

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



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Post Information

Post Name Post Number
City/Town County State

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

The Post was formed circa 1887 and was disbanded in 1925. During its existence, its headquarters were located on two locations on Market Street, the Union Hall, and Frank Huck's private home.

This update defines the date when the Post moved from its headquarters on Market Street to the Union Hall (Munsch Building) on the northwest corner of Merchant and 3rd.

Meeting Facility

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

Identify Specific Location:

The old Union Hall, known as the Munsch building on the northwest corner of Merchant and 3rd.

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?

Newspaper Articles

Location of Records

Repository Name
City/Town County State Zip

Additional Information:

The information resides on microfilm copies of the Ste. Genevieve Herald and the Ste. Genevieve Fair Play

Submitter Information

Submit Date Name
Camp Name Camp # City/Town State Zip
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Print Form

Submit to Current G.A.R. Post Records Officer Listed @
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Formally opened on May 25, 1867 with ceremonies conducted in the city by Colonel T. G. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General of Missouri Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, taking place at the Union Hall. In its history it had a membership of one hundred and five. Taken from Veterans and Events in the Civil War in Southeast Missouri Volume II, written by Bob Schmidt. They were an active Post with articles in the local newspapers about their activities. Their activities usually included a Grand Ball in late January or early February, Memorial Day activities at both local cemeteries and on the 4th of July they would sponsor a picnic.

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Union Hall in Ste. Genevieve, MO was one of their meeting places. It was owned by Henry Siebert who was a member of the G.A.R. Post # 326. They would have a Grand Ball every year and it would be held at the Union Hall.

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t. Col. J. Felix St. James Post # 326
Grand Army of the Republic

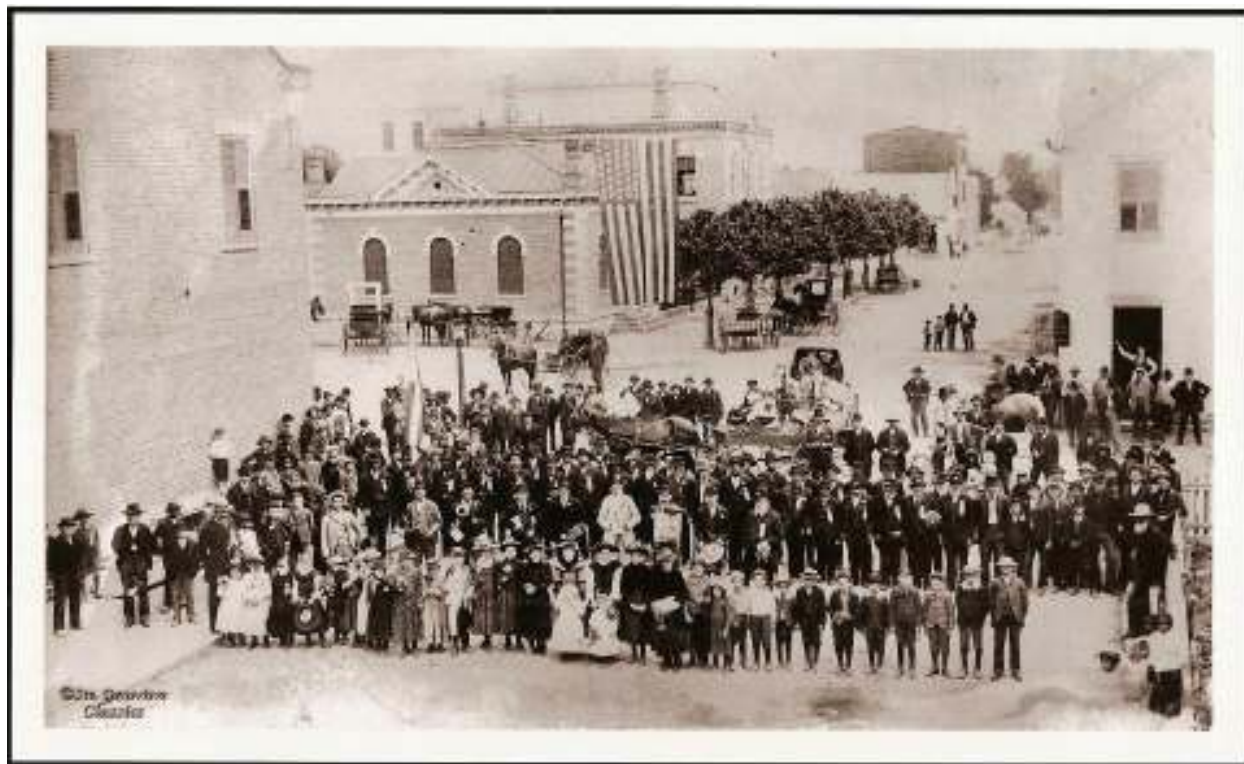


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This photo was taken on May 31, 1888 from the balcony of the Southern Hotel on 3rd Street in Ste. Genevieve, MO. The Belvedere on top of the Southern Hotel was as an observation post during the Civil War by Union Soldiers. At the time of the photo the Southern Hotel was owned by Joseph Vorst a veteran of the Civil War.

The following article was found in the Ste. Genevieve Fair Play Newspaper, June 2, 1888. We believe that this article describes the photo above.

“The J. Felix St. James Post No. 326 G. A. R. made a very creditable display in their handsome uniforms, on Wednesday last Memorial Day, as they marched in procession through our streets to decorate the graves of Union soldiers. Mayor Rozier, who accompanied the procession as an invited guest, escorted in his carriage, Mrs. Elizabeth St. James, relict of Lieut. Colonel St. James, after whom the post is named. At the grave of his brother, Capt. Gustave St. Gem delivered an address on the time honored custom of decorating the last resting places of departed friends. The members of the post then proceeded in vehicles to the Valle Spring cemeteries where the ceremony of decoration was concluded. The Progressive Coronet Band headed the procession in its handsome chariot.”

Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James
G.A.R. Post # 326
Members

Bader, Joseph
Bantz, Wm.
Baumgartner, John
Beauchamp, Francis
Beckermann, George
Bernard, Francis
Bernays, J. F
Bearry, H
Blanchard, Joseph
Bruner, Franz
Bogy, Leon
Difani, Ben
Falk, Jacob
Flieg, Josphe
Gegg, Wendell
Godat, Charles
Greminger, Christian
Hazel, Alexander
Hehr, Jacob
Herzog, Leo
Huck, Francis J.
Huck, Roman
Hurst, Theodore
Joggerst, Leon
Klein, Bernard
Kohm, Frank
Kunkle, Andrew
Lafluer, Michael
Laiben, Jacob
Lalumondier, Albert
Labruyere, Simeon
Loflaner, Michael
Lenz, Henry
Martin, Jacob
Miller, John
Oberle, Franz
Roseman, Henry
Rottler, Valentine
Schaefer, Frederick
Schmahle, John
Schuler, Charles

Siebert, August
Siebert, Charles
Siebert, Henry
Siebert, Joseph
Siebert, Lawrence
Skewes, William V.
Smith, Marcus
Stackle, Joseph
Stockton, James A.
Stolte, Henry
Stolzer, Anselm
Whitlock, J. S.
Will, George
Wolfe, John
Yealy, Jacob



Photo taken from 1907 Drummer Magazine. Notice couple sitting on the front porch. Frank Huck is sitting near the door.

Decoration Day, May 30, will be duly observed in this city as it always has been in the past. The local G. A. R. Post, at a special meeting held for the purpose last Sunday, made final arrangements to the effect that the marchers, including the members of the Post, preceded by the Ste. Genevieve Brass Band, will leave headquarters at the residence of Frank Huck at 9 a. m. and visit the various cemeteries where repose the remains of their deceased comrades and on whose graves will be placed flowers and a flag

If you read the article you will read that those leaving flowerw were to leave them at Post Commander Huck's house. This is one of the only places that we know for sure where the G.A.R. in Ste. Genevieve met that the building is still standing.



Photo taken October 2011.

Fair Play, May 25, 1907 article. Ste. Genevieve newspaper

in memory of their services to their country. It is desired that all who can do so leave flowers for this purpose at Mr. Huck's and the same will be gratefully accepted. The general public and especially all Confederate and Federal soldiers is invited to unite with the local soldiers in commemorating this beautiful occasion.

UPDATED MEMBERSHIP LIST

J. Felix St. James
G.A.R. Post # 326

Bader, Joseph
Bantz, William H.
Baumgartner, John
Beauchamp, Francis
Beckerman, George
Bequette, John
Bernard, Frank
Bernays, Francis Jacob
Berry, Hiram
Billy, Joshua
Blanchard, Joseph
Bogy, Leon
Brown, William M.
Bruner, Franz
Difani, Ben
Falk, Jacob
Flieg, Joseph
Gegg, Wendell
Godat, Charles
Greminger, Christian
Hazel, Alexander
Hehr, Jacob
Herzog, Leo
Huck, Francis J.
Huck, Roman
Hurst, Theodore
Jokerst, Leon
Klein, Bernard
Kohm, Frank
Kunkle, Andrew
Labruyere, Simeon
Lafleur, Michael
Laiben, Jacob
Lalumondiere, Albert
Lenz, Henry
Luckfiel, Christian
Oberle, Frank
Roseman, Henry
Rottler, Valentine
Schaefer, Frederick
Schuler, Charles
Siebert, August
Siebert, Charles
Siebert, Henry

Siebert, Joseph
Siebert, Lawrence
Skewes, William V.
Smith, Marcus
Stackle, Joseph
Stockton, James A,
Stolte, Henry
Stolzer, Anselm Samuel
Whitlock, J.S.
Will, George
Wolfe, John
Woolridge, William H.
Yealy, Jacob

June 2, 1918 Herald

June 1, 1912 Ste. Genevieve Herald

Thursday, Decoration Day, was observed by J. Felix St. James Post G. A. R. in a very impressive style. At 9 o'clock a. m. assembly was sounded at headquarters. The Old Veterans fell in behind the local band and marched south on Main and east on Merchant street to the old cemeteries, where memorial services were held at the grave of J. Felix St. James, after whom the Post is named. Chaplain Charles Godat, assisted by Judge Frank J. Huck, conducted the services. Mr. H. Ward Hicks read Abraham Lincoln's address at Gettysburg. The band played "Nearer My God to Thee," after which the graves of all veterans, Union and Confederate, were decorated with flowers and flags. The old soldiers are gradually answering the command of the Great Commander, and their ranks are becoming noticeably decimated.

--Decoration Day was observed here by J. Felix St. James Post G. A. R. last Thursday morning. The old veterans, headed by the Band, left headquarters and made a short parade through town, then proceeded to the cemeteries and decorated the graves of departed comrades with flags and flowers. Afterward the old soldiers were treated to refreshments by Mrs Augustin Siebert, who had invited them to her home.

MISSOURI GAR POST RECORDS PROJECT

Post Name J. Felix St. James Number #326 Location Merchant & Third,
Ste. Genevieve, MO

Brief History

*See attached papers for more inform



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

Some records have been recovered and documented in Bob Schmidt's book, "Veterans and Events In the Civil War in Southeast Missouri, Vol. II."

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

The Union Hall (Jokerst-Yealy Mercantile), which is located on the corner of Merchant and Third streets (northeast corner) in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri is where the J. Felix St. James post was located.

Additional Information

The photo is of Rozier's Mercantile, which housed the Jokerst-Yealy Mercantile on the second floor. This building is from the 1920's and probably served as the GAR post until it closed August 1925.

The previous building on this site was the house of the GAR post through most of its history in Ste. Genevieve.

History of J. Felix St. James G.A.R Post No. 326 1887-1925

Researching Ste. Genevieve County Union Army veterans of the Civil War requires significant time spent in the libraries reading newspapers, family and county histories. Early on, I became acquainted with the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Post #326 located in Ste. Genevieve and began taking notes, hoping some day to present its history. Here are the results of the past couple years, though not to be taken as complete as other research sources are still being sought.

The first Grand Army of the Republic Post was founded in Illinois twenty years before the Post in Ste. Genevieve was organized in 1887. By then, the GAR had a resurgence, following declines in membership in the early 1870's. Probably, the passing of pension legislation by the Civil War veterans, then in public office, encouraged Union veterans to join or to establish posts in their communities. For a long time, one could not get elected to public office without having seen service in the War and pension checks accounted for nearly one-fifth of the National Budget at one time.

Yearly National Encampments were held throughout the United States where the veterans could get together, share reminiscences and fellowship and establish a platform for their interests. No doubt the politicians courted the favor of this large bloc of voters, similar to today.

The Post in Ste. Genevieve was formally opened on May 25, 1887 with ceremonies conducted in the City by Col. T.B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General of the Missouri Department of the GAR at the **Union Hall**. Ads for the Union Hall are found in the 1880's newspapers with Leon Jokerst as the proprietor. It was located on the corner of Merchant and Third Sts. and boasted a "large and commodious dancing hall, for the use of Balls, Concerts, Shows, etc., over the Saloon." Later, this was the site of the Jokerst-Yealy Mercantile Co. store which partially burned in an early a.m. fire in June 1898.

Post No. 326 was named after Lt. Col. Joseph Felix St. James of the 13th Missouri Infantry who died of wounds received at Shiloh on April 8, 1862. His life was profiled in a recent book on area Civil War veterans. Some of the Post's first members reads like a City/County Directory and included such names as: Jokerst, Rottler, Siebert, Beckerman, etc. The Ste. Genevieve Herald and Fair Play newspapers regularly carried news of the Post's activities, especially on Memorial Day. These latter accounts are the most informative of the Post's gatherings as the veterans (sometimes in uniform) went from cemetery to cemetery honoring the fallen from the War of 1812, the Mexican War and the Civil War. Graves for many veterans, now no longer identifiable, are mentioned in these entries. A contingent of the GAR were also present at each burial of one of their number, much the same way as the veteran's organizations do today. Frequently they are mentioned as pallbearers or honorary pallbearers.

A Membership Roster has been compiled and is shown below. It is taken primarily from two sources. One, are the accounts from the local weekly newspapers. This includes the goings-on of the Post itself such as Memorial Day festivities, elections of new officers and obituaries. Two,

is the Index to Death Rolls of the GAR, Missouri Division 1882-1940 put together under the direction of the State Historical Society Of Missouri, Columbia. This publication is available from the Society and includes information for the entire State. Unfortunately, the officers of Post #326 either did not keep good records, they were destroyed after the Post closed or they have not yet been discovered. Sometimes, the minutes to GAR meetings were kept/given to local historical societies while others are in the land fills. The clerk of Post #326 did not usually send a Roster to the State Headquarters either. (The year 1892-93 is the exception. Seventy six members were listed in 1892 and sixty nine in 1893, but no names were given.) If only they would have provided a Roster in 1895 as there is a listing of the men for this year with company and regiment. The Post did send a report to the State Headquarters when a member died, and these are in the yearly reports that are indexed in the publication above. Whether they sent one in every time is not known. However, there may be a great many men who were members of Post #326 who died elsewhere, either as a non member or as a member of the Post in the community to which they moved. For these reasons, the complete roster for any one year, or decade, will never be known UNLESS someone can come forward with the local records kept by the Post!! Some records are extant for Post #215, Farmington, Missouri so we can be hopeful. A few of the members of this latter Post lived in the western part of Ste. Genevieve County.

Post #326 closed its doors in August, 1925 with three veterans still as members. Other Posts remained open but, by 1940, there were only 1,000 members nationwide and by 1949 only six were still alive. There could be a resident of Ste. Genevieve County who may have some memorabilia from an ancestor who was a member of the GAR. If so, please make it available to an officer of the Foundation or to myself for display at our next meeting.

Here is the Roster that I have compiled with the regiment to which the veteran belonged, if known.

Bader, Joseph	21 st Missouri Infantry	Bantz, Wm. H. 47 th Missouri Infantry
Baumgartner, John	2 nd Missouri Infantry	Beauchamp, Francis 22 nd Ohio Infantry
Beckerman, George	30 th Missouri Infantry	Bernard, Francis 33 rd Missouri Infantry
Bernays, J.F.	Hospital #14	Berry, Hiram 21 st Missouri Infantry
Blanchard, Joseph	1 st Il. Light Artillery	Bogy, Leon 47 th Missouri Infantry
Bruner, Franz	2 nd Missouri Light Artillery	Difani, Ben 78 th Missouri Enrolled Mo. Mil.
Falk, Jacob	15 th Missouri Infantry	Flieg, Joseph 21 st Missouri Infantry
Gegg, Wendell	8 th Missouri State Militia	Gremminger, Christian 47 th Missouri Inf.
Hazel, Alexander	47 th Missouri Infantry	Hehr, Jacob 15 th Missouri Infantry
Herzog, Leo	2 nd Missouri Infantry	Huck, Frank J. 78 th Enrolled Missouri Mil.
Huck, Roman	78 th Enrolled Missouri Mil.	Hurst, Theodore 21 st Missouri Infantry
Jokerst, Leon	2 nd Missouri Light Artillery	Joggerst, Philip 78 th Enrolled Missouri Mil.
Klein, Bernard	2 nd Missouri Light Artillery	Kohm, Frank 78 th Enrolled Missouri Mil.
Kunkle, Andrew	53 rd Il. Infantry	Labruyere, Simeon (Leon ?) 47 th Mo. Inf.
Lafluer, Michael	21 st Missouri Infantry	Laiben, Jacob 78 th Enrolled Missouri Mil.
Lalumondiere, Albert	21 st Missouri Infantry	Lenz, Henry 50 th Missouri Infantry
Martin, Jacob	6 th NY. Cavalry	Miller, John 5 th Missouri Infantry
Moore, William J.	4 th Missouri Infantry	Oberle, Franz 2 nd Missouri Light Artillery
Roseman, Henry	30 th Il. Infantry	Rottler, Valentine 78 th Enrolled Mo. Militia

Schaefer, Frederick	2 nd Missouri Infantry	Schmahle, John W. 47 th Missouri Infantry
Schuler, Charles	8 th Missouri Cavalry	Siebert, August 43 rd Il. Infantry
Siebert, Charles	2 nd Missouri Light Artillery	Siebeert, Henry 47 th Missouri Infantry
Siebert, Joseph	2 nd Missouri Light Artillery	Siebert, Lawrence 47 th Missouri Infantry
Skewes, William V.	47 th Missouri Infantry	Smith, Marcus
Stackle, Joseph	78 th Enrolled Missouri Mil.	Stockton, James A. 133 rd Ohio Infantry
Stolte, Henry	Collossus	Stolzer, Anselm 78 th Enrolled Missouri Mil.
Whitlock, J.S.	3 rd Missouri Infantry	Will, George 21 st Missouri Infantry
Wolfe, John	27 th Missouri Infantry	Yealy, Jacob 1 st Missouri Light Artillery

The several veterans who belonged to the GAR and saw service with the 21st Missouri Infantry (7), the 47th Infantry (9), the 2nd Missouri Light Artillery (6) and the 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia (6) reveals the camaraderie that must have existed. There are reasons for the large number of men in these four Regiments.

The ranks of the 21st Missouri had been depleted substantially by September, 1864. Many local men who got caught by the draft that fall entered this regiment for one year. Consequently, they were still in the Army after the War had ended. Many were used as guards and escorts in and around Mobile, Alabama. Men in the 47th all were from Co. K that was organized in Ste. Genevieve County, also in the fall of '64, for six months. They were discharged in March 1865. Surprisingly, there are not more veterans of this company in the Roster. Men of the 2nd Missouri Light Artillery were mostly Germans and were men who enlisted early in the War. Considerable research has been done on the area veterans in this Regiment. The 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia was organized from men in Ste. Genevieve and Jefferson Counties and much research on it is now being done, emphasizing on the service of Anselm Stolzer. Stolzer still has relatives in the County as does other men in this Regiment. These men did not serve outside of the State of Missouri but were occupied stemming the tide of the bushwacker/guerrilla activities in Southeast Missouri. Likely many of them later joined the 47th Missouri Infantry as well as other regiments.

It is my belief, that as more men are identified as being members of the GAR Post #326 in Ste. Genevieve County, they will have served in one of the above four regiments.

Achtung, Kameraden!

Der J. Felix St. James Posten No.
326,

G. A. R.

versammelt sich eben zweiten Samstag im Monat.
Leon Jokerst,
Posten-Commandant.

Dr. J. B. Roberts.
Zahn  Arzt.
Ste Genevieve, Mo.
Office über Dr. Lanning's Apotheke an der
Main Straße.

An entry in the German language portion of the Ste. Genevieve Herald of October 31, 1891 for the J. Felix St. James G.A.R. Post 326 signed in type by Leon Jokerst. Below it is an ad for the dentist, Dr. Roberts whose office was near Dr. Lanning.

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Geo. Beckerman,
Posten-Commandant.

Dr. J. B. Roberts.
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Another entry for the G.A.R, this from January 30, 1892 and signed, George Beckerman.

Grand Army of the Republic Elects Officers

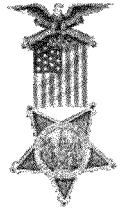
**On Sunday January 7th, the members of
the J. Felix St. James Post No 326 Grand
Army of the Republic assembled and elected
officers for the year of 1923 as follows:**

**Charles Schuler, Post Commander
Leo Herzog, Senior Vice Commander
Joseph K. Siebert, Junior Vice Commander
Charles Godat, Chaplain**

**The old veterans are one by one
answering the summons of the
Great Commander, and their
ranks grow thinner year by year
until, at the present time, the local
Post has been reduced to five that
still remain out of a membership of 105.**



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Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Post #326

The Ste. Genevieve Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 was mustered in by Col. T. B. Rodgers, Asst. Adjutant General of the Missouri Department of Missouri of the Grand Army of the Republic, on May 26, 1887. The event took place in the Union Hall located on the northwest corner of Merchant and 3rd street. Seventeen boys in blue comprised the charter members. They included Leon Jokerst, Wm. H. Bantz, John W. Schmahle, Albert Lalumondier, Valentine Rottler, Wm. V. Skewes, Simeon Labrayere, Francis Bernard, Leo Herzog, Francis Beauchamp, George Beckerman, Fred Schaefer, Jacob Yealy, Michael Lafleur, August Seibert, George Will and Henry Stolte (1).

The first mention of a hall came in the October 8, 1887 Ste. Genevieve Herald when the newspaper reported three new members were mustered in on September 26th (2). No description of the location of the hall was mentioned in the article.

A January 12, 1895 article in the Ste. Genevieve Herald reported on the installation of Post officers for the coming year and mentioned that the headquarters were located on Market Street (3).

A May 18, 1901 Ste. Genevieve Herald article mentioned that the Post would begin their Decoration Day ceremonies from their headquarters in Union Hall beginning at 9 am (4). A May 25, 1901 Ste. Genevieve Herald article indicated that the Post had headquarters at Union Hall, their old quarters being occupied as an office for the railroad under construction (5). The Union Hall was located on the northwest corner of Third and Merchant. See 1901 Sanborn map of this area (6).

An October 18, 1902 article indicated that Charles Baumann had rented the lower floor of his brick building to Herzog & Wipfler (7)

On January 3, 1903, the Ste. Genevieve Fair Play reported that the Post had moved their headquarters above Herzog & Wipfler's Shoe Store (8). The January 3, 1903 Ste. Genevieve Herald gave more explicit clues to the location of the headquarters as they reported that "the G. A. R. had moved their headquarters from Union Hall to the Baumann bldg. on Market St. over Herzog & Wipfler's shoe store last Wednesday" (9).

A City Election Notice for the April 7, 1903 election noted that the Third Ward would vote at the Grand Army Hall above Herzog & Wipfler's Shoe store (10). It should be noted that Wm. H. Bantz was the Commander of the Post in 1903. This again confirmed the location of the G.A.R. headquarters in 1903.

An October 10, 1903 article described the Herzog & Wipfler shoe store as a 22 x 50 feet in size (11).

In December 1904, the Post planned to have a meeting on the 3rd Sunday in December to consider moving the headquarters as reported in a December 10, 1904 Ste. Genevieve Herald (12). The December 24, 1904 Ste. Genevieve Herald reported that they had decided to stay above the Herzog and Wipfler shoe store and that arrangements were being made with Mrs. Baumann (13).

According to a May 27, 1905 Ste. Genevieve Herald article on Decoration Day, it was requested that "flowers and wreathes will be thankfully received at headquarters above Herzog's shoe store" (14).

It should be noted that Herzog and Wipfler had parted company June 1, 1904 (15). It should also be noted that the Union Hall was being dismantled in September 1905 (16) and the Jokerst and Yealy Mercantile Co. built a new store on the Union Hall Site (17). This department store building was

destroyed by fire on July 16, 1922(18). It was replaced by the current building on that location (now the DuBourg Centre). See photo of current building on this location (19)

Both the 1894 (20) and 1901 (21) Sanborn maps of Ste. Genevieve show a Cobbler's store on Market Street in Block 17. The 1911 Sanborn indicates the building was vacant (22). A later Sanborn in 1929 shows that the building had been modified (23). Ads in the newspaper for the shoe store do not give the street address. However, the fact that the Baumann's owned the property gives us a clue as to where the shoe store was located. In the Ste. Genevieve deed records, Charles Baumann bought property on Market Street described as shown in Book 93 Page 94 (24). An October 18, 1902 Ste. Genevieve Herald article indicated that Charles Baumann had leased the lower floor of the brick building to Herzog & Wipfler shoe store (25). The October 10, 1903 Ste. Genevieve Herald described the Herzog & Wipfler shoe store as 22 x 50 (26). The corner of the current building located at 326 Market Street is 63 feet from the corner of Market and 4th.

Based on this information, we can conclude that the first identifiable remaining headquarters of Post #326 was at 326 Market Street. See the 2016 photo of the current building which is owned by the Quarry Workers Local 829 and serves as their union hall (27).

On December 16, 1905, the headquarters of the Post were moved from Market St. to a house on F. J. Huck's Lot on Lahaye street (28).

A 1908 Southeast Missouri Drummers Magazine included a biography of Francis J. Huck and also showed a picture of his house. See photo in notes (29). This location as headquarters at this house is confirmed by a May 25, 1907 Ste. Genevieve Fair Play which reported that the Decoration Day march "will leave headquarters at the residence of Frank Huck (30). It is further confirmed by a 1909 City Election notice that indicated the First Ward would vote at "G. A.R. Hall at Frank Huck's" (31).

An April 3, 1909 notice of election indicated that the 1st Ward would vote at the G. A. R. Hall at Frank Huck's (31). See 2016 photo of 230 Lahaye in notes (32).

The headquarters were still on Lahaye Street in 1915 as the May 29, 1915 Ste. Genevieve Herald reported that the line of march for Decoration Day is as follows; Start at 1 p.m. sharp from G. A. R. Headquarters on Lahaye Street" (33).

Frank Huck, a county probate judge, died on Oct 1, 1922 while serving as Commander of the Camp in 1922. He was succeeded by Charles Schuler Sr. In 1925, the Camp was disbanded according to Herald August 22, 1925(34). It is unknown if there was a formal headquarters in 1923 and 1924.

In summary, there are at least two locations still existing in Ste. Genevieve, 326 Market St. and 230 Lahaye, where the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James GAR Post 326 had their headquarters. They also had their headquarters at the Union Hall located on the corner of Merchant and 3rd Street but that building is no longer in existence.

To date, no minutes from the Post as well as the portrait of J. Felix St. James, a flag (35) presented to the Post on February 1, 1888 as reported in the Jan 21, 1888 Herald and the minutes of the Post.

Robert J. Mueller 2016

Notes

1. Ste. Genevieve Herald May 28, 1887

G. A. R.

J. F. St. James Post Instituted.

Col. T. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General of the Missouri Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, arrived here Wednesday night, and on Thursday evening mustered in the "boys in blue." The initiation ceremonies, which took place at Union Hall, were private, only those who were desirous to become members being admitted. Seventeen veterans were mustered in as charter members, and it is expected that the Post will number at least 50 members before the grand encampment takes place in St. Louis.

We understand that a Camp Fire will be lit in the near future for the purpose of raising funds to help defray the expenses of attending the grand encampment at St. Louis next September.

The muster roll of J. Felix St. James Post contains the following names:

Leon Jokerst, Wm. H. Bantz, John W. Schmahle, Albert Lalumendier, Valentine Rottler, Wm. V. Skowes, Simon Sabrayere, Francis Bernard, Leo Herzog, Francis Beauchamp, George Beckerman, Fred. Schaefer, Jacob Yealy, Michael Lalleur, August Seibert, George Will, and Henry Stolte.

After the initiation ceremonies, the following officers were elected:—Wm. H. Bantz, Post Commander; Leon Jokerst, Senior Vice-Commander; George Will, Vice-Commander; William V. Skowes, Officer of the day; Frank Bernard, Chaplain; Jacob Yealy, Quarter Master; Valentine Rottler, Surgeon Major; George Beckerman, Sergeant at Arms.

2. Ste. Genevieve Herald Oct 8, 1887

—J. F. St. James Post, G. A. R., No. 326, met at headquarters Saturday night, Sept. 24, and among other business, mustered in three new comrades: Messrs. Anselm Stölzer, Frank Kohm, and Killian Grieshaber. The membership of the post is steadily increasing. Two new members have already been proposed for the next meeting, which will be held on November 5th. The Post meets regularly at headquarters every first Saturday of the month.

3. Ste. Genevieve Herald January 12, 1895

The installment exercises of the newly elected officers of the J. Felix St. James Post G. A. R. of this city will be held at the Grand Army Headquarters on Market street at two o'clock this afternoon. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

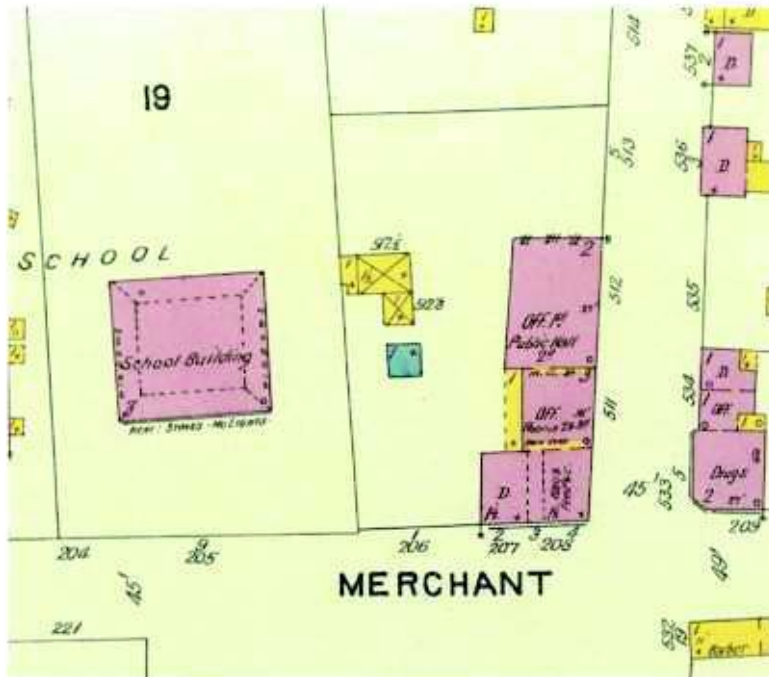
4. Ste. Genevieve Herald May 18, 1901

Decoration Day
will be observed by the J. Felix St. James Post, G. A. R., Thursday, May 30th. The Post leaves headquarters at Union Hall 9 o'clock a. m. for the cemeteries in and near the city. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Flowers will be most thankfully received. **GEO. BECKERMANN,**
4-2t Post Commander.

5. Ste. Genevieve Herald May 25, 1901

—Our Grand Army Post has headquarters at Union Hall now, the old quarters being occupied by the railroad men, who use it for an office.

6. 1901 Sanborn showing location of Union Hall



7. October 19, 1902

—Our friend Chas. Bauman, the blacksmith, has sold out his business on West Market st. to Xaver Bauman and Frank Schweigert for \$975, reserving for himself five new wagons on hand. He has leased the shop to his successors at \$14 per month, and the lower story of the brick building to the shoe firm of Herzog & Wipfler at \$10 per month, for a term of two years. Mr. Bauman has been unwell and the doctors have recommended a change of climate. He intends to start for New Mexico in about two weeks. We wish him a pleasant journey and speedy recovery.

8. Ste. Genevieve Fair Play January 3, 1903

The J. Felix St. James Post G. A. R. have moved their headquarters into one of the offices above Herzog & Wipfler's shoe shop. Installation of officers will take place on Saturday, January 10th.

9. Ste. Genevieve Herald January 3, 1903

—The G. A. R. moved their headquarters from Union Hall to the Baumann bldg. on Market St over Herzog & Wipfler's shoe store last Wednesday.

10. Ste. Genevieve Fair Play March 14, 1903

City Election Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual election of the City will be held on

Tuesday, April 7th, 1903,

and that at said election the following officers will be elected: A Mayor, a Marshal, a Street Commissioner and one Alderman from each of the three wards of the city, to serve for two years.

POLLING PLACES:

First ward—The office in Wehner's Lumber Yard.

Second ward—At Buehler's butcher shop bld'g

Third ward—At the Grand Army Hall, above Herzog & Wipfler's Shoe store.

WM. H. DONTZ,
Mayor.

11. Ste. Genevieve Herald October 10, 1903

HERZOG & WIPFLER.
Boots and Shoes.
The above named house sells everything in the boot and shoe line, ladies', misses' and children's fine shoes rubbers, slippers, men's and boys' boots and shoes for all classes, and what is more they sell them cheap. This house was established five years ago. They occupy a building 22x50 in size and it is one of the neatest shoe stores in this part of the state.

12. Ste. Genevieve Herald December 10, 1904

— On the 3rd Sunday in December the G. A. R. Post will meet to decide where the new headquarters are going to be. Every member should be present.

13. Ste. Genevieve Herald December 24, 1904

— Our Grand Army Post will for the present meet at the old headquarters over Herzog's shoe store, arrangements being made to that effect with Mrs. Baumann, the proprietress.

14. Ste. Genevieve Herald May 27, 1905

Decoration Day

will be observed next Tuesday, May 30th, and it is the wish of the G. A. R. Post that Post members, Confederate veterans, school children and all other citizens participate in a display of honor and respect for those who now lie cold and still beneath the sod. Flowers and wreaths will be thankfully received at headquarters above Herzog's shoe store. Assemble at 9:30 a. m. ROMAN HUCK, P.-O.

15. Ste. Genevieve Fair Play May 14, 1904

Ste. Genevieve, Mo., May 14, 1904.

GREETING : To my Friends, Patrons and Trade in General.

On June 1st, 1904, I will assume exclusive control of the Boot and Shoe business formerly conducted under the firm name of Herzog & Wipfler, and beg leave to inform you that, having the best interests of my patrons and myself in consideration, I will from date on conduct a strictly cash business.

I want to get out of the prevailing rut ; I want to buy for cash and sell for cash. I can do better by every customer on every purchase—likely better than anybody imagines.

If I cannot satisfy you to your heart's content in 5 minutes that this is the cheapest place in Ste. Genevieve to buy Shoes, I'll give you a free trip to the World's Fair at my expense.

Going to open some eyes in this town from now on.

Yours for mutual benefit.

HENRY HERZOG.

16. Ste. Genevieve Fair Play Sept 2, 1905

Wm. Klein has the contract to wreck the south end of the old Union Hall building and began work Wednesday.

17. Jokerst and Yealy opening June 1906

REMOVAL SALE!

We have built a new store on the site of the Union Hall property and expect to move shortly and want to reduce our large stock, thereby save expense of moving. We will offer you goods at a sacrifice in all departments.

We Advise You

to buy your Spring goods now as you will get a big discount from our already popular low prices.

You will be surprised at our genuine reductions and we guarantee to save you money on all purchases. Don't forget to take advantage of this rare opportunity.

Early Buyers

will have a complete stock from which to make their selections.

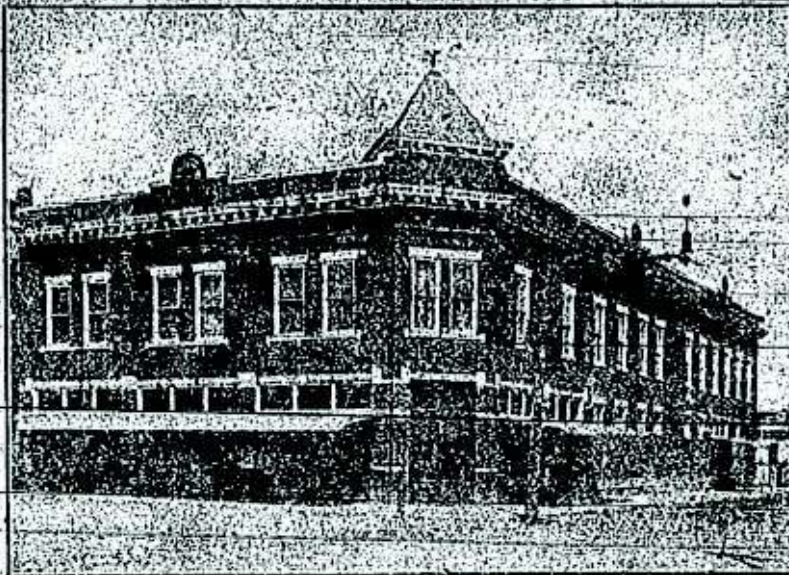
Sale Begins Monday, Feb. 19, 1906.

Truly Yours,

Jokerst-Yealy Merc. Co.

18. Ste. Genevieve Fair Play July 16, 1922

JOKERST-YEALY MERCANTILE COMPANY'S STORE COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED BY FIRE

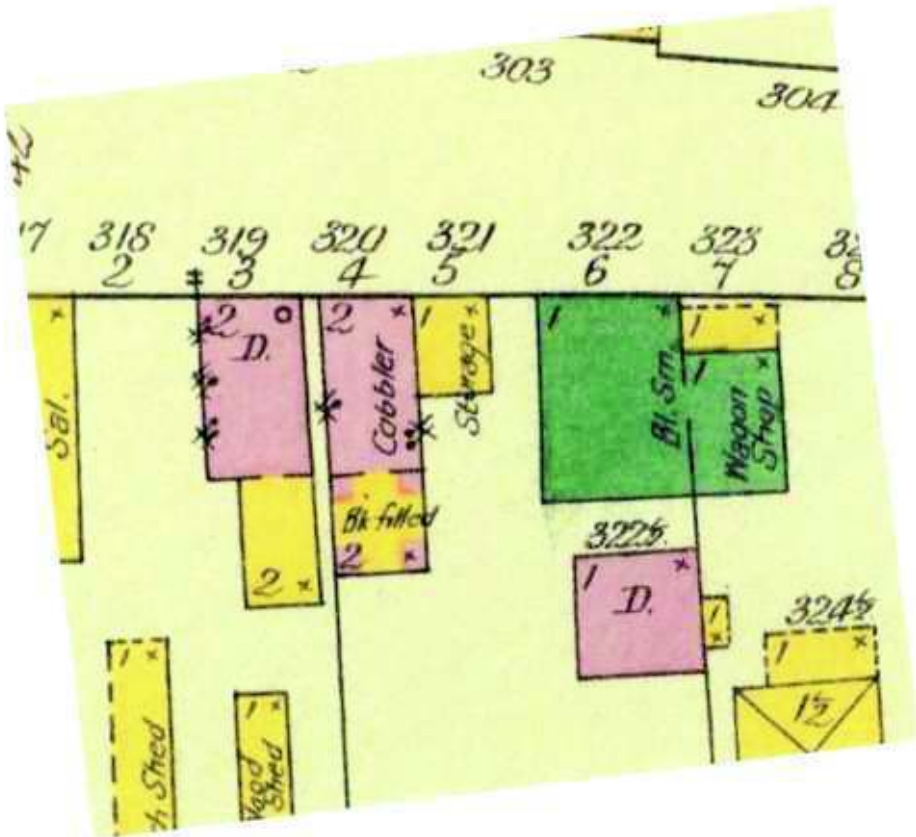


19. Current DuBourg Centre at location where the Union Hall stood



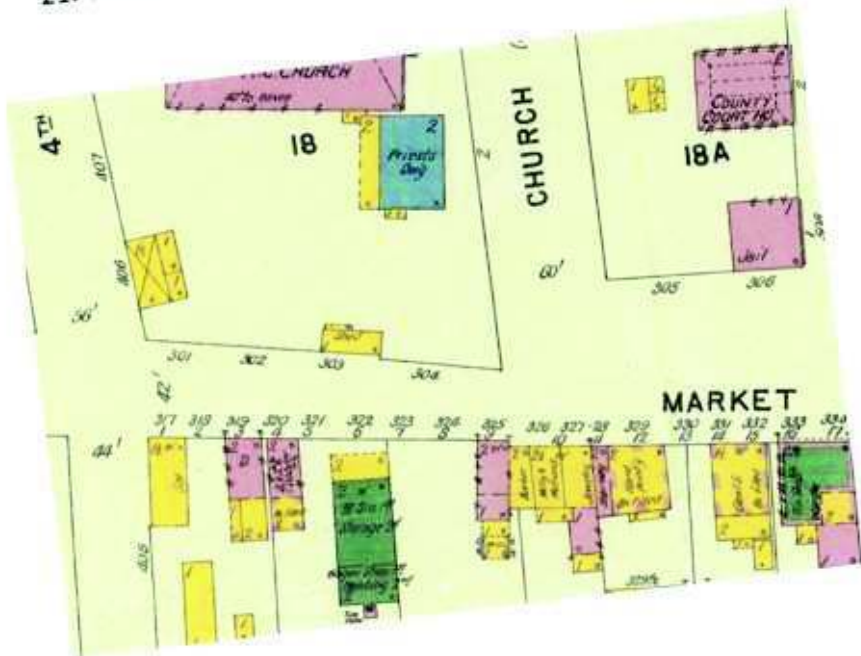
20. 1894 Sanborn Map Block 17 Ste. Genevieve, MO





Close-up of area

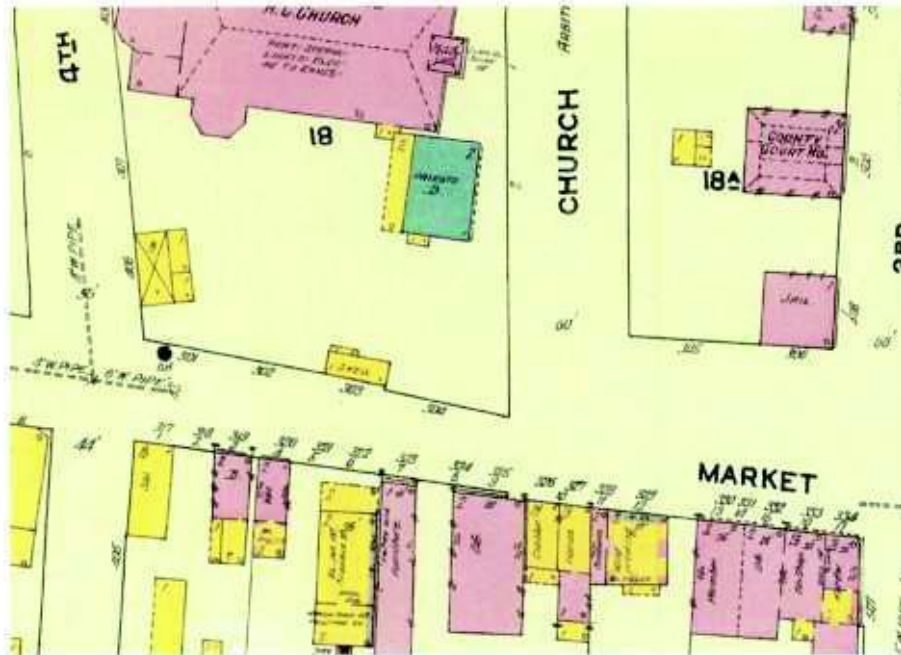
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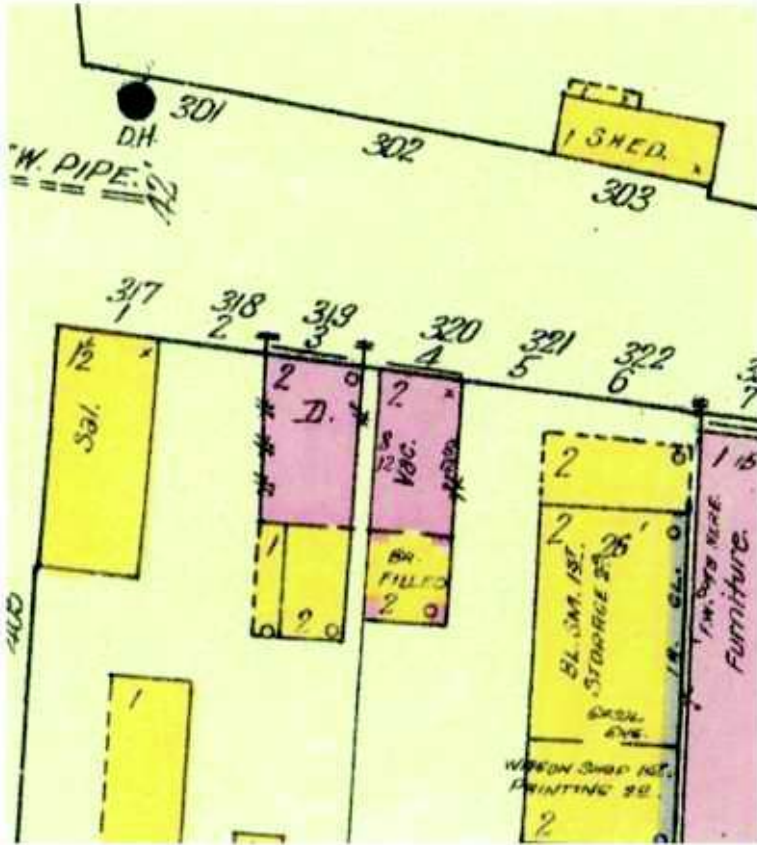




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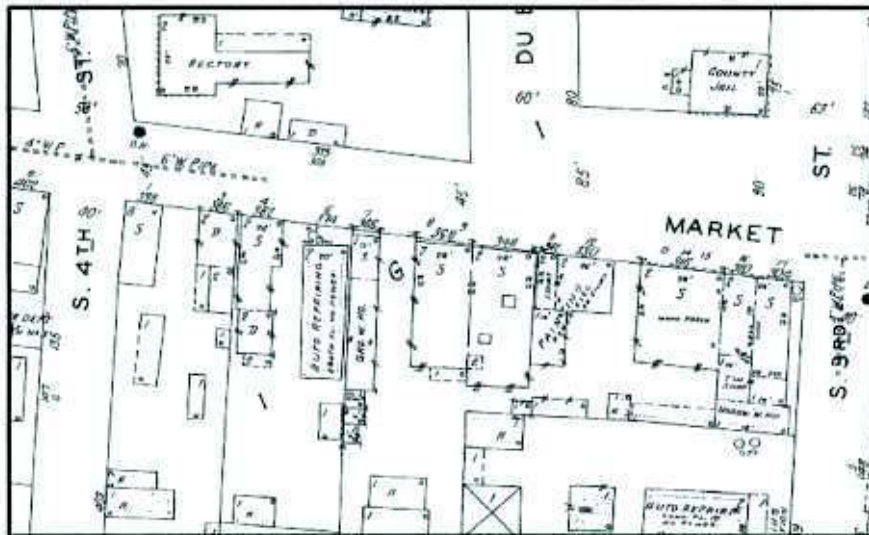
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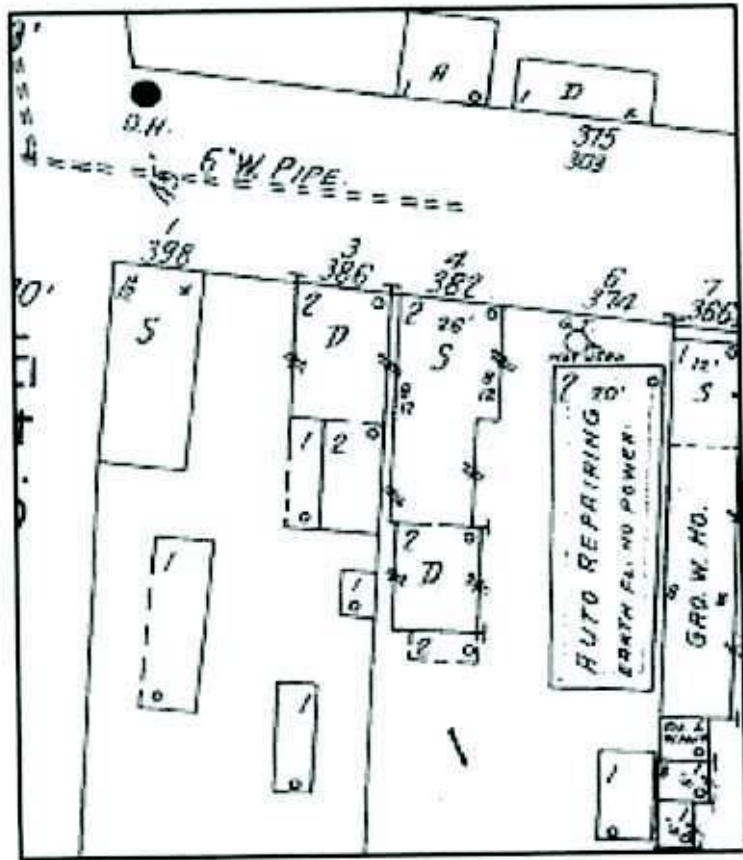




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23. 1929 Sanborn Map Block 17 Ste. Genevieve, MO





Close-up of area

24. Recorder of Deeds, Ste. Genevieve County, MO Book 93 Page 94

WARRANTED AND WELL BOUND BY THE RECORDS

This Indenture, made on and by the authority of the said Charles
 Lawrence, deceased, and his wife, *Margaret Lawrence*, widow of Charles
 Lawrence, deceased, of the City of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, part of the first part, and
 Henry C. Stephens, of the County of Ste. Genevieve, in the State of
 Missouri, part of the second part.

Witnesseth, that the said part of the first part, in consideration of the sum of
 Three thousand Dollars, paid by the said part of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell, convey, transfer, assign, and assign, the following described
 lot, tract or parcel of land, being and situate in the County of the Ste. Genevieve and State of Missouri, to-wit:

Lot 13, being a portion of the lot, being and situate in Block 17 of the City of
 Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, as follows, to-wit: start at the S. E. corner of
 the intersection of the East and South lines of South 2nd Market Street
 and run thence South South line of Market Street, N. 36 deg. E. 62 feet,
 to point for beginning corner; thence Southwardly with E. line of lot
 now of Chas. W. Mathews and Wm. H. Stephens, to the N. W. corner of a lot
 now owned by Mrs. Geo. Stoltz and her children, where N. 32 deg. 30'
 E. 23 feet and 4 inches, with North line of said Stoltz lot, for corner;
 thence Northwardly parallel to said East line of Mrs. W. H. Stephens
 lot to the South line of Market Street, thence South and South line
 of Market Street, S. 76 deg. W. 23 feet and 1 inch, to the beginning
 corner;

Alles a right of way, for driveway purposes, 6 lines (11) feet wide,
 East of and adjoining to the lot thereabove described and starting
 from the South line of Market Street, Southwardly, to the North line
 of the aforementioned Stoltz lot.

25. Ste. Genevieve Herald October 18, 1902

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27. Current photo of 326 Market St.



28. December 16, 1905

— Last Saturday the headquarters of J. Felix St. James Post G. A. R. were moved from Market st to a house on F. J. Huck's lot on Lahaye street.

29. SEMO Drummers Magazine 1908



30. Ste. Genevieve Fair Play May 25, 1907

Decorations Day, May 30, will be duly observed in this city as it always has been in the past. The local G. A. R. Post, at a special meeting held for the purpose last Sunday, made final arrangements to the effect that the marches, including the members of the Post, preceded by the Ste. Genevieve Brass Band, will leave headquarters at the residence of Frank Huck at 9 a. m. and visit the various cemeteries where to place the remains of their deceased comrades and on white graves will be placed flowers and a flag.

31. Ste. Genevieve Fair Play April 3, 1909

City Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the annual election of city officers will be held in the City of Ste. Genevieve on

TUESDAY, APRIL 6th, 1909,

and that at said election the following officers will be elected: A mayor and a marshal to serve two years and an alderman from each of the three wards, to serve two years, with the exception of one alderman in the 3rd Ward, (the one elected to fill the unexpired term of J. B. Roberts) who will serve one year.

POLLING PLACES:

- 1st Ward—G. A. R. Hall at Frank Huck's.
- 2nd " —Jules Petrequin's office.
- 3rd " —Wm. Sexauer's brick building.

JOSEPH WEILER, Mayor.

32. 2016 Photo of 230 Lahaye



33. Ste. Genevieve Herald May 29, 1915

The line of march for Decoration Day is as follows: Start at p. m. sharp at G. A. R. Headquarters on Lahaye street, east on Lahaye to Main, south on Main to Merchant, west on Merchant to Third, south on Third to Market, west on Market to Fourth, north on Fourth to Merchant, west on Merchant to the old Cemetery where the usual Memorial Day services are held.

LOCAL G. A. R. POST DISBANDS AFTER THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS



The J. Felix St. James Post No. 326 Grand Army of the Republic, of Ste. Genevieve has passed into history. On Thursday and Friday of last week Chaplain Charles Godat of Crystal City was in our city and held a conference with the three other remaining members of the Post at which it was definitely decided to disband and to surrender the Post charter.

The reasons for taking this step are that there are not enough members left to properly officer the Post and also that those who are still here are gradually giving away to the infirmities of old age.

The J. Felix St. James Post was organized in 1887 and was named in honor of J. Felix St. James, who is credited with having been the first volunteer in the Union Army from Ste. Genevieve County, and it is claimed the first from Southeast Missouri, who fell at the battle of Shiloh and whose memory is still green in the hearts of citizens of his old native city.

On Wednesday, May 25th, 1887, Col. T. B. Rodgers, Assistant Adjutant General of the Missouri Department of the G. A. R. was in Ste. Genevieve and mustered in the "boys in blue." The initial ceremonies took place in the Union Hall, which stood on the present site of the Jokerst-Yeally Mercantile Co. store. Seventeen veterans were mustered in as

charter members and as time went on this number grew to one hundred and five. The charter members were Judge Wm. H. Bantz, Leon Jokerst, John W. Schmable, Albert Lalumondier, Valentine Rottler, Wm. V. Skewes, Simeon Labroyere, Francis Beauchamp, George Beckermann, Fred. Schaefer, Jacob Yealy, Michael LaFleur, August Siebert, George Will and Henry Stolte. After the initiation ceremonies, the following officers were elected as the first officers of the new Post. Wm. H. Bantz, Post Commander; Leon Jokerst, Senior Vice-Commander; George Will, Vice-Commander; Wm. V. Skewes, Officer of the Day; Frank Bernard, Chaplain; Jacob Yealy, Quarter Master; Valentine Rottler, Sergeant Major; George Beckermann, Sergeant at Arms.

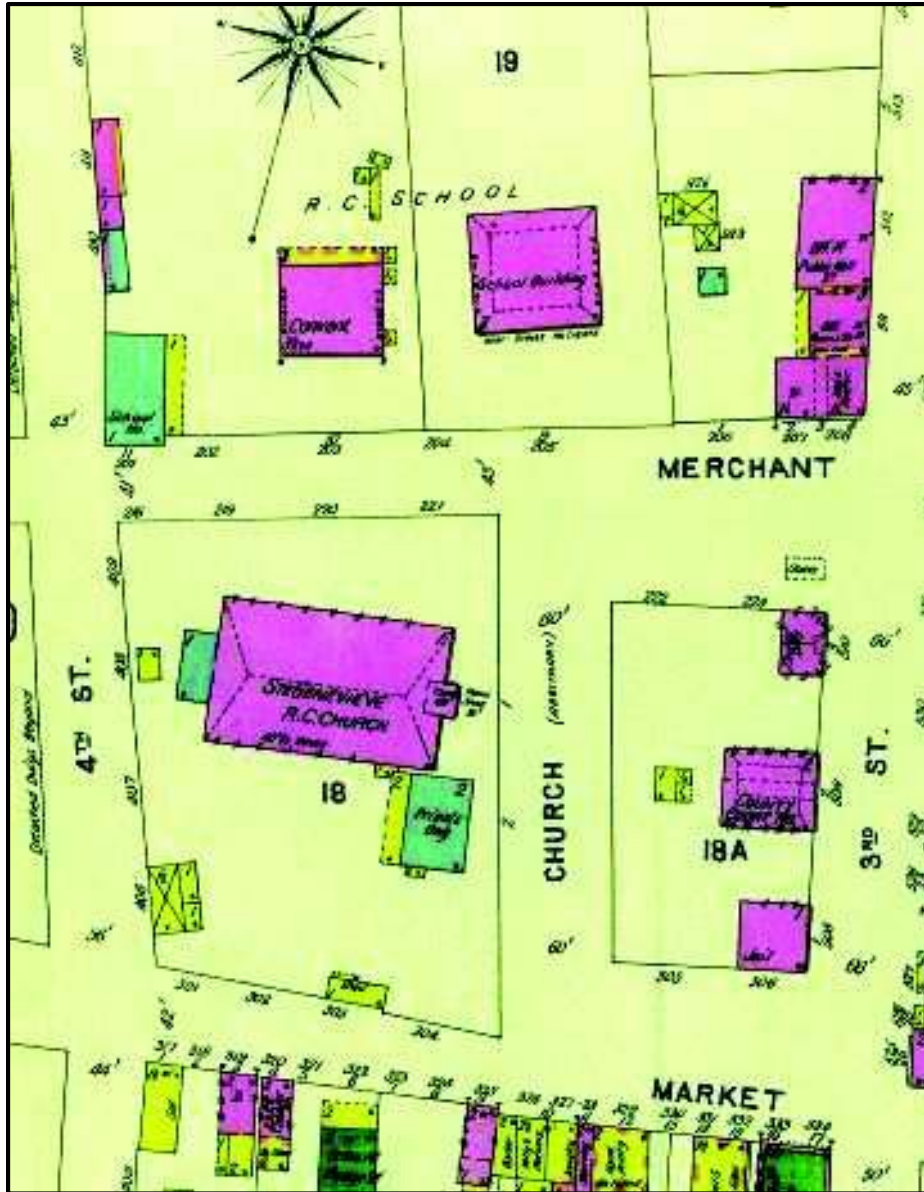
Now, after thirty-eight years, it has become necessary, because of the ravages of time, to surrender the charter of this patriotic order composed of men who in time of extreme need offered their all that their country might live. But such is the order of things, and we must all submit to the inevitable. The officers of the J. Felix St. James at the time of being disbanded were Charles Schuler, Post Commander; Leon Herzog, Vice-Commander; Joseph K. Siebert, Junior Vice-Commander; Charles Godat, Chaplain.

Grand Army Ball.

On the evening of Feb. 1st next, at Union Hall, the Grand Army of the Republic Post, No. 326, will give a Grand Ball for the benefit of the Post, and will charge 50 cts. admission for gentlemen; ladies free. The evening programme will be very entertaining, as Capt. Gustavus St. Germain will present the Post with a beautiful portrait of J. Felix St. James, his brother, after whom the Post was named. There will also be the presentation of a magnificent silk flag recently purchased by the Post with the names of the Post etc. engraved thereon in bright golden letters. In all, it promises to be the most enjoyable festivity the people will have for a long time and will more than repay in pleasure the small admission which is to pay the expenses of the Post. Everybody invited.

Addendum to the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Post #326 Study on Headquarter Locations

As stated in the study, the Post had their headquarters in the Union Hall located on the northwest corner of Merchant and 3rd street to the north of the courthouse between January 1901 and January 1903. This is shown on the 1910 Sanborn Insurance map in the upper right hand corner in the following



Ste. Genevieve, Missouri December 1901 #4

Ste. Genevieve, Missouri December 1901, Jefferson, Merchant, Market, Gabori, 4th St., Church, 3rd St., 2nd St. – Univ. of Missouri Digital Library

Also when the study was initially published it was thought that there were no pictures of the Union Hall in existence. However, Bill Naeger, local photographer and owner of Main Street Gallery pointed out that the Union Hall was visible in the background of photo taken on 3rd Street before the Decoration Day parade of 1888. This parade is well documented and in particular indicates that Mrs. Susan E. St. James, wife of the departed J. Felix St. James was in the parade.

The J. Felix St. James Post No. 326 G. A. R. made a very creditable display in their handsome uniforms, on Wednesday last, Memorial Day, as they marched in procession through our streets to decorate the graves of Union soldiers. Mayor Rozier, who accompanied the procession as an invited guest, escorted in his carriage Mrs. Elizabeth St. James, relict of Lieut. St. James, after whom the post is named. At the grave of his brother, Capt. Gustave St. Gem delivered an address on the time-honored custom of decorating the last resting-places of departed friends. The members of the post then proceeded in vehicles to the Valle Spring cemeteries where the ceremony of decoration was concluded. The Progressive Cornet Band headed the procession in its handsome chariot.

June 2, 1888 Ste. Genevieve Fair Play

Decoration Day.

Decoration day was observed here on Wednesday morning with appropriate ceremonies by the J. Felix St. James Post No. 326 G. A. R. The members of the Post turned out in uniform at half-past nine A. M., and, preceded by the Progressive Cornet Band, marched out to the old Catholic cemetery, where they halted at the grave of J. Felix St. James, after whom the Post is named. Here Capt. Gustavus St. Gem, brother of the distinguished soldier who lost his life in the defense of the Union at Shiloh, delivered a short address, commending in warm words the general observation of Decoration Day as a fitting and well-deserved tribute to the patriotism of the men, who, in the hour of need, did not shrink from the highest duty of freemen - to lay down their lives in the defense of freedom. After the address, which, though short, drew tears from many an eye, the veterans broke ranks and decorated the graves of the heroes of the country with bunting and floral offerings prepared for the occasion by the ladies of Ste. Genevieve and vicinity. The graves so decorated were those of J. Felix St. James, Moise Gouvernau, Louis LaRose, Frantz J. Boltz, Herman Kastner, Florian Goller, Antoine Diehl [1812], Auguste St. Gemme [1812].

The Post next proceeded to the old city cemetery, where the same honor was shown to the memory of James Sims, Ike Sims, and Benjamin Smith.

At the Odd Fellows' Graveyard the following graves were decorated: Frank Leavenworth, Arthur Bantz, Amos Culver, August Wittmeyer, and August Schweiss.

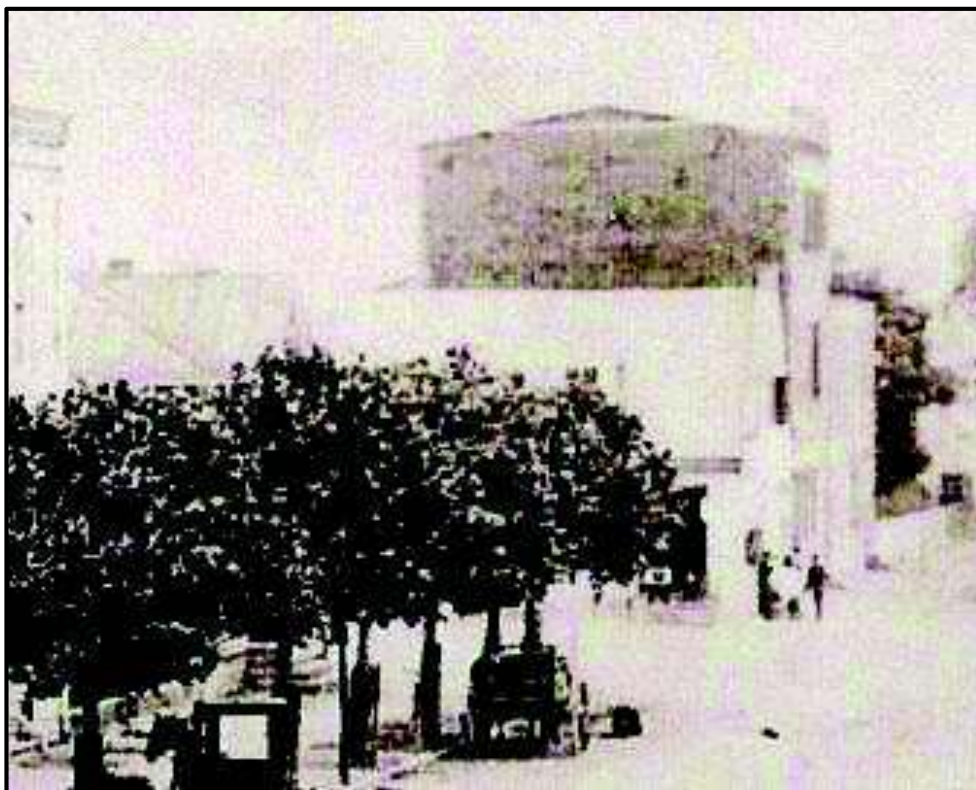
The German Lutheran cemetery was next, and there the veterans' tribute of respect was shown to the last resting places of Christoph Peterson and Peter G. Jaccard.

The new cemetery at Valle Spring being too distant to march to, especially for men who were already exhausted by the previous exertion, and some of whom are well advanced in years and enfeebled by exposure and hardships endured in the struggle that terminated for many of them in broken down constitutions and ailments that will cling to them to the grave, it had been thought best to proceed there in wagons. The graves decorated at Valle Spring were those of Joseph Vorst, Joseph Kohn, and Lawrence Schwent on the Catholic, and Noah Leavenworth and T. Herlin on the other side.

June 2, 1888 Ste. Genevieve Herald

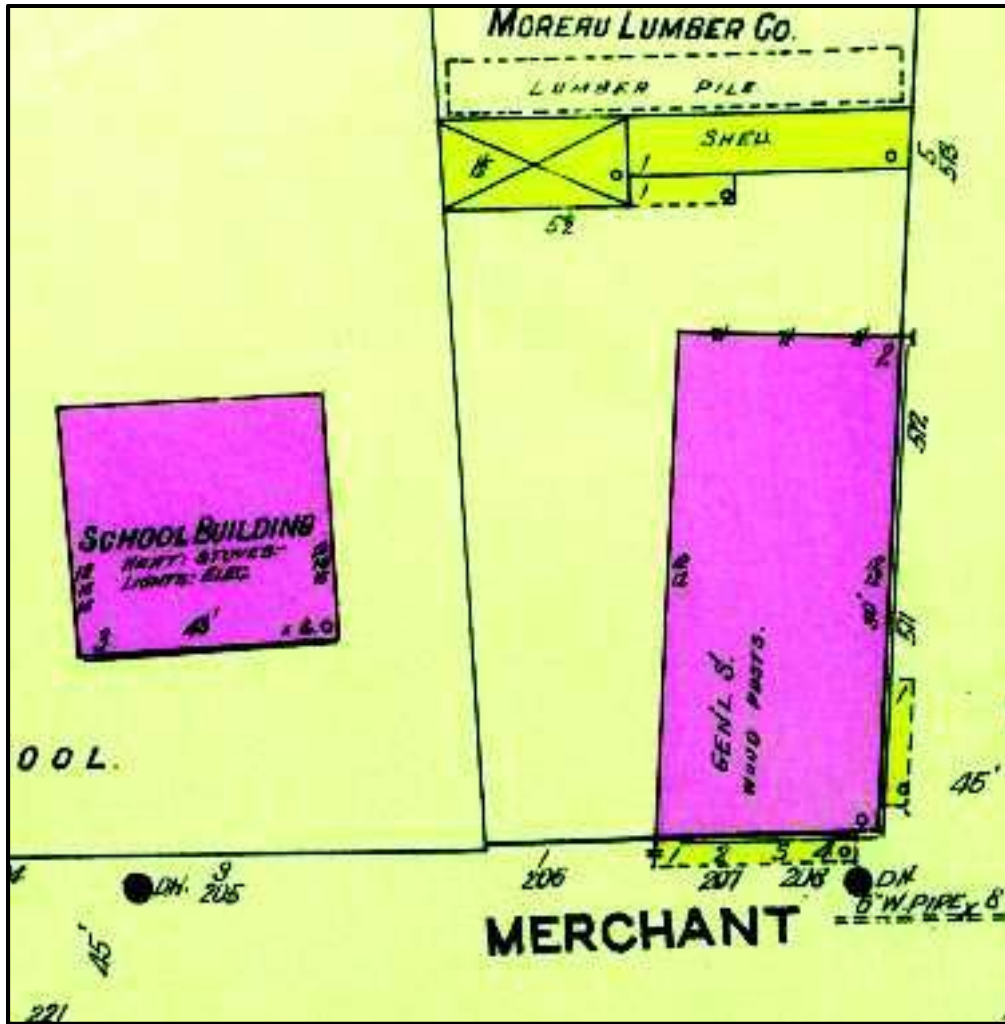


Picture of the 1888 Decoration Day Parade showing Union Hall in background. Picture courtesy of Main Street Gallery in Ste. Genevieve



Close-up showing the Union Hall

This shows the same location in 1911 after the Union Hall was replaced with the Jokerst and Yealy Store



Bob Mueller 2016

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):

GAR Post 326 was established in May 1887 and the last member died in August 1892. The organization elected its last Commander in 1924.

Meeting Facility

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

Identify Specific Location:

Headquarters were held in three locations, two of which are still in existence. They are located at 326 Market St. and 230 Lahaye Streets in Ste. Genevieve. For a short period of time, the Camp met in the Union Hall on the NW corner of Merchant and 3rd. This building was demolished in 1906. See R. Mueller's 2016 report on the Camp headquarters.

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?

The Ste. Genevieve Museum has in its possession a modified GAR membership ribbon, coat buttons, hat cord, and other related insignia (See attached photo). Neither the owner of this GAR related material or the person giving it to the Museum is identified on the Museum's records.

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>

Camp News

Our Activities.



On Sunday March 5, 2017 Tom Greminger attended the Eagle Scout of Honor for Benjamin Naeger at the American Legion Hall. Tom presented the new Eagle Scout with the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate and Challenge Coin.



Ste. Genevieve Museum Find.

Our camp historian, Bob Mueller, has been diligently searching for the J. Felix St. James G.A.R. Post 326 Flag and Sword and painting of Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James. He has been working with Stephanie Gadell at the museum in his quest. Until now the only information we had was the photos that we purchased from Bill Naeger and the information that we have gleaned from different sources and added to our list of Ste. Genevieve Civil War Veterans.

Stephanie sent Bob an e-mail with a photo of the items she found.



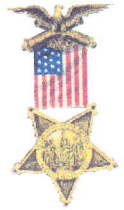
1. Hat Cord
2. G.A.R. Hat Badge
3. G.A.R. Membership Badge
NOTE: Membership Ribbon replaced by a portion of an US Flag that was used by people to wave during a parade or maybe placed at a grave marker.
4. 2 G.A.R. buttons that would be used on the cuffs of a G.A.R. Coat
5. No idea why the image of President Teddy Roosevelt

Stephanie called Bob today and told him to get to the museum to see a flag that she had found. Bob checked it out but it was not the Post flag but he said it could very well be a flag that dates back to that time frame.

Keep Up The Good Work, Bob



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<http://www.suvcwmo.org/garposts.php>

Misc Date
Entry Field

In 2017, R. Mueller reported that the last known headquarters of Post 326 had suffered a fire and it was unknown if it would be salvageable.

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See attached article from the June 7, 2017 Ste. Genevieve Herald and a photograph after the fire of the damaged structure.

Update: As of the date of this report, the house has been restored and is now in livable condition

Last Known Headquarters of GAR Post 326 – 230 Lahaye St., Ste. Genevieve, MO

Fire at Residence – May 13, 2017

Historic Structure Burns



This house at 230 Lahaye Street was damaged by fire on May 13. The house served as the headquarters for the Grand Army of the Republic's Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Post No. 326 from 1909 to at least 1915. Prior to that, it reportedly was the residence of Francis J. Huck. It served as a Ward 1 polling station in April 1909, being identified as "G.A.R. Hall at Frank Huck's." Huck, a county probate judge, died in 1922. He also was the commander of the G.A.R. Post in 1922. (Photo submitted by Jim Baum; information from Bob Mueller)



R. Mueller Photo

Recent photo of structure as of 4/1/2020

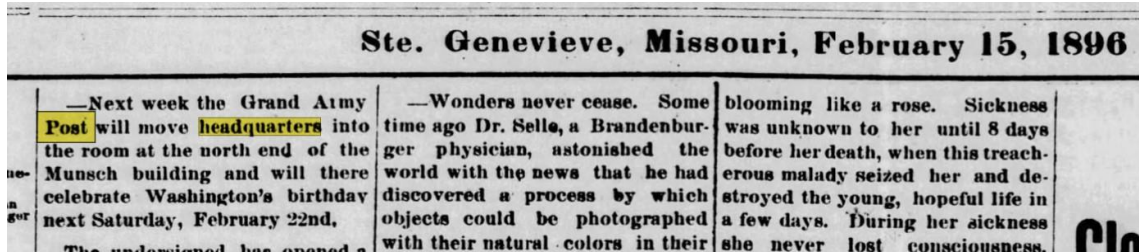


R. Mueller Photo

Update on G. A. R. Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Post #326 Headquarter Locations

R. Mueller – March 2024

In February, 1906, the Post announced it would move its headquarters to the Munsch building.



The Munsch building was mentioned in a Feb. 16, 1884, Ste. Genevieve Herald article.

Leon A. Jokerst was born in the German Settlement, February 10, 1845, on the farm at present cultivated by Mr. August Baechle, and is now 39 years of age. His wife, Mary R. Munsch, is 34 years old, and is the daughter of the late Mr. Nicholas Munsch, one of the first German settlers of Ste. Genevieve. They were playmates from early childhood, and their friendship ripened into mutual love, so that their union for life was purely an affair of the heart. They were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the Ste. Genevieve R. C. Church, by the Rev. F. X. Weiss, on Shrove Tuesday, February 9th, 1869, the following day, Ash Wednesday, being Mr. Jokerst's birthday. Mrs. Jokerst was born in her present residence, the Munsch building, and was educated at the Academy, conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Mr. Jokerst took an active part in the internecine strife between the Northern and Southern States, serving as an artillerist in the Union Army. He has always been an energetic, public-spirited citizen of Ste. Geneveve, striving to develop its resources and advance its interests. He was among

A Feb 18, 1905 indicated that Jokerst and Yealy had bought the Munsch building also known as the Union Hall.

— We are reliably informed that the Jokerst-Yealy Merc. Co. have bought the old Munsch property, "Union Hall", on 3rd & Merchant streets for \$6,500.

A Jan. 12, 1895, article revealed that their headquarters were located on Market Street.

The installment exercises of the newly elected officers of the J. Felix St. James Post G. A. R. of this city will be held at the Grand Army Headquarters on Market street at two o'clock this afternoon. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

The preceding information establishes the date when Post 326 moved to the Union Hall, a date previously unknown.

The front of the Union Hall can be seen in this 1888 photograph. It is the multi-storied building in the background.



This picture is looking north. The new headquarters would have been in the rear of the taller portion of the building.

The rear of the Munsch – Union Hall building can be seen in this picture of 3rd street looking south.



It is the first building just past the first window on the right.