; appointed Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, June 26, 1869; commissioned Medical Director and Surgeon-General of the Navy, May 21, 1871, to take effect from March 3, 1871; retired at the age of sixty-two years, May 27, 1871; resigned as Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, October 25, 1871; Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets, November 2, 1871; waiting orders, August 1, 1872; again appointed Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets, February 1, 1873, and soon after detached from duty altogether. Dr. Wood died on the 1st of March, 1880, at his residence near Owing's Mills, Baltimore County, Maryland, of exhaustion following anthrax, and, more remotely, the bite of a venomous serpent, at the age of seventy-one years and ten months. He was buried from St. Thomas' Church, Owing's Mills, near his home.

During the service above summarized Dr. Wood took part in four wars; namely, the Seminole, Mexican, Chinese, and the War of the Rebellion. In 1840 he moved with his family to Terre Haute, Ind., and resided in that place until 1848. From 1848 to 1867 his residence was in Erie, Pa., with a short interval, during which he took his family to Sackett's Harbor. In 1867 he returned to Maryland, making his residence at Owing's Mills, upon a tract of land purchased at the close of the war, where his family remained until the end of his life.

Dr. Wood married twice: First, Hannah Moor, daughter of Elizabeth and David Moor, of Baltimore, by whom he had two children: (a) Elizabeth Moor and (b) Hannah Moor Wood; and second, Rose Mary, daughter of the Hon. Thomas and Agnes Craig (King) Carson. Hon. Thomas Carson was for many years President of the Pennsylvania State Senate. By this second wife he had eight children; (a) William Maxwell, (b) Charles Erskine Scott, (c) James McIntosh, (d) Peter Bryson, (e) Thomas Carson, (f) David Abbott, (g) Rose (deceased), and (h) Roberta Morgan.

Among his published works are the following:

1. Wandering Sketches of People and Things in South America, Polynesia, California and Other Places. - Philadelphia, 1849.
2. Faulkerei; or, The San Jacinto in the Seas of India, China, and Japan.- New York, 1859.
3. A Shoulder to the Wheel of Progress, being a collection of various addresses, lectures, and essays delivered at various times and places.

He was an active member of many societies, among which are the American Medical Association, Maryland Medical Association, New York Historical Society, Maryland Historical Society, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Society of Mexican Veterans, and (President of) The Garrison Forrest Farmers' Association of Maryland.

Further details of his active life, honorable alike to himself and to the service to which he belonged, may be found in Allibone's Dictionary of Authors (Vol. III), Appleton's American Cylopaedia (Vol. XVI.), Hamersby's Record of Living Officers of the Navy, and obituary notices in many journals at about the time of his death.

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