

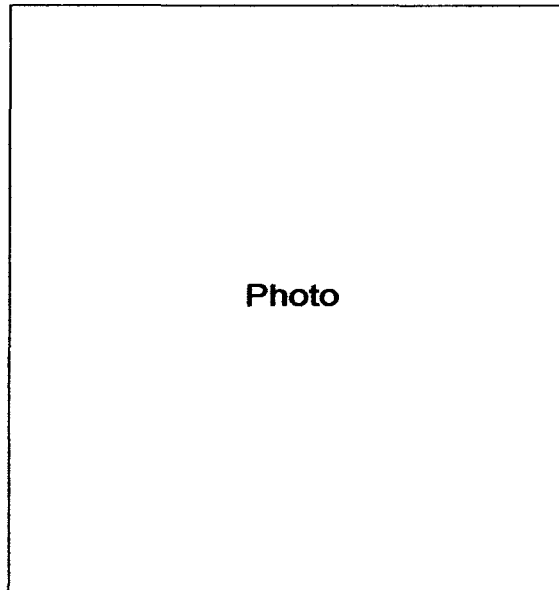
# MISSOURI GAR POST RECORDS PROJECT

Post Name General Joseph Bailey Number 26 Location Nevada, Vernon Co., Missouri

## Brief History

Charter Dated: 28 Aug 1882. Named after Lt. Col. Joseph Bailey, who earned a brevet to Brigadier-General after devising a way to safely move a trapped Union fleet on the Red River back to the ocean.

Women's Relief Corps No. 15 was the auxiliary to the Post.



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

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

Met in the New Armory Building, Nevada, Mo.

## Additional Information

Information from Johnson, J.B., editor, "History of Vernon County Missouri: Past and Present, Vol. 1" Chicago, IL: 1911, C.F. Cooper & Co. Pages 498-499

### GRAND ARMY OF REPUBLIC

General Joseph Bailey Post No. 26, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, was instituted by Comrade Chris Stowitz, of St. Louis, assisted by W.R. Smith, of Iowa. The charter is dated August 28, 1882. The charter members and first officers were: John A. Davis, commander; E.E. Kimball, senior vice; D.W. Graves, junior vice; S.S. Bigelow, quartermaster; John P. Jones, officer of the day; M. Kimber, officer of the guard; G.W. McLain, chaplain; Harry Mitchell, adjutant, and H.L. Tillotson, N.G. Barter, O.G.B. Cline, John S. Lee, D.H. Bailey. The post is now in good financial condition and has about fifty members. Its meetings are held in a comfortable hall near the southwest corner of the square.

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On December 7, 1889, C.G. Burton was elected commander of this post, and on April 12, 1891, Comrade Burton was appointed on the staff of the department commander and held the position for three years. On April 12, 1893, at Joplin, he was elected department commander of the state. In 1908 he was elected to the highest office, that of commander of the G.A.R. of the United States. After his election, he appointed John A. Hariman, of this post, aide de camp. In June, 1911, W.H. Taft was appointed aide de camp by John A. Needam, present commander-in-chief, showing that Post No. 26 has been honored as much if not more than any other post in the state. Out of 541 posts in the state there has been three chiefs, and Nevada has been honored with one.

The Women's Relief Corps (No. 15) auxiliary to General Joe Baily Post was chartered June 15, 1885. The first members were Carrie B. Mitchell, Sarah J. Bailey, Emma J. Bigelow, Ann S. Patterson, Mollie J. Bates, De Ette Graves, Mildred J. Tillotson, Rose L. Kimball, Lizzie P. Jones, Alice Burton, Mary A. Birdseye and Nellie B. Hill. The corps is in good working order and has performed its good work very effectively. It is said by Judge Burton that G.A.R. Post 26 has the best relief corps in the state. Its present membership is sixty-seven, with money in the treasury sufficient for all purposes. The auxiliary is at present located in the state armory, rent free, and have regular meetings twice a month.

Of General Joseph Bailey Post, No. 26, there are only two of the charter members living -- Harry Mitchell and Martin Kimber.

[Current 1911 Information]

Joe Bailey Post, Nevada Camp, Grand Army of Republic, J.L. Hunt, commander. Wm. H. Taft, adjutant. Meet at New Armory building.

*Knights of Labor.* — No report.

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