

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

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141 Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri, O.P. Morton Post No. 14,  
Records, 1882-1943  
1.5 linear feet

#### REPOSITORY

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#### INTRODUCTION

Correspondence, accounts, financial and membership records, and minutes of meetings of a post organized in Joplin, Missouri, in 1882.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The records were donated to the University of Missouri by W.H. Osborn on 24 August 1945 (Accession No. 266).

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records have been arranged into the following two series: **Papers** and **Volumes**. More complete series descriptions are located in the folder list.

#### FOLDER LIST

##### **Papers** Series

- f. 1 Correspondence, 1932-1943. Several letters concerned with official business and patriotic day plans of the Joplin, Missouri, post of the G.A.R. The last letters are to William H. Osborn, who was the Commander of the Missouri Department, 1936-1943.
- f. 2 Accounts and Receipts, 1909-1943. For rent, supplies, and expenses necessary to maintaining the G.A.R. post at Joplin, Missouri. There is a check book with receipted stubs.
- f. 3 Bank book and Statements, 1941-1943. Account of the Joplin, Missouri post of the G.A.R. with the Joplin National Bank and Trust Company.
- f. 4 Financial and Membership Report, 1943. Prepared by the assistant adjutant and the assistant quartermaster of the Missouri Department of the G.A.R.
- f. 5 Reports, 1915-1927. Roll of members mustered in the Joplin, Missouri, post of the G.A.R. Notice of the election of representatives and alternates to the state encampments. Also blank forms of physicians and chaplain.
- f. 6 Obituaries, 1902-1931. Resolutions of sympathy to the families of deceased members of the G.A.R. post at Joplin, Missouri.
- f. 7 Printed Items, 1900-1943. General orders from headquarters, 1900-

1937; speech of Hon. John J. Fitzgerald, N.Y., member of the U.S. House of Representatives, on the "Naval Appropriations Bill," 1900; broadside against big business by the *National Tribune*, Washington D.C., 1932; report and roll of the 77th National Encampment of the G.A.R., 1943; miscellaneous items.

- f. 8 Miscellaneous papers associated with the Joplin, Missouri, post of the G.A.R.

**Volumes Series**

- v. 1-8 Account Books. Records of dues and fees, receipts and disbursements, and special funds of the Joplin, Missouri, G.A.R. post.

- v. 1 1892-1898
- v. 2 1898-1902
- v. 3 1902-1907
- v. 4 1908-1910
- v. 5 1909-1911
- v. 6 1911
- v. 7 1911-1933
- v. 8 1917-1933

- v. 9-17 Minute Books. Records of the minutes of the meetings of the Joplin, Missouri G.A.R. post. Also inserted are accounts, general orders correspondence, obituaries and clippings.

- v. 9 1882-1889
- v. 10 1889-1893
- v. 11 1893-1899
- v. 12 1899-1905
- v. 13 1905-1909
- v. 14 1909-1912
- v. 15 1912-1918
- v. 16 1919-1926
- v. 17 1926-1933

- v. 18 Membership book, 1882-1916; contains list of members during those years, also a printed booklet of G.A.R. rules and regulations and printed bylaws, 1910-1911.

- v. 19 Military service record, no date: contains Civil War record of the members.

- v. 20 Roll of Kansas Volunteers, 1902: contains a list of officers and men of the 3rd, 4th, 18th and 19th Kansas Volunteers, 1861.

**INDEX TERMS**

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## O. P. MORTON Post No. 14, G. A. R.

The Grand Army of the Republic brought together in a closer bond of comradeship the Union veterans of the Civil war. It inaugurated in Joplin the public observance of Memorial day and by its exercises on flag day and other patriotic demonstrations taught a truer love of country.

O. P. Morton Post No. 14, G. A. R., took a prominent part in the planning and carrying to a successful end the celebration of the 4th of July, 1885. It entertained General Sherman, on the occasion of his visit to Joplin, in 1883, and on the day when the great soldier, U. S. Grant, was laid to rest the post conducted in Joplin a special memorial which was participated in by patriotic and military societies of Joplin and by the great majority of the people.

The following were the charter members of O. P. Morton Post No. 14: Post commander, W. H. Fairbanks; senior vice commander, F. M. Redburn; junior vice commander, Jno. C. Barley; adjutant, J. W. Lupton; quartermaster, S. B. Williams; chaplain, C. J. G. Workizer; officer of the day, C. G. Wheeler; officer of the guard, H. C. Combs, B. F. Joslin, F. E. Eberhart, J. H. Minton, W. E. O. Rush, W. S. Leatt, Ira Creech, Peter Bitner, W. B. Adair, A. F. Cloud, F. P. Hyde, W. W. Pate, William Sergeant, W. G. Williams, Edwin Whipple, J. H. Shout, M. P. Downing, Samuel Lake, F. D. Owen, M. L. Barner, E. W. Beach, G. O. Boucher, J. T. Evert, J. Larwick, Samuel Ramsey, M. W. Stafford and Ira W. Gilbert.

The following were the Post Commanders during the 'eighties: W. H. Fairbanks, W. W. Pate, Galen Spencer, E. W. Beach, F. M. Redburn, Henry Phelps and J. L. Briggs.

answer came 'He has closeted himself for the night with Gulliver's Meditation and does not desire either to see or be seen.' There is evidently a change passing over the spirit of the dream of the old set, and single blessedness is not being lauded as it used to be."

#### THE VISIT OF GENERAL SHERMAN

On June 13, 1884, General W. T. Sherman honored Joplin, Webb City, Carterville and Carthage with a visit and his coming to Jasper was the occasion of a demonstration in his honor in each of the four cities. On the arrival of the train bearing the distinguished guest at Joplin, Webb City and Carterville, all of the whistles in the mining district were turned loose at once and the noise was heard for ten miles around. General Sherman's daughter accompanied her father. In Joplin the Grand Army of the Republic post, the Joplin Rifles and other semi-military societies escorted General Sherman from the depot to the hotel. C. J. Lewis, A. B. McCarty and F. M. Redburn were delegated by the city to entertain the great soldier while in the city, and he and his daughter were shown through the mines, the lead works and other points of interest.

Joplin's O.P. Morton GAR Post was organized on May 17, 1882. It was named for Indiana Governor Oliver P. Morton. W.H. Fairbanks was elected commander; F.M. Redburn served as senior vice-commander; John C. Bailey elected junior vice-commander; S.B. Williams selected quartermaster; J.W. Lupton voted adjutant; C.T.G. Workizer elected chaplain; C.C. Wheeler, voted officer of the day; and H.C. Combs elected officer of the guard.

Other members included B.F. Joslin, T.H. Mintner, W.E.O. Rush, Edwin Whipple, F.M. Downing, F.D. Owen, N.L. Barner, E.W. Beach, G.O. Boucher, J.T. Everett, Jacob Lurwick, Samuel Ramsey, M.W. Stafford, Ira W. Gilbert, F.E. Eberhart, Samuel Lake, W.S. Scott, T.H. Short, William Stump, Ira Creech, Peter Bittmer, A.B. Adair, W.F. Cloud, T.P. Hill, W.W. Pate, William Sergeant, and W.C. Williams.

In the twenty-five years that followed, hundreds of other names were added to the post's membership rolls. In 1907, only four of the original charter members were alive: Downing, Whipple, Boucher, and Joslin.

A list of the post's commanders follows:

1882 W.H. Fairbanks and W.H. Pate

1883 E.W. Beach

1885 E.W. Beach

1886 E.W. Beach

1887 F.M. Redburn and Henry Phelps

1888 Henry Phelps

1889 E.W. Beach and J.L. Briggs

1890 J.G. Lurwick

1891 P.L. Schwartz

1892 A.H. Brewer

1893 J.L. Briggs

1894 H.W. Davison

1895 F.M. Redburn

1896 J.R.B. Roe



1897 H. Crandall and John R. York

1898 John R. York

1899 W.H. Crane

1900 J.R. Goheen

1901 G.W. Hight

1902 L.D. Middleton

1903 W. Jones

1904 M.M. Rice

1905 W.H. McCubbin

1906 G.W. Hight

1907 Henry Digby

1908 Henry Digby

1909 Henry Digby

1910 Albert McCann

1911 J.N. Theurer

1912 D.H. Rhodes

1913 J.M. Theurer

1914 F.L. Yale

1915 F.L. Yale

1916 F.L. Yale

*Sources: Joplin News-Herald; Roster of O.P. Morton Post No. 14 G.A.R., Department of Missouri, July 1, 1916 Roster*

# UNION VETERANS OF CIVIL WAR

COMPILED BY A. J. P. BARNES.

There were around 2,768,000 enlistments in the Union army and navy during the civil war. Only about 20,000 of those Union civil war veterans were living, August 1, 1933.

The average age, at time of enlistment, was 19½ years. Average age of those now living is about 80 years.

At one time there were about 750 Union civil war veterans living in Jasper county, Missouri. Only sixteen were reported as living in Jasper county, August 1, 1933.

The Grand Army of the Republic, whose membership is composed exclusively of honorably discharged Union civil war veterans, had in 1890-91 close to 500,000 names on the rolls. There are only about 12,000 members in good standing, August 1, 1933.

At one time there were around 400 names on the rolls of O. P. Morton post No. 14, G. A. R. Now there are only seven members on the rolls. There have been reported nine other names of these veterans living in Jasper county, August 1, 1933.

Below is given the name, age at last birthday anniversary, and address of veterans as reported on the rolls of O. P. Morton post No. 14, G. A. R., at Joplin, Mo:

Dr. R. B. Tyler, present department commander, 79 years old, and youngest civil war veteran now living.

W. H. Osborn, present post commander, 90 years old.

A. J. P. Barnes, past department commander, 90 years old.

D. H. Baldrige, past department commander, 88 years old.

P. L. Swartz, past department commander, 92 years old.

A. McCann, past post commander, 87 years old.

P. W. Ruff, past junior vice post commander, 84 years old.

Total, seven members.

Other Union civil war veterans reported as living in Jasper county, August 1, 1933.

Noah W. Vincent, 1427 Sergeant avenue, Joplin, 93 years old.

James A. Love, 2402 Empire avenue, Joplin, 88 years old.

James C. Moulder\*, Asbury, Mo., 99 years old.

W. H. Peiffer, 1404 Grand avenue, Carthage, 90 years old.

John J. Hall, 907 Case street, Carthage, 86 years old.

Samuel A. Kimmel, 1428 Daugherty street, Webb City, 89 years old.

J. A. Lane, present junior vice department commander, Webb City, 88 years old.

Marion Cummins, Webb City, 88 years old.

Eli A. Lightfoot, Carterville, 91 years old.

Making a total of nine in the county not affiliated with O. P. Morton post No. 14, and a grand total of sixteen veterans reported as living in Jasper county, August 1st, 1933.

\*Reported died since list was compiled.

Some of these surviving heroes are sorely afflicted with age infirmities. Others are enjoying remarkably good health for persons of such advanced years. All seem to enjoy life and are keeping in touch with the present age of living.

Soon the souls of all this once great and victorious army will have passed to the eternal camping ground above, and their bodies be laid in the bivouac of the dead; but their sacrifices and heroic accomplishments in defense of our country's honor will ever remain a precious heritage in the memory of a grateful nation.

**MISSOURI VOTES  
3 TO 1 TO REPEAL**

**OFFICE FOR HOME  
LOANS IN COUNTY**