



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

MONTANA

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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	MT			Org. 10 March 1885	Ended 1940	Provisional Department of the Territory of Montana organized as early as 22 June 1867. Montana and Dakota were assigned to the Department of the Mountains in March 1878, until it was discontinued in 1882. Provisional Department of Montana organized in 1885. Permanent Department of Montana organized 10 March 1885. The Department came to an end in July 1940 with the death of its last member.	The Montana Post (Virginia City), 22 June 1867; Beath, 1889; Carnahan, 1893; National Encampment Proceedings, 1940
001		Post No. 1	Virginia City	Madison	MT	No namesake. Known only by its number.	Court Room (1867)			In existence as early as June 1867.	The Montana Post (Virginia City), 15 June 1867
001		Myles W. Keogh	Fort Keogh	Custer	CO/WY	CPT Myles Walter Keogh (1840-1876), Co. I, 7th US Cav. (post war). KIA by Native Americans at Little Bighorn River, MT, on 25 June 1876, while under the command of Gen. George A. Custer. Also a Civil War veteran.		Org. 1878		About forty original members. One of the five original Posts in the Mountain Department (later Colorado and Wyoming).	Smiley, J. C., 1901, History of Denver; Warhank, J. J., 1983, Fort Keogh: Cutting Edge of Culture (thesis)
001	002, 015	John Buford	Fort Custer	Big Horn	MT	MG John Buford, Jr. (1826-1863), famous Civil War leader, died of disease at Washington, D.C., on 16 Dec. 1863.		Renumbered 20 Apr. 1885; Org. 19 Feb. 1881		Organized as Post No. 15, under the Department of Colorado. It was then assigned to the Dept. of Utah, becoming Post No. 2 in that Department. It was transferred to the Department of Montana on 10 March 1885, and became Post No. 1.	Beath, 1889
002	001, 015	John Buford	Fort Custer	Big Horn	UT	MG John Buford, Jr. (1826-1863), famous Civil War leader, died of disease at Washington, D.C., on 16 Dec. 1863.		Org. 19 Feb. 1881	Renumbered 20 Apr. 1885	Transferred to the Department of Montana on 16 March 1885.	Beath, 1889
002	006	Lincoln	Butte	Silver Bow	MT	Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th President of the United States.	Ridgely Hall (1884), IOOF Hall (1885)	Org. 17 June 1883; Must'd 30 Aug. 1883	Sur. Apr. 1940	One of the original Posts in the Dept. of Utah (then known as Post 6). Known locally as Lincoln Post, No. 1, from 1883 to 1885. Application for charter was sent on 18 June 1883. The charter was surrendered to the Department of Montana following the death of the last Post member, Tom Bainbridge, on 4 April 1940.	Butte Daily Miner, 19 June 1883; History of Montana 1739-1885, 1885; Beath, 1889; The Montana Standard, 28 May 1861
003	008	Wadsworth	Helena	Lewis & Clark	MT	MG James Samuel Wadsworth (1807-1864), famous Civil War leader, died 8 May 1864, from wounds received at Wilderness, VA, on 6 May 1864.		Chart'd 10 Mar. 1885		One of the original Posts in the Dept. of Utah (then known as Post 8). Chartered as Post 3 when the Department of Montana organized.	Post By-laws, 1915
004	009	George H. Thomas	Deer Lodge	Powell	MT	MG George Henry Thomas (1816-1870), famous Civil War leader.				One of the original Posts in the Dept. of Utah (then known as Post 9)	
005		Custer	Columbia Falls (Soldiers Home)	Flathead	MT	MG George Armstrong Custer (1839-1876). KIA at Little Bighorn, MT, on 25 June 1876. Famous Civil War (and Indian Wars) leader.		Must'd 12 May 1917		Twenty-seven charter members. Many of the members were from the Montana Soldiers Home.	The Columbian (Columbia Falls, MT), 7 June 1917.
006	002	Lincoln	Butte	Silver Bow	UT				Dis. 4 Apr. 1940	The Post disbanded with the death of their last member, Thomas Bainbridge, on 4 Apr. 1940. The official closing of the Post books took place on 11 May 1940, when a committee composed of members of the LGAR presided at an official ceremony.	The Montana Standard (Butte), 9 May 1940
006	010	Frank P. Blair	Virginia City	Madison	MT	MG Frank Preston Blair (1821-1875), famous Civil War leader.		Org. 29 Mar. 1884		One of the original Posts in the Dept. of Utah (then known as Post 10). The National Tribune reported that it was mustered as Frank Blair Post No. 11 in "Eugene City."	National Tribune, 17 Apr. 1884
007	013	Farragut	Livingston	Park	MT	ADM David Glasgow Farragut (1801-1870), famous Civil War leader and former Commandant of Mare Island Naval Shipyard.		Re-org. 24 Aug. 1886		One of the original Posts in the Dept. of Utah (then known as Post 13). It was suspended in 1886, but reinstated with its original number on 24 August 1886.	

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008		Steedman	Dillon	Beaverhead	MT	MG James Blair Steedman 1817-1883, famous Civil War leader.					
009	004	George H. Thomas	Deer Lodge	Powell	UT	MG George Henry Thomas (1816-1870), famous Civil War leader.					
009	017	Alfred Sully	Billings	Yellowstone	MT	BG Alfred Sully (1820-1879), famous military leader (Civil War an otherwise). Died at Vancouver Barracks, Washington Territory 27 Apr. 1879.		Renumbered 20 Apr. 1885		One of the original Posts in the Dept. of Utah (then known as Post 17). It's number was changed to 9 after becoming part of the Department of Montana. It was suspended in the 2nd quarter of 1885, but re-instated in November 1886 as John A. Logan Post, No. 15.	Dept. Proceedings 1885, 1886
009		George H. Thomas	Deer Lodge	Powell	MT	MG George Henry Thomas (1816-1870), famous Civil War leader.					
010	006	Frank P. Blair	Virginia City	Madison	UT	MG Frank Preston Blair (1821-1875), famous Civil War leader.					
010	018	William English	Bozeman	Gallatin	MT	1LT William Lewis English (1840-1877), Adjutant, 101st IL Inf. A personal friend of Post organizer, Joseph M. Lindley. He was in the Regular Army post Civil War, died at Dear Lodge, MT, 20 Aug. 1877, from wounds received at Big Hole, MT, on 9 Aug. 1877.		Re-org. 1888?		One of the original Posts in the Dept. of Utah (then known as Post 18)	History of Montana, vol. 2, 1913
011	019	Frederick Winthrop	Missoula	Missoula	MT	COL (Bvt. MG) Frederick Winthrop (1839-1865), 5th NY Veteran Inf., KIA at Five Forks, VA, on 1 Apr. 1865.		Org. 1885	Renumbered 20 Apr. 1885	One of the original Posts in the Dept. of Utah (then known as Post 19). The Post number was changed to 11 by General Order No. 4, issued by Department Commander Fuller on 20 April 1885. Associated with Fred Winthrop Corps, No. 7, WRC.	Dept. Proceedings, 1886
012	021	Thomas L. Kane	Glendive	Dawson	MT	BG Thomas Leiper Kane (1822-1883), famous Civil War leader.		Org. 21 Jan. 1885	Renumbered 20 Apr. 1885	One of the original Posts in the Dept. of Utah (then known as Post 21). The Post number was changed to 12 by General Order No. 4, issued by Department Commander Fuller on 20 April 1885.	History of the "Bucktails," 1906; An Uncommon Journey: The History of Old Dawson County, Montana Territory, 2010
013	007	Farragut	Livingston	Park	UT	ADM David Glasgow Farragut (1801-1870), famous Civil War leader and former Commandant of Mare Island Naval Shipyard.		Re-instated 24 June 1886	Renumbered 20 Apr. 1885	One of the original Posts in the Dept. of Utah (then known as Post 13).	
013		J. B. McPherson	Boulder	Jefferson	MT	BG James Birdseye McPherson (1828-1864), famous Civil War leader, KIA at the Battle of Atlanta, GA, 22 July 1864.		Org. 19 June 1885; Must'd 8 Nov. 1886			Dept. Proceedings, 1886, 1887
014		U. S. Grant	Miles City	Custer	MT	Gen. Ulysses Simpson Grant 1822-1885), famous Civil War leader, later US President.		Org. 28 July 1885; Re-org. 1896		The Post was reorganized in 1896 with thirteen members.	Dept. Proceedings, 1886; National Encampment Proceedings, 1896
015	001, 002	John Buford	Fort Custer	Big Horn	CO	MG John Buford, Jr. (1826-1863), famous Civil War leader, died of disease at Washington, D.C., on 16 Dec. 1863.		Org. 19 Feb. 1881		Seventeen charter members. Transferred to the Department of Utah shortly after it formed. See John Buford Post, No. 2.	Beath, 1889
015		John A. Logan	Billings	Yellowstone	MT	MG John Alexander Logan (1826-1886), famous Civil War leader.		Must'd 8 Nov. 1886		The Post was reorganized from the failed Alfred Sully Post, No. 9 (originally 17), which had been suspended in 1886.	Dept. Proceedings, 1887
016		George G. Meade	Anaconda	Deer	MT	MG George Gordon Meade (1815-1872), famous Civil War leader.		Chart'd 1886-87			Dept. Proceedings, 1887
017	009	Alfred Sully	Billings	Yellowstone	MT	BG Alfred Sully (1820-1879), famous military leader (Civil War an otherwise). Died at Vancouver Barracks, Washington Territory 27 Apr. 1879.			Renumbered 20 Apr. 1885	The Post number was changed to 9 by General Order No. 4, issued by Department Commander Fuller on 20 April 1885. See Alfred Sully Post, No. 9.	Dept. Proceedings 1885, 1886
017		Thomas Francis Meagher	White Sulphur Springs	Meagher	MT	BG Thomas Francis Meagher (1823-1867), famous Civil War leader.		Org. 1888	Sur. 1888	Ten charter members. It lost four members within a year of organizing. The Post was unable to gather a suitable number of members at meetings, due to the distance that many had to travel. "After a valiant effort on the part of its officers, concluded to surrender its charter."	Dept. Proceedings, 1889

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018		Sheridan	Great Falls	Cascade	MT	MG Philip Henry Sheridan (1831-1888), famous Civil War leader.	Masonic Hall (1889)				Great Falls Leader, 29 May 1889
019	011	Frederick Winthrop	Missoula	Missoula	UT	COL (Bvt. MG) Frederick Winthrop (1839-1865), 5th NY Veteran Inf., KIA at Five Forks, VA, on 1 Apr. 1865.		Org. 1885	Renumbered 20 Apr. 1885	One of the original Posts in the Dept. of Utah (then known as Post 19). The Post number was changed to 11 by General Order No. 4, issued by Department Commander Fuller on 20 April 1885. Associated with Fred Winthrop Corps, No. 7, WRC.	
020		G. K. Warren	Fort Benton	Chouteau	MT	MG Gouverneur Kemble Warren (1830-1882), famous Civil War leader.		Org. 1885			The River Press (Fort Benton), 4 Aug. 1926
021	012	Thomas L. Kane	Glendive	Dawson	UT	BG Thomas Leiper Kane (1822-1883), famous Civil War leader.		Org. 21 Jan. 1885	Renumbered 20 Apr. 1885	One of the original Posts in the Dept. of Utah (then known as Post 21). The Post number was changed to 12 by General Order No. 4, issued by Department Commander Fuller on 20 April 1885. See Post No. 12.	An Uncommon Journey: The History of Old Dawson County, Montana Territory, 2010
021		John C. Fremont	Hamilton	Ravalli	MT	MG John Charles Frémont (1813-1890), famous Civil War and Mexican War leader.		Org. 4 July 1907; Must'd 13 July 1907		Twenty-two charter members.	Anaconda Standard, 7 July 1907, 17 July 1907
022		Burnside	Philipsburg	Granite	MT	MG Ambrose Everett Burnside (1824-1881), famous Civil War leader.		Org. 1891		Twenty-one charter members.	The Dillon Examiner, 11 Dec. 1946
023		Nat Lyons	Kalispell	Flathead	MT	BG Nathaniel Lyon (1818-1861), KIA at Wilson's Creek, MO, 10 August 1861.		Must'd 11 Mar. 1892	Dis. 1906/07		Missoula Weekly Gazette, 16 Mar. 1892
024		George B. McLellan	Columbia Falls	Flathead	MT	MG George Brinton McLellan (1826-1885), famous Civil War leader.		Org. 1896		Seventeen charter members.	National Encampment Proceedings, 1896
025		Moody	Ennis	Madison	MT			Must'd 1896-97			
026		Garfield	Carlton	Missoula	MT	MG James Abram Garfield (1831-1881), Civil War leader and later US President (assassinated).		Org. 1898			National Tribune, 28 July 1898
029		Garfield	Red Lodge	Carbon	MT	MG James Abram Garfield (1831-1881), Civil War leader and later US President (assassinated).		Must'd 18 July 1909		Ten charter members.	Semiweekly Billings Gazette, 20 July 1909
030		J. B. McPherson	Kalispell	Flathead	MT	BG James Birdseye McPherson (1828-1864), famous Civil War leader, KIA at the Battle of Atlanta, GA, 22 July 1864.	O'Connell Hall (1923); Knights of Pythias Hall (1930)	Org. 2 Mar. 1910; Must'd 14 Mar. 1910		Twenty-nine charter members. The Post organized thanks to the harmonizing efforts of Dept. Commander Edward S. Pease, who succeeded in bringing together the political factions that had caused Nat Lyons Post, No. 23, to break up around 1905.	Anaconda Standard, 4 Mar. 1910; The Missoulian, 18 Mar. 1910; Daily Inter Lake (Kalispell), 16 July 1923, 29 Apr. 1930

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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