

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

**PLEASE:**

- Type or print, using a ballpoint pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- Do not guess at the information. An answer of "Unknown" is more helpful.
- Include a photograph of each viewable side and label it with name & direction of view.

- Thank You

**Post Information**

Post Name  Post Number   
City/Town  County  State

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

Perry County Sun, 30 April 1886. Several old soldiers, some thirty-four in number, met in the office of Judge Weber, last Friday, for the purpose of organizing a post of the G.A.R. in Perry County. There were thirty-four present and talked over the matter of organizing. It was agreed that a post should be established and known as the Difani post, in honor of Lawrence Difani, who was one of Perry County's sons who found his grave while battling for the preservation of the Union. An application for a charter has been sent off and upon favorable reply a permanent organization will be effected, known as Difani post.  
Perry County Sun, 21 May 1886. A G.A.R. post known as Difani post, consisting of 44 members, 39 enrolled, was mustered in as Monday by Reuben Albert of Fredericktown, MO. It was agreed that regular meetings of the post be held every Saturday of each month at 2 o'clock P.M. in Markwort's Hall.!

**Meeting Facility**

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

Identify Specific Location:

Building located on West Saint Marie Street. Facing North ~!Across the street from the Court House and G.A.R. Statue.!

**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?

**Location of Records**

Repository Name

City/Town  County  State  Zip

**Additional Information:**

**Submitter Information**

Submit Date  Name

Camp Name  Camp #  City/Town  State  Zip

Email

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

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>

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<PostName>**Difani**</PostName>

<PostNumber>**273**</PostNumber>

<PostCityTown>**Perryville**</PostCityTown>

<PostCounty>**Perry**</PostCounty>

<PostState>**MO**</PostState>

<PostHistory>**Held their first meeting on Monday May 17, 1886. They met regularly on the second Saturday of every month at Markwort's Hall in Perryville at 2pm. The first elected officers of the camp were Commander: A.H. Cashion, Senior Vice Commander: Charles A. Weber Junior Vice Commander: Henry Markwort, Quartermaster: Christopher Popp, Officer of the Day: John Hooss Sergeant Major: Christian Kiefer, Chaplain: James W. Williams**</PostHistory>

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<RepositoryCityTown>**Perryville**</RepositoryCityTown>

<RepositoryCounty>**Perry**</RepositoryCounty>

<RepositoryState>**MO**</RepositoryState>

<RepositoryZip>**63775**</RepositoryZip>

<PostBldgExist>**3**</PostBldgExist>

<PostBldgLocation>**Markwort's Hall in Perryville**</PostBldgLocation>

<PostBldgType />

<AdditionalInfo>**Other items related to the post are also at the museum, such as ribbon, dues booklet of one of the members, and a uniform from the sons of veterans. Museum is open by appointment only. The museum is currently looking for a new site and facility.**</AdditionalInfo>

<SubmitMemberName>**Joseph Difani**</SubmitMemberName>

<SubmitCampNo>**65**</SubmitCampNo>

<SubmitMemberCity>**Saint Louis**</SubmitMemberCity>

<SubmitCampName>**William T. Sherman**</SubmitCampName>

<SubmitMemberEmail>**JLDAP@juno.com**</SubmitMemberEmail>

<SubmitMemberZip>**63116**</SubmitMemberZip>

<SubmitMemberState>**MO**</SubmitMemberState>

<RecordsContents>**The roster of members of the Post**</RecordsContents>

<SubmitDate>**02/19/2011**</SubmitDate>

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# Perry County Album



## *West Ste. Maries - Circa 1900*

The West Maries Street along the northside of the Courthouse Square downtown is pictured as it appeared around 1900. The photograph is from the the Susan Dickman collection that was given to the Perry County Museum. Nancy Moore is in charge and welcomes all donations or loans. She may be reached at 547-6493 or 547-6165. *The Perry County Republic-Monitor* also invites readers to submit photos of general historical significance for publication in this album. Photographs will be returned unharmed and may be picked up at the newspaper offices after publication.

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



### Photos from the Past

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#### Lorenz Difani

Lorenz Difani was born on August 9, 1835 in Zusenhofen, Baden, Germany. He emigrated to Missouri on April 17, 1851 with his mother and other siblings and settled around Perryville, Missouri. At the beginning of the Civil War, he was among the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for troops. Lorenz enlisted as a Private in Company A, 3rd Regiment Missouri Volunteers on June 8, 1861 in St. Louis, Missouri. He fought at the Battle of Wilson's Creek and was discharged on September 3, 1861. He re-enlisted with Company F, 17th Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry on October 16, 1861 in St. Louis, Missouri. He participated in the Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas. On May 19, 1861 he was killed at the Battle of Whitney's Lane at Searcey's Landing, White County, Arkansas. In May of 1886, Difani Grand Army of the Republic Post #273 was established in his honor in Perryville, Missouri. Photograph and information submitted by Lorenz Difani's great great uncle, [Joe Difani](#).



Lorenz Difani

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Civil War



Difani Post Badge  
& Dues Book  
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Donor: Charles Miget

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card  
Military

MEMBER CARD

Entered according to Act of Congress, October 3, 1917.

*Difani Post 273*  
*C. A. R.*

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*Constant Miget*

Members should be careful to







## THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE IN 1895

Beginning on the southeast corner of the County Court House the first building to attract the eye is the handsome two story brick Opera House block erected in 1879 by A. H. & W. A. Cashion at a cost of \$3,000.00. The building, at that time was one of the substantial ones of the town. The block in 1895 was owned by John Ziegler and was occupied as a saloon in the corner room, with the law office of D. C. Farrar and the Sewing Machine Shop of John Cashion. The remaining part of the block was occupied by The Republican Office and its extensive printing shop. The greater part of the second floor was used as an Opera House. It was leased by the McNeil Camp, Sons of Veterans who used it as their lodge room in connection with the Difani Post No. 273 G. A. R. The Ladies Auxiliary to the Son's of Veterans Camp also occupied this place as their Lodge Room. We next come to the frame building of the Thomas Hooss, Agricultural Implement Co. where all kinds of farm machinery were to be had. Next in order came the building owned by Frank Steiber. It is still standing. It is a frame structure and was occupied in part by C. Hutter's harness emporium. The other part was operated as a Baker Shop. Peter Jung lived in the rear of the Bakery. We then come to the Mrs. J. F. Bey property. Beckman & Weber had a big Hardware Store here with stoves and tinware of all kinds, they are still with us, though both retired. The corner part of the Bey building was the headquarters of the L'hote and Muench General Merchandise, Co. They had a fine store and were deservedly popular merchants. The Globe Shoe Store carried all kinds of foot wear and was housed in a frame Building owned by Jos. Duerr on the south side of the Square. Then came the law office and residence of J. J. Seibel. We now come to the large brick house on the corner of St. Joseph and Jackson Streets still the property of Mrs. Bey, here J. V. Moore sold groceries and furniture and J. Hooss & Co., general merchandise. The second floor is the residence of Dr. J. E. Bey. On the opposite corner where now stands the K. of C. Building was located the South Side Market. On the opposite corner, namely the Northwest of St. Joseph and Jackson Streets Henry Schade had his Grocery Store. Next to the Schade Grocery Store, F. L. Tucker had a Hardware Store. Then came the two story brick structure still standing owned by Mrs. Christine Hudson which then