GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, GEN. WASHBURN
POST #220
COLLECTION, 1883

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was an organization of honorably discharged Union Civil War veterans. They organized under the principles of "Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty" on April 6, 1866, during a time when fraternal organizations were rapidly growing in popularity. The GAR grew to become the most influential veterans’ organization of all time, reaching a membership of 400,000 in the 1890s. The organization came to an end with the death of its last member in 1956.

The GAR was organized into state departments and local chapters called posts. The Indiana Department was established in 1866 by a committee including James R. Carnahan, Oliver Wilson, and Robert S. Foster. At its peak in the 1890s, every county in the state had one or more posts within its boundaries. The Gen. Washburn Post #220 was formed in Dana, Vermillion County, Indiana on September 6, 1883 with 18 founding members.

Sources:


Materials in the collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains a document establishing the Grand Army of the Republic's Gen. Washburn Post #220 in Dana, Vermillion County, Indiana. The document was signed by Indiana Department Commander James R. Carnahan and Assistant Adjutant General Ben D. House in Indianapolis on September 6, 1883.

Document establishing Gen. Washburn Post #220 in Dana, Vermillion County, Indiana, 1883

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