History of Medicine Scholarship Application

Subject: Hunter Holmes McGuire: Much More than Stonewall Jackson's Surgeon

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Hunter Holmes McGuire is best recognized as the friend and personal physician of the famous Civil War general, Stonewall Jackson. Two major biographies written about Dr McGuire discuss his life, devoting 40% to 75% of their length to the Civil War. However, Dr Stuart McGuire (Dr McGuire's son) has published a more balanced biography, which outlines the major contributions Dr McGuire made to medicine as a surgeon, educator, and president of major medical and surgical organizations. Dr McGuire's life spanned from 1835 to 1900, most of the 19th century, a century in which the medical needs surrounding the Civil War magnified the lack of adequate medical training.

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