

**Kingston Public Library: Local History Room**  
**Pamphlet Collection**  
**April 22, 2004**

**Grand Army Republic**  
**Martha Sever Post 154 Collection**  
**Bulk dates: 1884 - 1926**  
**Pamphlet Collection, PC-28**

1 box (3 linear inches)

**Historical sketch:** The Grand Army Republic (GAR) was a veteran's organization that allowed Veterans of the Civil War the opportunity to assemble, meet and honor the memory of their fallen comrades. The first Massachusetts chapter was established in 1866 and was located in the City of New Bedford (the William Logan Rodman Post.) For additional information on this establishment see; *Grand Army of the Republic: Civil War Veterans Departments of Massachusetts 1866 – 1947* by A. Dean Sargent (published Heritage Books, 2002.)

The Kingston chapter of the GAR, the Martha Sever Post 154, was one of the most active GAR chapters in the area. Originally organized in 1893, the Post composed of 25 charter members, and at its height, 66 members. The Post met in the second-story of the Adams Block, downtown on Summer Street until the building was destroyed by fire and in later years at the home of Commander Lincoln. In addition to the GAR Martha Sever Post 154, also established in Kingston were the WRC Martha Sever Post No. 163, and Martha Sever Camp No. 27, Sons of Veterans. The GAR Post existed until the death of its membership, in 1931 of Commander A. E. Lincoln.

**Scope and content:** Of particular interest in this Collection are the listings of Veterans graves located in Kingston. The article, *Last of GAR*, also provides unique insight into the final days of the chapter.

**Note:** For additional information on Kingston GAR members, please see the Atwood Family vertical file. Also of note may be lanternslides #212 – Martha Sever Post GAR and #261 Martha Sever.

**Box and folder list:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Item</b>
1	1	<i>Information on Post 154 / History of</i> <i>Last of GAR</i> , by Lowell Ames Norris in <i>Yankees Magazine</i> , May 1966 Photocopied images of Post flag Newspaper clipping re: aftermath of fire Photocopied listing from 1915 Kingston Directory List of Revolutionary War soldiers and sailors buried in Kingston
	2	<i>Deeds and Leases</i> Indenture of Horatio Adams, April 1, 1891 leasing second-story of building

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- 3      *Soldiers Monument*  
Newspaper clipping recounting dedication of soldiers monument
  
- 4      *Memorial Day Exercises*  
Programs for Memorial Day Exercises of Post 154 (includes list of graves decorated for veterans of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and WWI) 1884, 1888, 1893, 1898 – 1904, 1906 – 1910, 1913-1915, 1917, 1920 – 1922, 1926.
  
- 5      *Music*  
GAR opening, initiation and closing odes.  
Odes: No 1. Air.- Auld Lang Syne; No. 2 Charity; No. 3 America
  
- 6      *Reports and Correspondence*  
Correspondence re: approval of Lincoln Highway, 1911  
Quarterly report – Corps relief (singed by Georgina M. Trow, Emma Foster, C. Maude Holmes.)
  
- 7      *Annual Encampment Programs*  
24<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment Program, 1890 (lists all battles of the Civil War)

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