

FOUND

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN POST RECORDS

The information below, on the location of G.A.R. Records material found to date, is presented in the following format.

Posts are listed in numerical order followed by the name of the Post, the name of the community where the Post was based and the county in Michigan. The material is listed by type and followed by the LOCATION of the material. When Post records are found in multiple locations, the listing is continued by type of record and location under the initial heading for that Post.

Post 2 – C. O. Loomis – Quincy – Branch County

Memorial Book

Minute Book

Financial Record Book

Post Flag

LOCATION – Quincy Public Library

Post 5 – Custer - Grand Rapids – Kent County

Descriptive Book

LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98

Constitution and By Laws

LOCATION – Bentley Historical Library – University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

Post 6 – C. J. Dickerson – Hillsdale – Hillsdale County

Minutes

Financial Records

Membership roster

Constitution and By Laws

Misc. notes and clippings

LOCATION – Bentley Historical Library – University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

Post 13 – I. B. Richardson – Harbor Springs – Emmet County

Financial Record Book – Dues – 1915 -1929

LOCATION – Private owner – Copy - G. A. R. Records Committee Files.

Post 15 – Pap Williams – Ludington – Mason County

Minute Book – 1894 – 1921

By Laws

LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group 63-37

Post 16 – Sedgwick – Ewart – Osceola County

Descriptive Book

LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98

- Post 17 – Fairbanks – Detroit – Wayne County
Minute Books (2) 1923 – 1941 & 1935 – 1937
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group MS 68-56 (Box 3)
"Adjutants Record" book (minutes), Vol 1: 1886-1887
Record Book (minutes), Vol 2: 1891-1894
LOCATION – Burton Historical Collections, Detroit Public Library
- Post 22 – Wm. Perrott – Buchanan – Berrien County
Minute Books (2)
LOCATION – Western Michigan University Archives – Kalamazoo
- Post 24 – Col. Fenton – Fenton – Genesee County
Memorial Book
Descriptive Book
LOCATION – Fenton Historical Museum
- Post 26 – Joe Hooker – Hart – Oceana County
Minute Book - 1895 – 1929
LOCATION – Oceana County Historical and Genealogical Society – Hart
- Post 27 – Burnside – Decatur – Van Buren County
Copy of Descriptive Book – 1881 – 1923
Copy of Post By-laws
Post Gavel
LOCATION – Webster Library, Local History Room – Decatur
- Post 28 – Huron County Post – Bad Axe – Huron County
Minute Book, 1918-1930 - located in the Charles D. Thompson Papers
LOCATION – Burton Historical Collections, Detroit Public Library
- Post 31 – Broadhead – Paw Paw – Van Buren County
Not inventoried
LOCATION – American Legion Post – Paw Paw
Copy of Adjutant's Reports Dec. 1881 – Dec. 1885
LOCATION – Webster Library, Local History Room, -Decatur
- Post 32 – Farragut – Battle Creek – Calhoun County
Charter
Memorial Book
Misc. records and publications
LOCATION – G. A. R. Records Committee files
- Post 39 – Kilpatrick – Berrien Springs – Berrien County
Minute Book – 1899 – 1918
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group 56-8 (Box 3)

- Post 40 – A. S. Williams – Charlotte – Eaton County
Memorial Book
Photos of Post members – identified
Book of maps and misc. material
 LOCATION – American Legion Post – Charlotte
Post Descriptive Book
 LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98
- Post 41 – R. P. Carpenter – Chelsea – Washtenaw County
Memorial Book
 LOCATION – History Room – Chelsea Public Library
Post Bible (not verified)
Post Banner (not verified)
 LOCATION – Washtenaw Co. Historical Society – Ann Arbor
- Post 42 – Charles T. Foster – Lansing - Ingham County
Descriptive Books (4)
Minute Books, including death rolls (1926 – 1931)
Account Book – dues payments
Applications (103)
Memorial Book
Minute Books (2) 1885 – 1896 & 1909 – 1915
 LOCATION – G.A.R. Records Committee Files
- Post 45 – Woodbury – Adrian – Lenawee County
Minute Book – 1889 – 1902
 LOCATION – Clarke Historical Library – Central Michigan University – Copy –
 G.A.R. Records Committee Files
Record Book – dues paid and obituary notices 1915-1943
 LOCATION – Bentley Historical Library – University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- Post 46 – Jacob Fry – Ganges – Allegan County
Descriptive Rolls (2) 1882 – 1905
 LOCATION – Western Michigan University Archives – Kalamazoo
- Post 48 – Edward Pomeroy – Jackson – Jackson County
Memorial Book
 LOCATION – Austin Blair Camp 7 – SUVCW
- Post 55 – Capt. Hiram Barrows – Armada – Macomb County
Descriptive Book
 LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98
- Post 63 – G. K. Warren – East Tawas – Iosco County
Membership records
Reports and correspondence
 LOCATION – Clarke Historical Library – Central Michigan University

- Post 70 – James D. Morgan – Onaway – Presque Isle County
Descriptive Book
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98
- Post 72 – Ed M. Prutzman – Three Rivers – St. Joseph County
Descriptive Book
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98
- Post 74 – Sterling – Wayland – Allegan County
Memorial Book
LOCATION – Moline Elementary School, Office of the Then and Now Historical and Genealogical Society of Eastern Allegan County - Wayland – Copy in the G.A.R. Records Committee files
- Post 76 – Joseph R. Smith – Monroe – Monroe County
11 Archival boxes
LOCATION – Monroe County Historical Museum
- Post 79 -Orcutt – Kalamazoo – Kalamazoo County
Complete records of Post – 1882 to 1943
LOCATION – Kalamazoo Valley Museum – Kalamazoo
Memorial Book
Burial Book
LOCATION – Kalamazoo Public Library
- Post 80 – Harlow Briggs – Monterey – Allegan County
Descriptive Book
Quartermaster's Ledger – Dues 1891 – 1921 – Post financial records
LOCATION – Allegan County Historical Society – Allegan
- Post 91 – Wm. D. Wilkins – St. Louis – Gratiot County
Minute Book – 1889 – 1891
Constitution and By Laws – Sign-in Book
LOCATION – Gratiot County Genealogical Group Library – Copies in G.A.R. Records Committee files
- Post 96 – Carter – Union – Cass County
Descriptive Book
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98
- Post 109 – Butterworth – Coldwater – Branch County
Not inventoried
LOCATION – Wing House Museum – Coldwater

- Post 110 – DeGoyler – Hudson – Lenawee County
Descriptive Book
Charter
LOCATION – Hudson Historical Museum – Hudson
- Post 111 – James B. Brainard – Eaton Rapids – Eaton County
Memorial Book
Descriptive Book
LOCATION – Eaton Rapids Public Library
- Post 120 – Waddell – Howell – Livingston County
Descriptive Book
Minute Books (2) 1883 – 1926
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group 56-8 (Box 4)
Roll Book – sign-in
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan - Record Group 66-74
Burial Book – 1893 – 1921
LOCATION – Library of Michigan – 2N – F572.L8 G73 1997
- Post 124 – John C. Joss – Constantine – St. Joseph County
Membership Records (26 pages) partially burned
LOCATION – Sturgis Public Library
- Post 125 – Fitzgerald – Hastings – Barry County
Descriptive Book – 1883 - 1917
Cash Book – 1913 – 1932
Dues Book – 1913 – 1941
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group – 56-8 (Box 4)
- Post 135 – David Oaks – Centerville – St. Joseph County
Record Book – Dues payment
LOCATION – Western Michigan University Archives – Kalamazoo
- Post 137 – Welch – Ann Arbor – Washtenaw County
3 Minutes Nooks
2 Financial Records books
Memorial records of deceased members
Memorial Book
1 folder of various records (dept orders, transfers, etc – Located in the Washtenaw Co. Historical Society Records)
LOCATION – Bentley Historical Library – University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
Post Charter
Post Flag (not verified)
LOCATION – Washtenaw Co. Historical Society – Ann Arbor

Post 143 – Whiteside – Caro – Tuscola County

Minute Book

Ritual Book of Orlando LeValley

Song book

Post 144 – Turrill – Lapeer – Lapeer County

Membership lists

Minutes

Financial Records

Photograph of members

LOCATION – Bentley Historical Library – University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

Descriptive Book

LOCATION –Lapeer County Genealogical and Historical Research Center, 518 W. Nepessing Street, Lapeer MI 48446, (810) 245-5808

Post 145 – Gov. Crapo – Flint – Genesee County

Memorial Book

Minute Books (2) 1921-1925 & 1925-1936 (Vol. 31 and Vol. 33)

Roll of Members (Vol. 28)

Records – Genesee Co. Comm. – Soldiers and Sailors Monument 1894-1895 (Vol. 32)

LOCATION – Sloan Museum – Flint

Post 146 – Capt. Wilson – Waldron – Hillsdale County

Memorial Book

LOCATION – Reference Section – Lapeer County Public Library

Post 147 – Dick Richardson – Pontiac – Oakland County

Records – no inventory

LOCATION – Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society Library

Post 152 – William Moyer – Alma – Gratiot County

Minute Book – 1909 -1927

Descriptive Book

Q. M. Record Book – 1909 – 1926

Dues Payment Record Book – 1883 – 1892

Post Cash Book - 1894 – 1928

LOCATION – Gratiot County Genealogical Group Library

Post 156 – Grisson – St. Johns – Clinton County

Memorial Book

LOCATION – Clinton County Historical Society Archives

Post 157 – Albert Anderson – Cassopolis – Cass County

Descriptive Book

LOCATION – G. A. R. Records Committee files

- Post 166 – Calvin Colgrove – Marshall – Calhoun County
Applications
Misc. records
LOCATION – Marshall Historical Society – G. A. R. Hall – Marshall
- Post 180 – Carpenter – Ypsilanti – Washtenaw County
Minutes
Financial Records
2 WRC Dues & Financial books
LOCATION – Bentley Historical Library – University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
Memorial Book
Folder of Misc. Records
LOCATION – Ypsilanti Historical Society
- Post 197 – John Tucker - Ortonville – Oakland County
Descriptive Book
LOCATION – Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society Library – Copy in
G.A.R. Records Committee Files
- Post 205 – Quackenbush – Owosso – Shiawassee County
Applications – 1883-1927
Descriptive Book
Minute Book (11) 1884 - 1924
Letter Book
Financial Record Books 1883-1901
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 77 – 113
- Post 206 – Maj. Weber - Bellaire – Antrim County
Record book (minutes) 1898-1924: contains many obituaries and some lists of burials
LOCATION – Burton Historical Collections, Detroit Public Library
- Post 210 – E. W. Hollingsworth – Albion – Calhoun County
Applications
Descriptive Book
“Memorial Record”
Photographs (50)
Constitution and By Laws
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 76-12
- Post 211 – Wm. H. Borden – Ionia – Ionia County
Memorial Book
LOCATION – Blanchard House Museum – Ionia
- Post 216 – Harry D. Terry – Mount Clemens – Macomb County
Memorial Book
LOCATION – Mount Clemens Public Library

Index to Memorial Book

LOCATION – G. A. R. Records Committee files

Post 220 – Geo. L. Acker – Vicksburg – Kalamazoo County

Memorial Record of 11 Members

Speech by Col. Wm. W. Scott on becoming Post Commander in 1886

LOCATION – Vicksburg Public Library

Post 220 – Walter Clifford – Boyne City – Charlevoix County

Accounts ledger: 1892-1925

LOCATION – Burton Historical Collections, Detroit Public Library

Post 237 – Peter A. Weber – Rockford – Kent County

Descriptive Book

LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98

Post 239 – Bryon Stoddard – Concord – Jackson County

Minute Book

LOCATION – Private holding – Contact Bill Lowe

Post 252 – J. T. Jones – Howard City – Montcalm County

Minute Book

LOCATION – Private Collection – Copy – G. A. R. Records Comm. Files

Post 262 – A. C. VanRaalte – Holland – Ottawa County

Muster Roll – 1884

LOCATION – Joint Archives of Holland – Hope College

Descriptive Book

LOCATION – Holland Historical Museum – Copies in G.A.R. Records Comm. Files

Post 266 – Lyon – Menominee – Menominee County

Minute Book

LOCATION – Spies Public Library

War and Burial Record

LOCATION – Spies Public Library – Copy – G.A.R. Records Comm. Files

Post 269 – Mark Thompson – Plainwell – Allegan County

Memorial Book

Ledger – Dues payment record

Descriptive Book (Rules Regulation and By Laws)

Burial Book

LOCATION – Western Michigan University Archives – Kalamazoo

Post 283 – Samuel W. Grinnell – Sunfield – Eaton County

Applications

Photos, identified

By Laws – Member sign in.

Minute Book (2) 1884 – 1901, 1918 - 1924

Misc. record books

LOCATION – G. A. R. Hall – Sunfield – Copies – G.A.R. Records Committee files

Post 289 – Henry C. Pratt – Mackinac Island – Mackinac County

Descriptive Book

LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98

Post 352 – Comstock – Manchester – Washtenaw County

Minute Book 1912 – 1924

LOCATION – Local History Room, Manchester District Library

Descriptive Book

List of Member's death – some obituaries

News clippings and photos

LOCATION – Local History Room, Manchester District Library – Copies (CD) in
G.A.R. Records Committee files

Post 361 – Kilbourne – Sherwood – Branch County

Descriptive Book

LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98

Post 382 – V. O. Bretz – Bonanza/Lake Odessa – Ionia County

Descriptive Book

LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98

Post 384 – Detroit – Detroit – Wayne County

Memoirs

LOCATION – Clarke Historical Library – Central Michigan University – Copy –
G.A.R. Records Committee files

Minutes book, v1: 1887-1894

Minutes book, v2: 1895-1901

Minutes book, v3: 1901-1905

Minutes book, v4: 1906-1915

Minutes book, v5: 1915-1928 (lots of clippings and memorial items in all books)

Roster of members - also includes typescript bylaws (just a few pages filled - Detroit

Post limited its membership to 150 at any one time)

Visitors log - 2 pages of materials, original label says "property"

Cash book: 1914-1925 - includes some bank statements

Associate society minutes book: 1907-1911

Receipt book: 1914-1929

Record of dues: 1906-1926 (v. 2 "Auxiliary members")

Record of dues: July 1899-Jan 1926, v. 1

Ledger: "List of volunteers furnished by the County of Wayne in the State of Michigan

During the Year 1863 and the latter half of 1862"

Post descriptive book

Two stacks of 5x7 "descriptive / memorial cards," similar to the information found in
Memorial books
One box of financial records consisting of bank records and vouchers
LOCATION – Burton Historical Collections, Detroit Public Library

Post 395 – Amasa B. Watson – Grand Rapids -Kent Count
Minutes – 1888-1896, 1897-1911, 1932-1936
Applications
Membership Roll 1888-1928
Descriptive Book
Reports
LOCATION – Grand Rapids Public Library

Post 410 – Wm. T. Sherman – Vassar – Tuscola County
Descriptive Book
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98

Post 419 – H. P. Merrill – Bay City – Bay County
Descriptive Book
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98

Post 441 – Steele Brothers – Mason – Ingham County
Minute Book – 1911 – 1924
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group 90-273

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Calhoun County Veterans Battalion
Minutes – 1889-1930
Quartermaster Reports – Registration of Members at Reunions – 1908 -1928
Roster and Cash Book – 1896 – 1922
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group 66-78

Eaton County Battalion
Minutes – Starting 1891
LOCATION – Eaton Rapids Public Library

Ingham County Soldiers and Sailors Union
Minutes and Officer Lists – 1874 – 1881
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group 58-25

Mich. Corps of the Blue & the Gray
Notes and Officer List – May 16, 1888
LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group 58-25

Shiawassee County Battalion

Minute Book 1890 – 1924

Memorial Records of Veterans of the County

LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Record Group – 77-113 (Series 3)

As a result of answering requests for research assistance, there is some anecdotal information that has been gathered and filed in a folder for the appropriate Post. There have been contributions of dated Post rosters and other material relating to a particular Post and this has been handled in like fashion. Thus, there are a total of 183 Posts for which this type of material is on file.

The records and files of the Michigan Department Headquarters, G. A. R. are housed at the Archives of Michigan in Lansing. These records consist primarily of the Adjutant's Reports (new members, transfers, suspensions, drops, discharges and deaths) filed by the Posts (Quarterly until 1891, semi-annual until 1918, annual thereafter). Also included are miscellaneous Officers reports; correspondence (mostly related to the reports filed); Post Charter Applications; Reports of new Post Mustering Officers and in some instances, the Post Charter. (Record Group 63-19)

The Finding Aid developed by the Archives staff lists 463 Posts for the Department. However, there are no surviving records for five Posts (not listed in the Finding Aid) dropped during or shortly after the reactivation of the Department in 1879. Also, there appear to be no records for the 50, or so, Posts that were organized during the first period of the Department operation from 1867 to 1872.

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