

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**G.A.R. POST PROJECT FORM**

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- Thank You

**Post Information**

Post Name	<input type="text" value="Captain John Matthews"/>	Post Number	<input type="text" value="69"/>		
City/Town	<input type="text" value="Springfield"/>	County	<input type="text" value="Greene"/>	State	<input type="text" value="MO"/>

- Brief History of the G.A.R. Post (use separate document if necessary):

Mustered May 3, 1883, by comrade Charles, Emery. The first commander was Judge W. F. Geiger. There are 29 charter members, as follows: W. F. Geiger, John Adams, C. M. Eversole, James R. Milner, A. M. Sanders, Solomon S. Robinson, W. H. Park, John W. Lisenby, Charles Kroff, J. M. Mathie, D. E. Murphy, W. L. Johnson, Henry Jones, W. A. Love, W. H. Wade, Walter D. Hubbard, W. H. M. Reid, W. W. Langston, John P. Tracey, Joseph Ward, B. H. Langston, J. A. Reep, A. H. Tevis, D. P. Reece, Robert Thomas, John McCabe, William Mathie, and Perry D. Martin. 479 have become members of this post since its organization. Circa 1915, 112 are still living, while the active membership is 74. W. C. Calland is the circa 1915 commander.

**Meeting Facility**

Structure Still Exist?  Yes  No  Unknown      Type of Building:  Stand-Alone  Shared-Use

Identify Specific Location:

This is probably the GAR Post that had a building in downtown Springfield on the southwest side of the square. Exact location is not yet determined.

**Description of Records**

Do the Records Exist?  Yes  No  Unknown      The Records are:  Originals  Copies

What are the conditions of the records?

What do the records consist of?

See above. Info for this record taken from Jonathan Fairbanks and Clyde Edwin Tuck Past and Present of Greene County, Missouri, circa 1915. Article on GAR by W.C. Calland page 546. Additional at Western Manuscripts and some membership applications have been showing up on E-Bay. One example attached.

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Repository Name	<input type="text" value="University of Missouri - Rolla Western Manuscripts Collection"/>						
City/Town	<input type="text" value="Rolla"/>	County	<input type="text" value="Pulaski"/>	State	<input type="text" value="MO"/>	Zip	<input type="text" value="65409"/>

**Additional Information:**

A description of the collection is on page 2 of this.

**Submitter Information**

Submit Date	<input type="text" value="1/30/2007"/>	Name	<input type="text" value="Walter Busch"/>						
Camp Name	<input type="text" value="US Grant"/>	Camp #	<input type="text" value="68"/>	City/Town	<input type="text" value="Pilot Knob"/>	State	<input type="text" value="MO"/>	Zip	<input type="text" value="63663"/>
		Email	<input type="text" value="webusch@hotmail.com"/>						

Submit to Current G.A.R. Post Records Officer Listed @  
<http://www.suvcwmo.org/garposts.php>

## UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI -ROLLA WESTERN MANUSCRIPTS COLLECTION

### Information Sheet

R Grand Army of the Republic. John Matthews Post No. 69 (Springfield, Mo.).

703 Application papers, 1884-1901.

One folder.

These are applications for membership in the John Matthews Post No. 69 of the Grand Army of the Republic in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri. The applications bear the name, age, residence, and brief military history of the applicants, among whom were Charles E. Moss, John E. Phelps, and L. A. Roundtree.

John Matthews Post No. 69 was the first of three Grand Army of the Republic posts established at Springfield, Missouri. The collection consists of the application forms for nine individuals, one of which is a transfer request from the Grand Army of the Republic post at Lindley, Missouri. Each application includes the name, age, place of birth, current residence, occupation, and brief history of military service. Three of the applications include details of service-related disabilities as recorded by the post surgeon.

The applicants represented service in the First Missouri Home Guard Cavalry, Fourth Missouri State Militia Cavalry, Thirteenth Missouri Cavalry, Fourteenth Missouri Cavalry, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry, Thirty-fifth Missouri Infantry, Forty-seventh Missouri Infantry, First Iowa Cavalry, and Second Arkansas Cavalry. Two of the applicants, Charles E. Moss and John E. Phelps, were prominent citizens of Springfield after the war. The others included farmers, a policeman, a stone cutter, an auctioneer, a broom maker, and a retired preacher.

The papers are arranged alphabetically by surname of the applicant.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Post No. 69, known as Capt. John Matthews Post, of Springfield, was mustered May 3, 1883, by comrade Charles, Emery. The first commander was Judge W. F. Geiger. There are twenty-nine charter members, as follows: W. F. Geiger, John Adams, C. M. Eversole, James R. Milner, A. M. Sanders, Solomon S. Robinson, W. H. Park, John W. Lisenby, Charles Kroff, J. M. Mathie, D. E. Murphy, W. L. Johnson, Henry Jones, W. A. Love, W. H. Wade, Walter D. Hubbard, W. H. M. Reid, W. W. Langston, John P. Tracey, Joseph Ward, B. H. Langston, J. A. Reep, A. H. Tevis, D. P. Reece, Robert Thomas, John McCabe, William Mathie, and Perry D. Martin. Four hundred and seventy-nine have become members of this post since its organization. One hundred and twelve are still living, while the active membership is seventy-four. W. C. Calland is the present commander, this being his fourth term. Many prominent men of this community have held membership in this post, viz: Colly B. Holland, Dr. Jonathan E. Tefft, Judge W. F. Geiger, Col. S. H. Boyd, Hon. J. P. Tracey, Hon. William H. Wade, Dr. C. C. Clements, Col. J. W. Lisenby, Capt. A. R. McDonald, Major W. D. Hubbard, Capt. T. M. Allen, George H. Sease, P. W. Bahl, Judge J. J. Gideon, Lieut. T. J. Gideon, Capt. H. J. Dutton, Capt. John Adams, Dr. J. McAdoo, James R. Milner, and J. N. Williams. A number of these men have been prominent in professional and political life.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS G. A. R. ARTICLE IV.—CHAPTER I

Eligibility to Membership.—Soldiers and sailors of the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps, who served between April 12th, 1861, and April 9th, 1865, in the war for the suppression of the Rebellion, and those having been honorably discharged therefrom after such service, and of such State regiments as were called into active service and subject to the orders of U. S. General Officers, between the dates mentioned, shall be eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. No person shall be eligible to membership who has at any time borne arms against the United States.

Capt. John Matthews Post No. 69 Dep't of Mo G. A. R.

I have the honor to make application for membership in Capt. John Matthews Post No. 69 Department of Mo Grand Army of the Republic, basing my application on the following facts:

I am 46 years of age, and was born in Southington State of Ohio, now residing at Springfield State of Mo, son by occupation a Solomon

I served during the late rebellion as follows:

First enlisted July 26 1862 as Private in Co. B 74th Regiment Infantry Vols for the period of 22 years, and was discharged therefrom as Sergeant at Indianapolis Ind on the 21 day of June 1863 by reason of muster out of service

Was re-enlisted 18 as in Co. Regiment and was discharged therefrom as at the day of 18, by reason of

I have never borne arms against the United States, and have never been convicted of Desertion, nor of any other infamous crime.

I have made previous application for membership in the Grand Army of the Republic and filed the same with Post No. Department of in the day of 18

(Signed) John Pettijohn Residence, No. Street.

I can honor recommend John Pettijohn to the favorable consideration of the Post, believing the foregoing statements to be true in every respect. Enclosed is proposition fee, \$2.00

Description

Grand Army of the Republic Application of Membership for John Pettijohn, formerly Private Co C 74th IN Inf Vols to the Capt. John Matthews Post No 69, Dept of Missouri. Folded into four sections, one section torn completely at crease from others. Otherwise in good condition.

**Thursday, April 2, 1891 Springfield Leader**

**G.A.R. CELEBRATION.**

**The two Posts, the W.R.C. and Sons of Veterans Participate.**

Capt. Jno. Matthews' Post and McCrosky Post, G.A.R., assisted by the W.R.C. and Sons of Veterans celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the grand Army last night. The Jno. Matthews celebration was carried out at the hall on St. Louis street while the McCrosky Post enjoyed themselves in their elegantly arranged hall on Commercial street. The program before Matthews Post was excellently rendered by H.E. Havens, the Gulf Shops Sextette, Miss May Bellows, Mr. Parmenter, W.C. Noel, Miss Mamie McDonald, W.D. Hubbard and James R. Milner.

The program of McCrosky Post was equally as interesting, good music and short talks being the order of the day.

After "Marching Through Georgia" had been sang by the post, in which Mrs. A.G. Winters lead, and the invocation by Post chaplain Brink, adjutant E.A. Kennedy read a circular from the commander-in-chief giving an account of the foundation and growth of the organization.

Miss Maud King sang several selections during the evening.

Capt. Wm. Mathie, Col. Almus Harrington, Col. A.S. Prather, Dr. Edgar A. Hamilton and others made short addresses.