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### Abstract

This hat belonged to Major Adam Tyree Finch, (VPI class of 1893 and Professor 1898-1900) when serving in the Virginia Volunteers. Decorations on the brim denotes his rank as a Major and the maroon band around the hat denotes Medical Unit.

### Extent

0.3 Cubic Feet 1 box

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## Biographical Note

Adam Tyree Finch was born in 1872 in Chase City, Virginia. He attended the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College. While attending VAMC, Finch served as the business director of the *Gray Jacket*. After completing his degree in 1893, Finch earned an M.D. from the University of Virginia in 1896. He then took a job at the Polyclinic Hospital and Dispensary of New York City.

Finch returned to the VAMC, then the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, in 1898 to take the position of Professor of Military Science and Tactics and succeeded Lt. Shanks as Commandant of Cadets. He also served as an Assistant Professor of Physiology and Materia Medica. Finch married Miss Elizabeth Dinwiddie Morton on September 8, 1899, in Clarksville, Virginia. He left VPI in Spring of 1900 and served in the U.S. Army Reserve. Adam Finch passed away in 1933 and is buried with his wife in the Woodland Cemetery, Chase City, Virginia.

Source: "Adam Tyree Finch" entry, Findagrave.com, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/77726320/adam-tyree-finch>

## Scope and Content

The hat is black and is a structured circular hat with a short brim. The base of the hat is wrapped with gold and red ribbon. There are sets of two grommets on either side of the hat. The front of the hat has the U.S. Army's Eagle logo with the word "VIRGINIA" underneath it. Two gold buttons with the same logo hold a gold strap across the hat just above the brim. The brim of the hat has a greenery motif. The interior of the cap is lined with a brown leather. The condition is fair, some loose threads, dirt, and stains.

## Related Materials Type

See also the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College Cadet Jacket, Adam Finch Collection and Adam T. Finch Papers, at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

## Keywords

Finch, Adam T., 1872-1933

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