

## **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 – Evart – 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)

- 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  
Registration Book  
Minute Book  
Officer Reports  
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 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 42 – Charles T. Foster – Lansing - Ingham County  
Descriptive Books (4)  
Minute Books, including death rolls (1926 – 1931)  
Account Book – dues payments  
LOCATION – Clarke Historical Library – Central Michigan University – Copies in G.A.R.  
Records Committee Files

- 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 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 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  
Minutes  
Financial Records  
Memorial records of deceased members  
LOCATION – Bentley Historical Library – University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- Post 143 – Whiteside – Caro – Tuscola County  
Minute Book  
Ritual Book of Orlando LeValley  
Song book  
LOCATION – Historical Museum – Watrousville
- 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 – DeAngeli Library - Lapeer (Original in Archives, copy in the stacks.)
- 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 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
  - LOCATION – Bentley Historical Library – University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
- 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 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 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
- 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
- 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 re-activation 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.

The project to develop a computer database listing the members of the Michigan Department G. A. R. continues. Work is presently under way on Post 75. There are now 18,958 names entered and 3677 annual Post officer rosters. Because of the multiple use of Post numbers, in different locations and times, there are actually rosters for 87 Posts now in the database. Reports can be generated for individuals, an entire Post or the complete listing of officers for a Post.

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