WHAT IS THIS? Ne SLETTED # 2 -- 6 MAPCH 1973 (#1 was 21 July 1972)
Jacksonville Area Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 21, Jacksonville ILL 62650

THY?

Note:

1. To acquaint you with your 1973 Officers who were duly elected or appointed at our "First Anniversary Party" January 25, 1973.

We had a beautiful birthday cake and all the trimmings!

Your President hopes to be around for the Golden Anniversary in 2022!

Won't you Charter Members stick around and join in the celebration?

President..... Mrs. Florence Hutchison

Vice-President...... Mr. Robert Dalton

Secretary..... Mrs. Emily Sievers

Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Gail Eck

Treasurer..... Mr. John Griswold
Publicity Chairman..... Miss Lucille Crawford

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Board of Directors:.... Mrs. LaVerl Hilliard

..... Mrs. Virginia Gordon

..... Mr. David Koss

Co-Editors..... Florence Hutchison & Mrs. Betty Richardson

2. To send membership applications, and allow Charter Memberships until
April 1st, for new members. (See page 4 of this letter)
If said member has already sent dues, will he please post our Membership
Application Blank in some prominent place, or give to a friend?

3. To let you know some of our achievements which have been possible because of your support of a new organization, and research projects unfolding. We ask your continued support of our efforts during 1973. While some may benefit more than others, we hope that you will have faith that something good will come of your membership in this Society, and that you will -- like good parents -- stand by us "in our babyhood"! We need "mothers and fathers". If you have good ideas, or cemetery records of any county, please write. We may not have time to answer all letters promptly, but they give us something to think about - to look toward - to develop our thoughts and action.

Some letters have inspired us, and were very much appreciated. These letters are helpful in directing our organization toward the kind of a Society that will help many people with their family research.

When we read the various family names involved, we sometimes find other persons working on the same history, and bring the two of you together. Our Surname Index has served this purpose well.

We wish to apologize to those persons who did not get their surnames in the first issue. We hope to compile a second Surname Index later.

Please expect a 3-page supplement to your Surname Index Issue of the Jacksonville Geneal Journal Vol. 1 #1 Sept. 1972, within a few days after receiving this newsletter.

(Those who received them at a meeting, will not get a letter.)

4. To call attention to a BIG NEW G.A.R. PROJECT -- locating the records of the 69 G.A.R. Posts in West Centrall Illinois -- getting them copied, and into the DATA RESEARCH CENTER your officers are trying to establish here in Jacksonville, to serve West Central Illinois genealogy.

(See next 2 pages on G.A.R. Posts)

4. (Continued -- Newsletter # 2, 6 March 1973 - Jacksonville Area Geneal. Soc. Your President's intensive research has revealed that local Post Records of the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Illinois), are very valuable genealogical tools, and extensive, for persons seeking service records of their Civil War ancestors. These local records are "hanging in limbo" - waiting to be discovered! There were 330 G.A.R. Posts in Illinois prior to the 1871 Chicago Fire. Decatur was the #1 Post. All state records were destroyed by the 1871 fire. All national records were lost about 1888 by fire. After the 1871 holocaust, Rockford Post became #1, and started reorganizing and re-numbering the Posts. While records are scanty, and remote, it has

been determined that there were about 800 posts organized in 102 counties.

Mrs. Hutchison is working on the list, trying to complete and make a Comprehensive Index of G.A.R. Posts in Illinois for publication as soon as possible, so that genealogists all over the state will know what to look for in the community or county of their interest.

The local post records seem to be lying in the homes of the descendants of the last Secretary, or Commander of the Post.

Will you help us find these for those counties we call West Central Illinois? (See following page for list of posts by county and location).

If any person discovers such a record book in his community, would he please notify our Society immediately?

We would appreciate any person copying, or zeroxing out this information and sending to the Jacksonville Area Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 21. We will put these records in our Data Research Center Files, and use them in answering queries as to Civil War Veterans.

Later, we hope to publish the names of these Civil War Veterans in local newspapers, asking relatives or friends to furnish date of death, and place of burial. We will eventually pass this information on to the Illinois Veterans' Commission to complete their records, and provide markers where none are now.

These G.A.R. Post records list the name, rank, company, regiment and date of service, age, state of birth, occupation, and other valuable info, depending upon the local secretary, and Commander of the Post. Some record books give personal war sketches of many of the veterans.

Your President has copied the service records of 168 members of the Thomas A. Weisner Post #350, Greenfield, Greene County. Mrs. Guy Martin is copying the records of about 200 men in the John W. Ross Post #331, Waverly, Morgan County. We found a roster of about 200 men in the Matt Starr Post #378, but not the original records. We found a list of the 15 men in the Governor Yates Post #687, both Posts in Jacksonville. This is a fine start for our Data Research Center File!

This project is a BIG UNDERTAKING. Will you please cooperate in finding these records? Make copies of them, and send to our Society.

5. Our other BIG PROJECT is the collection of cemetery readings from any county in West Central Illinois -- or anywhere! for that matter. Our motto is: "SEARCH - FIND - RECORD - SHARE!" The important thing is to draw information to a central Data Center in Jacksonville, for the use of genealogists in our area. We plan to share our findings with other County Genealogical and/or Historical Societies in the area, -- and hope they will reciprocate.

(See next page for LIST OF POSTS IN WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AND ORGANIZATION FOR CIVIL WAR VETERANS.)

LIST OF POSTS IN WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AN ORGANIZATION FOR CIVIL WAR VETERANS. Local records may be in the homes of descendants of the last Commander of the Post, or of the Women's Relief Corps Auxialliary, or other related organizations, which were affiliated with the veterans of the Civil War in the last days of their life.

POST	Location	Name of Post	POST	Location	Name of Post
	ADAMS COUNTY			MASON COUNTY	
#542		J. P. Lasley	#590	Bath	Charles Chatfield
311		McCoy	526		J. W. A. Jones
601	Fairweather	Owen T. Kaylor		Manito	A. M. Pollard
567	Lima	J. C. McCreery	123		Duvall
697	Mendon	Mendon			
589	Payson	Wm. H. Tandy		MENARD COUNTY	
591	Plainville	Wm. Larrimore	#200	Athens	Pollock
707	Quincy	Col. Chas. H. Morton		Greenview	Merritt Hurst
628	Quincy	Col. L.W. Shepherd	71	Petersburg	Estill
		Sailor's Home)	381	Tallula	Dick Johnston
96	Quincy	John Woods			
				MORGAN COUNTY	*
	BROWN COUNTY		#524	Chapin	Rollin Taylor
#289	Mt. Sterling	Isaac McNeal	378	Jacksonville	Matthew Starr
652	Ripley	Mark Spencer	687	Jacksonville	Governor Yates
765	Versailles	A. J. Sides	420	Murrayville	Watson
			331	Waverly	John W. Ross
	CALHOUN COUNT	Ϋ́			
#778	Batchtown	John Nairn		PIKE COUNTY	
448	Hardin		#154	Barry	John McTucker
766	Kampsville	B. Sutter	438	Griggsville	Lawton
.5.00			610	Nebo	John C. Dinsmore
	CASS COUNTY		617	New Canton	Amos Morey
#592	Ashland	J. L. Douglas	429	Perry	Ed Crippin
97	Beardstown	McLane		Pittsfield	Dick Gilman
321	Virginia	Downing	758		Samuel T. Windmiller
			477	Summer Hill	Maj. Sam Hays
	CREENE COUNTY				
#442	Carrollton	Thomas P. Carlin		SANGAMON COUNT	
350	Greenfield	Thomas A. Weisner	#370		J. W. Dodds
410	Kane	Lucian King	613	Buffalo	J. Vlerebome
193	Roodhouse	Jacob Fry	208	Illiopolis Pawnee	Morgan A. J. Weber
512	White Hall	Culver	389	Riverton	Camp Butler
			578	Springfield	John A. Bross
	JERSEY COUNTY		450	Springfield	Mendell
#585	Grafton	Hilliard	8	Springfield	B. F. Stephenson
295	Jerseyville	Lowe	755	Williamsville	O. S. Webster
			122	HTTTTGIRD ATTTE	O. D. Webstel
	MACOUPIN COUNTY			SCHUYLER COUNTY	
213	Brighton	O: P. Lovejoy	#417	Brooklyn	G. A. Brown
339	Carlinville	Dan Messick	751	Camden	Charles R. Ward
449	Chesterfield	Thornton		Rushville	Col. Horney
624	Gillespie	James Robinson			
516	Girard	Luke Mayfield		SCOTT COUNTY &	
278	Palmyra	Chiles	#203	Winchester	Hesse
246	Piasa	N. B. Buford	Shake it		
557	Staunton	N. Cowen John Baird			
285	Virden	JOHN DATIG			

(Any person having knowledge as to the whereabouts of the records of any posts in the State of Illinois, please notify The Jacksonville Area Genealogical Soc. P.O. Box 21 Jacksonville ILL 62650

CEMETERY NAME	Page	Co. ILL. Con =Consort(spouse)		
Quarter/ Section	nTownship	Range (E or W)	РМ	Con =Consort(spouse) Dau =Daughter Hus =Husband
Township Name	Town			Inf =Infant
Cemetery Assn.				Rel =Relict (widow) Wif =Wife
Cemetery Assn. Transcribed by		Date		PM =Prime Meridian
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