



**Inventory of the Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk
Grand Army of the Republic Collection
(Collection #44)**

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:

This collection came to the Museum from the local American Legion chapter, Webber-LeFebre Post, Kennebunk, which evidently acquired it when the Webster Post, No. 9, Grand Army of the Republic, went inactive.

The papers came in a painted, decorated cupboard, which is also part of the collection, and was evidently made to hold the group's records. The papers include local, state, and national publications (General Orders, Circulars, Encampment notices and reports, catalogues and advertisements for various supplies and publications, etc.) as well as local records of membership, meetings, burials, and celebrations. They encompass the dates 1878 - 1915.

This significant study collection is of interest on a local and state level particularly. Webster Post was evidently the first Grand Army of the Republic post started in York County (see Box #1, Folder 7), and was named for Jesse H. Webster, a Civil War veteran who was killed in 1876 during Kennebunk's celebration of the Centennial of the country when an old cannon exploded (see Remich's *History*, pg. 478). It is also of interest because of genealogical data (birthdates, occupations, etc. of members).

The collection is stored in nine boxes and one or two separate locations and bears acquisition numbers 82.43.7 (the bulk of the collection) and 1075. The cupboard is in the manuscript area also.

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Box and Folder Breakdown:

NICO = Not In Chronological Order

Box 1:

- Folder 1: Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Miscellaneous publications – Rosters, blank forms, etc. Also deeds, property list, legal agreements, etc.
- Folder 2: Miscellaneous tickets for various Grand Army of the Republic functions.
- Folder 3: Newspaper clippings.
- Folder 4: Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Reports, subscription lists for expenses, expense sheets for Memorial Day celebrations, 1880s and 90s.
- Folder 5: Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Correspondence, 1878 - 1889.
- Folder 6: Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Correspondence, 1890 - 1913 and some with no date. Includes acknowledgements to invitations to dedication of new hall, January - February 1892.
- Folder 7: Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Correspondence concerning formation York County Battalion, 1890.
- Folder 8: Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Receipts for fair held 1891.
- Folder 9: Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Adjutant's Reports, 1879 - 1885.
- Folder 10: Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Adjutant's Reports, 1886 - 1895.
- Folder 11: Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Quartermaster's Reports, 1885 - 1900. Also two Quartermaster's bonds, 1895 - .
- Folder 12: Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Adjutant and Quartermaster's Reports, 1887 - 1897. Also, Quarterly Reports, Corps of Relief, 1895, 1900, and 1901.

Box 2:

- Folder 1: Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Miscellaneous papers concerning membership of the Post, NICO.
- Folder 2: Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Receipts, NICO.
- Folder 3: As above
- Folder 4: As above
- Folder 5: As above
- Folder 6: As above
- Folder 7: As above
- Folder 8: Papers removed from ledger; Minutes of Meetings, Webster Post, No. 9 Kennebunk, 1878 - 1880. See Box #9.

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Box 3:

- Folder 1: Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Applications and Certificates of Membership, A – C.
- Folder 2: As above, D – G
- Folder 3: As above, H
- Folder 4: As above, J – P
- Folder 5: As above, Q – W

These papers, which are in alphabetical order as above, contain birthplaces, occupation, and war service of the applicants.

An alphabetical list of the papers can be found in the front of the box.

- Folder 6: Miscellaneous papers concerning Grand Army of the Republic graves, Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Includes graves in Wells. Also, death information for members of the post.

Box 4:

- Folder 1: Miscellaneous publications, forms, correspondence concerning the Sons of Veterans organization, an affiliate of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- Folder 2: Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk. Quarterly Reports, Women's Relief Corps, 1891 - 1908. Also, miscellaneous publications concerning Relief Corps.
- Folder 3: Miscellaneous publications concerning "Association of Maine Solders and Sailors" and "Military and Orphan Asylum," Bath, ME.
- Folder 4: Maine Department of Grand Army of the Republic Headquarters Circulars and Circular Letters, 1880 - 1912.
- Folder 5: Maine Department of Grand Army of the Republic, Miscellaneous publications and forms. Also Circular Letters various Maine posts.
- Folder 6: Maine Department of Grand Army of the Republic, Various notices, publications, reports, etc., annual Maine Encampment, NICO.
- Folder 7: National Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, Circulars and Circular Letters, 1878 - 1906.
- Folder 8: National Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, Miscellaneous publications and forms, NICO.
- Folder 9: National Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, Various notices, publications, reports, etc., annual National Encampment, NICO.

- Box 5: Miscellaneous envelopes (empty) addressed to Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk.

Box 6:

- Folder 1: Pension forms and cover letter sent by John W. Morris, Attorney, Washington, DC, "Expert in Pension Cases," 1886. Sent to Webster Post Adjutant.
- Folder 2: As above, 1888, sent to Jennison, Adjutant, Webster Post.
- Folder 3: Miscellaneous papers concerning pension agents and organizations.
- Folder 4: Miscellaneous national Grand Army of the Republic publications.
- Folder 5: Department of Maine, Grand Army of the Republic, miscellaneous published rosters, 1879 - 1912. Not consecutive.
- Folder 6: By-laws, Rules and Regulations, Annual booklets of assorted Maine and Massachusetts posts, Grand Army of the Republic. Also, Constitution, Knights of Labor of America.
- Folder 7: National Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic. Booklets of Rituals, 1891 and 1913 (3 copies). Also, miscellaneous printed orders of services, etc. on cards.

Box 7:

- Department of Maine, Grand Army of the Republic, Published "General Orders," 1878 - 1912 (in chronological order).
- National Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, Published "General Orders," 1878 - 1913 (in chronological order).

Box 8:

- Folder 1: Advertisement with sample of "Fine Silk Badge."
- Folder 2: Miscellaneous advertisements, order forms, etc. for various suppliers of Grand Army of the Republic equipment, publications, etc. Some Maine based. Also, same for various traveling speakers, musical groups, entertainments, etc., for the Grand Army of the Republic evenings.
- Also, miscellaneous catalogues for the Grand Army of the Republic supplies.

Box 9:

- Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk, ledgers and records as follows:
- Receipt book, Quartermaster, 1887 – 1901.
- Ledger, By-laws of Webster Post, with membership list in back.
- Ledger, Records of meetings, 1878 - 1880.
- Small cash book with list of names in back (members ?), 1885.
- Cash book, 1889 - 1915. Acq. #1075.
- Roster of Webster Post, No. 9, and burial places of members and soldiers of other wars (Revolution).
- Treasurer's Record Book of Members Dues, 1878 - 1889. With index of names.
- Minutes of Meetings, 1881 - 1887.

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Also, *Grand Army Blue Book*, containing The Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, Robert B. Beath, Philadelphia, 1885. 2nd Edition with Second Supplement of 1886.

Also, see Additions, pg. 9.

- Pamphlet Box 1: Annual Reports, Adjutant General, State of Maine, 1881 and 1882.
Proceedings, Annual Convention, Department of Maine, Women's Relief Corps, 1895 - 1901 (not consecutive).
Proceedings, Department of Maine, Grand Army of the Republic 1867 - 1877 (one volume) and 1877 - 1883 (one volume)
- Pamphlet Box 2: Proceedings and Rolls, Encampments, Department of Maine, 1886 - 1916 (not consecutive).
- Pamphlet Box 3: Journal, National Encampment, 1889 - 1892 and Proceedings, National Encampment, 1879 and 1893.
- Pamphlet Box 4: Journal, National Convention, Women's Relief Corps, 1891 - 1900 (not consecutive).

Collection also includes:

Webster Post, No 9, Quartermaster's Book, 1878 - 1889.

Volume tilted: *Personal War Sketches*. Presented to Webster Post, No. 9, Kennebunk, Department of Maine, by R. W. Lord, 1898. Grand Army of the Republic. Includes pages for "Personal War Sketches, Supplementary War Sketches, Post Resolutions on Death of Comrades," etc. None of the pages have been filled in.

Collection also includes the following, stored in other locations:

Miscellaneous Box (0) #4, Folder 7: Insurance Policies, Webster Post and Aetna Ins. Co., 1900 and 1901

Folio Box 3, Folder 7: Advertising flyers for the Grand Army of the Republic publications

Broadsides, Grand Army of the Republic entertainment, no date.

Poster, colored, Memorial Badges, Minks Badge and Novelty Company, no date.

Additions:

Box 9:

Folder 1: The following received at a later date and added to this collection:

Official Souvenir Program, Grand Army of the Republic, 34th National Encampment, Chicago, August 26-30, 1900.

Grand Army Record, Dirigo, Vol. XIV, No. 4, September 1900.

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