

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC EDGAR M. WING POST NO. 147

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library
The Folklife Center,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Grand Army of the Republic. Edgar M. Wing Post No. 147 (Glens Falls, N.Y.)
- Title:** Records of the Edgar M. Wing Post.
- Dates:** 1891–1910.
- Abstract:** The Edgar M. Wing Post No. 147 of the Grand Army of the Republic, organized in 1878, was located in Glens Falls. Its members were veterans of the Union armed forces during the Civil War. The Personal War Sketches is a volume presented to the Post by Henry Crandall in 1891. In this large volume the Post historian recorded the Civil War service of members. There are also two minute books, 1895-1910, and two cash books, 1891-1909, of the Post.
- Quantity:** 1 cubic foot (2 boxes, 1 oversize); one metal box 14 ½ " x 18 ½ " x 3 ¼ ".
- Identification Number:** Archives & Manuscripts: Organizations; Artifacts (the metal box)

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The Edgar M. Wing Post No. 147 of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was organized in 1878 and chartered in 1880. Its members were veterans of the Union armed forces in the Civil War and the purpose of the Post was to strengthen the bonds of friendship these Union veterans formed during the War. The Post was named after Edgar M. Wing, who was wounded at the battle of Drewry's Bluff and died as a prisoner in Richmond, Virginia in 1864. See Glens Falls *Daily Times*, Centennial Edition, April 24, 1939, p. 10.

The Personal War Sketches is a volume presented to the Edgar M. Wing Post No.147 by Henry Crandall in 1891. It is a large volume in which the Post historian recorded the service in the Civil War of the members of the Post. Entries for members of the Post are alphabetical by last name. Included in the record are the battles in which the veteran

was a participant, as well as mention of his enlisted friends. Dates of birth, enlistment, and death are noted.

Two minute books (1895-1902 and 1902-1910) record minutes of meetings of the Edgar M. Wing Post, including Treasurer's reports, and also contain lists of members and officers, resolutions passed concerning deaths of members, records of cash disbursements and cash received as dues from members. Minutes were recorded by Philander Baldwin, Edwin H. Gates, William H. Gorham, Newton S. McOmber, Maurice F. Nason, and George H. Skym -- all Post Adjutants.

The two cash books, 1891-1909, record both income and expenditures of the Edgar M. Wing Post. There are columns to indicate dues and initiation fees received from each member of the Post. For each expenditure its purpose and the person to whom paid are indicated.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

There are five volumes housed in two boxes:

Large Box:

Personal War Sketches.

Smaller Box:

Cash Book, 1891-1901.

Cash Book, 1901-1909.

Minute Book, 1895-1902.

Minute Book, 1902-1910.

Metal box 14 ½ " x 18 ½ " x 3 ¼ "

This box originally housed the volume "Personal War Sketches". It is locked. It is made of brown-painted metal, with gold writing and decoration on the top. At the top there is a wreath-and-flag emblem. Below that:

PERSONAL WAR SKETCHES
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS
1861 – 1865
E.M. WING POST No. 147
DEPT. OF N.Y., G.A.R.

Enclosed in a gold border line.

The metal box is housed with artifacts.

INDEX TERMS

- Places:** Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History—Sources.
United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Veterans—Glens Falls (N.Y.)
- Organizations:** Grand Army of the Republic. E. M. Wing Post No. 147 (Glens Falls, N.Y.)
- Important People:** Baldwin, Philander.
Crandall, Henry.
Gates, Edwin H.
Gorham, William H.
McOmber, Newton S.
Nason, Maurice F.
Skym, George H.
- Form/Genre:** Minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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