

Major How G.A.R. Post 47 Records, 1868-1942

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	MRQ, US.
Repository:	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Call Number:	MSS 85
Creator:	Grand Army of the Republic, Post 47
Title:	Major How G.A.R. Post 47 Records
Dates:	1868-1942
Size:	3.834 linear feet (2 boxes, 20 volumes)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	This collection contains records, financial documents, programs, and newspaper clippings related to the Major How G.A.R. Post 47 of Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Organizational History

G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) Post number 47 was founded in Haverhill, Massachusetts in 1868. It was named after Major Henry Jackson How, a native of Haverhill who was killed in combat on 30 June 1862 in Glendale, Virginia. The post had no space of its own prior to 1892 when it acquired and refitted Passquoi Hall on Court Street in Haverhill. An associated W.R.C. (Women's Relief Corps) was established in 1889. The organization participated in regular memorial activities for 71 years before the death of its last remaining member, Ezra G. Bly, on 18 March 1939.

Arrangement

- Series 1. Administrative, 1868-1932, undated
 - Subseries 1.1: Record Books, 1868-1932
 - Subseries 1.2: Black Lists, Memorial, Building Committee Records, 1884-1920, undated
- Series 2. Financial, 1868-1927
 - Subseries 2.1. Cash Books, 1868-1898, 1910-1922
 - Subseries 2.2. Ledger, Treasurer Memorial Committee, Receipts, 1893-1927
- Series 3. Members and Events, 1868-1935
 - Subseries 3.1. Member Lists, Visitor's Ledger, 1868-1935, undated
 - Subseries 3.2. Programs, 1874-1935, undated
- Series 4. Newspaper Clippings, 1887-1942, undated

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains financial records, cash books, black lists, a visitor's register, ledgers, member lists, programs, and newspaper clippings relating to the Major How G.A.R. Post 47 in Haverhill Massachusetts. It is arranged into four series. Series one contains administrative records. Series two contains financial records. Series three contains member lists and programs. Series four consists of newspaper clippings relevant to the post's activities.

Administrative Information

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Custodial History:	Unknown.
Acquisition Information:	Some volumes are on permanent loan from the Haverhill Historical Society which received the records in 1933. Several Memorial Day programs were the gift of A.N. Batchelder. One program for Memorial Day 1878 was the gift of the estate of George Brooks. One program for Memorial Day 1886 was the gift of Mrs. A. D. Ingersoll. The Grand Ball ticket was donated by Bob and Regina Atchison in memory of Noah Tyler Atchison. The provenance of the rest of the material is unknown.
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Separated Material:	Rosters were separated from the collection and cataloged separately.
Subjects:	Grand Army of the Republic--Major How Post No. 47 (Haverhill, Mass.) Soldiers--Massachusetts--Haverhill United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865 Veterans' organizations--Massachusetts--Haverhill

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Administrative, 1868-1932, undated

This series consists of two subseries: 1.1, Records Books; and 1.2, Black Lists, Memorial, Building Committee Records, arranged chronologically.

Subseries 1.1: Record Books, 1868-1932

This subseries contains record books for the G.A.R. post, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>
Record book, 1868-1876	Volume 1
Record book, 1876-1882	Volume 2
Record book, 1891-1893	Volume 3
Record book, 1893-1896	Volume 4
Record book, 1896-1900	Volume 5
Record book, 1900-1904	Volume 6
Record book, 1904-1909	Volume 7
Record book, 1909-1912	Volume 8
Record book, 1912-1916	Volume 9
Record book, 1916-1920	Volume 10
Record book, 1920-1923	Volume 11
Record book, 1923-1927	Volume 12
Record book, 1927-1932	Volume 13

Subseries 1.2: Black Lists, Memorial, Building Committee Records, 1884-1920, undated

This subseries contains record books, black lists, committee records, and a note, arranged chronologically by earliest date of relevance.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Record book of the memorial committee, 1884-1920	Volume 14	
Black list, 1887	Volume 15	
Building committee book, 1891-1892	1	1
Memorial committee note, 1920	1	2
Black list, undated	Volume 16	

Series 2: Financial, 1868-1898, 1910-1927

This series consists of two subseries: 2.1, Cash Books; and 2.2, Ledger, Treasurer Memorial Committee, Receipts

Subseries 2.1: Cash Books, 1874-1898, 1910-1922

This subseries contains the post's cash book, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Cash book, 1874-1886	1	3
Cash book, 1883-1886	1	4
Cash book, 1886-1889	1	5
Cash book, 1889-1891	1	6
Cash book, 1891-1893	1	7
Cash book, 1893-1895	1	8
Cash book, 1895-1898	1	9
Cash book, 1910-1922	2	1

Subseries 2.2: Ledger, Treasurer Memorial Committee, Receipts, 1893-1927

This subseries contains a treasurer's book, ledger, and receipts, arranged chronologically by earliest date of relevance.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Treasurer memorial committee, 1893-1927	Volume 17	
Ledger, 1910-1917	Volume 18	
Receipts, 1922	2	2

Series 3: Members and Events, 1868-1935

This series consists of two subseries: 3.1, Member Lists, Visitor's Ledger; and 3.2, Programs

Subseries 3.1: Member Lists, Visitor's Ledger, 1868-1935, undated

This subseries contains a roll of members, cemetery and address book, visitor's register, as well as a list of soldiers who sent money home.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Roll of members, 1868-1932	Volume 19	
Cemetery book. 1893	2	3
Address book, money transfer list, undated	2	4
Visitor's register, undated	Volume 20	

Subseries 3.2: Programs, 1874-1935, undated

This subseries contains pamphlets, largely for the post's memorial day events, arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Memorial day programs, 1874-1935	2	5
Grand Ball ticket, March 30, 1892	2	5a
Programs, 1894-1911, undated	2	6

Series 4: Newspaper Clippings, 1877-1942, undated

This series contains newspaper clippings pertaining to the activities of the post and a collection of historical notes arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Newspaper clippings, 1877-1915	2	7
Newspaper clippings, 1916-1942, undated	2	8
Notes, undated	2	9