

National GAR Records Program - Historical Summary of Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Posts by State

WEST VIRGINIA

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PLEASE NOTE: The GAR Post History section is a work in progress (begun 2013). More data will be added at a future date.											
000		(Department)	N/A	N/A	WV			Org. 20 February 1883		Provisional Department organized 9 April 1868. Permanent Department with 17 Posts reported 12 September 1868. Department declared disbanded in 1871. Provisional Department restored in November 1880. Permanent Department of West Virginia organized 20 February 1883.	Beath, 1889; Carnahan, 1893
001		Lincoln	Martinsburg	Berkeley	WV	Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th President of the United States.		Org. 9 Apr. 1868; Re-org. 1880	Dis. 1926	Chartered by National HQ.	Beath, 1889; Cumberland News (Cumberland, MD), 19 May 1939
002		U. S. Grant	Harper's Ferry	Jefferson	WV	GEN Ulysses Simpson Grant 1822-1885), famous Civil War leader, later US President.					
003		Sedgwick	Coalburg	Kanawha	WV	MG John Sedgwick (1813-1864), famous Civil War leader, KIA Spotsylvania Co., VA, 9 May 1864.					
004		Thoburn	Wheeling	Ohio	WV	(presumably) COL Joseph Thoburn (1825-1864), 1st WV Inf., KIA at the Battle of Cedar Creek, VA, on 19 Oct. 1864. A physician in Wheeling, local hero.				This Post filed for incorporation on 18 February 1872, recorded by the Secretary of State for West Virginia on 26 March 1872.	
004		Bailey	Huntington	Cabell	WV						
005		John Hall	Sissonville	Kanawha	WV	(presumably) Hon. John Hall (1807-1882), Virginia politician, directly involved in the conventions that led to the formation of the state of West Virginia. Two of his sons were killed in battle in the Civil War.					
006		Meade	Fairmont	Marion	WV						
007		Reno	Grafton	Taylor	WV	(presumably) MG Jesse Lee Reno (1823-1862), Civil War leader, KIA at South Mountain, MD, 14 September 1862.					
008		Custer	Clarksburg	Harrison	WV	PVT James W. Custer (? -1861), Co. E, 3rd WV Cav., KIA on 30 April 1861 at Lambert's Run, Harrison County.		Chart'd 15 Aug. 1882	Dis. 1908	Sixteen charter members. The last regular meeting of the Post was held on 13 Dec. 1907.	History of Harrison County, 1910
009		Pierpoint	Wellsburg	Brooke	WV			Org. 28 Nov. 1882			National Tribune, 30 Sept. 1886
011		J. J. Polsley	Point Pleasant	Mason	WV	LTC John Jacob Polsley (1831-1866), 7th WV Cav., contracted scurvy while a POW in 1864. Never recovered. Died at Charleston, Kanawha County, on 10 Dec. 1866.					
012		J. W. Holliday	Wheeling	Ohio	WV	LTC John W. Holliday (1840-1882), 15th WV Inf. Died 27 Nov. 1882 in Steubenville, OH, in part due to lingering health problems stemming from his war service. His mother was a Civil War nurse and long-time resident of Wheeling.					
013		George D. Summers	Berkeley Springs	Morgan	WV	CPT George Denton "Dent" Summers (-1863), Co. F, 2nd Potomac Home Brigade, killed at Summit Point, VA, on 7 Oct. 1863.					

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014		Andrew Mather	Parkersburg	Wood	WV	CPT Andrew Mather (? -1864), Co. D, 14th WV Inf., KIA at Carter's Farm, near Winchester, VA, on 24 July 1864.				One of the last seven Posts in WV in existence in 1925. It was the last Post in WV to hold regular meetings (1926).	Cumberland News (Cumberland, MD), 19 May 1939
015		Washington	Hartford City	Mason	WV						
016		Dan Frost	Ravenswood	Jackson	WV	COL Daniel Frost (1819-1864), 11th WV Inf., KIA at Snicker's Gap, WV, on 19 July 1864.		Org. 12 May 1883			National Tribune, 28 June 1883
017		Philip G. Bier	New Martinsville	Wetzel	WV	CPT Philip George Bier (?-1864), US Volunteers Adjutant General Dept., died 19 Oct. 1864 from wounds received at Cedar Creek, VA, on 18 Oct. 1864.		Org. 21 Aug. 1883		Twenty-seven charter members.	McEldowney, John C., 1901, History of Wetzel County
018		W. A. Atkinson	New Cumberland	Hancock	WV			Must'd 21 Aug. 1883		Twenty-four charter members.	National Tribune, 6 Sept. 1883
019		Ellsworth	Rockport		WV	COL Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth (1837-1861), colonel in the New York Fire Zouaves (11th N.Y. Inf.), who was the first Union casualty of the Civil War, killed by a pro-Confederacy innkeeper in Alexandria, VA, on 24 May 1861. Civil War hero and martyr.					
020		J. R. Hall	Leon	Mason	WV						
021		J. C. Caldwell	Moundsville	Marshall	WV	2LT Joseph C. Caldwell (1837-1865), Co. C, 12th WV Inf., KIA while planting the regimental colors at Fort Gregg, VA, on 2 April 1865. Native of Marshall County, local hero.				Fifty-eight charter members. This Post purchased three lots in Mt. Rose Cemetery in early November 1899 for the purpose of burying veterans.	Wheeling Daily Intelligencer, 11 Nov. 1899
022		Lyon	Independence / Newburg	Preston	WV						
023		James B. McPherson	Reedsville	Preston	WV	BG James Birdseye McPherson (1828-1864), famous Civil War leader, KIA at the Battle of Atlanta, GA, 22 July 1864.					
024		Azra Goodspeed	Willow Tree	Mason	WV	MAJ Arza [aka, Azra] Mathias Goodspeed (1839-1863), 4th WV Inf., KIA at Vicksburg, MS, on 19 May 1863.					
025		Arthur Forbes	Deerlick	Mason	WV						
027		George H. Thomas	Tunnelton	Preston	WV	MG George Henry Thomas (1816-1870), famous Civil War leader.					
028		Carl Shatto	Jackson Court House / Ripley	Jackson	WV						
029		Post No. 29		Hancock	WV	No namesake. Known only by its number.				The Post (known then as Post No. 29) was in existence by May 1869, when it observed Memorial Day. The location of the town in which it was based isn't known, but it was in Hancock County.	The National Memorial Day, 1869
029		Abe Woodyard	Lesage	Cabell	WV						
030		Adam Baumgartner	Pennsboro	Ritchie	WV						
031		J. A. Mulligan	Hebron	Pleasants	WV	COL James Adelbert Mulligan (1829-1864), 23rd IL Inf., died at Winchester, VA, on 26 July 1864, from wounds received at the 2nd Battle of Kernstown on 23 July 1864.					
032		W. N. Harris	Bellville	Wood	WV						
033		William P. Green	West Union	Doddridge	WV						
034		George B. McClellan	Cairo	Ritchie	WV	MG George Brinton McClellan (1826-1885), famous Civil War leader.		Must'd 5 Jan. 1886		Nineteen charter members.	National Tribune, 28 Jan. 1886
035		S. B. Stidger	Cameron	Marshall	WV						
036		Kuykendall	Ritchie Court House	Ritchie	WV						
037		George Smith	Meadville / Wick	Tyler	WV						
038		Lander	Paw Paw	Morgan	WV						
039		John L. Goodwin	Basnetts	Marion	WV			Org. 11 Mar. 1886			National Tribune, 29 Apr. 1886

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040		Ben Goff	Mannington	Marion	WV						
041		John D. Baxter	Braxton Court House	Braxton	WV	1SGT (Orderly SGT) John D. Baxter (? -1863), Co. F, 10th WV Inf., died 7 Nov. 1863 from gunshot wounds received at Droop Mountain, WV, on 6 Nov. 1863. Resident of Braxton County. local hero.			Dis. before 1910		History of Braxton County and Central West Virginia, 1919
042		Maher	Indian Camp	Upshur	WV	SGT Ruben Maher (? -1864), Co. B, 10th WV Inf., KIA at Winchester, VA, on or about 19 Sept. 1864.		Org. 1886			National Tribune, 29 Sept. 1887
043		Smitley	Petroleum	Ritchie	WV						
044		Joe Buckley	Volcano	Wood	WV						
045		Joe Hooker	Auburn	Ritchie	WV	MG Joseph Hooker (1814-1879), famous Civil War leader.					
046		Mason	Mason	Mason	WV	Named for the community in which the Post was based.					
047		Garfield	Rock Cave	Upshur	WV						
048		Hancock	Benwood	Marshall	WV						
049		Buckhannon	Buckhannon	Upshur	WV						
050		Morris	Weston	Lewis	WV						
051		Milroy	Lockharts	Jackson	WV						
052		Thoburn	Grantsville	Calhoun	WV	(presumably) COL Joseph Thoburn (1825-1864), 1st WV Inf., KIA at the Battle of Cedar Creek, VA, on 19 Oct. 1864.					
053		E. W. Stephens	Wheeling	Ohio	WV						
054		Claudius B. Lee	French Creek	Upshur	WV	1LT Claudius Baker Lee, aka, Claudius B. See (c.1835-1870), Co. M, 3rd WV Cav. Buried French Creek Presbyterian Church Cem.		Must'd 4 Sept. 1886		Twenty-one charter members.	National Tribune, 23 Sept. 1886
055		Bouse	Crawford	Lewis	WV						
056		Coplin	Flemington	Taylor	WV						
057		B. D. Fearing	Horseneck	Pleasants	WV						
058		Silas Nichols	Middlebourne	Tyler	WV						
059		Kimball	Littleton	Wetzel	WV						
060		Josiah Steel	Elizabeth	Wirt	WV						
061		J. A. Logan	Sand Hill	Marshall	WV	MG John Alexander Logan (1826-1886), famous Civil War leader.		Org. 20 May 1887		Eighteen charter members. The National Tribune notes that the Post was organized at Raymond.	National Tribune, 2 June 1887
062		Hoffman	Morgantown	Monongalia	WV					A Post existed in Morgantown as early as May 1869, when it observed Memorial Day. Its number isn't known, so it is unclear if it is the same as Post No. 62.	The National Memorial Day, 1869
063		B. B. Shaw	Piedmont	Mineral	WV						
064		Preston	Terra Alta	Preston	WV						
065		Giles	Woodlands	Marshall	WV						
066		Hazen	St. Marys	Pleasants	WV	MG William Babcock Hazen (1830-1887), famous Civil War leader.		Reorganized 4 Mar. 1903			History of Pleasants County
067		John Carlin	Davis	Tucker	WV						
068		Ringold	Sisterville	Tyler	WV						
069		Mansfield	Raymond City	Putnam	WV						
070		Curtis	Clarence/Peniel	Roane	WV						
071		Sims	Bridgeport	Harrison	WV						
072		Felton	Rowlesburg	Preston	WV						
073		Blundon	Charleston	Kanawha	WV						
074		I. D. Lemaster	Wileyville	Wetzel	WV	(presumably) CPL Isaac D. Lemasters (? - ?), Co. A, 17th WV Inf. No other information.		Must'd 1887			National Tribune, 24 Nov. 1887
075		Perry Pratt	Shirley	Tyler	WV	(presumably) PVT Perry Pratt (1831-1864), Co. E, 14th WV Inf., died 27 Aug. 1864 in hospital at Harper's Ferry, VA, from wounds received at Halltown, VA, on 26 Aug. 1864.		Must'd 1887			National Tribune, 24 Nov. 1887
076		Burnside	St. George	Tucker	WV	MG Ambrose Everett Burnside (1824-1881), famous Civil War leader.		Must'd 1887			National Tribune, 24 Nov. 1887

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077		J. Elmore Evans	Glen Easton	Marshall	WV	PVT Jonathan Elmer/Elmore Evans (1839-1862), Co. D, 1st WV Inf., KIA at Kernstown, WV, on 23 Mar. 1862. First soldier from Marshall County to die in the Civil War, buried at Oak Grove Cem., Moundsville, local hero.		Must'd 1887		Sixty-three organizing members. When the Post membership eventually grew to few to sustain it, they disbanded and were absorbed into J. C. Caldwell Post, No. 21.	National Tribune, 24 Nov. 1887; Moundsville Echo newspaper, 4 June 1909 (courtesy Linda Cunningham Flaherty website, 2002)
078		J. Montgomery Curtis	West Liberty	Ohio	WV			Must'd 1887			National Tribune, 24 Nov. 1887
079		J. B. Martin	Finch	Ritchie	WV			Must'd 1887			National Tribune, 24 Nov. 1887
080		Ritz	Malden	Kanawha	WV			Must'd 1887		Fifteen charter members.	National Tribune, 20 Oct. 1887
081		Dick Blazer	Ashton	Mason	WV			Must'd Oct. 1887		About forty charter members. Listed as Dick Balzer Post in the National Tribune, 1887.	National Tribune, 20 Oct. 1887
082		Charles Morrow	Redmud	Mason	WV			Must'd 1887			National Tribune, 24 Nov. 1887
083		J. M. Ewing	Glenville	Gilmer	WV						
084		Belington	Belington	Barbour	WV	Named for the community in which the Post was based.					
085		Samuel L. Perine	Jarvisville	Harrison	WV						
086		Wheeling	Wheeling	Ohio	WV	Named for the community in which the Post was based.					
087		Liberty	Belton	Marshall	WV						
088		David Gibson	Brandonville	Preston	WV						
089		New Creek	Keyser	Mineral	WV						
090		John H. Olney	St. Albans	Kanawha	WV						
091		Kenner Pipes	Lone Tree	Tyler	WV						
093		Clevenger	Spencer	Roane	WV						
094		George Heckert	Troy	Gilmer	WV						
095		John V. Riley	Clendenon	Kanawha	WV						
097		Calvert Chapter	Shiloh	Tyler	WV						
098		Brown	Salem	Harrison	WV						
099		Bartram	Fort Gray	Wayne	WV						
100		John T. Baird	Sherrard	Marshall	WV						
101		R. N. Hess	Wyatt	Harrison	WV						
102		Wolf	Hurricane	Putnam	WV						
103		John Smith	Newton	Roane	WV						
104		Dayton Post	Elk Garden	Mineral	WV						
105		Gettysburg	Parkersburg	Wood	WV	Gettysburg, PA, site of major Civil War battle, 1863.					
106		J. F. Franz	Maysville	Grant	WV						
106		Phillippi	Phillippi	Barbour	WV	Named for the community in which the Post was based.					
107		Hamlin	Hamlin	Lincoln	WV	Named for the community in which the Post was based.					
109		Frost	Smithville	Ritchie	WV						
110		Leonard Clark	Shinnston	Harrison	WV						
111		Kelley	Kingwood	Preston	WV						
112		N. K. Pack	Egypt	Jefferson	WV						
127		G. N. Williams	Parkersburg	Wood	WV						

List of Abbreviations: Org. = Organized Chart'd = Chartered Must'd = Mustered In Dis. = Disbanded Sur. = Surrendered Charter

For sources of Post names, refer to the SUVCW GAR Records Catalog Edited by Dean Enderlin, SUVCW National GAR Records Officer, 30 June 2013

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