

# Bound for the Trash Bin...G.A.R. Logan Post 585's Charter

A lot of Missouri G.A.R. charters are at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis. They were turned into the department secretary as each post closed. However, there are many still scattered about the nation in historical societies, private collections, stuff away somewhere. Hidden behind a framed picture that was ready to be chucked out with the garbage, Dan Hechler of Troy, MO, found the original charter to Troy's Logan Post. Now, Troy already had The Major A. Bartlett Post 289, so why did such a small town need another post?

This charter is a remnant of the policy of many Americans at the turn of the century. This charter is the separate-but-equal African American camp for the town. Other than the mustering in of the post on 22 Oct 1906 and that being reported in the 1907 department encampment reports, not much is known of the post. One list of the dead shows Charles Wheeler passing away in 1909. Wheeler was a member of Co. B, 62<sup>nd</sup> U.S.C.T. and he served from Nov 1863 to 31 Mar 1866. He most likely was with the unit when they fought at Palmetto Ranch, arguably the last land action of Civil War in May 1865.

The commander of the post was Thomas Perkins, who is probably the Thomas Perkins that served in Co. E, 56<sup>th</sup> U.S.C.T. He was apparently with them during their campaigning in Arkansas. Perkins passed away in 1927 at the age of 86.

Keep your eyes peeled for things like this. They turn up in surprising places. Even our original Department of Missouri Sons of Veterans (Pre-SUVCW, Pre-1900) Charter was found in an antique shop by Oliver Sappington of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, who graciously returned it to us. You never know what you might find. If you do find something, send us a picture and a story.

## DEATHS LISTED IN ENCAMPMENT RECORDS

Wheeler, Chas / Member  
post 1585 in Troy, Lincoln Co. Age at death: unk. See rpt. for 1909, pp. 26-32.



To all unto whom these Presents come, Greeting:

**Know Ye** That refusing full trust and confidence in the fidelity and patriotism of Comrades

<p>Thos. Perkins          Monroe Gibson          Daniel Webster          Solomon M. Quay          Thos. H. Benton          Edward Porter</p>		<p>Jerry Kearney          Andrew Cass          Charles Wheeler          Jackson Ketchum          John Miller          James Patton</p>
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I do hereby, in conformity with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, and by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the laws of the United States, do hereby certify that the above-named individuals are entitled to the presents herein provided for by the laws of the United States, and I authorize and empower them to receive the same.

John A. Logan, Post No. 100, Department of War

Solomon M. Quay  
Hose A. Benton  
Edward Porter



Jackson Starks  
John Miller  
Daniel Shelton

I do hereby, in conformity with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army  
of the Republic, and by virtue of the power and authority now vested, and to be vested, in  
their associates and successors, a list of the Grand Army of the Republic to be known as  
John R. Logan, Past No. 100, at Springfield, Mo., the  
Department of Missouri

And I authorize and empower them to perform all acts necessary to conduct  
said organization in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army  
of the Republic

Done at the Head Quarters of the Department of Missouri,  
Grand Camp of the Republic at Springfield, Mo., on the twentieth day of  
October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and  
six, and of our Independence the four hundred and thirtieth

John M. Hollister  
Department of Missouri  
John R. Logan  
Past No. 100



# Grand Army of the Republic



To all unto whom these Presents come, Greeting

**Know Ye** That we are full heart and obediently with full and perfect hearts of comrades

John Perkins  
Morris Cohen  
Samuel Miller  
Thomas M. Linn  
John H. Benton  
Edward Carter



John Linn  
Thomas M. Linn  
Charles Miller  
Jackson M. Linn  
John Miller  
Samuel Miller

I do hereby certify that the United States of the Grand Army of the Republic and by virtue of its power and authority in and with the same, their successors and assigns, do hereby certify that the same as  
John H. Linn  
No. 336. of the Grand Army of the Republic  
Department of  
Massachusetts  
and I do hereby and certify that to perform all acts necessary to conduct and execute in accordance with the United States of the Grand Army of the Republic

John H. Linn  
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## Re: Cool old GAR charter document.

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From: **Dean Enderlin** (enderlin@sonic.net)

Sent: Wed 12/02/15 12:35 PM

To: danhechler@gmail.com

Cc: Walt Busch (webusch@hotmail.com)

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Dear Mr. Hechler,

Thank you VERY much for sharing the news of your find with our organization. It never ceases to amaze me how and where these GAR records keep turning up!

John A. Logan Post, No. 585, GAR, based in Troy, was an African-American GAR Post, as you surmised. It was described as a "colored" Post in the 1907 Journal of Proceedings of the Annual Encampment of the Department of Missouri, GAR. I see on the images that you sent that the charter was issued on 8 October 1906. The Post was mustered (held its first organizational meeting) at Troy on 22 October 1906. The mustering officer (delegated to formally swear in the new Post officers) was Department Adjutant-General (secretary) Thomas B. Rogers, whose name appears at the bottom of the charter. Department records indicate that there were 14 charter members, although I see on your charter that there were only 12, and that the first Post Commander was Thomas Perkins. Perkins is the first name listed on the charter.

This Post was named in honor of Major-General John Alexander Logan, a beloved Civil War leader, former Commander-in-Chief of the GAR, and the man who issued General Order No. 11 in 1868 which led to the modern-day observance of Memorial Day.

John A. Logan Post, No. 585, didn't leave many traces of their history in the published records. Charter member Charles Wheeler (PVT, Co. B, 62nd USCT) was reported in the 1909 Department Proceedings as having died in 1908. Aside from that, I can find no other mention of this Post in the Proceedings.

I'm cc'ing Walt Busch, who is our SUVCW Department GAR Records Officer in Missouri. Your find will be of interest to him, and he may be able to provide you with additional details on the history of this Post.

Thanks again for letting us know about this wonderful find!

Sincerely,

Dean Enderlin  
National GAR Records Officer  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
www.GARrecords.org

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From: "Dan Hechler" <danhechler@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 7:34 PM  
To: <enderlin@sonic.net>  
Subject: Cool old GAR charter document.

> This was discovered behind an old photo in a picture frame that was about  
> to be thrown away. I live in the town of Troy Missouri. I believe all the  
> men listed on the document were all black soldiers in the Civil War. At  
> least 7 are listed in Missouri soldiers data base. I framed the document  
> and have it in my collection of military items. Do you have any  
> documentation on this Missouri post?  
> Dan Hechler  
> Troy, Mo  
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US Grant Camp #68

November 9, 2015

New or Transferring Members to the Camp

During our last meeting it was brought to the camp's attention that a few of the local camps are in the process of folding. Asboth Camp has already done so earlier this year. Some of the follow up comments about other camps in the area that may fold concerned me. As the nominee for Camp Commander for 2016 – I wanted to share my concerns for the future of U.S. Grant Camp #68.

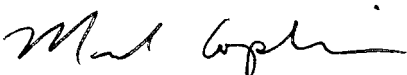
I understand the principles that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War promote – FCL. I understand the need for new membership as we struggle to bring new members in to the fold. But what I also understand is that some members can cause friction within a camp or department that make the meetings and the membership almost unbearable. We experienced this first hand in our department and camp. Both paid a price in membership and credibility in both of those situations. I don't want to go into what those situations were but there are those of you here tonight that know what I am talking about.

Here is my concern – members of a camp that folds can apply to transfer to another active camp. Those members of the camp that caused the demise of their previous camp may bring that same friction to their new camp. We have a solid group of dedicated men in Grant Camp and our meetings have improved greatly over the years. By allowing a disruptive brother to transfer into our camp – it may lead to a situation in which we return to having limited camp meeting attendance and the loss of members.

I propose that a membership committee be formed to screen potential new as well as transferring members. We need to work on more background work to make sure new members will fit in with our camp. If a transferring brother wants to join let us do some homework. If a member of our camp has solid proof that a potential transferring brother had major issues in his previous camp or department we need to identify this and either talk with the transferring member of our concerns and let him join or deny his transfer. In the end the camp will vote on approving or denying membership.

Again I thank you for nominating me for the post of Camp Commander for 2016. I have held this post in the past and promise to do my best to keep U.S. Grant Camp #68 strong and the leader of the Department of Missouri.

Without our members we would be nothing.



Mark Coplin – PCC U.S. Grant Camp #68