

**Title:** Records of Milwaukee, Wisconsin Grand Army of the Republic Posts

**Reference Code:** Mss-1800

**Inclusive Dates:** 1865 – 1943

**Quantity:** 3.8 cu. ft. total

**Location:** ER, Sh. G005 (2.5 cu. ft.)  
MV, Sh. 059 (1.2 cu. ft.)  
LC, Sh. 005 & 012 (0.3 cu. ft.)  
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**Abstract:** The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was a fraternal organization founded in 1866 to help Civil War veterans of the Union Army, Navy, Marines and Revenue Cutter Service maintain connections with each other. The organization quickly grew to include hundreds of local GAR posts across the nation, and at its peak in 1890 had more than 490,000 members. The GAR also became a powerful political and advocacy group, supporting primarily Republican political candidates, lobbying Congress for veterans’ pensions, and promoting patriotic education. Among Milwaukee’s GAR posts were the E.B. Wolcott Post, the Robert Chivas Post No. 2 and the Rank and File Post No. 240.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of correspondence, programs, proceedings, reports, clippings, personal war sketch books and other material related to Milwaukee’s G.A.R. posts and various national encampments.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Arrangement:**

| <b>Folder Heading</b>                                                         | <b>Box #</b> | <b>File #</b> |
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| Correspondence re: 1923 National Encampment                                   | 1            | 1-25          |
| 1923 G.A.R. Encampment (Milwaukee), Journals/Guides/Reports/<br>Miscellaneous | 2            | 26            |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, Label/Cover Letter                    | 2            | 27            |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, File “A”                              | 2            | 28            |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, File “B”                              | 2            | 29            |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, File “C”                              | 2            | 30            |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, File “D”                              | 2            | 31            |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, File “E”                              | 2            | 32            |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, File “F”                              | 2            | 33            |

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| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, File "G"                                                       | 2          | 34              |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, File "I-K"                                                     | 2          | 35              |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, File "L-M"                                                     | 2          | 36              |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, File "N"                                                       | 2          | 37              |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, File "O-Q"                                                     | 2          | 38              |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, File "R-S"                                                     | 2          | 39              |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, File "T-V"                                                     | 2          | 40              |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment, Correspondence, File "W-Y"                                                     | 2          | 41              |
| 1889 G.A.R. Encampment (Milwaukee), Souvenir Booklets/Miscellaneous                                    | 2          | 42              |
| Clippings re: G.A.R., 1861-1898 (1889 in separate folder)                                              | 2          | 43              |
| Clippings, 1889                                                                                        | 2          | 44              |
| Clippings, 1899-1962                                                                                   | 2          | 45              |
| E. B. Wolcott Post No. 1, History & Rosters/Misc.                                                      | 2          | 46              |
| E. B. Wolcott Post No. 1, Meeting Minutes, 1931                                                        | 2          | 47              |
| G.A.R. National Encampments, Miscellaneous Programs and Material, 1887-1910, 1943.                     | 2          | 48              |
| G.A.R. & Auxiliary Units, General & Special Orders/Letters                                             | 2          | 49              |
| G.A.R. Miscellaneous                                                                                   | 2          | 50              |
| Memorial Day Programs, 1870-1941                                                                       | 2          | 51              |
| Veteran and Reunion Pamphlets and Booklets                                                             | 2          | 52              |
| G.A.R. National Encampments, Programs/Proceedings, 1871-1927 (not inclusive)                           | 2          | LOOSE           |
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| G.A.R., Department of Wisconsin Annual Encampments, Programs/Proceedings, 1887-1933 (not inclusive)    | 3          | LOOSE           |
| Woman's Relief Corps National Conventions, Journals, 1885-1905 (not inclusive)                         | 3          | LOOSE           |
| Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Wisconsin, Annual Conventions, Journals, 1887-1911 (not inclusive) | 3          | LOOSE           |
| Woman's Relief Corps, Convention Roll & Preliminary Reports, 1953 National Convention                  | 3          | LOOSE           |
| <i>Grand Army Blue Book</i> , 1884                                                                     | 3          | LOOSE           |
| Robert Chivas Post: 2 membership books; list of deceased members; meeting minutes, 1917                | 3          | 53              |
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|                                                                                                        |            | <b>Location</b> |
| E.B. Wolcott Post No. 1 index and catalog, 1 vol.                                                      | MV, Sh. 59 |                 |
| E.B. Wolcott Post No. 1 Personal War Sketches, 1 vol. (Use M.F. #548)                                  | MV, Sh. 59 |                 |
| E.B. Wolcott Post No. 1 "Papers recollecting the Civil War read before the group, 1896," 1 vol.        | MV, Sh. 59 |                 |
| Rank and File Post No. 240 Personal War Sketches, 1 vol. (Use M.F. #548)                               | MV, Sh. 59 |                 |
| Robert Chivas Post No. 2 Personal War Sketches, 1 vol. (Use M.F. #548)                                 | MV, Sh. 59 |                 |
| Old Guard Post No. 211 Roll of members 1 vol.                                                          | MV, Sh. 59 |                 |
| Minutebook, E.B. Wolcott Post, 1923                                                                    | MV, Sh. 59 |                 |
| E.B. Wolcott Post #1, Clippings-1860                                                                   | MV, Sh. 59 |                 |

| <b>Scrapbooks/Letter Books</b>                                                                                             | <b>Location</b> |
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| Scrapbook of clippings from newspapers and periodicals concerning the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, 1865               | LC, Sh. 05      |
| E.B. Wolcott Post No. 1 letter book, 1894-1908                                                                             | LC, Sh. 12      |
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| <b>Oversize Items</b>                                                                                                      | <b>Location</b> |
| Greetings and Thanks from Columbia Post No. 706 Chicago, for Hospitality from E.B. Wolcott Post, Milwaukee, March 20, 1896 | OS LG "R"       |
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| <b>Poster</b>                                                                                                              | <b>Location</b> |
| 1891 National Encampment in Detroit poster announcing a special Headquarters train (color)(fragile & damaged)              | TC Drawer 9     |