

## **Grand Army of the Republic Collection, 1861-1931**

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Description: Collection consists of records of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations. Most papers are from G.A.R. Post 478 (Mount Joy) and Post 84 (Lancaster). Included are minute books, burial records, membership applications, correspondence, national and state G.A.R. orders, encampment information, and Post correspondence. Many records are in book form. Soldiers and sailors honorably discharged from the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the U.S. who fought in the cause of the Union from Apr. 12, 1861 to Apr. 9, 1865 were eligible to become members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Allied Orders include: Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. (later Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) and their Auxiliary, as well as the Daughters of Veterans (later Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War).

Creator: Grand Army of the Republic Post 478; Grand Army of the Republic Post 84; Grand Army of the Republic Post 524.

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Related Materials: Photograph Collection

Subject headings:

Grand Army of the Republic (LHo-LOC n 84076025)  
Associations, institutions, etc. (LHo-LOC sh 85008810)  
Veterans (LHo-LOC sh 85142973)  
Business records (LHo-LOC sh 85018316)  
Letters (LHo-LOC sh 85076240)



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## **Box 1**

**Folder 1** "Descriptive Book" of Lieut. David Leach Post No. 524, Ephrata. Lists 111 members. Gives Name, Age, Birthplace, Residency, Occupation, Entry into Service (Date, Rank, Co. Regiment), Final Discharge (Date, Rank, Co., Regiment, Length of Service, Cause of Discharge), Date of Muster into G.A.R., When Honorably Discharged, When Suspended, When Dropped, When Dismissed, When Reinstated, Nature of Wounds, Where Wounded. Begins July 1, 1886. Last entry April 8, 1893. Complete entries. *Gift of M. Luther Heisey, 7 November 1952.*

"Dues Book" of Lieut. David Leach Post No. 524, Ephrata. Lists members names and dues, also dates of regular meetings. July 1, 1886 to Dec. 1889. *Gift of M. Luther Heisey, 7 November 1952.*

**Folder 2** "Descriptive Book", unknown Post (possibly Post 524). (Many names cross reference to Post No. 84), Lancaster County addresses. Set up in alphabetic form. Incomplete entries. Some addresses shown as "deceased". Poor condition. Dates: 1879-1913.

Minute Book of Lieut. Leech, Post No. 524 G.A.R., Ephrata, PA. 1891 to 1893. *Gift of M. Luther Heisey, 7 November 1952.*

**Folder 3** Commissions of John Wimer, Cumberland Co. Capt. in Co. D, 77th PVI on Feb. 20, 1862; Lieutenant Colonel in 178th Pennsylvania Militia on Dec. 4, 1862 and discharge of July 27, 1863.

**Folder 4** Pension Application of Elizabeth Furgeson. Pension for Joseph Wolf. Laws and correspondence relating to pensions. 1861-1912.

**Folder 5** Copy of correspondence from Chas. H. Veil concerning the death of Gen. Reynolds with a description of the battle. 1864.

**Folder 6** Burial Records in Mount Joy and Lincoln Cemeteries. No dates.

**Folder 7** Photographs. Most unidentified. Others include Lt. Swisher; Gen. Tom Thumb; William Cruikshank, Georgetown, DC, Dec. 5, 1862; Mount Joy, Pa., Lieut. D. H. Nissley Post # 478. *Photographs transferred to the Photograph Collection, 13 October 2017.*

**Folder 8** Completed G.A.R. Membership Applications. Most from Lieut. D. H. Nissley Post No. 478, Mount Joy. 1885-1916.

**Folder 9** Completed G.A.R. Transfer Cards. Most from George H. Thomas, Post No. 84. Also, Harrisburg Post No. 520 and Lieut. David H. Nissley, Post No. 478. Dates: 1885.

**Folder 10** Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. Correspondence. Most from Lieut. David H. Nissley Camp No. 74, Mount Joy. Includes flyers depicting G.A.R., Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. banners and badges; Advertising flyer from the Iroquois Band and Stork's Orchestra. Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.



encampment booklet, 1919. (1902-1919).

**Folder 11** G.A.R. Correspondence. General Welsh, Post No. 118, 1885-1868 and Lieut. D. H. Nissley, Post No. 478, Mount Joy. Officers' Bonds. Dates: 1900-1920.

**Folder 12** G.A.R. Muster Roll and Adjutant's Report from Lieut. D. H. Nissley, Post No. 478, Mount Joy, 1888-1914.

**Folder 13** Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. Officers Reports. Chaplain, First Sergeant, Secretary 1904-1913. Mostly Lieut. D. H. Nissley Camp No. 74, Mount Joy. Dates: 1904-1915.

**Folder 14** Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. encampments and department rosters. Encampment, 1913. Rosters, 1908, 1910, 1913. *Gift of George Long, 1994.*

**Folder 15** G.A.R. Flyers, communications, delegates credentials, booklets. References to Women's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, Veteran Nurses' Association. Pa. Department Rosters; 1882, 1888, 1891, 1909-1910, 1916, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925. Flyers endorsing candidates for department offices (including Hugh R. Fulton, Post 84, for Department Commander, 1908).

**Folder 16** Blank forms and certificates. G.A.R.: Resolution of Respect; Honorable Discharge; Applications. Sons of Veterans, U.S.A.: Transfer Card; Honorable Discharge; Request for Certificate of Service; Certificate of Appointment; Bond.

## **Box 2**

**Folder 17** G.A.R. Financial Data. Most from Lieut. D. H. Nissley, Post No. 478, Mount Joy and Gen. Heintzelman Post No. 300, Manheim. Dates: 1903-1923.

**Folder 18** Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. Financial Data. Most from Lieut. D. H. Nissley Camp No. 74, Mount Joy. Dates: 1907-1915.

**Folder 19** Completed Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. applications.

**Folder 20** The Banner. Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. newspaper. (Poor condition.) 1913, 1915, 1916.

**Folder 21** Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. Death Benefit Association. 1895-1915.

**Folder 22** Correspondence and copies of veterans legislation from Rep. W. W. Greist. 1912-1920.

**Folder 23** Minute Book of Lieut. David H. Nissley Camp No 74, Sons of Veterans, USA. From camp muster Mar 2, 1904 to May 16, 1908.

**Folder 24** Miscellaneous certificates, information, flyers. A booklet from "Churchhill's Philadelphia Entertainment Bureau" and a book, *War Songs*. 1886-1941.

**Folder 25** National G.A.R. General Orders, Circular Letters, communications, 1885-1925.

**Folder 26** Dept. of Pennsylvania G.A.R. General Orders, Circular Letters, communications, 1890-1910.

**Folder 27** Dept. of Pennsylvania G.A.R. General Orders, Circular Letters, communications, 1910-1925. Central Pennsylvania G.A.R. Association General



Orders, communications, 1907-1915. Woman's Relief Corps Communication Nov. 2, 1896 and Special Order with history of Memorial Day. Order No. 1 for parade to escort Battle Flags June 10, 1914. Division Order No. 6, Dec. 1, 1915, Pennsylvania Division Sons of Veterans, U.S.A..

### **Box 3**

**Folder 28** "Battlefield Dispatch". Newsletter and papers of Gen. George H. Thomas Camp No. 19, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Lancaster.

**Folder 29** Annual Department of PA Encampments of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Chambersburg, 1991; Scranton, 1992; Kittanning, 1994.

**Folder 30** Annual National Encampments of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Indianapolis, IN, 1991. George Long, Commander-in-Chief. The George Long badge is part of the Museum Collections as per Collections Separation Sheet.

**Folder 31** G.A.R. Posts, Misc. Information. Post 84, Post 226.

**Folder 32** Memorial Day Services, 1885-1941.

**Folder 33** Brobst Camp No. 23, Son of Union Veterans, 1918, 1919.

**Folder 34** CPT J. N. Neff Post 406, Minute books, Cemetery list, Muster In list, Descriptive list, 1883-1887, 1923, 1934.

**Book #1** "Rules and Regulations Book" per Article VIII, Section 3 of the G.A.R. Rules and Regulations. 53 member signatures are on pp. 35-36.

**Book #2** Check register (stubs). Starting May 4, 1895. Ending with No. 526 on June 12, 1923. References to Mt Joy.

*Book #3 Annual Report of the Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphans of Pennsylvania, for the Year 1887. Transferred to library, April 2009.*

*Book #4 Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Commission of Soldiers' Orphan Schools for the Year Ending May 31, 1886. Transferred to library, April 2009.*

**Book #5** Proceedings on the Occasion of the Reception and Acceptance of the Stephenson Grand Army Memorial, July 3, 1909. Benjamin F. Stephenson was founder of the G.A.R.

**Book #6** "The Republic Magazine", Vol. 1, No. 1, Jan. 1908. Contains sketches of Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps, among others.

**Book #7** Journal of the 21st Encampment G.A.R., 1887.

**Book #8** Proceedings of the 41st Encampment, Dept. of Penna. G.A.R., 1907.

**Book #9** Proceedings of the 43rd Encampment, Dept. of Penna. G.A.R., 1909.

**Book #10** 49th Encampment, Dept. of Penna. G.A.R., 1915.

**Book #10.5** 50th Encampment, Dept. of Penna. G.A.R., 1916.

**Book #11** 52nd Encampment, Dept. of Penna. G.A.R., 1918.

**Book #12** 53rd Encampment, Dept. of Penna. G.A.R., 1919.



**Book #13** 54th Encampment, Dept. of Penna. G.A.R., 1920.  
**Book #14** 55th Encampment, Dept. of Penna. G.A.R., 1921.  
**Book #14.5** 65th Encampment, Dept. of Penna. G.A.R., 1931.  
**Book #15** Journal of the 69th Encampment G.A.R., 1935.

**Book #16** Record Book. Beginning January 1907 showing a record of payments, members names, some addresses and some final disposition. Post 84. Last entry 1928. (Too large for Hollinger box, located on shelf between boxes.)

#### **Box 4**

**Book #17** Report of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Erie. 1906.  
**Book #18** Proceedings of the Fortieth Annual Encampment of the Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans U.S.A., 1921.  
**Book #19** Annual Report of the Commissioner of Pensions, 1912. Statistical data only, no pension records.  
**Book #20** Minute Book. Soldiers and Sailors Union, Feb. 15, 1866 to Aug. 17, 1869. Became Post 84 G.A.R. on Oct. 1, 1867.  
**Book #21** Minute Book. Post 84, G.A.R. Aug. 3, 1869 to Sept. 5, 1877.  
**Book #22** Minute Book. Geo. H. Thomas Post 84, G.A.R. Oct. 2, 1908 to Oct. 13, 1911.  
**Book #23** Minute Book. Geo. H. Thomas Post 84, G.A.R. Oct. 20, 1911 to Oct. 14, 1915.

#### **Box 5**

**Book #24** Minute Book. Geo. H. Thomas Post 84, G.A.R. Oct. 15, 1915 to Jan. 17, 1919. Includes newspaper clippings of interest.  
**Book #25** "Q.M. Book, Oct 21, '98, Oct. 6, 1916".  
**Book #26** Quarter Master Book. Jan. 1, 1917 to Dec. 31, 1921.  
  
**Folder 36** GAR Post 118 Correspondence, 1863 - 1869.  
**Folder 37** GAR Post 118 Correspondence, 1880 - 1889.  
**Folder 38** GAR Post 118 Correspondence, 1890 - 1897.  
**Folder 39** GAR Post 118 Correspondence, 1900 - 1908.  
**Folder 40** GAR Post 118 Correspondence, 1910 - 1918, 1921.  
**Folder 41** GAR Post 118 Account Books, 1872 - 1901.



## **Box 6**

- Folder 42** GAR Post 118 Financial Papers, 1882 - 1918.
- Folder 43** GAR Post 118 Check stubs, 1909 - 1916.
- Folder 44** GAR Post 118 Dept. of PA Black Book, 1875 - 1897.
- Folder 45** GAR Post 118 Adjunt & Quartermaster Reports, 1875 - 1921.
- Folder 46** GAR Post 118 Circulars, Etc. 1880 - 1913.
- Folder 47** GAR Dept. of PA 54th & 55th Encampment, 1893 - 1894.
- Folder 48** GAR Post 118 Minute Book, Nov. 17, 1896 - May 14, 1901.
- Folder 49** GAR Post 118 Resolutions, 1918, etc.
- Folder 50** GAR Post 118 Cemetery Books.
- Folder 51** GAR General Orders, 1895 - 1924.
- Folder 52** GAR Dept. of PA General Orders, 1895 - 1920.
- Folder 53** GAR Central PA Association, 1896, 19907, 1909.
- Folder 54** Sheets of music, War songs.
- Folder 55** Blank Forms: Funeral Notices, Membership Applications.
- Folder 56** Blank Forms: Honorable Discharge, Leave of Absence, Etc.

