



NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS  
OF THE CIVIL WAR  
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**GAR Posts in the State of Michigan**

Num1	Num2	Post Name	Location	State	Dept	Source
1		Van Pelt <sup>(a)</sup>	Coldwater	MI	MI	JL1
1		John A. Logan Soldiers Home	Grand Rapids	MI	MI	MI1
2		C.O. Loomis	Quincy	MI	MI	MI1
3		Clark <sup>(ww)</sup>	Union City	MI	MI	JL1
3	4	Maj. N.H. Ferry	Montague	MI	MI	JL1
4	7	Phil Sheridan <sup>(b)</sup>	Reading	MI	MI	JL1
5		Parker <sup>(ww)</sup>	Petersburg	MI	MI	JL1
5	6	Custer	Grand Rapids	MI	MI	MI1
6		C.J. Dickerson	Hillsdale	MI	MI	MI1
7	4	Frank Fornecrock <sup>(b)</sup>	Reading	MI	MI	JL1
7		Phil Kearney	Muskegon	MI	MI	MI1
8		General McPherson <sup>(ww)</sup>	Alleyton	MI	MI	JL1
8		Chas. H. Town	Ishpeming	MI	MI	MI1
9		Nathaniel Lyon <sup>(xx)</sup>	Hesperia	MI	MI	JL1
---		J. A. Dix <sup>(xx)</sup>	Hesperia	MI	MI	MI1
10		William Bell	Dundee	MI	MI	MI1
11		Roberts	Bancroft	MI	MI	MI1
12		Ryder	Deerfield	MI	MI	MI1
13		I.B. Richardson	Harbor Springs	MI	MI	MI1
14		George H. Thomas	Benton Harbor	MI	MI	MI1
15		Pap Williams	Ludington	MI	MI	MI1
16		Sedgwick	Ewart	MI	MI	MI1
17		Fairbanks	Detroit	MI	MI	MI1
18		McPherson	Traverse City	MI	MI	MI1
19		A. Lincoln	Bangor	MI	MI	MI1
20		Ellsworth	Hartford	MI	MI	MI1
21		A.W. Chapman	St. Joseph	MI	MI	MI1
22		William Perrott	Buchanan	MI	MI	MI1
23		Edwin Colwell	Bloomington	MI	MI	MI1
24		Col. Fenton	Fenton	MI	MI	MI1
25		David Becker	Ogden Center	MI	MI	MI1
26		Joe Hooker	Hart	MI	MI	MI1
27		Burnside	Decatur	MI	MI	JL1
28		French (1881-1894) <sup>(c)</sup>	Big Rapids	MI	MI	JL1
28		Carver (1894-1916) <sup>(c)</sup>	Hemlock	MI	MI	JL1
28		Huron County (1919-1933) <sup>(c)</sup>	Bad Axe	MI	MI	JL1
29		Champlin	Grand Rapids	MI	MI	MI1
30		Garfield	Coloma	MI	MI	MI1
31		Broadhead	Paw Paw	MI	MI	MI1
32		Farragut	Battle Creek	MI	MI	MI1
33		Col Myron Baker	Morenci	MI	MI	JL1
34		W.G. Eaton	Otsego	MI	MI	MI1
35		Zach Chandler <sup>(e)</sup>	South Haven	MI	MI	JL1
36		George G. Mead	Berrien Center	MI	MI	MI1

37	Stanton	Stanton	MI	MI	MI1
38	General Gordon Granger <sup>(yy)</sup>	East Saginaw	MI	MI	JL1
39	Kilpatrick	Berrian Springs	MI	MI	MI1
40	A.S. Williams	Charlotte	MI	MI	MI1
41	R.P. Carpenter	Chelsea	MI	MI	MI1
42	Charles T. Foster	Lansing	MI	MI	MI1
43	Scott	Blissfield	MI	MI	MI1
44	A.W. Allen	Pokagon	MI	MI	MI1
44	Anson Sanford	Sanford	MI	MI	MI1
45	Woodbury	Adrian	MI	MI	MI1
46	Jacob G. Fry	Ganges	MI	MI	MI1
47	B.H. Rutter	Dowagiac	MI	MI	MI1
---	H.C. Gilbert	Dowagiac	MI	MI	MI1
48	Edward Pomeroy	Jackson	MI	MI	MI1
49	Wadsworth	Lawrence	MI	MI	MI1
50	Chauncey Perry	Coral	MI	MI	JL1
51	Josiah Andrews	Alanson	MI	MI	MI1
51	Wolverton	Berlin	MI	MI	MI1
52	John F. Reynolds	Pentwater	MI	MI	MI1
53	Phil McKernan	Mason	MI	MI	MI1
54	O.P. Morton	Manton	MI	MI	MI1
55	Perry B. Swain <sup>(zz)</sup>	Vernon	MI	MI	JL1
55	Wilder <sup>(zz)</sup>	Ottawa	MI	MI	JL1
55	Capt. Hiram Barrows <sup>(zz)</sup>	Armada	MI	MI	JL1
56	C. J. Bassett	Allegan	MI	MI	MI1
57	Thomas Manning	Marcellus	MI	MI	MI1
58	George W. Anderson	Dewitt	MI	MI	MI1
59	Alvincent Calvin	Globeville	MI	MI	MI1
60	Dewey	Leslie	MI	MI	MI1
61	C. F. Doore <sup>(aaa)</sup>	Gaylord	MI	MI	JL1
62	Jewell	Cedar Springs	MI	MI	MI1
63	G.R. Warren <sup>(f)</sup>	East Tawas	MI	MI	JL1
64	Frank Groves	Niles	MI	MI	MI1
65	William J. May <sup>(g)</sup>	Jones	MI	MI	JL1
66	A.J. Campbell <sup>(h, i)</sup>	Harrisville	MI	MI	JL1
66	(Begole) Stevens <sup>(h, i)</sup>	East Jordan	MI	MI	JL1
67	Ralph W. Cummings <sup>(bbb)</sup>	Bay City	MI	MI	JL1
---	U.S. Grant <sup>(bbb)</sup>	Bay City	MI	MI	JL1
68	Shields	Shelby	MI	MI	MI1
69	Dwight May	Midland	MI	MI	MI1
70	James D. Morgan	Onaway	MI	MI	MI1
70	Wisner	Bad Axe	MI	MI	MI1
71	B.G. Bennett	Burr Oak	MI	MI	MI1
72	Ed M. Prutzman	Three Rivers	MI	MI	MI1
73	A.B. Sturgis	Sturgis	MI	MI	MI1
74	Sterling	Wayland	MI	MI	MI1
75	Weatherwax	Grand Haven	MI	MI	MI1
76	Joseph R. Smith	Monroe	MI	MI	MI1
77	J. J. Bowley <sup>(i)</sup>	Sherman City	MI	MI	JL1
---	Gen. Lander <sup>(i)</sup>	Sherman City	MI	MI	JL1
78	Frank Hicks	Dansville	MI	MI	MI1
79	Orcutt	Kalamazoo	MI	MI	MI1
80	Harlow Briggs	Monterey	MI	MI	MI1
81	H.S. Burnett <sup>(ccc)</sup>	Clare	MI	MI	JL1
81	Osmer F. Cole	Douglass	MI	MI	MI1

82	Col. Harrison C. Jefferds <sup>(k)</sup>	Nashville	MI	MI	JL1
83	William H. Kent	Greenville	MI	MI	MI1
84	Col. Baker	Kalkaska	MI	MI	MI1
85	Charles Woodruff	Three Oaks	MI	MI	MI1
86	Gen Lyon	Mancelona	MI	MI	JL1
87	Joseph Wilson	Lowell	MI	MI	MI1
88	Corbin	Union City	MI	MI	MI1
89	Ransom	Flushing	MI	MI	MI1
90	J. N. Penoyer <sup>(l)</sup>	Saginaw	MI	MI	JL1
91	William D. Wilkins	St. Louis	MI	MI	MI1
92	Marion	Marion	MI	MI	MI1
92	444 Washington	Cadillac	MI	MI	MI1
93	F. Turrell <sup>(m)</sup>	Webberville	MI	MI	MI1
94	Matt Allen	Gladstone	MI	MI	MI1
94	434 McCook	McBride	MI	MI	MI1
95	Wallace	Flat Rock	MI	MI	MI1
96	Carter	Union	MI	MI	MI1
97	John J. Bagley	Hersey	MI	MI	MI1
98	William Sanborn	Port Huron	MI	MI	MI1
99	Withey	Bowens Mills	MI	MI	MI1
100	M.W. Dresser	Lyons	MI	MI	MI1
101	Moses Wisner	Ithaca	MI	MI	MI1
102	Harper	Tuscola	MI	MI	MI1
103	Eli P. Alexander	Williamstown	MI	MI	MI1
104	George A. Winans	Ovid	MI	MI	MI1
105	Worth	Tekonsha	MI	MI	MI1
106	George Washington	Cross Village	MI	MI	MI1
106	Wyrarn Hoit	Harrisville	MI	MI	JL1
107	John D. Skinner Jr <sup>(ddd)</sup>	Diamondale	MI	MI	JL1
---	Tim Lewis <sup>(ddd)</sup>	Diamondale	MI	MI	JL1
108	Earl Halbert	Grand Ledge	MI	MI	MI1
109	Butterworth	Coldwater	MI	MI	MI1
110	DeGolyer	Hudson	MI	MI	MI1
111	James B. Brainard	Eaton Rapids	MI	MI	MI1
112	John Cryderman	Mulliken/Hoytville	MI	MI	MI1
113	Miles	St. Clair	MI	MI	MI1
114	John Gilluly	Fowlerville	MI	MI	MI1
115	Elliot	White Pigeon	MI	MI	MI1
116	Samuel Atherton	Gaines Station	MI	MI	MI1
117	D.G. Royce	Byron	MI	MI	MI1
118	H.H. Nims	Lexington	MI	MI	MI1
119	Baxter	Charlevoix	MI	MI	MI1
120	Waddell	Howell	MI	MI	MI1
121	Pap Thomas	Chesaning	MI	MI	JL1
122	Edward F. Cox <sup>(n)</sup>	Assyria	MI	MI	MI1
123	Carver	Frankfort	MI	MI	MI1
124	John C. Joss	Constantine	MI	MI	MI1
125	Fitzgerald	Hastings	MI	MI	MI1
126	Dan S. Root <sup>(o)</sup>	Belding/Smyrna	MI	MI	JL1
127	Billy Begole	Maple Rapids	MI	MI	MI1
128	Austin Blair	Hawkins	MI	MI	MI1
128	T.C. Crane	Henderson	MI	MI	MI1
129	R.G. Hutchinson	Fowler	MI	MI	MI1
130	J.T. Bennett	Edmore	MI	MI	MI1
131	Henry M. Liddle <sup>(p)</sup>	Colon	MI	MI	JL1

132	John Megarrah <sup>(q)</sup>	Portland	MI	MI	JL1
133	Samuel Judd	Newago	MI	MI	MI1
134	Fred W. Walker	Mt. Morris	MI	MI	MI1
135	David Oakes	Centerville	MI	MI	JL1
136	Bartholomew	Nuncia	MI	MI	MI1
137	Welch	Ann Arbor	MI	MI	MI1
138	R.M. Johnson	Perry	MI	MI	MI1
139	Lockwood <sup>(eee)</sup>	Alpena	MI	MI	JL1
---	Horace S. Roberts	Alpena	MI	MI	JL1
140	Beers	Tecumseh	MI	MI	MI1
141	Andrew Macomber	Lakeview	MI	MI	MI1
142	Michael Shay	Rapid River	MI	MI	MI1
142, 171, 410	W.W. Wheeler <sup>(r)</sup>	Vassar	MI	MI	JL1
143	Whiteside	Caro	MI	MI	MI1
144	Turrill	Lapeer	MI	MI	MI1
145	Gov. Crapo	Flint	MI	MI	MI1
146	Capt. Wilson	Waldron	MI	MI	MI1
147	Dick Richardson	Ponitac	MI	MI	MI1
148	George Dutcher <sup>(s)</sup>	Douglas	MI	MI	JL1
---	John Kirby <sup>(s)</sup>	Douglas	MI	MI	JL1
---	Peter Vanarsdale <sup>(s)</sup>	Douglas	MI	MI	JL1
149	Dahlgren	Holton	MI	MI	MI1
150	Ralph Ely	Salt River	MI	MI	MI1
151	Henry Rice	Sebewa	MI	MI	MI1
152	William Moyer	Alma	MI	MI	MI1
153	Hiel P. Clark	Saranac	MI	MI	JL1
154	Galbraith	Minden City/Deckerville	MI	MI	MI1
155	Gregg	Homer	MI	MI	MI1
156	Charles E. Grisson	St. Johns	MI	MI	MI1
157	Albert Anderson <sup>(t)</sup>	Cassopolis	MI	MI	JL1
158	Col Ely	Elm Hall	MI	MI	MI1
159	Hill	Middleville	MI	MI	MI1
160	Henry F. Wallace	Corunna	MI	MI	MI1
161	A. Campbell	Utica	MI	MI	MI1
161	Capen	Blanchard	MI	MI	MI1
162	F.U. Farquhar	Detroit	MI	MI	MI1
163	Edward Dwight <sup>(u)</sup>	Vermontville	MI	MI	JL1
164	Gen. Wool	Morley	MI	MI	MI1
165	Randolph	LeRoy	MI	MI	MI1
166	C. Colgrove	Marshall	MI	MI	MI1
167	Maj Lusk	Elsie	MI	MI	MI1
168	Murray	Maple City/Burdickville	MI	MI	MI1
169	John Wickham	St. Charles	MI	MI	MI1
170	Col. Lumbard <sup>(v)</sup>	Petoskey	MI	MI	JL1
171 142, 410	Averill <sup>(r)</sup>	Vassar	MI	MI	JL1
171	Washington Hill <sup>(w)</sup>	Rathbone	MI	MI	JL1
---	Theodore Nelson <sup>(w)</sup>	Rathbone	MI	MI	JL1
172	Decatur-Belding	North Star	MI	MI	MI1
172	Harlan P. Niles	New Lothrop	MI	MI	MI1
173	Julius T. Barrett	Carson City	MI	MI	MI1
174	Superior <sup>(x)</sup>	Hancock	MI	MI	JL1
---	E.R. Stiles <sup>(x)</sup>	Hancock	MI	MI	JL1
175	C.F. Smith	Escanaba	MI	MI	MI1
176	Gleason	Luzerne	MI	MI	MI1
177	Charles S. Travers	Capac	MI	MI	MI1

178	Tom Custer	Sheridan	MI	MI	MI1
179	Samuel Appleton <sup>(y)</sup>	Brighton	MI	MI	JL1
---	Dewitt C. Russell <sup>(y)</sup>	Brighton	MI	MI	JL1
180	Carpenter	Ypsilanti	MI	MI	MI1
181	Heber Le Favour	Milford	MI	MI	JL1
182	Henry Dobson	Fremont	MI	MI	MI1
183	J.B. McPherson	Holly	MI	MI	MI1
184	John Brown <sup>(z)</sup>	Detroit	MI	MI	JL1
185	Hackett	Bronson	MI	MI	MI1
186	Wheeler	Otisville	MI	MI	MI1
187	Frank Powell	Oxford	MI	MI	MI1
188	George C. Whitney	Hadley	MI	MI	MI1
189	T.S. Mead	North Adams	MI	MI	MI1
190	Wallace Bowns	Birch Run	MI	MI	MI1
191	Edmonds	Burlington	MI	MI	MI1
192	Henry Deming	Lainsburg	MI	MI	MI1
193	F. W. Curtenius <sup>(fff)</sup>	Mendon	MI	MI	JL1
---	O.J. Fast <sup>(fff)</sup>	Mendon	MI	MI	JL1
194	James Bradley	Clio	MI	MI	MI1
195	Archie Madison	Brockway	MI	MI	MI1
196	L.C. Woodman	Lawton	MI	MI	MI1
197	John Tucker	Ortonville	MI	MI	MI1
198	Steadman	Reed City	MI	MI	MI1
199	Col Joe Scott	Bear Lake	MI	MI	MI1
200	Perry Baker	Carleton	MI	MI	MI1
201	James F. McGinley	Manistee	MI	MI	MI1
202	Albert Nye	Romeo	MI	MI	MI1
203	G.H. Ewing	Stockbridge	MI	MI	MI1
204	416 Robert Irwin	Brooklyn	MI	MI	MI1
204	Reuben Crandall	Sanilac Center	MI	MI	JL1
205	L. B. Quackenbush	Owosso	MI	MI	JL1
206	Maj Weber	Bellaire	MI	MI	MI1
207	Morgan Wallace	Leonidas	MI	MI	MI1
208	George A. Custer	Galien	MI	MI	MI1
209	Eli Alvord	Montgomery	MI	MI	MI1
210	E.W. Hollingsworth	Albion	MI	MI	MI1
211	William H. Borden	Ionia	MI	MI	MI1
212	Edwin Pearson <sup>(aa)</sup>	Columbiaville	MI	MI	JL1
213	James B. Mason	Bellvue	MI	MI	MI1
214	William Richardson	Millington	MI	MI	MI1
215	Joseph Smith	Fulton	MI	MI	MI1
216	Henry D. Terry	Mt. Clemens	MI	MI	MI1
217	J. Wagner	Eureka	MI	MI	MI1
218	Maurice B. Wells	Luther	MI	MI	MI1
219	Henry Baxter	Jonesville	MI	MI	MI1
220	Acker	Vicksburg	MI	MI	MI1
221	Bradley	Harrison	MI	MI	JH1
222	James H. Eaton	Britton	MI	MI	MI1
223	Henry C. Beebe	Richmond	MI	MI	MI1
224	Ruddock	Cheboygan	MI	MI	MI1
225	G.R. Alvord	Trenton	MI	MI	MI1
226	T.A. Ferguson <sup>(ggg)</sup>	Sherman	MI	MI	JL1
---	Abram Finch <sup>(ggg)</sup>	Sherman	MI	MI	JL1
227	George Martin	Eastport	MI	MI	MI1
228	Fairchild	Grass Lake	MI	MI	MI1

229	Harvey Tucker	Marine City	MI	MI	MI1
230	Thomas Higgins	Wakelee	MI	MI	MI1
231	Eddy	Plymouth	MI	MI	MI1
232	Milo Warner	Cass City	MI	MI	MI1
233	Oscar Bartlett	Wales	MI	MI	MI1
234	A.J. Russell <sup>(bb)</sup>	Hubbardston	MI	MI	JL1
---	O.H. Reed <sup>(bb)</sup>	Hubbardston	MI	MI	JL1
235	Walter Clifford	Boyne City	MI	MI	MI1
236	John Earl	Au Sable	MI	MI	MI1
237	Peter A. Weber	Rockford	MI	MI	MI1
238	Randall	Coopersville	MI	MI	MI1
239	Byron Stoddard	Concord	MI	MI	MI1
240	Marvin	Grayling	MI	MI	MI1
241	Leonard Mauch	Woodland	MI	MI	JL1
242	Frank Mason	Athens	MI	MI	MI1
243	Fighting Dick	Sparta	MI	MI	MI1
244	Brewer	Almont	MI	MI	MI1
245	J.H. Hawley	Frontier	MI	MI	MI1
246	E.F. Cowles <sup>(hhh)</sup>	Boyne Falls	MI	MI	JL1
---	John Robertson <sup>(hhh)</sup>	Boyne Falls	MI	MI	JL1
247	L.C. Hart	Harvard	MI	MI	MI1
247	R.W. Ricaby	Cambria	MI	MI	MI1
248	Joseph Mason	Wacousta	MI	MI	MI1
249	John Stark	Banfield/Hickory Corners	MI	MI	MI1
250	Wa - bu - no	Mt. Pleasant	MI	MI	JL1
251	L.O. Fitzgerald	Clarksville	MI	MI	MI1
252	J.T. Jones	Howard City	MI	MI	MI1
253	Heald	Dushville	MI	MI	MI1
254	A.M. Hodgiss	Memphis	MI	MI	MI1
254	Ontonagon <sup>(cc)</sup>	Ontonagon	MI	MI	JL1
255	Lonson	Mayville	MI	MI	JL1
256	George A. Walker	Partello	MI	MI	MI1
257	George F. Fuller	Manistique	MI	MI	MI1
258	William B. Fenton	St. Ignace	MI	MI	MI1
259	Archibald Stewart	Litchfield	MI	MI	MI1
260	W.W. Watts	Indian River	MI	MI	MI1
261	Cory	Wayne	MI	MI	MI1
262	A.C. VanRaalte	Holland	MI	MI	MI1
263	Lyons Post <sup>(dd)</sup>	Vanderbilt	MI	MI	JL1
---	Gen Harker <sup>(dd)</sup>	Vanderbilt	MI	MI	JL1
264	Geo. Hancock <sup>(iii)</sup>	Wolverine	MI	MI	JL1
---	Jackson Corey <sup>(iii)</sup>	Wolverine	MI	MI	JL1
265	Scully	Omer	MI	MI	MI1
266	Lyons	Menominee	MI	MI	MI1
267	Marshall M. Beach	Farmington	MI	MI	MI1
268	Gen John Sedgewick <sup>(ee)</sup>	Swartz Creek	MI	MI	JL1
268	Farrand <sup>(ee)</sup>	Swartz Creek	MI	MI	JL1
269	Mark Thomson	Plainwell	MI	MI	MI1
270	413 A.W. Brindle	Wyandotte	MI	MI	MI1
270	Buhl	Ecorse	MI	MI	MI1
271	Boys in Blue	Mecosta	MI	MI	MI1
272	Maj Fox	Chase	MI	MI	MI1
273	Bibbins	Hanover	MI	MI	MI1
274	Lucius Taylor	Milan	MI	MI	MI1
275	Lewis Clark	Olivet	MI	MI	MI1

276	Bradfield	Ada	MI	MI	MI1
277	Addison	Addison	MI	MI	MI1
278	Henry S. Burnett	West Bay City	MI	MI	MI1
279	Perkins	Spring Lake	MI	MI	MI1
280	Amos E. Steele	N. Muskegon	MI	MI	MI1
281	Morgan Parker	Petersburg	MI	MI	MI1
282	Joseph Rice	Camden	MI	MI	MI1
283	S.M. Grinnell	Sunfield	MI	MI	MI1
284	Henry H. Knapp	Davison Station	MI	MI	MI1
285	Col Stewart	Tustin	MI	MI	MI1
286	Lt Frank Fowler	Fife Lake	MI	MI	MI1
287	B.F. Chapin	Chesire	MI	MI	MI1
288	John H. Andrews	Grand Junction	MI	MI	JL1
288	Wilson	Onodaga	MI	MI	MI1
289	Henry C. Pratt	Mackinac Island	MI	MI	MI1
290	Thomas Smally	Lakeside	MI	MI	MI1
291	Thomas A. Eddie	Grove	MI	MI	MI1
292	Atlanta	Atlanta	MI	MI	MI1
293	Timothy Parshall	Hartland	MI	MI	MI1
294	Andrews	Big Rapids	MI	MI	MI1
295	Eugene H. Bronson	Galesburg	MI	MI	MI1
296	Charles Brown	Alaska	MI	MI	MI1
297	James Wadsworth	Kingsley	MI	MI	MI1
298	Simeon Mallison	Pierpont	MI	MI	MI1
299	Gen Sill	Crystal Valley	MI	MI	MI1
300	Albert Jackson	Marquette	MI	MI	MI1
301	Morris England	Orangeville Mills	MI	MI	MI1
302	Orin Whitcomb <sup>(ff)</sup>	Byron Center	MI	MI	JL1
303	Burson	Schoolcraft	MI	MI	MI1
304	Burton Brothers <sup>(jjj)</sup>	Clifford	MI	MI	JL1
---	Milton Williams <sup>(jjj)</sup>	Clifford	MI	MI	JL1
305	Bacon	Fenwick	MI	MI	MI1
306	Bonner	Casnovia	MI	MI	MI1
307	D.D. Donnelly	East Saginaw	MI	MI	MI1
308	M.R. Rodgers	Imlay City	MI	MI	MI1
309	Maj Belcher	Iron Mountain	MI	MI	MI1
310	Crawford	Perry	MI	MI	MI1
311	Stout	Jasper	MI	MI	MI1
312	Lilly <sup>(kkk)</sup>	Scotts	MI	MI	JL1
---	Walter Orr <sup>(kkk)</sup>	Scotts	MI	MI	JL1
313	Henry Dagle	S. Boardman	MI	MI	MI1
314	Wiltsie	Saline	MI	MI	MI1
315	Minor Pratt <sup>(d)</sup>	New Buffalo	MI	MI	JH1
316	Charles E. Wendell	Ashland Center	MI	MI	MI1
317	G.J. Hudson	Mattawan/Texas	MI	MI	MI1
318	Allen M. Harmon	Northville	MI	MI	MI1
319	Maj John Piper	Freesoil	MI	MI	MI1
320	J.B. Sackett	Praireville	MI	MI	MI1
321	George J. Leighton	Springport	MI	MI	MI1
322	Duffield	Elk Rapids	MI	MI	MI1
323	William Kirby	Ashley	MI	MI	MI1
324	William B. Stewart	Crystal	MI	MI	MI1
325	Erial	Lee's Corner	MI	MI	MI1
326	Orlando B. Jackson	Potterville	MI	MI	MI1
327	Carleton	Trufant	MI	MI	JL1

328	Myron Hawley	Napolean	MI	MI	MI1
329	Charles Sumner	Estella/Sumner	MI	MI	MI1
330	H.H. Jeffords <sup>(gg)</sup>	Dexter	MI	MI	JL1
331	A.B. Strong <sup>(hh)</sup>	Roscommon	MI	MI	JL1
332	George B. McClellen	Atlas	MI	MI	MI1
333	L. Stansell	South Lyon	MI	MI	MI1
334	Joel Wolcott	Freeport	MI	MI	MI1
335	Lumbard <sup>(d)</sup>	Pittsford	MI	MI	JH1
336	Arnold <sup>(hh)</sup>	East Gilead	MI	MI	JL1
---	Chas E. Hilton <sup>(hh)</sup>	East Gilead	MI	MI	JL1
337	Albert Sperry	Ravenna	MI	MI	MI1
338	Bowen <sup>(d)</sup>	Cedar Run	MI	MI	JH1
339	W.S. Hancock	Clare	MI	MI	MI1
340	Ironton <sup>(d)</sup>	Ironton	MI	MI	JH1
341	Mathew Artis	Calvin	MI	MI	JL1
342	Richard H. Whitehead	Twin Lake	MI	MI	MI1
343	J. M. Marcellus <sup>(ii)</sup>	Sault Ste. Marie	MI	MI	JL1
---	Col. E. H. Liscum <sup>(ii)</sup>	Sault Ste. Marie	MI	MI	JL1
344	Thomas Oldfield <sup>(d)</sup>	Port Sanilac	MI	MI	JH1
345	Maj M.J. Dickinson <sup>(d)</sup>	South Haven	MI	MI	JH1
346	John W. Purdy Jr.	Hamilton	MI	MI	MI1
347	Billy Cruson	Breckenridge	MI	MI	JL1
348	Samuel D. Haight	Scottsville	MI	MI	MI1
349	Levi Porter	Kendall	MI	MI	MI1
350	M.H. Whitney	Sand Lake	MI	MI	MI1
351	George Allen	Covert	MI	MI	MI1
352	Comstock	Manchester	MI	MI	MI1
353	David Porter	Midland	MI	MI	MI1
353	Lookout	Wheeler	MI	MI	MI1
354	Stark <sup>(d and mmm)</sup>	Stark	MI	MI	JH1
354	Burnside <sup>(jj and mmm)</sup>	Calumet	MI	MI	JL1
---	Reno <sup>(jj and mmm)</sup>	Calumet	MI	MI	JL1
354	James F. Covell <sup>(mmm)</sup>	Palo	MI	MI	JL1
355	Wm Showerman <sup>(kk)</sup>	Bath	MI	MI	JL1
355	M. H. Ford <sup>(ll)</sup>	Chestonia	MI	MI	JL1
356	William Rudd <sup>(nnn)</sup>	Marlette	MI	MI	JL1
---	James Wilson <sup>(nnn)</sup>	Marlette	MI	MI	MI1
357	T. B. Myers	Gagetown	MI	MI	JL1
358	Rowley	Clayton	MI	MI	MI1
359	R.A. Morford	Unionville	MI	MI	MI1
360	Corbett	Palmyra	MI	MI	MI1
361	Kilbourn	Sherwood	MI	MI	MI1
362	Gen Thomas	Baldwin	MI	MI	MI1
363	George Purdy	Otter Lake	MI	MI	MI1
363	Sherman	Clarkston	MI	MI	MI1
364	C.B. Hubble	Coleman	MI	MI	MI1
365	T.T. Caldwell <sup>(mm)</sup>	Lake City	MI	MI	JL1
366	Gordon	White Cloud	MI	MI	MI1
367	Capt. Thomas G. Templeton	Glenco/Hobart	MI	MI	MI1
368	F. Veenfliet	Reece	MI	MI	JL1
369	Noble	Gladwin	MI	MI	MI1
370	W.B. Hazen	West Branch	MI	MI	MI1
371	Ab. Fenn <sup>(nn)</sup>	Fennville	MI	MI	JL1
372	E.P. Case	Benzonia	MI	MI	MI1
373	Youngs	Leonard	MI	MI	MI1

374	Levant Rhimes <sup>(ooo)</sup>	Parma	MI	MI	JL1
---	Simon A. Downer <sup>(ooo)</sup>	Parma	MI	MI	JL1
375	Morgan L. Gage	S. Saginaw	MI	MI	MI1
376	Joe Davis	Belleville	MI	MI	MI1
377	W. P. Everett	Rochester	MI	MI	JL1
378	Hathway	Pewamo	MI	MI	MI1
379	William Nortwood <sup>(oo)</sup>	Bannister	MI	MI	JL1
---	Charles Bradford <sup>(oo)</sup>	Bannister	MI	MI	JL1
380	John Stockton	New Haven	MI	MI	MI1
381	Spencer <sup>(ppp)</sup>	North Branch	MI	MI	JL1
---	Butler <sup>(ppp)</sup>	North Branch	MI	MI	JL1
382	V.O. Bretz	Lake Odessa/Bonanza	MI	MI	MI1
383	C.B. Wheeler	Martin	MI	MI	MI1
384	Detroit	Detroit	MI	MI	MI1
385	Charles A. Gilbert <sup>(pp)</sup>	Port Austin	MI	MI	JL1
386	Gen. Charles Griffin	Farwell	MI	MI	MI1
387	Madison Price	Kingston/East Dayton	MI	MI	MI1
388	William Thurkettle	Allendale	MI	MI	JL1
389	Stanford <sup>(qq)</sup>	Chippewa Lake	MI	MI	JL1
---	Morrel A. Rose <sup>(qq)</sup>	Chippewa Lake	MI	MI	JL1
390	John L. Middaugh	Elmira	MI	MI	MI1
391	Wm. B. Hazen <sup>(rr)</sup>	Oscoda	MI	MI	JL1
---	Iosco <sup>(rr)</sup>	Oscoda	MI	MI	JL1
392	James T. Tarsney <sup>(qqq)</sup>	Ransom	MI	MI	JL1
---	Ainsworth <sup>(qqq)</sup>	Ransom	MI	MI	JL1
393	Michigan	Detroit	MI	MI	MI1
394	A. P. Earl	Wexford	MI	MI	JL1
395	Amasa B. Watson	Grand Rapids	MI	MI	JL1
396	Charles O. Twist	Pamona/Cleon/Harlan	MI	MI	MI1
397	Dan Landon	Walkerville/Stetson	MI	MI	MI1
398	George Ward	Brant	MI	MI	MI1
399	Woolsey	Northport	MI	MI	MI1
400	Nahum Snow <sup>(ss)</sup>	Moline	MI	MI	JL1
401	Miles Norton	Horton's Bay	MI	MI	MI1
402	Burlingame	Akron	MI	MI	MI1
403	Marion	Marion	MI	MI	MI1
404	John & Alfred Ryder	Livonia	MI	MI	MI1
405	Charles Price	Perrinton	MI	MI	MI1
406	John C. Freemont	Detroit	MI	MI	MI1
407	Marshall W. Chapin	Auburn	MI	MI	MI1
408	Grand Rapids <sup>(rrr)</sup>	Grand Rapids	MI	MI	JL1
---	Wm P. Innes <sup>(rrr)</sup>	Grand Rapids	MI	MI	JL1
409	458 A.T. Smith	Mio	MI	MI	MI1
410, 142, 171	William T. Sherman <sup>(q)</sup>	Vassar	MI	MI	JL1
411	Charles A. Gilbert	Pinnebog	MI	MI	JL1
412	William Goodman	Burnips Corners	MI	MI	MI1
413	270 A.W. Brindle	Wyandotte	MI	MI	MI1
414	James W. Doxsie <sup>(tt)</sup>	Six Lakes	MI	MI	JL1
415	Remus	Remus	MI	MI	MI1
416	204 Robert Irwin	Brooklyn	MI	MI	MI1
417	Robert J. Wade	Harbor Beach	MI	MI	MI1
418	Henry Wittie	Thornapple Lake	MI	MI	MI1
419	H.P. Merrill	Bay City	MI	MI	MI1
420	W.S. Miner <sup>(uu)</sup>	Vestaburg	MI	MI	JL1
---	T. T. Davenport <sup>(uu)</sup>	Vestaburg	MI	MI	JL1

421		John P. Harte	Crystal Falls	MI	MI	MI1
422		Nahum Gilbert	Saugatuck	MI	MI	JL1
423		Andrew Clark	Lake Ann	MI	MI	JL1
424		William H. Dunphy	Yale	MI	MI	MI1
425		Henry Manwell <sup>(vv)</sup>	Freeland	MI	MI	JL1
---		Steve Munger <sup>(vv)</sup>	Freeland	MI	MI	JL1
426		James M. Mead	Iron Mountain	MI	MI	MI1
427		Dearborn	Dearborn	MI	MI	MI1
428		William P. Innes	Central Lake	MI	MI	MI1
429		Pleasanton <sup>(sss)</sup>	Ironwood	MI	MI	JL1
430		John Richie	Burt	MI	MI	MI1
431		Wayne <sup>(ttt)</sup>	Wayne	MI	MI	JL1
---		Alexander L. Patrick <sup>(ttt)</sup>	Wayne	MI	MI	JL1
432		Marine City Post	Marine City	MI	MI	MI1
433		O.M. Poe	Detroit	MI	MI	MI1
434	94	McCook	McBride	MI	MI	MI1
435		Albert Stimson	Summit City	MI	MI	MI1
436		Charles Marten	Bellville(Martensville)	MI	MI	MI1
437		William Sherman <sup>(uuu)</sup>	New Troy	MI	MI	JL1
---		Frank A. Daniels <sup>(uuu)</sup>	New Troy	MI	MI	JL1
438		H.P. Niles	New Lothrop	MI	MI	MI1
439		Spencer Post	Fostoria	MI	MI	MI1
440		Charles F. Beard	Morrice	MI	MI	MI1
441		Steele Brothers	Mason	MI	MI	MI1
442		George R. Muir	Rose City	MI	MI	MI1
443		Rosecrans	Wittmore	MI	MI	MI1
444	92	Washington	Cadillac	MI	MI	MI1
445		R.H. Gibson	Gowan	MI	MI	MI1
446		Clement	Remus	MI	MI	MI1
447		Dexter	McBains	MI	MI	MI1
448		J.B. Sweetland	Edwardsburg	MI	MI	MI1
449		Hiram Wilson	Mears	MI	MI	MI1
450		M. Angus	Standish	MI	MI	MI1
451		I.C. Smith	Reed City	MI	MI	MI1
452		H.W. Lawton	Samaria	MI	MI	MI1
453		Harlow Pelton	Kingston	MI	MI	MI1
454		James A. Sexton	Central Lake	MI	MI	MI1
455		John Hunter	Montrose	MI	MI	MI1
456		Stansell	South Lyon	MI	MI	MI1
457		E.C. Baird	Attica	MI	MI	MI1
458	409	A.T. Smith	Mio	MI	MI	MI1
459		Robert Bell	Otter Lake	MI	MI	MI1
460		James M. Pond	Saugatuck	MI	MI	MI1
461		George Boyd	Selma (P.O. Boon)	MI	MI	MI1
462		R.A. Alger	Rapid City	MI	MI	MI1
463		Silas Huffman	Mesick	MI	MI	MI1

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## General Notes

The above listing of Grand Army of the Republic Posts covers the period from 1879 to the time the Department of Michigan was disbanded in 1948. There was, however, an earlier period of G.A.R. activity in the State. It is unfortunate that few records from this period have survived and those that have are scattered and fragmented. It appears that no individual Post records have survived which would provide membership rosters and related information.

Presented here will be information from several sources which, when taken together, provide a partial picture of this period and the activity that took place then and the key players involved. The information from the various sources has been arranged in chronological order, as nearly as possible.

We have Robert Beath's *History of the Grand Army of the Republic* (1888). Brother Roger Heiple, noted authority on the G.A.R. and collector of G.A.R. documents and memorabilia for over 40 years, contributed an article titled "The History of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic", published in the October 2000 issue of *Michigan's Messenger*, The Newsletter of the Department of Michigan – SUVCW.

Also cited will be material from a book edited and compiled by Comrade I. M. Cravath titled, *Manual of the Grand Army of the Republic Containing Its Principles And Objects Together With Memorial Day in the Department of Michigan, May 1869* (Published in Lansing, Michigan, 1869). We will also use *Series 1879 – General Orders – No. 1*, issued from Headquarters Department of Michigan, G.A.R., Quincy, Mich., July 25, 1879 by Command of C. V. R. Pond, Department Commander.

The accounts of whom did what becomes a little "fuzzy" right at the outset.

Beath, in his section on the Department of Michigan (page 531) tells us, "Brevet Brigadier-General William Humphrey, Colonel 2d Michigan Volunteer Infantry, was appointed Provisional Commander, Department of Michigan, October 1, 1867.

Brother Heiple opens his article by stating, "The first link of the Grand Army of the Republic to Michigan took place in Pittsburgh, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1866, at the Soldiers and Sailors Republican Convention. It was here that Gen. Russell A. Alger was mustered into the Grand Army and asked to become the contact person for the Department of Michigan."

Beath's account of this Convention (page 27) includes the following, "The Department of Indiana was the only department represented distinctly as such in the Pittsburgh Convention, ...". He goes on to state, "Major O. M. Wilson, Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Indiana, was exceedingly active during this convention in interviewing leading representatives relative to the Grand Army of the Republic, urging the organization of Posts, and for this purpose he "obligated" quite a number from the East, instructed them in the "work", and gave them copies of the rules and the ritual."

The action of this convention resulted in the formation of a committee for the purpose of consolidating all veteran societies "in sympathy with the principles of the Union Republican Party".

"General Henry A. Barnum, New York, was appointed president of the executive committee to act with the following representatives of the Societies named; Grand Army of the Republic, General T. S. Allen, Wisconsin; ... Michigan Boys in Blue, General R. A. Alger; ..."

It is entirely possible that Alger was "obligated" at Pittsburgh, but he left that convention as the Michigan representative of the Boys in Blue.

Brother Heiple tells us, "During 1867, on the front pages of the Official Nation [sic] Organ of the Grand Army, *The Great Republic*, Russell A. Alger was printed as the contact for soldiers in Michigan. He was listed as: Michigan – R. A. Alger, Boys in Blue". It would appear that he was still the leader of this group in Michigan as noted at the conclusion of the Pittsburgh Convention.

Documents in the Heiple collection, as noted in his article, relate to "... a convention of the Michigan Soldiers and Sailors Union in May, 1867. The Union saw the advantages of joining the Grand Army and moved to bond the two organizations in Michigan. Provisional officers were elected: Gen. R. A. Alger, of Detroit, Commander; Col. William A. Phelps, of Detroit, Adjutant General; G. A. Flanders, of Saginaw, Assistant Adjutant General; Col. S. P. Brookway, of Albion, Quartermaster General; and Chaplain George Taylor, Grand Chaplain."

The *Proceedings of the Grand Army of the Republic, at the Grand Encampment of Michigan*, dated May 6, 1868 (Heiple collection) contains a letter written by William Phelps to General Alger, and quoted in Brother Heiple's article as follows;

Sir: In obedience to orders issued by you as Grand Commandant of this department, of the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September last [1867], I repaired to Indianapolis, Ind., for the purpose of being mustered into and procuring the work for establishing this Department and forming Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic in this state. On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, through the courtesy of General Kimball, and Major Wilson and others, I was mustered into the Army, and procured the necessary Rituals, Rules, and Regulations, and the unwritten work of the Order, also the necessary blanks and forms for our work, and the authority to proceed with this organization of this Department."

The second National Encampment of the G.A.R. was held January 15, 1868, at Philadelphia and Michigan was represented by W.I. Handy and William Phelps. Phelps was appointed to the Council of Administration

Lets recap where things stand at this point. In May of 1867, Russell Alger is elected , at a meeting of the Soldiers and Sailors Union, as Provisional Commander of the G.A.R. in Michigan. He sends William Phelps, in September of 1867 to the Department of Indiana to gain authorization, forms and the necessary information to facilitate the organization of Posts and a Department of the G.A.R.

In the meantime, the National Organization, according to Beath, appoints William Humphrey as Provisional Commander to organize the Department of Michigan on October 1, 1867. He and Comrade J. H. Fee represented the Department at the Cincinnati Encampment in 1869.

It would appear that the National Organization was not aware of the efforts of the Michigan Soldiers and Sailors Union to organize a G.A.R. Department through the auspices of the Department of Indiana. It would also seem that the Indiana and Michigan folks were unaware of the efforts from National to get something going through General Humphrey.

In any event, although we have no records or other information to tell us how things were worked out between these two efforts, the significant thing is that there was a Department Encampment in May of 1868. General Russell Alger was elected as the first Department Commander, and was followed in that office by William A.Throop in 1869. William Humphrey was elected as Commander in 1870. Beath presents a roster of Officers for 1871 which shows that Humprey was elected Commander for that year as well.

Beath indicates; " In 1871 the Adjutant General reported that the Department of Michigan was in excellent condition, all reports and dues having been promptly made." (page 531). Following the list of officers, Beath notes (page 531), ""No returns were made to National Headquarters in 1872, and later the Department was reported disorganized, and was dropped from the rolls of Departments."

The **Proceedings of the Grand Army of the Republic, at the Grand Encampment of Michigan**, of May 6, 1868 contains a list of Posts formed during the previous year, in numerical sequence. Comrade Cravath's **Manual** of 1869 also contained a list of Posts in operation that year along with the roster of officers for each Post. Those lists were;

1868 List

--1869 List

Post 1	Detroit	Oct., 1867	Post 2	Battle Creek
Post 2	Ann Arbor	Dec.7, 1867	Post 4	St. Johns
Post 3	St. Johns	Dec.14, 1867	Post 5	Kalamazoo
Post 4	Kalamazoo	Dec.18, 1867	Post 8	Duplain
Post 5	Albion	Dec.19, 1867	Post 12 Woodbury	Adrian
Post 6	Allegan	Dec.28, 1867	Post 13	Ovid
Post 7	Duplain	Feb.5, 1868	Post 14	Hudson
Post 8	Marshall	Feb.6, 1868	Post 16	Sturgis
Post 9	Manistee	Feb.15, 1868	Post 18 Ed Hurson	Berrien Springs
Post 10	Howell	Feb.28, 1868	Post 19	Ionia
Post 11	Adrian	Feb.28, 1868	Post 21	Charlotte
Post 12	Niles	Feb.28, 1868	Post 23 Lumbard	Hillsdale
Post 13	Ovid	Mar.4, 1868	Post 28 Greene	Lansing
Post 14	Hudson	Mar.7, 1868	Post 30 Turell	Lapeer
Post 15	Homer	Mar.7, 1868	Post 31	Edwardsburgh
Post 16	Tuscola	Mar.18, 1868	Post 32	Hastings
Post 17	St. Claire	Mar.18, 1868	Post 34 Van Pelt	Coldwater
Post 18	Sturgis	Mar.18, 1868	Post 39	Fairfield
Post 19	East Saginaw	no date given	Post 42 Lewis Beagle	Blissfield
Post 20	Berrien	Mar.18, 1868	Post 43 Slater	Buchanan
Post 21	Ionia	Mar.23, 1868	Post 44 Prutzman	Three Rivers
Post 22	Monroe	Mar.25, 1868	Post 45 Eaton	Otsego
Post 23	Charlotte	Mar.26, 1868	Post 46 Dick Richardson	Detroit
Post 24	Cassapolis	Mar.26, 1868	Post 47	Tecumseh
Post 25	Three Rivers	Mar.28, 1868	Post 48 Wyker	Owosso
Post 26	Decatur	Mar.28, 1868	Post 49	Grand Rapids
Post 27	not given (Dundee?)	no date given		
Post 28	Hillsdale	April 5, 1868		
Post 29	St. Joseph	April 3, 1868		
Post 30	Morenci	April 3, 1868		
Post 31	not given (Hastings?)	no date given		
Post 32	Lansing	Apr.24, 1868		
Post 33	Flint	Apr.15, 1868		
Post 34	Bedford	April 8, 1868		

Note is made that – "Posts were established at Dundee, May 5, 1868; and Hastings, May 7, 1868, but Post numbers were not associated with these Posts in the 1868 report. A Post had also been formed in Battle Creek, chartered and reporting to the Department of Illinois."

It is interesting to observe, through a comparison of the two lists, that during the year between them that 15 Posts had been added to bring the numerical sequence to a total of 49. However, due to the loss of Posts and perhaps some "renumbering" there appear to be significant gaps and shifts in the location of numbers. There are no records to account for these differences.

Returning to Beath, he tells us (pages 531-532), " In 1875 a Post was organized at Coldwater, (Van Pelt Post 1) and on November 19 of that year Captain D. B. Purinton was appointed Provisional Commander." "C. A. (O.) Loomis Post No. 2 was organized at Quincey [sic], January 22, 1876, and in February Comrade B. F. Clark, of that Post, was appointed Senior Vice-Department Commander." (Bracketed items added)

Beath goes on to tell us – " But little could be done at this time in organizing Posts in Michigan. In April 1878, Major C. V. R. Pond succeeded Captain Purinton as Provisional Commander. He established Headquarters at Quincey [sic] . . . . By persistent work on the part of Comrade Pond a sufficient number of Posts were chartered to form the permanent Department at Grand Rapids, January 22, 1879."

In an early report, (Heiple collection) Pond reported as follows;

" The Van Pelt Post No.1, Coldwater, claim 50 members, hold no meeting; C. O. Loomis Post No. 2, Quincy, 26 members, meets regularly; Clark Post No. 3, Union City, Dead; Maj. N. H. Ferry Post No. 4, Montague, About 50 members, actively at work; Parker Post No. 5, Petersburg, claims 5 members with no meetings."

Based upon information in **Series 1879 – General Orders – No.1, Headquarters Department of Michigan, G.A.R, Quincy, Mich., July 25<sup>th</sup> 1879** , there must have been a Post 6 and a Post 7 formed prior to the Department Encampment , January 22, 1879. In reporting actions taken at the Encampment the following are noted; in item II, " Frank Fornecrook, Post No. 7, was granted permission to change its name."

**Finding Aid Number 15** which covers the collection of the Michigan Department Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic, housed at the Archives of Michigan in Lansing, indicates that the Fornecrook Post was located at Reading, and was renamed Phil Sheridan.

General Order No. 1 states in item VI. – "The following Posts will be known by the names and numbers hereby given:

Van Pelt Post, No. 1; Coldwater  
C. O. Loomis Post, No. 2; Quincy  
Maj. N. H. Ferry Post, No. 3; Montague  
Phil. Sheridan Post, No. 4; Reading  
Custer Post, No 5; Grand Rapids"

It would appear that, based upon the two reports noted above that the Clark Post No. 3, of Union City, and the Parker Post No. 5, of Petersburg, were dropped in this renumbering process. Thus, the Ferry Post originally No. 4, moved up to No. 3; The Fornecrook Post originally No. 7, had its name changed and moved to No. 4. Although the Fornecrook Post 7 was formed June 12, 1878 and the Custer Post on September 27, 1878, the records at the Archives show that the Custer Post was mustered as Post 6. When the Posts were renumbered, according to seniority, at the January 1879 Encampment, this was corrected, and Custer Post was designated as Post 5. Their initial Quarterly Report, for Sept 30, 1878, was filed as Post 6, after that as Post 5..

Through this process, the base of the numbering system used for the Department of Michigan until its demise in 1948 was established.

#### Listing Notes

**a.** = Post 1 - Van Pelt Coldwater. This Post operated at the time that the Michigan Department was in the process of being reorganized by C.V.R. Pond in 1878. The Post was disbanded in 1879, the year that the Department was reinstated, and no records appear to have survived.

**b.** = Post 4 - Organized June 12,1878 as the Frank Fornecrook Post 7 at Reading, Hillsdale Co., MI. The Post was probably named after Frank B. Fornecrook. He "Enlisted in company E, Fourth Infantry, June 20, 1861, at Adrian, for 3 years, age 28. Mustered June 20, 1861. Killed in action at Malvern Hill, Va., July 1, 1862." The "Brown Books" Vol. 4, page 43. It was reorganized as Phil Sheridan Post 4 on April 12, 1883. Disbanded June 22, 1925. Use of the Phil Sheridan Post 4 identification on Quarterly Reports start with the March 31, 1879 report - same men, same location, same meeting place. All materials are filed under Post 4. The Post 7 Charter is in the file. Letter dated 12/4/96 to C.V.R.Pond, A.A.G indicates, among other things, that no other Charter, except the one noted above, was ever issued.

**c.** = Post 28 - Three Posts used this number. They were French Post 28, Big Rapids, 1881 - 1894. Carver Post 28, Hemlock City, 1894 -1916. Huron County Post 28, Bad Axe, 1919 -1933. There appear to be no surviving records from the French or Carver Posts.

**d.** = Posts 315 - *Minor Pratt*, 335 - *Lumbard*, 338 - *Bowen*, 340 - *Ironton*, 344 - *Thomas Oldfield*, 345 – *Maj M.J. Dickinson*, and 354 – *Stark*. There are no records in the Michigan GAR Department files for these Posts.

**e.** = Post 35 - Zach Chandler. Although named after Zachery Chandler, the Post used Zach exclusively in all reports and records on file.

**f.** = Post 63 - G. K. Warren is correct. It appears as though "Alger" was penciled into the "to be known as" space on the Charter Application 4/8/1882.

**g.** = Post 65 - W. J. May is the name used by the Post on all records.

**h.** = Post 66 - This number was first used by A. J. Campbell Post, Harrisville, Alcona County, organized June 22, 1882. Disbanded 1883. The Charter Application for this Post and the first slate of officers are the only records on file.

**i.** = Post 66 - Report of Muster is for Begole Post 66 at East Jordan, work detailed by special order No. 84, dated Nov. 26, 1883. Charter issued Dec. 4, 1883 for Post 66 does not have a name filled in. Typed names of Charter members are glued over badly faded handwritten names. Their first Quarterly Report dated 12/31/1883 lists the Post name as Stevens.

**j.** = Post 77 - Chartered as J. J. Bowley Post 77, Sept 26, 1882. The name was changed to Gen. Lander on Quarterly Report dated March 31, 1890.

**k.** = Post 82 - The name on the Charter is Col. Harrison C. Jeffers. Post letterhead from 1915 indicates Jeffers. Department letters in 1882 show Jeffers as do most of the Quarterly Report forms. The "Brown Books" show Col. Harrison H. Jeffers died July 3, 1863 of wounds received in action at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863.

**l.** = Post 90 - J. N. Penoyer is used on letterhead and other records. Charter Application merely notes Penoyer.

**m.** = Post 93 - Use here varied from Fredrick on initial Quarterly Reports to F. or Fred or just Turrell.

**n.** = Post 122 - Charter Application requests McPherson for name. Filing note on back of form indicates Edward S. Cox. Early Quarterly Reports indicate Edward S. Cox but change on 12/31/1884 Report to E. F. Cox. Variations include Ed. F. Cox and Edward F. Cox - The "Brown Books" indicate Edward F. Cox of Assyria enlisted in Co. A, First Sharpshooters 12/15/1862 - Killed in action before Petersburg, Va., June 17, 1864. The Post was probably named in his honor.

**o.** = Post 126 - Organized as Dan S. Root Post 126 in Belding, Ionia County - April 14, 1883. The "Brown Books" show Daniel S. Root enlisted Co K, 3rd Inf. as Sgt 5/13/1861. Transfer as Capt. to Co. A, 5th Inf. 6/10/1864. Commissioned Lt. Col. 12/21/1864. Mustered out 7/5/1865. Frank R. Chase served as Post Commander for many terms and during his terms of service the P.O. address for the Post was listed as Smyrna, where he lived, about 4-5 miles South and West of Belding.

**p.** = Post 131 - Henry M. Liddle and H. M. Liddle used interchangeably on Quarterly Reports. Henry M. Liddle on letterhead.

**q.** = Post 132 - John Megarah used on letterhead. Double "r" used off and on with reports.

**r.** = Post 142 - W. W. Wheeler Post organized 12/7/1889. This Post merged with Averill Post 171 in June 1891. At a later date these merged with Sherman Post 410 also located at Vassar.

**s.** = Post 148 - Organized as George Dutcher Post 148 June 6, 1883. Name on the Charter is re-written John Kirby. From 1884 through first Quarter of 1890 reports are submitted under the name Peter Vanarsdale. Second Quarter bears the name John Kirby and continues through last report on Dec. 31, 1895. (From a note by Leah M. Simpson, Secretary G.A.R. - May 1949). From the "Brown Books" we find the following; George N. Dutcher of Saugatuck Co. I, 5th Cavalry. Wounded in action at Littletown, Pa. June 30, 1863. Commissioned Capt. to Co. A, 5th Inf. 6/10/1864. Commissioned Lt. Col. 12/21/1864 - Mustered out 7/5/1865. John Kirby - Allegan - Co K, 13th Inf. 12/1/1861 - Commissioned 1st Lt. 7/5/1865 - Mustered out 7/25/1865. Peter Vanarsdale - Saugatuck - Co I, 13th Inf. 10/3/1861 as 2nd Lt. Commissioned Lt. Col. 5/12/1865 - Mustered out 6/25/1865. There is no record of official name changes in the Department files.

**t.** = Post 157 - Note is made in the "Finding Aid" that this is a "colored post".

**u.** = Post 163 - Mustered as Austin Blair Post 163 - pursuant to Special Order #56 of 7/26/1883. Quarterly Report of 12/31/1883 shows same list of men as Charter Members of Edward Dwight Post 163.

**v.** = Post 170 - Listed as Col. Lombard on Quarterly Reports until 12/31/1893 then just as Lombard. Letterhead shows Lombard Post 170.

**w.** = Post 171 - Washington Hill Post 171 of Rathbone formed August 1895. One Quarterly Report filed - no other record - 20 members. Theodore Nelson Post 171 of Rathbone - Quarterly Reports on file from 6/30/1896 to 6/30/1905 seem to indicate a reorganization and/or renaming of the Washington Hill Post of the same community.

**x.** = Post 174 - Mustered August 31, 1883 as Superior Post 174. No Quarterly Report on file for 9/30/1883 which would have shown Charter members. All subsequent reports carry the name E. R. Stiles - consecutive number picks up at #34 on the 12/31/1883 Report.

**y.** = Post 179 - Chartered as Samuel Appleton Post 179 on 8/17/1883. name change appears on Report of 9/30/1887 to DeWitt C. Russell.

**z.** = Post 184 - Note is made in the "Finding Aid" that this is a "colored post".

**aa.** = Post 212 - Although there are a variety of spellings found, the one used most frequently is Edwin Pearson. However, there is an Edwin Pierson (used occasionally, mostly in the later years) who served in the 7th Michigan Infantry from the Columbiaville area.

**bb.** = Post 234 - Mustered as A. G. Russell Post 234 pursuant to Special Order #17 dated 3/4/1884. Name change to O. H. Read appears on Report of 6/30/1892. The "Brown Books" show; Albert G. Russell - Hubbardston - Co. K, 21st Inf. 1st Lt. at organization Aug. 16, 1862. Resigned 1/13/1863 on account of wounds received at Stone River, Tenn. Dec. 31, 1862. Orrin H. Reed - Hubbardston - Co. K, 21st Inf. 8/9/1862. Died of disease at Murfreesboro, Tenn., Feb. 12, 1863. Buried in Stone River National Cemetery at Murfreesboro, Tenn. - Grave No. 3712.

**cc.** = Post 254 - Ontonogan Post was never mustered.

**dd.** = Post 263 - Mustered as Lyons Post 263 pursuant to Special Order #44 dated 7/17/1884. On the Quarterly Report of 9/30/1884 the name J. Lyons is crossed out and Gen. Harker is written over.

**ee.** = Post 268 - Mustered as Gen. John Sedgwick - name changed to Farrand on 3/31/1887 Quarterly Report.

**ff.** = Post 302 - Orin Whitcomb as noted on the Muster Report of 3/12/1885. Probably named after Orin Whitcomb (Veteran) of Jamestown - (Township just West of Byron Center in Ottawa County) Died of disease at Nashville, Tenn. March 15, 1864. Buried in National Cemetery. He enlisted in Co. F, 14th Inf. Dec. 17, 1861 at age 19. (Brown Books) Spelling varies on the Quarterly Reports.

**gg.** = Post 330 - H. H. Jeffords is indicated on the Post Charter, the Charter Application and the Muster Report. Although undoubtedly named for Col. Jeffords, who is buried in Dexter, the rank title was used only occasionally until 1895 - then regularly on Quarterly Reports.

**hh.** = Post 336 - Chartered as Arnold Post 336 in June of 1886. Name changed on Quarterly Report of 6/30/1887 to Chas. E. Hilton and listed as C. E. Hilton on all subsequent reports.

**ii.** = Post 343 - Chartered as Marcellus, 2/26/1886. Some Quarterly Reports show J. M. Marcellus. Name change to E. H. Liscum is found on the 12/31/1900 Quarterly Report. Letterhead identifies the Post as Col. E. H. Liscum.

**jj.** = Post 354 - Charter Application and Muster Report for Burnside Post 354 at Calumet - May 1, 1886. Charter, dated May 1, 1886 is to Reno Post 354.

**kk.** = Post 355 - Wm. Showerman Post at Bath, organized in 1886, disbanded in 1891.

**ll.** = Post 355 - M.H. Ford Post 355 at Chestonia, Antrim County. Replacement Charter is in the file, replaced the original dated April 15, 1891. Post disbanded 6/24/1902.

**mm.** = Post 365 - Charter Application and Muster Report show T. T. Caldwell - majority of Quarterly Reports and letterhead use just Caldwell.

**nn.** = Post 371 - Charter Application and Muster Report show Ab. Fenn. Early Quarterly Reports show A. B. Fenn, then goes to Ab Fenn. On the 6/30/1898 Report it goes to A. H. Fenn and that remains until the Post is disbanded. The "Brown Books" show there was an Albert Fenn (no middle initial), Allegan County - Co. A, 3rd Michigan Cavalry - Deceased at the time of publication, buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Allegan.

**oo.** = Post 379 - Muster Report and Charter show William Northwood, dated March 11, 1887. Quarterly Reports for Charles Bradford Post 379 are in the file 1896 to 1908. The name change is on the 3/31/1889 Report.

**pp.** = Post 385 - Charles A. Gilbert, Port Austin was organized 1887, Disbanded in 1888. Post 411 carries the same name, Charles A. Gilbert but was at Pinnebog and organized in 1891, Disbanded in 1894. These were two completely different Posts in different locations but close enough to recognize the same locally prominent veteran.

**qq.** = Post 389 - Sanford Post. On the Quarterly Report of 9/30/1890 the name was changed to Morrel A. Rose.

**rr.** = Post 391 - Charter Application and a letter dated Nov. 14, 1887 request that the Post be formed as Wm. B. Hazen, Post 8 at Oscoda, Iosco county. The Muster Report, dated Nov. 16, 1887 reports the muster of Iosco Post 391, the work directed by Special Order No. 16 bearing the date of Nov. 16, 1887 with 11 members, 3 from Post 236. The Quarterly Report of 12/31/1887 shows 23 members under the name Iosco Post 391. Headquarters are indicated as Iosco of Au Sable and Oscoda Post 391. The only other report filed was for 3/31/1888. A letter dated July 24/1914 states - Charter and other Post records lost in fire the previous winter though the Post is listed as disbanded in 1890. What records there are show the same people under all names. There were not two Posts here.

**ss.** = Post 400 - The Muster Report shows Naham Snow, but all Quarterly Reports show Nahum Snow. The "Brown Books" show a

Nahum Snow who served in Co. I, 17 Inf. - Residence Moline, Mich. at publication time.

**tt.** = Post 414 - James W. Doxsie - confirmed as spelling on Post Charter. "Brown Books" show James W. Doxsie served three months in Co. I, First Michigan Infantry - Enlisted as Sgt. in Co. G, 27 Inf. in Nov. 1862 - Mustered out as 1st Lt. Co. B, July 26, 1865.

**uu.** = Post 420 - Chartered as Winfield S. Miner, March 24, 1892. Name changed to T. T. Davenport in 1894. Miner was drafted for one year, age 38, mustered on Oct. 10, 1864 in Co. G, 14th Inf. Discharged on Surgeon's Cert of disability Nov. 11, 1864. Thompson T. Davenport enlisted for three years in Co. E, 8th Inf, Feb. 24, 1863 - substitute for Francis Jackson, drafted for nine months. Killed in action at the Wilderness, Va, May 6, 1864.

**vv.** = Post 425 - The Charter Application requested the name of Henry Manwell. The Muster Report indicates the name as Stephen Munger. The "Brown Books" show Henry A. Manwell served in Co. D, 16th Inf. - lived in the area. Stephen B. Munger enlisted in Co. B, 10th Inf. on Oct 16, 1861 at Saginaw for three years, age 20. Died at Atlanta Ga., Sept. 10, 1864, of wounds received at Jonesboro, Ga. Sept 1, 1864.

**ww** = Posts 3, 5, 8 - No records have survived for Post 3 – Clark; Post 5 – Parker ; Post 8 – General McPherson of Alleyton (Fire wiped out the town in 1882 [located across White River from White Cloud] ). The information on the destruction of the town is found also in Michigan Place Names, by Walter Romig (1973).

**xx** = Post 9 – Post was Chartered as Nathaniel Lyon Post 9 – Sept. 8, 1879. Name change shows up on the Report of 3/31/1882 as J. A. Dix. This was probably as a result of a reorganization letter from Post Commander W. C. Simmons, dated Oct. 17, 1881. He indicates a desire to disband the Post and Transfer with a few others to Post 7 in Muskegon.

**yy** = Post 38 – Letter report dated Dec. 19, 1881 indicates: "Having been detailed by Special Order No. 19 to go to East Saginaw, Mich. To Muster Post No. 38 to be known as General Gordon Granger on the fourteenth day of Dec. I submit the following report." – Signed by Arthur Holt. Granger name used on all reports until 6/30/1899 – after that, Saginaw name is used.

**zz** = Post 55 – This number was used for three different Posts.

A = There is a Charter Application for a Post to be known as Perry B. Swain Post 55 at Vernon, Mich. Dated 1882 – 16 names are listed. It appears from notes on the Application that the Post may have been Mustered, but no other records survive. The Brown Books (Vol. 40, p. 136) show; Perry Swain of Vernon served in Co. F, 10<sup>th</sup> Mich. Cav. – Deceased.

B = Charter Application for Wilder Post 55 at Ottawa Lake in Monroe County dated Nov. 17, 1889 – Reports on file – Post Disbanded 1894.

C = Capt. Hiram Barrows Post 55, Armada, Macomb County, organized June 4, 1895 – Disbanded 1927 – Records on file.

**aaa** = Post 61 – Listed as Gaylord Post in both the Finding Aid and John Mann's list. All records on file for this Post use the name C. F. Doore. Although located in Gaylord, that name was not used by this Post.

**bbb** = Post 67 - Organized June 12, 1882 – Initial Reports are for Bay City Post 67. The March 31, 1883 report indicates the name as Ralph W. Cummings. The name was changed again, to U. S. Grant, on the Sept. 30, 1885 Report. The Post carried the Grant name until disbanded 9/13/1940.

**ccc** = Post 81 – H. S. Burnett of Clare. No records of the Post have been found. It is possible, because of the time that this Post operated that it could have preceded the formation of the W. S. Hancock Post 339 in Clare (1886 –1908).

**ddd** = Post 107 - The Muster Report letter, dated March 17, 1883 indicates that this group was to be known as Star Post 107. Initial Report for 3/31/1883 shows name as John D. Skinner, Jr. Name changed to Tim Lewis on 3/31/1886 Report

**eee** = Post 139 – Chartered as Lockwood Post 139, May 23, 1883 in Alpena. Name change to Horace S. Roberts appears on the 12/31/1894 Report.

**fff** = Post 193 – Chartered as F. W. Curtenius Post 193 in Mendon, Oct. 19, 1883. Name changed to O. J. Fast on the 6/30/1891 Report.

**ggg** = Post 226 – Chartered as T. A Ferguson Post 226, Feb. 22, 1884 at Sherman, Wexford County. Name changed on 6/30/1895 Report to Abram Finch.

**hhh** = Post 246 – Chartered as E. F. Cowles Post 246, June 16, 1884. Name change to John Robertson appears on Report of 6/30/1887. Shown as Robinson after 3/31/1892, it returns as Robertson on 6/30/1898. Disbanded 1900.

**iii** = Post 264 – Mustered as Geo. Hancock Post 264, July 15, 1884. Name change to Jackson Corey appears on Report of 6/30/1891. Post Disbanded 1900. Reinstated in 1904 as Jackson Corey Post 264. Last Report filed 12/31/1917 with seven members.

**jjj** = Post 304 – The Charter Application and Muster Report show name as Burton Brothers. Post Charter, in file, has a piece of paper with the name Milton Williams pasted over the original name. A blank piece of paper is pasted over the names of the last four

members listed on the Charter. The first two Quarterly Reports, for 6/30/85 and 9/30/85 give name as Burton Brothers. The Report of 12/31/85 shows name as Milton Williams.

**kkk** = Post 312 – The first Quarterly Report indicates Lilly Post 312. The next Report, 9/30/85, shows the name as Orr. From the Report of 12/31/86 the name is shown as Walter Orr.

**lll** = Post 331 – Correct name of this Post was A. B. Strong, organized Nov. 6, 1885 and disbanded in Dec. 1886. Reactivated Aug. 11, 1892 as A. B. Strong Post 331. Although located in Roscomon and listed as "Roscomon" Post in the Finding Aid, that name was never used by the Post on reports or other documents. Post disbanded Jan. 16, 1896.

**mmm** = Post 354 – Three Posts were assigned this number;

A = Stark Post 354, in Stark, Wayne County, from Jeff Henningfield, source unknown. *Michigan Place Names* has the following information: "Storekeeper John A. McLaughlin became the first postmaster of Livonia Station, a depot on the Pere Marquette Railroad in Livonia Township on Nov. 17, 1877; for local landowner L. B. Stark, the office was renamed Stark on Nov. 13, 1879, and operated until July 31, 1909." It is possible that a Post operated in this community prior to the formation of Reno Post 354 in 1886, although no records have been found for a Stark Post.

B = Reno Post 354, Calumet, Houghton County, organized May 14, 1886 – disbanded March 22, 1890. Charter Application and Muster Report indicate the name Burnside. Charter, in file, is issued to Reno Post.

C = James F. Covell Post 354. Charter Application requested the name of Post to be Wm. T. Sherman. Note on form, dated 19/3/91, "The will have to take some other dead mans name as No.363 have taken the name of Sherman." Signed by W. P. Sumner, Past A.A.G. Sherman name is crossed out and James F. Covell is written below. (Charter in file) James F. Covell Post 354 at Palo, Ionia County, organized May 16, 1891 – disbanded March 6, 1919. Name spelled Covell on Charter Application, but also as Coville on some reports. Consistent use of Covell later. Probably named after James F. Covell, of Palo, Co. I, 1st U. S. Sharpshooters – Lt., later Capt. (Vol. 44, p.138 – Brown Books)

**nnn** = Post 356 – Wm. Rudd Post 356. Name changed to James Wilson on Report of 3/31/1890.

**ooo** = Post 374 – Chartered as Levant Rhimes Post 374 at Parma, Jackson County, 3/9/1887. Name changed to Simon A. Downer on Report of 12/31/90.

**ppp** = Post 381 – Chartered as Spencer Post 381, April 28, 1881. Report of 12/31/95 shows name change to Butler.

**qqq** = Post 392 – Chartered as James T. Tarsney Post 392, 1/26/1888. Name changed to Ainsworth on Report of 6/30/1892.

**rrr** = Post 408 – Name requested on Charter Application was William T. Sherman. Post Mustered as Grand Rapids Post 408 on 7/6/1891. Name change to Innes shows on Report of 12/31/1893, Wm. P. Innes on 6/30/94 Report.

**sss** = Post 429 – Mustered at Ironwood as Pleasanton Post 429. (Curtis Buck was the Mustering Officer and was Judge of Probate for Gogebic County.) Curtis Buck was the only Commander during the life of the Post (1896-1918), but the Post was not named for him.

**ttt** = Post 431 – Charter Application requests the name Wayne. Mustered as Wayne Post 431 at Wayne, Wayne County on July 31, 1896 – disbanded 6/5/1906. Charter, in file, is issued to Wayne Post 431. Name changed to Alexander L. Patrick on 6/30/1900 Report.

**uuu** = Post 437 – Mustered as William Sherman Post 437 at New Troy, Berrien County. Charter in file. First Report, 12/31/1897 is as William Sherman. Report of 6/30/98 shows name change to Frank A. Daniels.

(It would seem that some of the name changes took place because of the G.A.R. rule that a Post could not be named for a person still living. In many instances the original name was someone who lived in the area, and he was replaced by someone from the same area who died during or shortly after the war.)

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