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Col. David Allen, Post #45

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

J. Franklin Dyer Camp #24

Women's Relief Corps

Creator:	Col. David Allen post #45, g.a.r.
Dates:	1867-early 20 th century
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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.

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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 remembrance 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
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Container List

Box 1

Series I

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

Folder 3: Mass. Commendation, William Ferguson, 1870

Folder 4: Correspondance:

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Conveyance, 1877
Attesting to enlistment of John Rynos, 1895
Misc. Correspondance, 1895-1904
Burial return Alice Everdeen (property), 1901
Burial return William Alexander (pension), 1902
Burial return Rinaldo R. Sargent (marriage), 1903
Service record Charles J. Hooper, 1903
Burial return Alexander McCurdy (pension), 1904
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
Insurance certificate, 1897
Facsimile of Charter of Post #1

Folder 5: Star form the flag of USS Cumberland

Folder 6: Certificate of appointment as Aide-de-Camp, William Ferguson, 1917

Folder 7: Photographs

Box 2

Series I

Folder 1: Book & 3 Pamphlets

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

Box 2 Continued

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 Leslies' 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

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Letter re: money allowed, 1907
Memorial Day Program, 1906, 1932
Notes & expenses, 1895, 1906
Committee Report 1897
Chaplain's Report, 1904
Program, 1942

Folder 7: Sunday Morning Chronicle, Washington, 4/23/1865 - Pres. Lincoln's
obsequies.

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 Campaigne, Mass. 8th, 1861

2nd Campaign, Maine 14th, 1862

Box 3

Series I

Book 1: Member Rolls, 1868-1909

Minutes of Meetings, 1870-73

Book 2: Discharge Certificates of Gloucester Seamen, 1862-64. Dates & Service records.

Book 3: Member Dues (alphabetical), 1899-1909

Folder 1: Muster Roll, 1893

Muster record of Henry C. Smith, 1863

Discharge papers of Tho's Ferguy, 1812, Thomas Ferguson, 1865

Folder 2: Deaths May 30, 1906 - May 15, 1907

Folder 3: Personal Histories

Clement Farrell, John McEachin

Folder 4: Fragment of 23rd Mass Roster

Folder 5: Civil War Muster Rolls

Newspaper listing of all Gloucester soldiers & sailors who served.

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Original Muster Roll Co. C, 23rd Reg, Sept. 1, 1861, Addison Center

Box 4

Series II

- Book 1: Minutes, inc. newspaper clippings, announcements etc., 1942-52
- Book 2: Treasurers Ledger, 1884
- Book 3: Membership & Dues paid, 1918-25
- Folder 1: J.F. Dyer Camp #24
 - Chaplain's Memorial Day Report, 1933
 - Invitation to Exercises, nd
 - Memorial Day Program, nd & 1944
- Folder 2: Application Forms for membership in J.F. Dyer Camp #24
 - Member lists.
- Folder 3: Misc. Bills & Receipts
- Folder 4: Misc. Correspondance & Papers
- Folder 5: Final accounting after death of Maria D. Dyer, 1928
- 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 membershps 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 Sargeant's Report, 1898-1901
- Folder 7: Misc. Papers
 - Constitution & Regulations, 1920
 - Official Ballot
 - List of Officers

Archive Collections #A45

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

Book (2) History of the Twelfth Mass. Vol. by Lt. Col. Benjamin Cook, Boston, 1882

Book Record of the Mass. Volunteers 1861-1864, Vol. I (1868)

Books Annual Report of the Adjutant General of the Commonwealth of Mass.
1863, 1864, 1865