

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):

See attached. Mustered in Oct 30, 1896

**Meeting Facility**

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

Identify Specific Location:

on Emma Ave and Holcomb Street, picture existed at the Shiloh Museum

**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?

Ledgers covering years 1891-1896

**Location of Records**

Repository Name   
City/Town  County  State  Zip

**Additional Information:**

See attached

**Submitter Information**

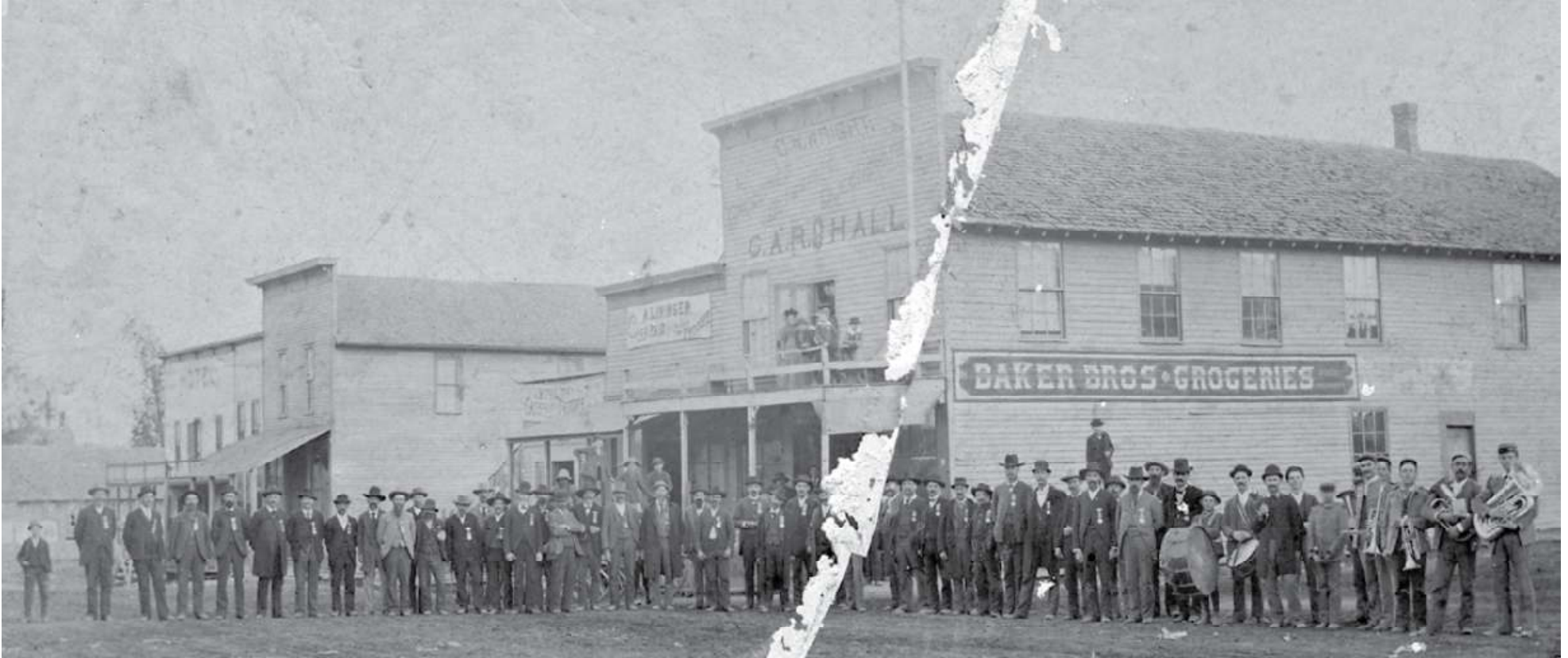
Submit Date  Name   
Camp Name  Camp #  City/Town  State  Zip   
Email

Print Form

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

Submit by Email

## US GRANT POST 34 – Springdale, ARK



From an article by Susan Young, *Shiloh Scrapbook: Shiloh Museum of Ozark History Newsletter* Vol. 28, No. 3 December 2009

Picture: The Springdale GAR Hall was located on Emma Ave and Holcomb Street. GAR Post members from the 1890s. The *Marion Stafford Warner Collection*

U.S. Grant Post No. 34 ,GAR, at Springdale, was chartered October 30, 1886 and the members were mustered in by S. P. Gilbreath of West Fork. They had nineteen members, and elected the following officers: B.R. Butcher, Commander; J. Smith, Senior Vice Commander; C.W. Wright, Junior Vice Commander, B.C. Cox, Adjutant; A.W. Baker, Quartermaster; R.E. Renner, Chaplain; J.T. Sullivan, Surgeon; John Vernon, Officer of the Day; J.W. Langford, Officer of the Guard; S. Mayes, QS. They have a hall in the Searcy Block and number sixty five members. Present officers: J. Smith, Commander; C. W. Mayes, Senior Vice Commander; A.W. Baker, Junior Vice Commander; C.W. Wright, Quartermaster; R.E. Renner, Chaplain; E.P. Hall, Adutant; .J Vernon, Officer of the Day; E.A. Ellis Officer of the Guard; J. Pollett, SM; J. Conger, QS; J.T. Sullivan, Surgeon.

■ *Page 262 History of Benton, Washington, Carroll, Madison, Crawford, Franklin, and Sebastian Counties, Arkansas, 1889*

Paul Dolle, later member of the McPherson Camp No 1, SUVCW in Springdale, donated a camp ledger covering the years 1891-1896 to the Shiloh Museum in 2009.

Other Excerpts from the article by Susan Young:

... To celebrate New Year's Day 1891, "A bountiful repast was spread by the wives [sic] and daughters of the old veterans which was heartily partaken of by all present followed by music and song with other entertainments until the hour arrived to part and return to our homes. All feeling that we had a good time and that the old vets might live to enjoy many more returning New Year's Days of the same kind."

Caring for widows and orphans of deceased "comrades" was taken seriously. In March 1891, "Comrade Plummer reported on Mrs. Barnes, deceased soldier's widow, with six children, two sick and very needy, widow also sick. Proper steps were taken for their relief." The Post continued to look after Mrs. Barnes and family. Two months later, "Widow Barnes unable to meet part of her rent, and Post ordered payment of \$2.30 balance of rent due by her.

In July 1891, "The matter of deceased Comrade Baker's orphan daughter Nora was brought up. The Post appointed Comrades Plummer and Greenfield a committee to assist in selecting suitable clothing and school books to prepair [sic] her for attending school and report same to Post for Post to pay." Two weeks later, "Clothing, books, and shoes have been furnished suitable to prepare Miss Nora to attend school at an expence of \$4.37."

Plans were made in October 1891 to hold a "bean supper" and to "extend an invitation to the Grays [Confederate veterans] to participate with us." According to a notice in the Springdale News, the bean feed was held at the GAR hall on November 14. (Pictured right: from the *Springdale News* 31 Oct 1891).

**Notice, Blue and Gray.**  
The boys in Blue will hold a campfire, and have a bean supper at the G. A. R. hall in Springdale on the night of November 14, 1891. All ex-Confederates friendly to the Blue are cordially invited to bring their families and meet with us, and participate in the festivities and assist in making this an enjoyable occasion long to be remembered on account of its pleasant memories. By order of COMMITTEE.

An intriguing story is related in a ledger entry from July 1892. "...the fact [was disclosed] that a loyal man by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ Miller during the war was compelled to jump off from Martin's Bluff on White River over 100 feet high by the guerilleys [sic] as a chance for his life, or be shot by them. That he made the jump successfully and was shot by them when found to be alive." A motion was carried that a committee be formed to "gather all the facts relating to said Miller's death. Also to learn the proper governmental authority and to report the same to this post. That the same may be reported to the government with the view that the remains of said \_\_\_\_\_ Miller may be removed to the National Cemetery at Fayetteville, Arkansas as one of the nation's dead, where the same may receive appropriate memorial honors."

In November 1892, the Post voted to have a Thanksgiving meal at the GAR Hall. All comrades were advised to "bring baskets filled with eatables and all outsiders [will] be charged 25 cents each for supper and comrades 25 cents per family."