

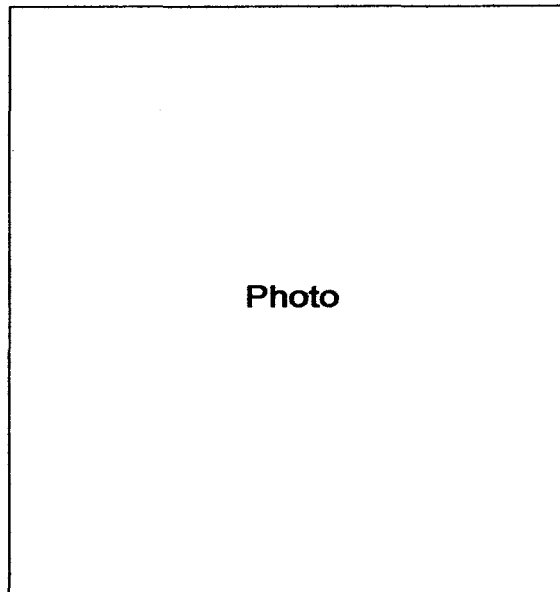
MISSOURI GAR POST RECORDS PROJECT

J.N. Hilton
Post Name _____ Number 254 Location Forsyth, Taney Co, MO

Brief History

Found in the "White River Valley Historical Quarterly" Vol 1 Number 4, Summer 1962. Article "Names and Faces from the Past Seventy-Five Years Ago in Forsyth, Summer 1887"

See attached. Gives names of two members and info about Decoration Day service.



Description of Post Records *(do they exist? condition? location of originals? location of copies?)*

Unknown if any exist

Meeting Facility *(structure still exist? stand alone building or shared-use building? identify specific location)*

Unknown

Additional Information

See attached.

Submitted by Walt Busch 6/30/2007

Names and Faces From the Past
Seventy-five Years Ago in Forsyth Summer 1887

Taney County News Forsyth, Missouri

June 2, 1887 The G.A.R. Post [J.N. Hilton Post 254] had a celebration of Decoration Day with a service at Walnut Shade. The weather was fine, the crowd large, ceremonies impressive. It was the first Decoration Service ever held in the county. The G. A. R. Post had the matter in charge and as the boys never do anything by halves, it was a big success. The Rev. Samuel Weatherman opened with prayer. "The Challenge" and "The Dying Soldier" were recited by the Misses Lewallen. Capt. John Gideon gave some reminiscences of the early settlers with a few war stories that made everybody (including John) smile.

Col. A. S. Prather delivered an address on the sacrifices and heroes of the War. Capt. N. N. Kinney delivered an able and patriotic address of over two hours. He talked plain English and everybody could understand what he said. There was plenty to eat, fine music, good attention, good order, and a genuine good time.

Sons of Veterans

Last Saturday Willis Kisse Camp No. 48, Sons of Veterans, was mustered in by Col. A. S. Prather, assisted by the following members of the G. A. R.: A. C. K i s s e e, Charles Weinstein, Judge David Cupp, Capt. Nat Kinney, Judge Burks, A. E. Matthews, L. A. Davis, E. B. Queen, and George Stifler. Twenty-four members answered roll call.

The commissioned officers are J. A. DeLong, Captain; Arter Kisse, 1st Lieut.; C. H. Groom, 2nd Lieut., who were installed. Non commissioned officers appointed by the captain are as follows:

Chaplain J. R. Wyatt, 1st Sgt. D. F. McConkey, Quartermaster Sgt. J. E. Cole, Color Sgt. E. E. Waltman, Sgt. of the Guard W. S. Davis, Principal Musician F. W. Cole, Cpl. of the Guard J. P. Morrow, Camp & Picket Guard, J. K. Davis, Councilman S. W. Boswell. There will be another meeting of the Camp next Saturday.