Biographical Note
The Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) was established in 1866 for Civil War veterans. At its peak in 1890 membership reached a reported 400,000. The stated purpose of the G.A.R. (other than the social bonding of veterans) was to establish Memorial Day for those killed in the war; to give aid to soldiers’ widows, orphans and handicapped veterans; and to establish benefits such as pension increases. While purporting to be non-political, the G.A.R. was overwhelmingly Republican. The Democratic party was held to be the party of rebellion.
The Col. Allen Post #45 was established in 1867 and named after Col. David Allen, 12th Mass. Volunteers, who was killed in 1864 at the Battle of the Wilderness. The Post was particularly active for the rest of the 19th century. Old age and death limited the Post by the early 20th century. Auxiliary organizations included the Sons of Union Veterans (1881), J. Franklin Dyer Camp #24, the Daughters of Union Veterans (1886), Jennie Wade Tent #73, and the Women’s Relief Corps. (1883). J. Franklin Dyer, a physician from Annisquam, served in the Civil War and died in 1879. Jennie Wade was killed at Gettysburg while nursing Union soldiers in her home.

Scope and Content of the Collection
This collection of records from the Col. Allen post #45, g.a.r., includes a detailed listing of all gloucester enlistments in the civil war and other units. Burial plots of veterans are listed for rememberance on memorial day. Applications for membership, ledgers detailing meetings, membership lists, payment of dues and financial reports cover the period 1868 to the early 1920s. Included are assorted memorabilia including photos and newspaper accounts of the Civil War period.

Series Description
I. G.A.R. Col. Allen Post #45
   II. Sons of Union Veterans
       J. Franklin Dyer Camp #24
       Daughters of Union Veterans, Jennie Wade

Container List
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   Enlistment Roll: Mass. Volunteer Militia Aug. 15, 1862
   Book 1: Ledger: Listing of members, service record etc.
   Book 2: Ledger: Listing of members, dues, deaths 1918-1921
   Book 3: List of deceased soldiers & place of burial
   Book 4: 1865 Diary kept by unknown person on duty in Union Army.
   Folder 1: Membership applications.
       These contain applicants age, place of birth, occupation, enlistment rank,
       period of service, and re-enlistment. A list of the names is filed in the
       folder.
       Roster of the Col. Allen Post, 1898
       Roster of the G.A.R., 1923
   Folder 2: Officers of Post #45, 1904, 1909
       First notice to subscribers to form the Post, July 1885
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Misc. Correspondance, 1895-1904
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Burial return William Alexander (pension), 1902
Burial return Rinaldo R. Sargent (marriage), 1903
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Invitation to Installation, 1918
Invitation to Memorial Dinner, 1921
Copy of transfer of property n/d
Resignation of C.R. Hobbs, n/d
Bill of lading for 7 headstones, n/d (names given)
Letter to Capt. of Police boat, n/d

Other papers:
Record of service of Lemuel Friend
News clipping in support of GAR
Resignation form, John Burpee, 1903
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Facsimile of Charter of Post #1

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Box 2
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Book of Testament & Psalms belonging to Capt. Joseph Moore, Co.B.
The Merrimac and Monitor Naval Engagement, illustrated, 1886
Lincoln and the Convention of 1860, address by Addison Procter, 1918

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Folder 1 (cont): Report of the Number of Men Furnished by the Town of Rockport for the Army
& Navy during the Rebellion, 1861-1865, 1866
Folder 2: Gettysburg Cyclorama Pamphley, 1886
Folder 3: Lincoln Assasination, New York Herald 4/15/1865 (2 copies very fragile)
Folder 4: Frank Leslie’s Illustrated News, 12/1/1860, 2/2/1861, 2/16/1861
Frank Leslie’s Portrait Pictorial nd
Folder 5: Bill for timber for Eastern Point Battery (Fort)
Confederate $2, $5 & $20 bill
Folder 6: Memorial Day
Letter re: speaker, 1907
Letter re: money allowed, 1907
Memorial Day Program, 1906, 1932
Notes & expenses, 1895, 1906
Committee Report 1897
Chaplain’s Report, 1904
Program, 1942

Daily Morning Chronicle, Washington, 6/1/1865 - The trial.

Folder 8: Misc. Papers
Bills & receipts
Transfer & Application cards, 1904, 1946, 1948, 1954-58
Misc papers & blank forms
Acts re: Burial Allowances, 1894, 1901, 1902
23rd Annual Report of Soldiers’ Home, Chelsea, 1905 (only cover & 1 pg)
26th Annual Report of Soldiers’ Home, Chelsea, 1908 (Wm. H. Dolliver, John D.P. Emery, Randall McVarish, Tellef Olson)
29th Annual Report of Soldiers’ Home, Chelsea, 1911 (Wm. H. Dolliver, Andrew Jones, Henry A. Lane)
Annual Report Soldiers’ Relief Dept., 1907

Folder 9: Financial Reports
1875, 1879-80, 1882, 188 -90, 1892-95, 1897-1901, 1903-05, 1909-10

Book 1: Meeting Minutes, 1868

Book 2: Minutes of Tri Mountain Wide Awake Guard, Boston, 1860
Copies of Charles Little Stevens’ Diaries written in by Joseph L. Stevens:
1st Campagne, Mass. 8th, 1861
2nd Campaign, Maine 14th, 1862

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Discharge papers of Tho’s Ferguy, 1812, Thomas Ferguson, 1865
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    Chaplain’s Memorial Day Report, 1933
    Invitation to Exercises, nd
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    Member lists.
Folder 3: Misc. Bills & Receipts
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Folder 6: Letter re: final dispersal of funds, 1938
Folder 7: Sons of Union Vets Booklets
    Roster, 1944-45
    Orders, 1950, 1951
    Proceedings of Annual Encampment, 1922

Box 5

Series II
Book 1: Sons of Union Vets - General Orders, 1898-1903
Book 2: J.F. Dyer Camp #24 Black Book - dropped & rejected memberships 1888-89
Book 3: Descriptive Book - Records of members’ fathers
Book 4: Alphabetical List of Vessel Captors & Prizes in Civil War. (old # 298)
Folder 1: Daughters of Union Vets
    Ritual, Rules & Regulations, Women’s State Relief.
    Jennie Wade Tent Obligations, 1925, 1931
    Check Book, 1968-70
    Friendly Relations Committee, ticket & Invitation
Folder 2: Letter of Daniel Webster to citizens of Newburyport, 1859 & reply.
Folder 3: Booklet - Battle of Bunker Hill, by William W. Whieldon, 1875
Folder 4: Secretary’s Report, 1908
Folder 5: Secretary’s Report, 1928-33
Folder 6: First Sergeant’s Report, 1898-1901
Folder 7: Misc. Papers
    Constitution & Regulations, 1920
    Official Ballot
    List of Officers
Addendum - G.A.R. Documents – Col. Allen post #45

**Book**  Personal war sketches of the members of Col. Allen post #45. This volume was designed to contain the record of the war services (1861-65) of the living and deceased members of Col. Post #45. A biographical sketch of their war years was to be filled out by living members. Facts about deceased members were certified and entered by the post Historian. Pages are provided for resolutions passed by the Post upon the death of a member. The volume was presented to the post by Joseph O. Procter in 1895. The volume also contains a history of Col. Allen post #45 up to 1895.

**Ledgers**  
Cash book – no entries  
Dues book – 1898-1907  
Notes of Relief Committee meetings – 1899-1912  
(2) Receipt books – payments by Relief committee  
Roster Post #45 to Jan. 14, 1921  
List of officers in history of Post #45  
List of members (no date)  
Relief Committee meetings 1882-99  
Cash income – cash spent 1918-1925  
Dues 1905-1918  
Cash income – cash spent 1910-1917  
Cash income – cash spent 1903-1920  
Relief Fund financial records – 1885-1897  
Regular meetings – recorded deaths – 1922-1934  
Cash received - 1926-1934

**Pamphlet**  “The Flag of the U.S.

**Book**  Etchings from the Naval Academy Class of 1867

**Small Notebook**  Services used by the G.A.R.

**Small Notebook**  Ritual for Sons of Veterans 1899


Books

1863, 1864, 1865