

G.A.R. Correspondence
from Adjutant General's files

- 1866 First General Order.
- 1881 List of men who enlisted from Parke County.
- 1882 Request for Pensions for 1812 Vets; Case of Bass Post #40.
- 1886 Case against Bass Post.
- 1887 Minutes of Post 198, Sullivan case, Bass Post case charges against 2 members of Post #284, misc. on National encampment and court martials, charges on a member of Post #209.
- 1887 Adj't. Report Post 8, South Bend.
- 1888 Assorted Post problems, mustering, ect., proceedings of a court martial of Princeton (Post 124), recommendations for new Adj't. General.
- 1889 Several court martials (4) (one not in folder; of F. Hay) and assorted correspondence on rules of encampment problems.
- 1890 Charges, counter-charges, and assorted court martials and miscellaneous.
- 1891 Charges, inquiries, court martials, minutes of Post 10, notes on encampments, copy of General Orders 1 & 2 Departmental Comm. Walker.
- 1891 Adj't. General report and Master Roll (Morgan Post 15).
- 1892 "Jan. - Feb." miscellaneous.
- "March - Apr." (2) court martials, various charges and Adj't. notes.
- "May - June" various Adj't. notes and assorted court martials.
- "July - Aug." various correspondence and court martials.
- "Sept. - Oct." Headquarters placement, tax, and assorted court martials.
- "Nov. - Dec." petitions, various correspondence and a court martial(Posv 99).

- 1892 Adj't. General Reports.
- 1893 "Jan. - June" general correspondence and assorted court martials.
- "July - Dec." general correspondence and assorted court martials.
- 1894 Charges, counter-charges, and assorted court martials, inquiries, questions, suggestions, recommendations, and various correspondence.
- 1895 Copy of Senate Bill 1 to establish an Old Soldiers Home, assorted court martials and various correspondence.
- 1895 Adj't. Reports (of the Inspector)
- 1896 Soldiers Home correspondence, charges and court martials ect.
- 1897 Opinions on W. R. C. Post 136 vs. 217, charges and assorted court martials.
- 1898 Questions, opinions, charges and assorted court martials.
- 1899 Questions, opinions, charges and assorted court martials, and request for appointment for offices for Spanish-American War.
- 1900 Opinions, assorted court martials, ect.
- 1901 "Jan - Feb" Opinions.
- "March - Apr." fund for General Terrell's widow.
- "May - Aug." opinions, fund for General Terrell's widow.
- "Sept. - Oct." opinions, fund for General Terrell's widow, charges against W. R. C. Post 136, letters from Flag bearers for monument ceremony.
- "Nov. - Dec." (same as above)
- 1901 Reports
- 1902 "Jan." questions, opinions, and more on W. R. C. 136 case.
- "Feb." W. R. C. 136 case, more Flag bearers, and assorted correspondence.
- "March" W. R. C. 136 case, more Flag bearers, and assorted correspondence.

- 1902
cont. "Apr." questions and opinions, Flag bearers, W. R. C. 136 case against G.A.R. 84.
 "May" Flag bearers, on Post 84, and a court martial.
 "June" questions and opinions, and opinions on Post 84.
 "July" opinions, assorted court martials, more on Post 84.
 "Aug. - Sept." more on Post 84, assorted court martials.
 "Oct. - Dec." questions, opinions, some undated Flag bearers, some undetermined dares and Contribution Book for Terrell.
- 1903 Questions, opinions, ect.
- 1906 Questions, opinions, charges and assorted court martials.
- 1907 Opinions, charges, assorted court martials, dates of rifle match.
- 1908 General Order 5 (Record of rifle season), few court martials, and charges, mostly correspondence on Mexican War Vets from Indiana.
- 1909 Notes on Trustee, letter on drum corps.
- 1912 Requisitions for Ordinance stores, and a court martial,
- 1913 Hospital receipts, charges and notes.
- 1914 Note of error.
- 1915 Questions, correspondence on printing rosters, various correspondence.
 "Jan. - May"
 "June" note on encampment, Spanish War Vets.
 "July" notes on emcampment, deaths, reports on Soldiers Home, ect.
 "Aug." notes on encampment, charges, reports on Soldiers Home, various questions and assorted correspondence.
 "Sept." Correspondence on encampment, Old Soldiers Home, transfers and Post closing.
 "Oct." correspondence on encampment, Old Soldiers Home, ect.

1915	"Nov." reports from Old Soldiers Home, questions, information on people and committees.
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	"Dec." report from Old Soldiers Home, donations for War orphans home, and the usual questions and charges.
1916	"Jan." Post reports, closing and deaths, and the usual questions and notes.
	"Feb." reports of deaths, fire at Soldiers Home, usual questions and notes.
	"March" reports of deaths, encampment, questions on Post 111, and notes.
	"April, May, Dec." report on Soldiers Home, encampment, Warsaw Post 111, various usual correspondence.
1919	Reports.
1926	One letter.
1927	One letter.
	Undetermined.

GAR HEADQUARTERS

- (1) Check Stubs 1933-1935, 1937-1940
Cash Book 1932-1936, 1936-1938, 1938-1944
- (2) Annual Report of Assistant Adjutant General 1919-1936
- (3) Application for charter
Mortuary Reports
Certificate of Election of Officers
- (4) By Laws
Adjutant's Record Post #37 September 1904, October 1899
Book of Records Post #37
Record of Meetings - Elkhart
Ledger (of Expenditures) & Receipts, 1937
Journal of Proceedings Post 117, 1882
Quartermaster's Records Post #37, 1916
Journal Connersville Post #126
Agents Record Post #37, 1911
Minutes Post #37, 1886
Cash Report Post #37, 1885
- (5) G.A.R. Printed Journals, Rosters, Proceedings turned over
to the Indiana Division - Indiana State Library.

Grand Army of the Republic organized in summer of 1866.

Four men were responsible for reorganization -- Dr. B. D. Stephenson, author of first Ritual and first Constitution, afterward known as Rules and Regulations; Governor Oliver P. Morton; General R. S. Foster and Major Oliver W. Wilson. General Foster was chosen first Department Commander and the comrades chosen by him to receive the first muster were Maj. Oliver W. Wilson, Gen. Den Macaulay, Col. Wm. H. Schiater, Col. Cyrus J. Dobbs, Maj. J. H. Scott, Capt. Eli Ritter and "two or three others whose names are forgotten."

Posts were organized first in groups, by giving the organization only, and afterward, upon getting the Ritual, they were mustered in due form, when, on the 20th of August, 1866 General Foster issued his first General Order No. 1. The State was divided into districts and the Posts, instead of being numbered as now in order of muster throughout the State, were numbered in order of their muster in each district.

The first Post at Indianapolis, District of Marion, was No. 1; the first Post at Terre Haute was No. 1; District of Vigo; the first Post at Marion was Post No. 1, District of Grant, and so on throughout the state.

When the Pittsburg Soldiers and Sailors' Convention assembled in September 1866 the Grand Army of the Republic in Indiana had representatives there from many Posts, who were authorized to speak for 30,000 of their comrades in Indiana.

The first Department of Indiana passed out of existence with the administration of Colonel Humphrey as Department Commander, (1870-71).

REORGANIZATION.

In the early part of the year 1879 a few ex-soldier citizens of Terre Haute met by agreement one evening at the office of the Gas company in that city, for the purpose of reorganizing the Association of the Grand Army of the Republic, under authority of an Order from National Headquarters, dated April 26, 1879.

After a discussion in which Gen. Chas. Craft, Col. Wilson E. McLean, Col. Robert M. Hudson, Maj. Francis C. Crawford, Captains Jonathan B. Heger, Harmon L. Miller and Jay Cummings, Morton C. Rankin, Nicholas Filbeck, William H. Armstrong and others participated, it was decided to issue a call to ex-soldiers for a meeting for such purpose.

At this meeting, held at Armory Hall, the first Post of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State was organized, under a charter dated May 18, 1879, with officers as follows: Commander, Jonathan B. Hager; S. V. Commander, William H. McLean; J. V. Commander, Harmon L. Miller; Surgeon, J. C. Thompson; Chaplain, German Andrewse; Adjutant, Jay Cummings; Officer of the Day, William H. Armstrong; Officer of the Guard, George Hayward, and was mustered as Morton Post No. 51, by E. W. Chamberlain, Chief Mustering Officer, and temporarily attached to the Department of Illinois.

From this beginning five other Posts were soon organized, as follows: No. 52, at Brazil; No. 53 at Lafayette; No. 54, at Covington; No. 55, at Greensburg, and No. 56, at Wabash.

These Posts then became the provisional Department of Indiana under the consecutive numbers from 1 to 6, with Jonathan B. Hager Commander and Jay Cummings Assistant Adjutant General. The work of organizing went on through the efforts and zeal of Commander Hager and his staff, until twelve Posts had been organized, when these men were mustered as the Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic, under a charter dated October 5, 1879, signed by William Barnshaw, Commander-in-Chief, and Isaac B. Stevens, Adjutant-General, at an Encampment which met in Terre Haute on October 31, 1879 and which was made the occasion of a Grand reunion at which some forty or fifty thousand people assembled.

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The life of the reorganized Department of Indiana properly began with the issuance of its original charter, which was dated Dayton, Ohio, October 3, 1879.

The Department consisted of Morton Post No. 1, Terre Haute; Gen. Canby Post No. 2, Brazil; Lafayette Post No. 3, Lafayette; John C. Fremont Post No. 4, Covington; Pap Thomas Post No. 5, Greensburg; James H. Emmett Post No. 6, Wabash; McPherson Post No. 7, Crawfordsville; Auten Post No. 8, South Bend; General Steele Post No. 9, Rockville; Capt. Floyd Post No. 10, Indianapolis; Greencastle Post No. 11, Greencastle and Sugar Creek Post No. 12, Macksville, and the following were the Department Officers:

Commander, Jonathan B. Hager.
S. V. Commander, James H. Carnahan.
J. V. Commander, Ed C. Snyder.
Medical Director, J. C. Thompson.
Chaplain, B. F. Cavens.
Assistant Adjt-General, Jay Cummings.
Asst. Q. M. General, Harmon L. Miller.
Inspector, Wm. H. Armstrong.
Judge Advocate, Thos. Hanna.
Chief Mustering Officer, S. H. Armstrong.

The first meeting was held Oct. 31, 1879, at Terre Haute and the Department was mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic by Edgar D. Swain, S. V. Commander-in-Chief. etc, etc.