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# Minnesota Civil War Soldiers Who Were Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of California

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This is the second in a series of articles that use records of the Grand Army of the Republic (aka the GAR) to track the post-war movements of Minnesota's Civil War veterans. The first dealt with those Minnesota Civil War soldiers who were members of the GAR in Colorado and Wyoming.<sup>1</sup> The GAR was the largest veterans' organization to appear after the conflict. During its active years, the GAR had a significant influence on politics, law, and social programs in the United States. Memorial Day was established as a national holiday, five GAR members were elected President of the United States, many of the Governors in the northern states were members, soldiers' homes were founded, veterans' relief programs were established and ever more valuable pensions were given to the Union veterans. In many cases it was impossible for someone to be elected to public office if he were not a veteran of the Civil War and did not have the support of the GAR. National Encampments were yearly meetings that attracted over 25,000 veterans in the 1890's. By 1890 when the GAR was reaching its peak, membership reached almost 500,000. The final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in Indianapolis, IN in 1949.<sup>2</sup>

The GAR in California was originally organized on 21 Feb 1868 and included the states of California and Nevada, as well as the then Arizona Territory and the Hawaiian Islands. (Note: A separate Department of Arizona was created on 17 Jan 1888.) At one time or another there were over 200 individual Posts within the Department, most in California. Virtually any town of appreciable size had a functioning Post. Larger cities, such as San Francisco (with at least six) and Los Angeles (with at least four) had multiple Posts.<sup>3-8</sup>

GAR records can be very useful in tracking the post-war movements of Union Civil War veterans. Unfortunately many original records from local Posts have been lost and only a few Post and Departmental records were published. Those that were tend to be difficult to locate. This article is based on a relatively scarce roster of the then existing 125 Posts in the Department of California published in 1886.<sup>9</sup>

The following information of interest to genealogists is provided for each soldier (if available):

- Birth – Date (from burial records) and location, or age at enlistment
- Service – A brief summary of the soldier's service record; service in multiple units is included. Rank at the veteran's severance from the service is indicated. (Note: This means that if a soldier enlisted as a Sergeant and was promoted to Captain, only the latter rank is given. Conversely, if a soldier enlisted as a Corporal, but was later reduced to the ranks, his rank is shown as Private.) Other service highlights such as instances of wounding or being captured are also noted.
- Widow – Name of surviving spouse from pension application
- Death – Date and location
- Burial – Cemetery and either city or county
- Miscellaneous – Membership in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS, a veteran's organization for officers) and admissions to National Soldier's Homes

It is also important to note what this list is not. It is not a complete list of Minnesota Civil War veterans who resided at one time or another in the area covered by the Department of California. While the GAR was the largest Civil War veterans' organization, not all veterans belonged to it. Whether due to political reasons, absence of a conveniently located local Post or other reasons, some veterans chose to eschew membership. This is also not a complete list of Minnesota veterans who were members of the GAR in the Department of California over the entire period of the organization's existence. This list is based on a roster that is essentially a snapshot of the membership at a distinct point in time. Other veterans may have been members, but moved or relocated prior to the dates of the underlying rosters. Others may have migrated to these two states and joined the local GAR at other times.

## MINNESOTA CIVIL WAR VETERAN MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA GAR

### Lincoln Post # 1 (San Francisco, California)

Frank W. Krank – Private, Company A, 4<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>14</sup>; veteran's pension application # 32,594 on 11 Sep 1863<sup>12,13</sup>; died 7 Mar 1894<sup>19</sup>; buried Golden Gate Cemetery, San Francisco, CA<sup>19</sup>

### George H. Thomas Post # 2 (San Francisco, California)

Benjamin Franklin Crary – born 12 Dec 1821 in Jennings County, IN<sup>20</sup>; Chaplain, 3<sup>rd</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 187,128 from CO on 15 Oct 1873<sup>12,13</sup>; died 16 Mar 1895 at San Francisco, CA<sup>20</sup>; buried San Francisco National Cemetery, San Francisco, CA<sup>20</sup>; widow's (Mary Crary) pension application # 611,618 from CA on 4 Apr 1895<sup>12,13</sup>

Andrew Ness (Nass, Neiss) – born Sweden; age 32; Private, Company H, 4<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 940,978 from CA on 18 Sep 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; died 12 Dec 1920 at Yountville, CA<sup>12</sup>

### Custer Post # 5 (Carson, Nevada)

Charles N. Harris – age 22; Sergeant, Company F, 1<sup>st</sup> MN Infantry; wounded 21 Jul 1861 at 1<sup>st</sup> Bull Run, VA<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,094 on 3 Jun 1862<sup>12,13</sup>; widow's (Clementine DeS. Harris) pension application # 760,758 from CA on 14 Apr 1902<sup>12,13</sup>

John McCrimmon – born 4 Jun 1844 in Canada or MN<sup>12,13,20</sup>; age 31; Private, Company A, 9<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,113,307 from NV on 25 May 1892<sup>12,13</sup>; died 29 Sep 1918 at Carson City, NV<sup>20</sup>; buried Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, NV<sup>10</sup>; widow's (Mary L. McCrimmon) pension application # 831,863 from NV on 17 Jul 1915<sup>12,13</sup> (Note: There is a discrepancy between the reported death date and the application date of the widow's pension.)

Marshall Robinson – born VT; age 32; Sergeant, Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> MN Cavalry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,320,428 from MN on 9 Jul 1904<sup>12,13</sup>; widow's (Mary E. Robinson) pension application # 832,320 from MN on 27 Jul 1905<sup>12,13</sup>



# Lester, Hester, Sister: A Census Handwriting Problem

By J. H. Fonkert and Spring 2011 MGS Beginning Genealogy Class

Sometimes even good handwriting is hard to read. If you have access to Ancestry.com, take a look at the 1860 U.S. Census enumeration of the Jacob M. Miller family of Buchanan County, Iowa (Liberty Township, p. 28, dwelling 196, family 188). Living with Jacob and Ann Miller is an Ohio-born 14-year-old – an apparent daughter. Other apparent children include 11 year-old John S. and 9-year-old Hamilton. The enumerator's handwriting is very clean and the quality of the digital image unusually good, but the child's name presents a puzzle. At first glance, the 14-year-old's name appears to be Lester – an unusual name for a girl.

So, that's what the class did. One student thought the name might be Hester, but the class abandoned that idea because the "H" at the beginning of Hamilton's name was formed differently. Perhaps, the name was Lester, but the first letter of the name was clearly different from the L's at the beginning of names Lucinda and Laura further down the page. Another person was sure the first letter was an "S" and the name was "Sister." Alas, the first letter of the names Susanna and Sara elsewhere on the page were formed differently.

The class decided that, to confirm the name, it would be necessary to find the child in another record. Because the minors in the Miller family were born in Ohio, the class searched for the family in the 1850 U.S. Census of Ohio. The 14-year-old child in the 1860 census should have been about four years old in 1850. Indeed, the students found Jacob and Ann Miller in Plain Township, Wayne County, with a 4-year-old daughter Celeste and an infant, Hamilton. Apparently, the first letter of the 1860 name was an "L." We will never know for sure why the name was recorded as it was. Perhaps, the family called Celeste "Leste" for short, or the census-taker thought he heard "Lester."

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**SCHEDULE 1—Free Inhabitants in**  
 of *Iowa* **enumerated by me,**  
 Post Office *Independence*

1	2	3	4	5
196 188	Jacob M Miller	38	m	
	Ann Miller	36	f	
	Cyler Miller	14	f	
	John S Miller	11	m	
	Hamilton Miller	9		
	Jacob B Miller	7		
	Urnista E Miller	6	f	
	Carson Miller	3	m	
	Laura A Miller	1	f	

1860 U.S. Census, Liberty Township, Buchanan County, Iowa

What was going on here? Students in the Minnesota Genealogical Society's Beginning Genealogy class and their instructors (Lois Mackin, David Suddarth and John Schade) set out to solve the problem. The instructors suggested looking up and down the page to see if the same capital letter was used at the beginning of a recognizable name.

Jacob M Miller	38
Ann Miller	36
Cyler Miller	14
John S Miller	11
Hamilton Miller	9
Jacob B Miller	7
Urnista E Miller	6
Carson Miller	3
Laura A Miller	1

1850 U.S. Census, Plain Township, Wayne County, Ohio

This short exercise points up two things. First, although most writers form their letters in a consistent manner, some don't. Second, it always pays to look at a second source. Happy ancestor hunting to all!

**Frank Bartlett Post # 6 (Los Angeles, California)**

William Wackerle (Wackerly) – born Germany; Private, Company H, 9<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 257,992 on 3 Jul 1878<sup>12,13</sup>; patient U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>21</sup>; died 25 Jun 1917 at Württemberg, Germany<sup>12</sup>; widow's (Walberga Wackerle) pension application # 634,412 from MO on 21 May 1896<sup>12,13</sup> (Note: There is a discrepancy between William's death date and the date his widow applied for a pension. Her application was not approved<sup>12,13</sup>.)

**Phil Sheridan Post # 7 (San Jose, California)**

Timothy Conant – born OH; age 36; Private, Company F, 4<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; died 18 Sep 1889<sup>19</sup>; buried Oak Hills Cemetery, San Jose, CA<sup>19</sup>

John Palmer Crow – born NY; age 44; Private, Company B, 10<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 937,115 from OR on 1 Nov 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; died 22 Oct 1900<sup>19</sup>; buried Oak Hill Cemetery, San Jose, CA<sup>19</sup>

William F. Ellis – age 20; Private, Company M, 1<sup>st</sup> MN Heavy Artillery<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,282,108 from CA on 5 Mar 1902<sup>12,13</sup>; died 24 Jan 1917 at San Francisco, CA<sup>12</sup>

**Lyon Post # 8 (Oakland, California)**

George Atkinson – born 1837 in ME<sup>12,13,20</sup>; age 23; Musician, Band, 1<sup>st</sup> MN Infantry; Captain, Company G, 8<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,290,575 from AZ on 13 Sep 1902<sup>12,13</sup>; member CA Commandery, MOLLUS (insignia # 02731)<sup>23</sup>; died 31 Dec 1913 at Los Angeles, CA<sup>12</sup>; buried Angelus Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA<sup>20</sup>; widow's (Maria Atkinson) pension application # 1,020,290 from CA on 12 Jan 1914<sup>12,13</sup>

Rasmus Olson (Olsen) – born Sweden or Norway; age 34; Private, Company G, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Infantry; Musician, Band, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Infantry; Sergeant, Company A, 6<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 888,063 from CA on 24 Jul 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; died 22 Nov 1895<sup>19</sup>; buried Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, CA<sup>19,20</sup>; widow's (Anna Olson) pension application # 587,000 from CA on 11 Dec 1895<sup>12,13</sup>

Charles W. Smith – born England; age 32; Private, Company A, 6<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 227,400 on 6 Nov 1876<sup>12,13</sup>

Rollin A. West – born WI; age 18; Private, Company L, 1<sup>st</sup> MN Heavy Artillery<sup>10,11</sup>; widow's (Edna D. West) pension application # 479,914 from WA on 6 Aug 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; died 7 Mar 1890<sup>19</sup>; buried Bayview Cemetery, Bellingham, Whatcom County, WA<sup>19</sup>

**Rod Matheson Post # 16 (Healdsburg, California)**

William H. Joy – born NY; age 30; Corporal, Company I, 11<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 952,510 from CA on 6 Sep 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; died 10 Oct 1916 at Los Angeles, CA<sup>12</sup>; buried Angelus Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA<sup>20</sup>; widow's (Kate Joy) pension application # 1,088,538 from CA on 11 Dec 1916<sup>12,13</sup>

**Halleck Post # 19 (Chico, California)**

Israel M. Terrill – born CT; age 28; Private, Company K, 1<sup>st</sup> MN Infantry; Commissary Sergeant, 88<sup>th</sup> IL Infantry<sup>10,11,15</sup>; veteran's pension application # 954,537 from CA on 6 Oct 1890<sup>12,13</sup>

**Anderson Post # 21 (Ferndale, California)**

Henry E. Van Dyke (Van Dyck) – born NY; age 34; Private, Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; widow's (Josephine Van Dyke) pension application # 346,961 from IA on 13 Nov 1886<sup>12,13</sup> (Note: Pension records indicate he also served in the Mexican War<sup>12,13</sup>.)

**Rawlins Post # 23 (Stockton, California)**

Joseph Goyette – age 27; Private, Company C, 4<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 499,008 from CA on 1 Nov 1883<sup>12,13</sup>; widow's (Helen Goyette) pension application # 721,304 from CA on 18 Jun 1900<sup>12,13</sup>

**R. L. McCook Post # 26 (Watsonville, California)**

James Fadden – age 21; Sergeant, Company I, 10<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 928,978 from CA on 3 Sep 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; died 20 May 1914 at Monterey, CA<sup>12</sup>; buried Monterey City Cemetery, Monterey, CA<sup>20</sup>; widow's (Belle Fadden) pension application # 1,091,502 from CA on 17 Jan 1917<sup>12,13</sup>

**W. H. L. Wallace Post # 32 (Santa Cruz, California)**

William H. Sherman – age 28; Private, Band, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; died 13 Aug 1890<sup>19</sup>; buried Santa Cruz, CA<sup>19</sup>

Lewis Anson Stowe – born WI; age 18; Private, Company K, 1<sup>st</sup> MN Cavalry; Private, Company H, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Cavalry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 690,685 from CA on 20 Feb 1889<sup>12,13</sup>; died 23 Oct 1929 at Watsonville, CA<sup>12</sup>; widow's (Harriet M. Stowe) pension application # 1,655,446 from CA on 25 Nov 1929<sup>12,13</sup>

**Heintzelman Post # 33 (San Diego, California)**

Joseph B. Hooker – born NY; age 21; Private, Company K, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 9,870 on 6 Feb 1863<sup>12,13</sup>; patient U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>21</sup>; died 22 Dec 1908 at U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>12,21</sup>; buried Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA<sup>20</sup>; widow's (Sarah E. Hooker) pension application # 911,682 from CA on 16 Jan 1909<sup>12,13</sup>

Joseph H. Tyler – born NY; age 44; Private, Company K, 6<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 418,464 from CA on 9 Mar 1881<sup>12,13</sup>

**Governor Morton Post # 41 (Calistoga, California)**

Charles W. Lane – born NY; age 19; Private, Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Infantry; wounded 19 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga, GA<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,110,264 from CA on 9 May 1892<sup>12,13</sup>; died 21 Sep 1915 at Fresno, CA<sup>12</sup>

**John A. Dix Post # 42 (San Jose, California)**

Silas Barker – born NY; age 41; Private, Company B, 10<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 571,468 on 28 Apr 1886<sup>12,13</sup>; widow's (Mary Barker) pension application # 745,167 from CA on 18 Jul 1901<sup>12,13</sup>

Jeremiah Fredenburg – age 31; Corporal, Company F, 4<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry; Commissary Sergeant, 4<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 335,648 on 13 Jan 1880<sup>12,13</sup>

Thomas H. Green – born IL<sup>21</sup>; age 22; Private, Company A, 3<sup>rd</sup> MN Infantry; 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Company B, 57<sup>th</sup> US Colored Infantry<sup>10,11,16</sup>; veteran's pension application # 899,541 from CA on 30 Jul 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; patient U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>21</sup>; died 12 May 1904 at U.S.

National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>20,21</sup>; buried Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA<sup>20</sup>; widow's (Jennie M. Green) pension application # 807,992 from CA on 8 Jun 1904<sup>12,13</sup>

John H. Potter – born MI; age 23; Corporal, Company H, 3<sup>rd</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 965,193 from CA on 29 Nov 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; died 18 Aug 1918 at Oakland, CA<sup>12</sup>

Henry S. Sigley – born PA; age 26; Private, Company K, 7<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 298,155 on 15 Jul 1879<sup>12,13</sup>; patient U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>21</sup>; died 23 Aug 1919 at San Jose, CA<sup>12</sup>; buried Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA<sup>22</sup>

#### **Cushing Post # 44 (San Buenaventura, California)**

Charles R. Beale (Beal, Beall) – born ME; age 23; Private, Company B, Hatch's Independent Battalion, MN Cavalry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 120,114 on 7 Dec 1866<sup>12,13</sup>; died 10 Sep 1925 at San Francisco, CA<sup>12</sup>; buried Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, CA<sup>20</sup>

Josiah Keene – born ME; age 32; Sergeant, Company H, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Infantry; wounded 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga, GA<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 45,169 on 7 May 1964<sup>12,13</sup>; died 12 Sep 1899 at Ventura County, CA<sup>12</sup>; widow's (Lucy E. Keene) pension application # 1,096,938 from CA on 26 Mar 1917<sup>12,13</sup>; minor's (Lucy E. Keene, Guardian) pension application # 715,680 from CA on 20 Mar 1918<sup>12,13</sup>

#### **Colonel Whipple Post # 49 (Eureka, California)**

Daniel Campbell – born Canada; age 26; Musician, Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Infantry; Sergeant, 34<sup>th</sup> Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Veteran Reserve Corps<sup>10,11,14</sup>; veteran's pension application # 105,828 on 3 Apr 1866<sup>12,13</sup>

#### **McPherson Post # 51 (Hanford, California)**

Joseph R. Mitchell – born IL; age 20; Private, Company D, 8<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 195,199 on 12 Aug 1874<sup>12,13</sup>; died 19 May 1926 at Bellflower, CA<sup>12</sup>

#### **Starr King Post # 52 (Santa Barbara, California)**

Charles Clifford Hunt – born 30 Jun 1839 in ME<sup>12,13,20</sup>; age 24; 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Company K, 4<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry; Captain, Company G, 4<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,054,284 from CA on 9 Sep 1891<sup>12,13</sup>; member CA Commandery, MOLLUS (insignia # 05461)<sup>23</sup>; died 29 Jun 1922 at Santa Barbara, CA<sup>12</sup>; buried Santa Barbara Cemetery, Santa Barbara, CA<sup>20</sup>; widow's (Philinda Hunt) pension application # 1,191,704 from CA on 14 Jul 1922<sup>12,13</sup>

Richard Orville Hunt – born ME; age 32; 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Cavalry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,237,376 from CA on 16 Oct 1899<sup>12,13</sup>; died 20 Aug 1918 at Newbury Park, CA<sup>12,20</sup>; buried Santa Barbara Cemetery, Santa Barbara, CA<sup>20</sup>

William H. Morrill – born NY; age 24; Corporal, Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Cavalry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 943,582 on 30 Sep 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; buried Tacoma Cemetery, Tacoma, WA<sup>19</sup>

Joseph Staples – born 1828 in ME<sup>12,13,20</sup>; age 34; Corporal, Company A, 6<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 570,554 on 19 Apr 1886<sup>12,13</sup>; buried Santa Barbara Cemetery, Santa Barbara, CA<sup>19,20</sup>

#### **Tom Dollard Post # 53 (Mendocino City, California)**

John Gleeson – born Ireland<sup>21</sup>; age 21; Private, Company K, 10<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,153,730 from CA on 16 Oct 1893<sup>12,13</sup>; patient U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>21</sup>; died 10 Aug 1914 at U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>21</sup>

#### **Warren Post # 54 (Sacramento, California)**

James C. Finney – age 18; Private, Company F, 8<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,177,930 from CA on 2 Jun 1896<sup>12,13</sup>

Frederick Koester – born Germany<sup>21</sup>; Private, Company F, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 849,935 from CA on 15 Jul 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; patient U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>21</sup>; died 2 Jul 1926 at U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>12,21</sup>; buried Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA<sup>20</sup>

#### **Edwin Stanton Post # 55 (Los Angeles, California)**

Ethan Allen – born OH; age 29; Corporal, Company H, 4<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry; Corporal, Company E, 4<sup>th</sup> Veteran Reserve Corps<sup>10,11,14</sup>; veteran's pension application # 268,503 on 24 Feb 1879<sup>12,13</sup>; patient U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>21</sup>;

Mark Trafton Berry – born 3 Sep 1830 in ME<sup>12,13,20</sup>; age 33; 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Company E, Hatch's Independent Battalion, MN Cavalry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,314,810 from CA on 2 May 1904<sup>12,13</sup>; member CA Commandery, MOLLUS (insignia # 10955)<sup>23</sup>; died 23 May 1913 at Long Beach, CA<sup>12</sup>; buried Angelus Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA<sup>20</sup>

Charles A. Brown – born 2 May 1829 in ME<sup>12,13,20</sup>; age 33; Corporal, Company A, 8<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 976,040 from UT on 5 Jan 1891<sup>12,13</sup>; buried Beaver Creek Cemetery, Twisp, WA<sup>20</sup>; widow's (Olive R. Brown) pension application # 722,249 from WA on 28 Jun 1900<sup>12,13</sup>;

Charles N. Earl – age 28; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Independent Battery, MN Light Artillery<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,110,149 from CA on 10 May 1892<sup>12,13</sup>; died 31 Oct 1923 at Los Angeles, CA<sup>12</sup>

Isaac N. Hathorn – born ME; age 19; Private, Company A, 8<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 546,243 on 3 Aug 1885<sup>12,13</sup>; died 1 Feb 1931 at Newport Beach, CA

William T. Kittredge – born 3 Sep 1835 in OH<sup>12,13,20</sup>; Regimental Adjutant, 4<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry; Captain, Adjutant General's Department; brevetted Major<sup>10,11,17</sup>; veteran's pension application # 742,544 from CA on 10 Dec 1889<sup>12,13</sup>; member CA Commandery, MOLLUS (insignia # 05845)<sup>23</sup> died 3 Jan 1892<sup>20</sup>; buried Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, Santa Rosa, CA<sup>20</sup>

George H. J. Little – born PA; age 18; Private, Company I, 11<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,003,756 from CA on 10 Mar 1891<sup>12,13</sup>; died 18 Mar 1924 at Ames, IA<sup>12</sup>; widow's (Addie B. Little) pension application # 1,217,670 from IA on 3 Apr 1924<sup>12,13</sup>

George C. Smith – born ME; age 29; Private, Company K, 1 MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,059

on 29 May 1862<sup>12,13</sup>; died 29 Aug 1888<sup>19</sup>; buried Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA<sup>19</sup>

Milo S. Whitcomb – born Canada; age 23; Private, Company I, 1<sup>st</sup> MN Infantry; wounded 17 Sep 1862 at Antietam, MD; Private, Company C, 6<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 11,191 on 19 Feb 1863<sup>12,13</sup>; died 22 Jul 1908<sup>12</sup>; buried Angelus Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA<sup>20</sup>; widow's (Mary H. Whitcomb) pension application # 902,265 from CA on 3 Aug 1908<sup>12,13</sup>

**W. R. Cornman Post # 57 (San Bernardino, California)**

William C. Clark – born MI; age 18; Private, Company K, 11<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,296,796 from CA on 24 Feb 1903<sup>12,13</sup>

**Shiloh Post # 60 (Compton, California)**

Cornelius Mealy – born IN; Private, Company H, 3<sup>rd</sup> MN Infantry; Corporal, Company A, 3<sup>rd</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 675,172 from CA on 8 Oct 1888<sup>12,13</sup>; died 30 Jan 1926 at Compton, CA<sup>12</sup>

**Vicksburg Post # 61 (Pomona, California)**

Edwin Howe – born MA; age 38; Private, Company E, 9<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 322,190 on 20 Nov 1879<sup>12,13</sup>; died 27 Jul 1887<sup>19</sup>; buried Pomona Cemetery, Pomona, CA<sup>19</sup>; widow's (Chinese A. Howe) pension application # 365,705 from CA on 3 Jan 1898<sup>12,13</sup>

Leman P. Le Clair – born VT; age 24; Private, Company A, Hatch's Independent Battalion, MN Cavalry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 413,151 on 2 Dec 1880<sup>12,13</sup>; died 28 Mar 1915 at Walla Walla WA<sup>12</sup>; buried Mountain View Cemetery, Walla Walla, WA<sup>20</sup>

**L. H. Rousseau Post # 64 (Kelseyville, California)**

William K. Vickery – born PA; age 36; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 917,903 from CA on 20 Aug 1890<sup>12,13</sup>

**General George S. Evans Post # 72 (Redwood City, California)**

Philander P. Chamberlain – born OH; Private, Company I, 3<sup>rd</sup> MN Infantry; Private, Company A, 3<sup>rd</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,341,592 from CA on 26 Oct 1905<sup>12,13</sup>; died 30 Nov 1928 at Redwood City, CA<sup>12</sup>

**Kit Carson Post # 74 (Napa City, CA)**

John N. Wallingford – born ME; age 28; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, Company H, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Infantry; Captain, Company I, 1<sup>st</sup> Independent Battalion, MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 618,206 from CA on 3 Aug 1887<sup>12,13</sup>; died 10 Mar 1913<sup>12</sup>

**J. K. Mansfield Post # 75 (Red Bluff, California)**

George H. Bullard – born NY; age 35; Private, Company C, 9<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry; wounded 2 Apr 1865 at Spanish Fort, AL<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 92,261 on 11 Oct 1865<sup>12,13</sup>

**Captain William Wallace Post # 76 (Lake City, California)**

Hugh Barclay – born Ireland, res St. Charles, MN; age 30; Private, Company G, 5<sup>th</sup> IA Cavalry; Private, Company A, Brackett's Independent Battalion, MN Cavalry<sup>10,11,18</sup>; veteran's pension application # 955,821 from CA on 20 Oct

1881<sup>12,13</sup>; widow's (Harriett Barclay) pension application # 524,637 from CA on 2 Sep 1891<sup>12,13</sup>

**Thomas Amner Post # 78 (Boulder Creek, California)**

Andrew Anderson – born Norway<sup>21</sup>; age 23; Corporal, Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 943,211 from CA on 11 Sep 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; patient U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>21</sup>; died 23 Jul 1917 at U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>12,21</sup>; buried Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA<sup>20</sup>

**E. F. Winslow Post # 79 (Redding, California)**

Arlington C. Ellis – age 21; Sergeant, Company B, 5<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 29,831 on 1 Aug 1863<sup>12,13</sup>

Charles Paul – born Canada; age 18; Private, Company H, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 933,813 on 3 Aug 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; patient U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>21</sup>; died 9 Feb 1928 at U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>12,21</sup>; buried Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA<sup>22</sup>

**J. W. Morey Post # 81 (Guerneville, California)**

John Kinsley Wood – born 1836 in NY<sup>12,13,20</sup>; age 26; Private, Company F, 6<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 741,229 from CA on 29 Nov 1889<sup>12,13</sup>; died 5 Dec 1927 at Lordsburg, CA<sup>12</sup>; buried La Verne Cemetery, La Verne, CA<sup>20</sup>; widow's (Antoinette E. Wood) pension application # 1,600,448 from CA on 3 Jan 1928<sup>12,13</sup>

**Foote Post # 89 (Santa Maria, California)**

Marcus Whitford – born New Lisbon, NY<sup>21</sup>; 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, Company C, 9<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry; Captain, Company B, 67<sup>th</sup> US Colored Infantry<sup>10,11,16</sup>; veteran's pension application # 908,670 from CA on 3 Apr 1891<sup>12,13</sup>; patient U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>21</sup>; died 11 Jun 1908 at U.S. National Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle, CA<sup>20,21</sup>; Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA<sup>20</sup>

**T. W. Sherman Post # 96 (Oroville, California)**

Albert Henry Lewis – born 1 Dec 1838 in NY<sup>12,13,20</sup>; age 22; Corporal, Company H, 3<sup>rd</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 899,628 from MN on 8 Aug 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; died 12 Aug 1910<sup>12</sup>; buried Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, MN<sup>20</sup>; widow's (Barbara E. Lewis) pension application # 949,613 from MN on 26 Sep 1910<sup>12,13</sup>

**J. F. Reynolds Post # 98 (Santa Cruz, California)**

Charles Fitzsimmons – age 19; Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Company, MN Sharpshooters (aka Company L, 1<sup>st</sup> US Sharpshooters)<sup>10,11,14</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,230,939 from CA on 29 Jun 1899<sup>12,13</sup>; widow's (Louise F. Fitzsimmons) pension application # 755,540 from CA on 22 Jan 1902<sup>12,13</sup>

**Gelcich Post # 106 (East Los Angeles, California)**

Charles G. Ellis (Ells) – age 37; Private, Company E, 8<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 253,488 on 30 Apr 1878<sup>12,13</sup>; buried Evergreen Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA<sup>20</sup>; widow's (Jane Ellis) pension application # 774,673 from CA on 10 Dec 1902<sup>12,13</sup>

Ezra M. Hamilton – born IL; age 30; Private, Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> MN Infantry; Private, Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Independent Battalion, MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 757,380 from CA on 24 Feb 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; died 14 Jul 1914 at Willow Springs, CA<sup>12</sup>; widow's (Elsie E. Hamilton) pension application # 1,087,689 from CA on 28 Nov 1916<sup>12,13</sup>

Winslow Maly (Maley) – born Austria; age 19; Private, Company E, Hatch's Independent Battalion, MN Cavalry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 699,334 from CA on 15 Apr 1889<sup>12,13</sup>; widow's (Mary Maly) pension application # 648,655 from CA on 17 Feb 1897<sup>12,13</sup>

Edward U. Russell – born PA; age 29; Captain, Company A, 4<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 213,048 on 15 Jan 1876<sup>12,13</sup>; widow's (Adelphine Russell) pension application # 881,188 on 13 Dec 1907<sup>12,13</sup>

**General George Wright Post # 111 (Visalia, California)**

Lewis A. Humason – born 14 Mar 1836 in Dodge County, MN<sup>20</sup>; age 27; Private, Company K, 3<sup>rd</sup> MN Infantry<sup>10,11</sup>;

veteran's pension application # 823,764 from MN<sup>12,13</sup>; died 21 Jan 1905<sup>20</sup>; buried Riverside Cemetery, Dodge Center, MN<sup>20</sup>; widow's (Ellen A. Humason) pension application # 821,537 from MN on 6 Feb 1905<sup>12,13</sup>

**South Mountain Post # 117 (Loyalton, California)**

Frank Haag (Hoag) – born Germany; age 31; Private, Company L, 1<sup>st</sup> MN Cavalry; Private, Company G, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Cavalry<sup>10,11</sup>; veteran's pension application # 935,204 from CA on 13 Nov 1890<sup>12,13</sup>; widow's (Margaretha Haag) pension application # 650,678 from MN on 13 Nov 1897<sup>12,13</sup>

**Riverside Post # 118 (Riverside, California)**

Homer P. Moore – born 1831 in MA<sup>12,13,20</sup>; age 30; Private, Company A, 7<sup>th</sup> MN Infantry; Private, Company A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Veteran Reserve Corps<sup>10,11,14</sup>; veteran's pension application # 1,139,673 from CA on 26 Nov 1892<sup>12,13</sup>; died 1906<sup>20</sup>; buried Evergreen Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Riverside, CA<sup>20</sup>; widow's (Jennie R. Moore) pension application # 893,531 from CA on 12 May 1908<sup>12,13</sup>

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## Minnesota Civil Soldiers in Wyoming and Colorado GAR Rosters

by David C. Bailey, Sr.

*Editor's note:* The superscript note citations in the text of this article refer to items in the numbered source list at the end of the article.

The Grand Army of the Republic, often referred to as the GAR, was founded in Decatur, Illinois, on 6 Apr 1866 under the leadership of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, who had served as Surgeon of the 14<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry during the Civil War. Dr. Stephenson created the GAR in response to the desire of many veterans to re-experience the friendships and camaraderie they had developed with their comrades during the war.

To join the GAR, a man must have served in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service (today's United States Coast Guard) between 9 April 1861 and 12 April 1865. He must have been honorably discharged from the service and never have taken up arms against the United States of America. Local organizations were called "posts," and it was to a post that a man applied for membership in the GAR. Posts from a state or region joined together to form "departments" and the departments comprised the national organization.<sup>1,2</sup>

During its active years, the GAR had a significant influence on politics, law, and social programs in the United States. Member efforts helped establish Memorial Day as a national holiday, as well as soldiers' homes, veteran relief programs and increases in Union veteran pensions. Five GAR members were elected President of the United States, and many state governors were members. Often it was difficult for a candidate to be elected to public office if he were not a veteran of the Civil War and did not have the support of the GAR. GAR national encampments were yearly meetings that attracted more than 25,000 veterans in the 1890s. By 1890 when the GAR was reaching its peak, membership reached almost 500,000. The final encampment was held in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1949. The last GAR member, Albert Woolson, died in 1956 at the age of 107.<sup>1,2</sup>

GAR department rosters can provide valuable genealogical information about members. Persons researching Civil War veterans who lived in, or enlisted in, Minnesota should check both Minnesota records and the GAR records from western states as many veterans moved westward after mustering out. This article presents information about Minnesotans who later belonged to GAR posts in Colorado and Wyoming.

The GAR in Colorado and Wyoming was originally organized as the Department of the Mountains on 11 December 1879. It later was renamed the Department of Colorado and Wyoming on 31 July 1882.<sup>3</sup> At one time or another, there were 109 individual posts in the Department, the great majority in Colorado.<sup>3-5</sup> Virtually every town of appreciable size had a functioning post. Larger cities, such as Denver with at least eight, had multiple posts.<sup>3-5</sup>

A 1910 published roster for the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, included the then current rosters for most of the posts in the Department.<sup>7</sup> The following information of interest to genealogists is included for each soldier:

- Birth – Date [from burial records or estimated from age at enlistment] and location,<sup>8,12</sup>
- Service – Unit and rank at separation from service; promotions and service in multiple units are noted,<sup>8,9</sup>
- Pension – Application number, date of application and state where applied for both the veteran and his surviving spouse,<sup>10,11</sup>
- Death – Date and location,<sup>11,14</sup>
- Burial – Cemetery and either city or county,<sup>12,13,14</sup>
- Residence – Residence in 1910 when the GAR Roster was compiled,<sup>7 and</sup>
- Miscellaneous – Stays in National Soldiers' Homes.<sup>18</sup>

It is important to note what the list below is not. It is not a complete list of Minnesota Civil War veterans who resided at one time or another in Colorado or Wyoming. While the GAR was the largest Civil War veterans' organization, not all veterans joined. Whether because of political reasons, absence of a convenient local post, or other reasons, some veterans eschewed membership. The list also does not contain all Minnesota veterans who were members of the GAR in Colorado and Wyoming over the period of the organization's existence. It is based on rosters that are essentially snapshots of the membership at one distinct point in time. Other veterans may have been members, but died or relocated prior to the date of the published roster's completion. Others may have migrated to Colorado or Wyoming, but joined a local GAR at other times.

## Essential Genealogical Sources

Research Topic	Census Records	Vital Records	Church and Cemetery Records	Immigration Records	Naturalization Records
Residence	Census records tell where a family lived. Infer earlier residences from birthplace and age of family members.	Birth, marriage or death records may report residence information.	Marriage and burial records may list residences.  Cemetery records may list lot owner addresses.	Post-1891 records indicate last residence and destination within the U.S.	Pre-1906 records should show at least a county of residence. Post-1906 records ask for addresses.
Occupation and employment	1820 and 1840 censuses recorded industries within households but not which individuals worked. After 1850, federal censuses list occupation.	Birth records may list father's occupation.  Marriage records after about 1895 and death records from about 1880 often include occupation.	Church records may list occupations; look for occupation indicators in account books.  Cemetery markers may have indications of occupation.	Post-1820, passenger lists may include occupation; from 1883, all do.	Post-1906 records list occupation. Pre-1906 records may do so.
Death	Deaths within the year may be reported in mortality schedules (1850-1885 and 1900—Minnesota only). Check marital status of spouse after 1880.	Marriage records may show death dates for previous spouses.  Death records are obvious choices.	Burial records, cemetery records, and cemetery markers are obvious choices.	Passenger lists may indicate names of passengers who died at sea.	--
Burial	--	Death records may indicate place of burial.	Burial records, cemetery records, and cemetery markers.	--	--

These five basic types of genealogical sources are only a few of the places where you can find answers to these common genealogical questions. Military records, newspapers, and probates are obvious next steps, but many other record types can provide important clues.

FamilySearch's Research Wiki provides an extensive printable selection table for the United States records in which you can find information on the above research topics, as well as many others, at ([https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/United\\_States\\_Record\\_Selection\\_Table](https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/United_States_Record_Selection_Table)). The table links to other

portions of the wiki where you can find more information about the records listed. FamilySearch also offers a downloadable handout called *Records and the Information They Contain* at ([https://www.familysearch.org/learn/getting\\_started\\_step\\_3](https://www.familysearch.org/learn/getting_started_step_3)).

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**Minnesota Soldiers in the Colorado & Wyoming GAR**  
(Compiled from sources no. 8-20 below)

**George A. Custer Post No. 1 (Laramie, WY)**

**Elias G. Corey [Cary]** – b abt 1826 in NY<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 14 Dec 1863 at Courtland, MN as Pvt, Co G, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Cav; med disch 28 Sep 1864<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 693,286 fr IA on 11 Mar 1889<sup>10,11</sup>; res Laramie, WY<sup>7</sup>; adm Natl Soldiers Home, Leavenworth, Leavenworth Cnty, KS 20 Aug 1903; disch 28 May 1904.<sup>18</sup>

**Abraham Lincoln Post No. 4 (Denver, CO)**

**Samuel Bowler** – b abt 1833<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 18 Aug 1861 at Belle Plaine, Scott Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co E, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Inf; wnd 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga, GA; re-enl 25 Jan 1864 as Vet Vol; prmt Comm Sgt; mo 11 Jul 1865<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 319,554 on 3 Nov 1879<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Mary Bowler] pen app # 977,591 fr CO on 2 Jan 1912<sup>10,11</sup>; res Denver, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 24 Nov 1911.<sup>11</sup>  
**Edward D. Quigley** – b abt 1838 in Ireland<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 3 Oct 1861 at Wabasha, Wabasha Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co G, 3<sup>rd</sup> MN Inf; mo 14 Nov 1864<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 1,297,211 fr CO on 4 Mar 1903<sup>10,11</sup>; res Denver, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 21 May 1926 at Long Beach, CA<sup>11</sup>; bur Los Angeles Natl Cem, Los Angeles Cnty, CA.<sup>16</sup>

**Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 5 (Boulder, CO)**

**Joseph P. Montgomery** – b 18 Oct 1835 in NY<sup>8,9,16</sup>; mi 11 Sep 1861 as Pvt, Co K, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Inf; trnfr 1 Sep 1863 to Co E, 7<sup>th</sup> VRC; disch not specified<sup>8-11</sup>; vet pen app # 610,054 on 16 May 1887<sup>10-11</sup>; wid (Margaret Montgomery) pen app # 1,094,715 on 23 Feb 1917<sup>10,11</sup>; res Boulder, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 16 or 18 Feb 1917 at Fort Collins, CO<sup>11,16</sup>; bur Grandview Cem, Larimer Cnty, CO.<sup>16</sup> [see also Post # 7.]

**George H. Thomas Post No. 7 (Fort Collins, CO)**

**Elijah E. Edwards** – b 1831<sup>16</sup>; mi 11 Jun 1864 as Chap, 7<sup>th</sup> MN Inf; mo 16 Aug 1865 at Fort Snelling, MN<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 902,381 fr WI on 9 Aug 1889<sup>10,11</sup>; res Fort Collins, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 10 Nov 1915 at Greencastle, IN<sup>11</sup>; bur Fort Myers Cem, Lee Cnty, FL.<sup>16</sup> [Note: Edwards was the first president of the Colorado Agricultural College, now Colorado State University.]

**David Irons** – b abt 1831<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 20 Aug 1864 as Pvt, Co G, 11<sup>th</sup> MN Inf; mo 26 Jun 1865 at St. Paul, MN<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 863,927 fr NE on 17 Jul 1890<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Betsey L. Irons] pen app # 1,014,671 fr CO on 23 Sep 1913<sup>10,11</sup>; res Fort Collins, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 10 Aug 1913 at Mintum, CO<sup>11</sup>; bur River View Cem, Eagle Cnty, CO<sup>12</sup> [Note: MN Adjutant General records list him as David Grons<sup>8,9</sup>. Pension and GAR records list him as David Irons.<sup>7,10,11</sup>

**Joseph P. Montgomery** – b 18 Oct 1835 in NY<sup>8,9,16</sup>; mi 11 Sep 1861 as Pvt, Co K, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Inf; trnfr 1 Sep 1863 to Co E, 7<sup>th</sup> VRC; disch not specified<sup>8-11</sup>; vet pen app # 610,054 on 16 May 1887<sup>10-11</sup>; wid (Margaret Montgomery) pen app # 1,094,715 on 23 Feb 1917<sup>10,11</sup>; res Boulder, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 16 or 18 Feb 1917 at Fort Collins, CO<sup>11,16</sup>; bur Grandview Cem, Larimer Cnty, CO.<sup>16</sup> [see also Post # 5.]

**Egbert William Reed** – b abt 1845 in NY<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 20 Jul 1863 at Oswego, Tioga Cnty, NY as Pvt, Co A, Hatch's Indep Btn, MN Cav; mo 5 Jun 1866<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 735,052 fr CO on 23 Oct 1889<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Lydia M. Reed] pen app # 1,052,381 fr CA on 28 Aug 1915<sup>10,11</sup>; res Fort Collins, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 28 Jul 1915 at Los Angeles, CA<sup>11</sup>; bur Los Angeles Natl Cem, Los Angeles Cnty, CA.<sup>16</sup>

**Pueblo Post No. 8 (Pueblo, CO)**

**Charles L. Engle** – b 4 Apr 1847 in MD<sup>8,9,12</sup>; mi 3 Feb 1865 as Pvt, Co H, 1<sup>st</sup> MN HA; mo 27 Sep 1865<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 1,294,091 fr CO on 22 Dec 1902<sup>10,11</sup>; res Pueblo, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 12 May 1921 at Pueblo, CO<sup>11</sup>; bur Roselawn Cem, Pueblo Cnty, CO.<sup>12</sup>

**Jerome G. Todd** – b 1841 in IN<sup>8,9,12</sup>; mi 10 Oct 1861 at Meeker Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co A, 3<sup>rd</sup> MN Inf; med disch on 29 Mar 1862<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 18 May 1864 at Marion Cnty, IN as Pvt, Co A, 132<sup>nd</sup> IN Inf; mo 1 Aug 1864<sup>19</sup>; vet pen app # 574,294 on 22 May 1886<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Katie F. Todd] pen app # 1,205,441 fr CO on 14 May 1923<sup>10,11</sup>; res Pueblo, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 17 Apr 1923 at Colorado Springs, CO<sup>11</sup>; bur Mountain View Cem, Pueblo Cnty, CO.<sup>12,16</sup>

**John Sedgwick Post No. 12 (Durango, CO)**

**James W. Kendall** – b 17 Apr 1837 in MA or NH<sup>8,9,16</sup>; mi 29 Apr 1861 as Pvt, Co D, 1<sup>st</sup> MN Inf; mo 5 May 1864<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 1,123,839 fr CO on 28 Jul 1892<sup>10,11</sup>; res Rockwood, CO<sup>7</sup>; adm Natl Soldiers Home, Sawtelle, Los Angeles Cnty, CA 9 Mar 1909<sup>18</sup>; d 19 Feb 1923 at Natl Soldiers Home, Sawtelle, Los Angeles Cnty, CA<sup>11,16,18</sup>; bur Los Angeles Natl Cem, Los Angeles Cnty, CA.<sup>16</sup>

**U. S. Grant Post No. 13 (Greeley, CO)**

**William H. Lowe** – b 16 Oct 1832 in NY<sup>8,9,12</sup>; mi 18 Sep 1862 at Albert Lea, Freeborn Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co E, 10<sup>th</sup> MN Inf; prmt Sgt; mo 21 Jul 1865<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 414,043 fr MN on 5 Jan 1881<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Rhoda A. Lowe] pen app # 1,038,264 fr CO on 12 Dec 1914<sup>10,11</sup>; res Greeley, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 4 or 7 Dec 1914 at Greeley, CO<sup>11,16</sup>; bur Linn Grove Cem, Weld Cnty, CO.<sup>12,16</sup>

**Joseph A. Woodbury [Woodberry]** – b 29 Aug 1832 in MA<sup>8,9,12</sup>; mi 13 Aug 1862 at Red Wing, Goodhue Cnty, MN as Cpl, Co F, 6<sup>th</sup> MN Inf; prmt Sgt; prmt 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt; mo 19 Aug 1865 at Fort Snelling, MN<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 1,133,896 fr CO on 5 Oct 1892<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Rebecca A. Woodbury] pen app # 1,003,600 fr CO on 11 Mar 1913<sup>10,11</sup>; res Greeley, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 1 or 3 Mar 1913 at Greeley, CO<sup>11,16</sup>; bur Linn Grove Cem, Weld Cnty, CO.<sup>12,16</sup>

**Byron L. Carr Post No. 14 (Denver, CO)**

**Charles M. Bayliss [Bayless]** – b 19 Dec 1848 in Canada<sup>8,9,12</sup>; mi 4 Jan 1864 at Wiscoy, Winona Cnty, MN as Pvt, 1<sup>st</sup> Indep Btty, MN LA; mo 30 Jun 1865<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 966,589 CO on 22 Dec 1890<sup>10,11</sup>; res Denver, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 13 Jun 1932 at Denver, CO<sup>11</sup>; bur Crown Hill Cem, Jefferson Cnty, CO.<sup>12</sup>

**John Body** – b 3 May 1840 in England<sup>8,9,12</sup>; mi 22 Aug 1862 at Hyde Park, Wabasha Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co G, 8<sup>th</sup> MN Inf; mo 11 Jul 1865 at Fort Snelling, MN<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 980,905 fr CO on 19 Jan 1896<sup>10,11</sup>; res Denver, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 20 Jul 1916 at Arapahoe, CO<sup>11</sup>; bur Littleton Cem, Arapahoe Cnty, CO.<sup>12</sup>

**Jonathan A. Churchill** – b abt 1835 in ME<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 26 Sep 1861 at Newport, Washington Cnty, MN as 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt, Co B, 3<sup>rd</sup> MN Inf; prmt 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt; prmt 1<sup>st</sup> Lt on 12 Mar 1863; res 31 Dec 1864<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 1,037,462 fr SD on 3 Jul 1891<sup>10,11</sup>; res Denver, CO.<sup>7</sup>

**August H. Thrun** – b 11 May 1840 in Germany<sup>8,9,12</sup>; mi 22 Oct 1861 at Rice Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co I, 4<sup>th</sup> MN Inf; re-enl 1 Jan 1864 as Vet Vol; prmt Cpl; mo 19 Jul 1865 at Louisville, KY<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 347,031 on 10 Feb 1880<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Charlotte A. Thrun] pen app # 1,047,917 fr CO on 25 May 1915<sup>10,11</sup>; res Unk<sup>7</sup>; d 13 May 1915 at Denver, CO<sup>11</sup>; bur Crown Hill Cem, Jefferson Cnty, CO.<sup>12,16</sup>

**William J. Palmer Post No. 19 (Colorado City, CO)**

**Hiram J. Abbey** – b abt 1834 in NY<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 30 Aug 1864 as Pvt, Co K, 11<sup>th</sup> MN Inf; mo 26 Jun 1865 at St. Paul, MN<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 743,133 fr CO on 14 Dec 1889<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Margaret Abbey] pen app # 1,022,262 fr CO on 12 Feb 1914<sup>10,11</sup>; res Colorado City, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 26 Jan 1914 at Colorado City, CO<sup>11</sup>; bur Evergreen Cem, El Paso Cnty, CO.<sup>12,16</sup> [Note: The published GAR Roster incorrectly lists him as a member of Co K, 11<sup>th</sup> ME Inf.<sup>7</sup>]

**Grand Junction Post No. 35 (Grand Junction, CO)**

**Josephus C. Plank** – b 14 Feb 1848 in IN<sup>12,16</sup>; mi 7 Feb 1865 at Rochester, Olmsted Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co H, 1<sup>st</sup> MN HA; mo 27 Sep 1865<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 919,297 fr SD on 14 Jul 1890<sup>10,11</sup>; res Grand Junction, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 6 Aug 1928 at Grand Junction, CO<sup>11</sup>; bur GAR Veterans Cem, Mesa Cnty, CO.<sup>12,16</sup>

**Farragut Post No. 46 (Denver, CO)**

**Theodore Cuture** – b abt 1840 or 1845 in MN or Canada<sup>8,9,12</sup>; mi 16 Jan 1864 as Pvt, Co B, 6<sup>th</sup> MN Inf; med disch Mar 1865<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 527,635 on 9 Dec 1884<sup>10,11</sup>; res Unk<sup>7</sup>; bur Riverside Cem, Adams Cnty, CO.<sup>12</sup>

**Henry Fitch** – b abt 1828<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 9 Nov 1863 as Pvt, Co B, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Cav; mo 1 Dec 1865<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 882,865 fr MN on 12 Oct 1890<sup>10,11</sup>; res Unk<sup>7</sup>; adm Natl Soldiers Home, Milwaukee, Milwaukee Cnty, WI 15 Jul 1891; disch 4 Nov 1903.<sup>18</sup>

**Levi Hamlin** – b abt 1836 in VT<sup>8,9</sup>; mi [drafted] 28 May 1864 at Newberg, Fillmore Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co A, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Inf; mo 11 Jul 1865 at Louisville, KY<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 426,895 fr MN on 5 Aug 1881<sup>10,11</sup>; res Denver, CO.<sup>7</sup>

**William Mogle** – b abt 1835 in OH<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 18 Aug 1862 at Hassen, Hennepin Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co B, 9<sup>th</sup> MN Inf; mo 22 Jun 1865<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 212,582 on 7 Jan 1876<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Rebecca V. Mogle] pen app # 1,183,665 fr CA on 10 Jan 1922<sup>10,11</sup>; res Denver, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 4 Feb 1920 at Modesto, CA.<sup>11</sup>

**Engel A. Morrison** – b abt 1831 in Norway<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 3 Sep 1861 as Pvt, Co A, 1<sup>st</sup> MN Inf; med disch 20 Aug 1862<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 493,681 fr CO on 25 Aug 1883<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Mary Morrison] pen app # 674,437 fr IA on 15 Apr 1898<sup>10,11</sup>; res Denver, CO<sup>7</sup>; bur Riverside Cem, Marshall Cnty, IA.<sup>16</sup> [Note: Pension records indicate he served under the name Engel A. Magnussen.<sup>10,11</sup>]

**Samuel C. Robb** – b abt 1841 in PA<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 31 Mar 1862 at Spring Valley, Houston Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co H, 5<sup>th</sup> MN Inf; med disch 24 Oct 1862<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 25 Nov 1863 at Austin, Mower Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co B, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Cav; mo 1 Dec 1865<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 735,060 fr KS on 22 Oct 1889<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Sarah A. Robb] pen app # 869,359 fr MO on 9 May 1907<sup>10,11</sup>; res Denver, CO<sup>7</sup>; adm Natl Soldiers Home, Leavenworth, Leavenworth Cnty, KS 19 May 1887; disch 15 Oct 1888<sup>18</sup>; adm Natl Soldiers Home, Leavenworth, Leavenworth Cnty, KS 18 Oct 1889; disch 7 Dec 1889<sup>18</sup>; adm Natl Soldiers Home, Leavenworth, Leavenworth Cnty, KS 19 May 15 Sep 1890; disch 15 Jan 1907.<sup>18</sup>

**Charles Schmoeger [Schmager]** – b abt 1822 in Germany<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 26 Apr 1862 at Belleview, IA as Pvt, Co B, Brackett's Indep Btn, MN Cav [aka Co I, 5<sup>th</sup> IA Cav<sup>20</sup>]; mo 25 Aug 1865<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 658,135 fr IA on 4 Jun 1888<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Verona Schmoeger] pen app # 673,088 fr CO on 14 Mar 1898<sup>10,11</sup>; res Unk.<sup>7</sup>

**Solomon Terpenning [Turpenning]** – b 26 Jun 1839 in NY<sup>8,9,16</sup>; mi 15 Aug 1862 at Nicollet Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co I, 6<sup>th</sup> MN Inf; med disch 31 Mar 1863<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 126,320 on 3 Sep 1867<sup>10,11</sup>; res Denver, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 18 Oct 1932 at Retsil, WA<sup>11</sup>; bur Washington Veterans Home Cem, Kitsap Cnty, WA.<sup>16</sup>

**Lester B. Winslow** – b 10 Jan 1843 in NY<sup>12,16</sup>; mi 14 Aug 1862 as Mus, Co H, 7<sup>th</sup> MN Inf; mo 16 Aug 1865 at Fort Snelling, MN<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 107,720 on 5 May 1866<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Anna Winslow] pen app # 884,892 fr CO in 1908<sup>10,11</sup>; min pen app # 922,199 on 18 Jun 1909<sup>10,11</sup>; res Denver, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 31 Jan 1908<sup>11</sup>; bur Riverside Cem, Adams Cnty, CO.<sup>12,16</sup>

**Kit Carson Post No. 59 (Lamar, CO)**

**Charles Ferris Miller** – b 30 Sep 1834 in Germany<sup>12,16</sup>; mi 15 Mar 1865 as Pvt, Co E, 1<sup>st</sup> Bttn, MN Inf; disch fr hospital<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 1,103,582 on 5 Apr 1892<sup>10,11</sup>; res Lamar, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 25 Apr 1917 at Boulder, CO<sup>11</sup>; bur Columbia Cem, Boulder Cnty, CO.<sup>12,16</sup>

**George B. McClellan Post No. 76 (Delta, CO)**

**Samuel S. [L.] Duncan** – b 9 Jan 1832 in OH<sup>8,9,12</sup>; mi 24 Feb 1865 as Pvt, Co L, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Cav; mo 13 Feb 1866<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 418,749 fr MN on 30 Mar 1881<sup>10,11</sup>; res Delta, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 31 Jan 1915 at Delta, CO<sup>11</sup>; bur Delta Cem, Delta Cnty, CO.<sup>12,16</sup>

**Marcellus M. Crocker Post No. 81 (Denver, CO)**

**Clark J. Stiles** – b abt 1839 in NY<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 13 Aug 1862 at Big Lake, Sherburne Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co A, 8<sup>th</sup> MN Inf; mo 11 Jul 1865 at Fort Snelling, MN<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 932,105 fr MN on 27 Aug 1890<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Adelaide A. Stiles] pen app # 1,729,429 fr CA on 27 Dec 1932<sup>10,11</sup>; res Denver, CO<sup>7</sup>; adm Natl Soldiers Home, Sawtelle, Los Angeles Cnty, CA Oct 1917; disch 2 May 1913<sup>18</sup>; adm Natl Soldiers Home, Sawtelle, Los Angeles Cnty, CA 16 Oct 1926; disch 20 Oct 1926<sup>18</sup>; d 8 Dec 1932 at Oakland, CA.<sup>11</sup>

**John C. Fremont Post No. 83 (Littleton, CO)**

**Eathan Allen Hitchcock** – b 12 Nov 1844 in NY<sup>8,9,12</sup>; mi 8 Aug 1861 at Winona, Winona Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co I, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Inf; wnd 25 Nov 1863 at Missionary Ridge, TN; re-enl as Vet Vol; prmt Cpl; mo 11 Jul 1865 at Louisville, KY<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 1,181,011 fr NE on 11 Sep 1896<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Nettie Hitchcock] pen app # 1,013,868 fr CO on 6 Sep 1913<sup>10,11</sup>; res Petersburg, CO<sup>7</sup>; adm Natl Soldiers Home, Hot Springs, Fall River Cnty, SD 5 Aug 1912; disch 22 Aug 1912<sup>18</sup>; d 28 Aug 1913 at Littleton, CO<sup>11</sup>; bur Littleton Cem, Arapahoe Cnty, CO.<sup>12</sup>

**George Washington Post No. 85 (Denver, CO)**

**Edgar Henry** – b abt 1846 in WI<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 25 Aug 1864 as Pvt, Co C, 11<sup>th</sup> MN Inf; mo 26 Jun 1865 at St. Paul, MN<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 781,924 fr KS on 16 Jun 1890<sup>10,11</sup>; res Denver, CO<sup>7</sup>; adm Natl Soldiers Home, Leavenworth, Leavenworth Cnty, KS 23 May 1914; disch 5 Oct 1914.<sup>18</sup>

**Lyman W. Miller** – b abt 1842 in OH<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 16 Feb 1865 as Pvt, Co M, 1<sup>st</sup> MN HA; mo 27 Sep 1865<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 976,995 fr NE on 23 Dec 1890<sup>10,11</sup>; res Norfolk, NE<sup>7</sup>; adm Natl Soldiers Home, Hot Springs, Fall River Cnty, SD 29 Feb 1916; disch 28 Mar 1918<sup>18</sup>; adm Natl Soldiers Home, Hot Springs, Fall River Cnty, SD 18 Dec 1920; disch 23 Jan 1921<sup>18</sup>; d 6 Apr 1925 at Denver, CO.<sup>11</sup>

**Oliver O. Howard Post No. 110 (Basin, WY)**

**Henry Payne** – b abt 1837 in WI<sup>8,9</sup>; mi 29 Mar 1865 as Pvt, Co G, 1<sup>st</sup> Bttn, MN Inf; disch 8 Jun 1865 in hospital<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 1,574,026 fr WY on 15 Mar 1927<sup>10,11</sup>; res Basin, WY<sup>7</sup>; adm Natl Soldiers Home, Hot Springs, Fall River Cnty, SD 16 Mar 1932<sup>18</sup>; d 29 Apr 1932 at Natl Soldiers Home, Hot Springs, SD<sup>11,18</sup>; bur Hot Springs Natl Cem, Fall River Cnty, SD.<sup>13</sup>

**Roaring Fork Post No. 113 (Aspen, CO)**

**Henry Tourtelotte [Tertlott]** – b 27 Sep 1839 in IA or IL<sup>8,9,12</sup>; mi 15 Jul 1861 at Mankato, Blue Earth Cnty, MN as Pvt, Co H, 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Inf; med disch 17 Jul 1862<sup>8,9</sup>; vet pen app # 1,309,646 fr CO on 4 mar 1904<sup>10,11</sup>; wid [Josephine Sylvester] pen app # 1,156,812 fr MN on 29 Mar 1920<sup>19,11</sup>; res Aspen, CO<sup>7</sup>; d 17 Aug 1919 at Pueblo, CO<sup>11</sup>; bur Red Butte Cem, Pitkin Cnty, CO.<sup>12</sup>

**Key**

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abs – absent sick	Co – Company	Insig - Insignia	QM - Quartermaster
Adj - Adjutant	Col - Colonel	LA – Light Artillery	redesig – re-designated
adm - admitted	Comm - Commissary	Lt – Lieutenant	res – resigned
AG – Adjutant General	Commdy - Commandery	Maj - Major	Sgt – Sergeant
assgd - assigned	Cpl – Corporal	med - medical	Sub - substitute
Asst - Assistant	crd – credited to	mi – mustered in	trnfr - transferred
b - born	d - died	mo – mustered out	Unassgd - Unassigned
Bttn - Battalion	disch – discharged	Mus - Musician	USCT - United States Colored
Btty - Battery	drft - drafted	Natl - National	Troops
Bug - Bugler	fr - from	pen app – pension application	Vet Vol – veteran Volunteer
bur - buried	Gdn - Guardian	prmt – promoted	VRC – Veteran Reserve Corps
bvt - brevetted	HA – Heavy Artillery	Pvt - Private	wid - widow
Cem - Cemetery	Indep - Independent	Regt - Regimental	wnd - wounded
Cnty - County	Inf – Infantry	res - residence	

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