



**Grand Army of the Republic, John Matthews Post No. 69, Springfield,
Missouri Records
(R0703)**

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Abstract: The Grand Army of the Republic, John Matthews Post No. 69, Springfield, Missouri Records contain applications for membership in the John Matthews Post No. 69 of the Grand Army of the Republic in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri. The applications bear the name, age, residence, and brief military history of the applicants, among whom were Charles E. Moss, John E. Phelps, and L. A. Rountree.

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Historical Note:

John Matthews Post No. 69 was the first of three Grand Army of the Republic posts established at Springfield, Missouri. The Grand Army of the Republic was a national organization representing veterans of the Civil War who had served in the Union Army. It was a fraternal organization dedicated to the principals of “fraternity, charity, and loyalty.” Chapters existed all across the country. The Captain John Matthews Post No. 69 was the Springfield, Missouri chapter of the organization. It was headquartered in the Nixon Building located on St. Louis Street.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged alphabetically in a single series.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of application forms for nine individuals, one of which is a transfer request from the Grand Army of the Republic post at Lindley, Missouri. Each application includes the name, age, place of birth, current residence, occupation, and brief history of military service. Three of the applications include details of service-related disabilities as recorded by the post surgeon. The applicants represented service in the First Missouri Home Guard Cavalry, Fourth Missouri State Militia Cavalry, Thirteenth Missouri Cavalry, Fourteenth Missouri Cavalry, Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, Twenty-fourth Missouri Infantry, Thirty-fifth Missouri Infantry, Forty-seventh Missouri Infantry, First Iowa Cavalry, and Second Arkansas Cavalry. Two of the applicants, Charles E. Moss and John E. Phelps, were prominent citizens of Springfield after the war. The others included farmers, a policeman, a stone cutter, an auctioneer, a broom maker, and a retired preacher. The papers are arranged alphabetically by surname of the applicant.

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