

MISSOURI GAR POST RECORDS PROJECT

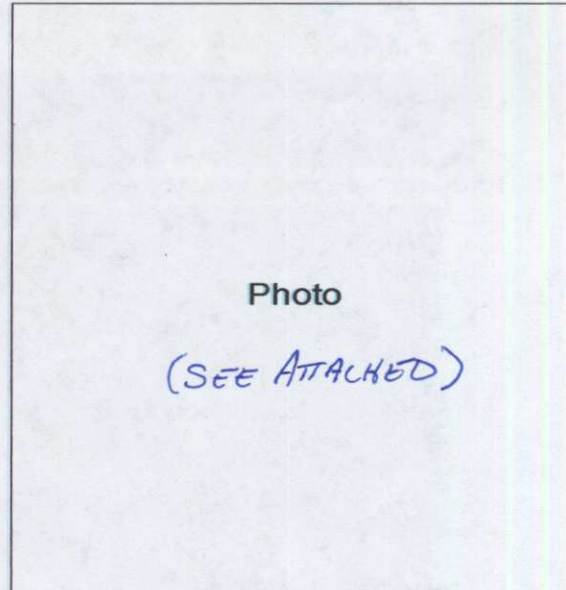
Post Name Colonel Amos W. Maupin Number 586 Location 620 No Jefferson St James MO 65559

Brief History

As soldiers grew older there was a need for a post at the Old Soldier's Home in St. James. This filled the need.

Named after Col. Amos W. Maupin, commander of the 47th Mo Infantry and a staff officer during the Battle of Pilot Knob, the post came into existence in the early 1900s. St. James was also host to Post 593, John W. Noble and Post 297, John S. Phelps. Due to the home being in the city, it possibly served as a meeting place for all these posts.

Location: W91°37'05" N38°00'15"



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

Unknown if any records exist, the home and the Secretary of State Archives do not have any such records.

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

All structures but one have been torn down. St. James is the site of the first state veterans home. It was originally opened in 1896 by the Women's Relief Corps Soldier's Home Association, and was deeded to the State of Missouri in 1897. Mrs. Hollen E. Day, president of the General Lyons Corp, No. 38, Women's Relief Corps, St. Louis, MO, pushed for the opening of the home. The town of St. James presented the William James Mansion and the surrounding 60 acres to the Corp in 1895 to serve as 34 room home.

Additional Information



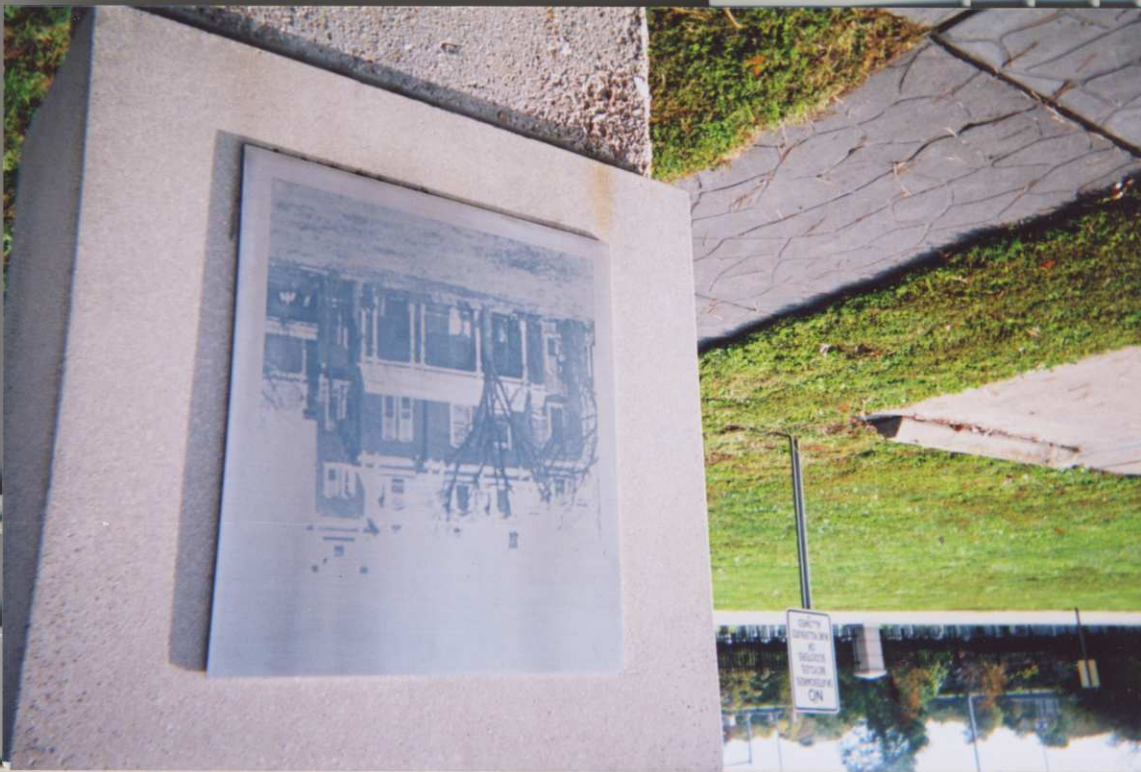
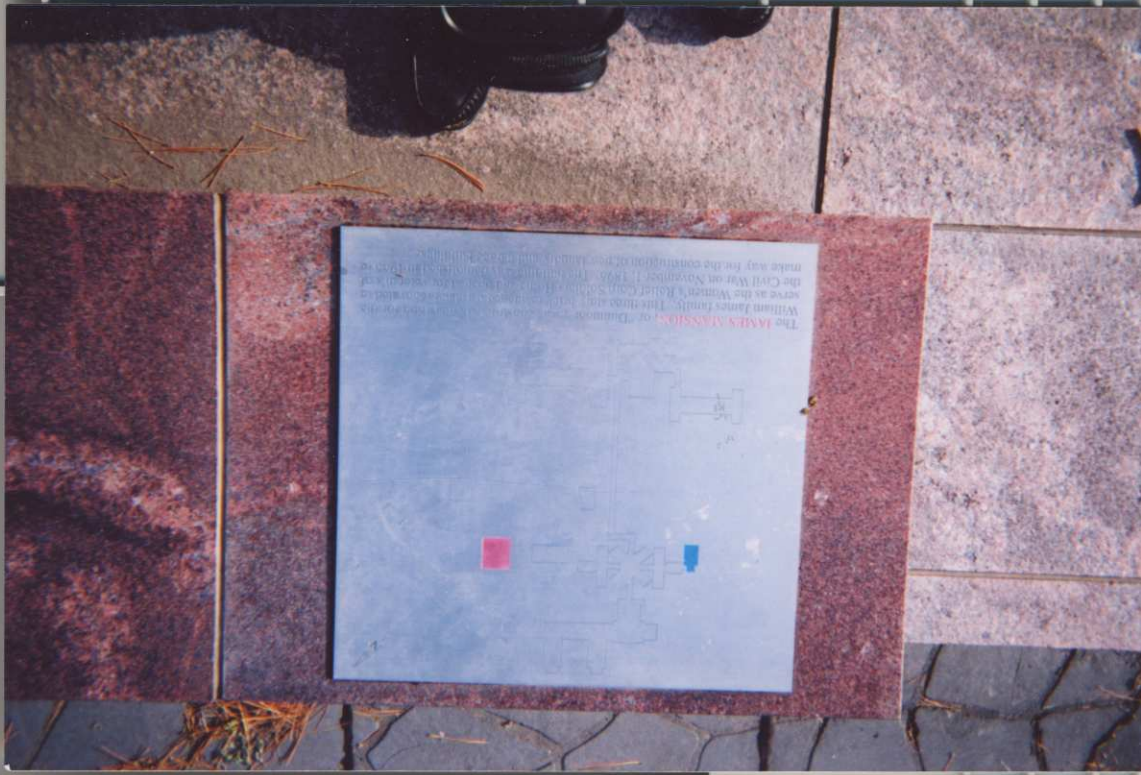


While serving as the president of the General Lyons Corp, No. 38, Women's Relief Corp, St. Louis, Missouri, Helen E. Day became aware of a number of cases in which Civil War Veterans were sent to National Homes, thus separating them from their wives and families. Mrs. Day - a former teacher who helped supply comfort bags to Union Soldiers and whose husband was a veteran, helped establish the Missouri Women's Relief Corp Association - a corporation dedicated to founding a home to care for veterans and their wives.

On April 18, 1897, the William James Mansion and its surrounding 60 acres were presented to the Women's Relief Corp, Department of Missouri by Major W. H. of St. James, Missouri. Funds for the purchase of the property were derived from the boxes of the James Mansion and members of St. James and Phelps County.

The property was transferred to the Women's Relief Corp's Home Association. The Home Association opened the Home to the public and it was well received. The Home was a success. On June 1, 1901, the Home was transferred to the State of Missouri.

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