

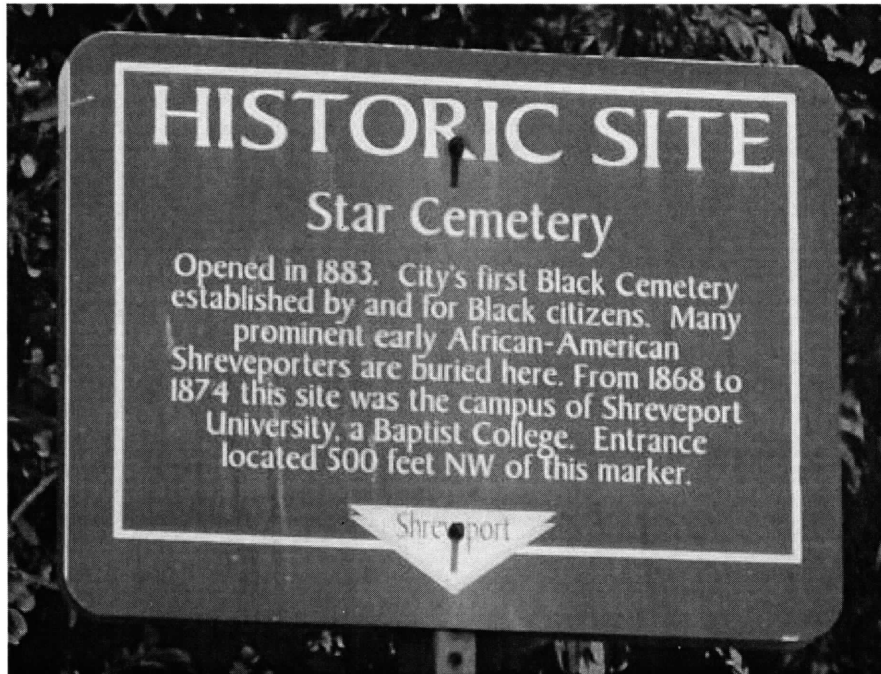
**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**  
**JAMES A. GARFIELD POST #19, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

In the latter part of 1892, a Grand Army of the Republic Post was created by the Union Civil War Veterans of Shreveport, Louisiana. The Post was named in honor of James A. Garfield, who had been a Colonel of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Infantry, a Major General of the Union Army, and later the 20<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. He was assassinated in 1881. This Post was in the GAR's Department of Louisiana and Mississippi and was designated #19. It was the only Post located in Northwest Louisiana out of the 40 Posts in Louisiana. Members of Post #19 were African-American. There were three Posts which were in Northeast Louisiana. Two were African-American: Gen. Rutherford B. Hayes Post #31 was in Waterproof in Tensas Parish, and Lake Providence Post #34 was in East Carroll Parish. There was also R.B. Beck Post #43 which was in Omega in Madison Parish, and comprised of White Civil War Veterans.

At this time, no records for GAR James A. Garfield Post #19 have been located. The number of members is not known. Also, how long the Post remained active in Shreveport is unknown. This GAR Post is not mentioned in the Shreveport Times newspaper. Is there a way to construct the membership of Garfield Post #19?

One of the main tools to determine the Union Veterans in Caddo Parish around the time of the formation of Post #19 in 1892 is the 1890 U.S. Veterans Schedule. In 1890, the Federal Census Bureau conducted a General Population Schedule enumeration and at the same time counted the Veterans from the Civil War. Unfortunately, 95% of the 1890 General Population Schedule was destroyed by fire. Also, the fire burnt about one-third of the U.S. Veterans Schedule. Alphabetically, states from Alabama through Kansas lost their Veterans' enumerations, while Kentucky through Wyoming Veterans' information survived. Only Union Veterans were to be counted. Confederates were not to be listed. If Confederate names were found on the Schedule, their names were to be crossed out. There were 86 Union Veterans shown for Caddo Parish, Louisiana in 1890. Of these 86, 28 were African-American Veterans. These 28 men served in 16 different units of the United States Colored Troops. Further details on these 28 Veterans will be given in this report. 23 of these 28 Veterans had U.S. Military Pensions. This writer has copies of 3 of these Veteran Pension Files and hopes to obtain more in the future by ordering them from the National Archives. In recent years, the cost for these Civil War Pension records has more than doubled from the previous charge of \$25 per pension file.

The main burial ground for African-Americans in Shreveport before the mid-1900's was Star Cemetery. It was established in 1883. Four of the 28 Veterans have markers in Star Cemetery. The other 24 men are probably buried there too, but burial records and cemetery markers are lacking for this cemetery.



Following are the 28 African-American Union Soldiers from the 1890 U.S. Veterans Schedule of Caddo Parish. Their name, regimental designation, birth date, birthplace, death date, occupation, and pension application number are shown. Federal Census Records, Shreveport Civil Death Records, and the Index to Civil War Pensions were searched. This writer believes these 28 Veterans were possible members of the GAR James A. Garfield Post #19.

**Sandy Brown:**

Unit: Company E, 4th U.S. Colored Cavalry (organized in Louisiana)  
Pension Application No.: 555741 (Widows Pension)  
Birth Date: 1840  
Birthplace: Mississippi  
Occupation: Farmer  
Death Date: 1890-1893

**Allen Carter:**

Unit: Company E, 60<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry? (organized in Iowa)  
Pension Application No.: 1189580  
Birth Date: 1864  
No other information found

**Epolite Durrent, alias Polick Durrent:**

Unit: Company H, 80<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Louisiana)  
Pension Application No.: 422407  
Birth Date: 1840  
Birthplace: Natchitoches, Louisiana  
Death Date: 4 April 1897

**Jackson Franklin Fisher, alias Jerry Jackson:**

Unit: Company F, 97<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Louisiana)  
Pension Application No.: 1179678 (I have a copy of this pension)  
Birth Date: 1847  
Birthplace: near Mobile, Alabama  
Occupation: Cook and Methodist Minister  
Death Date: 18 March 1940



Jackson Fisher; Star Cemetery, Shreveport

**Pierre Glappion:**

Unit: Corporal, Company E, 73<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Louisiana)

Pension Application No.: 1050717

Birth Date: 1839

Birthplace: Louisiana

Occupation: Barber

Death Date: 13 April 1909

**Adam Hall:**

Unit: Company I, 48<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Louisiana)

Pension Application No.: 1047713

Birth Date: 1829

Birthplace: South Carolina

Occupation: Carpenter

Death Date: 12 January 1905

**Edward M. Hall, alias Edward M. Prother:**

Unit: Company I, 48<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Louisiana)

Pension Application No.: 1026241

Birth Date: 1848

Birthplace: Lunenburg County, Virginia

Occupation: Carpenter

Death Date: unknown

**Henry Hicks:**

Unit: Company B, 15<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Tennessee)

Pension Application No.: 971351

Birth Date: 1830's

Birthplace: South Carolina

Occupation: Farm Laborer

Death Date: 10 September 1908

**Charles Holman:**

Unit: Company B, 102<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Michigan)

Pension Application No.: None found

Birth Date: 1831

Birthplace: South Carolina

Occupation: Shoe Repair

Death Date: unknown

**Hampton Human:**

Unit: Unknown

Birth Date: 1835

Birthplace: South Carolina

Occupation: Barber (also ran for office of Coroner of Caddo Parish in 1874)

Death Date: 24 February 1890 (died before formation of GAR Post #19)

**Henry Johnson:**

Unit: Company A or F, 88<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Louisiana)

Pension Application No.: either 685871 or 1301971

No other information found

**Alex Jording:**

Unit: Company C, 48<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Louisiana)

Pension Application No.: None found

Birth Date: 1849

Death Date: 11 March 1900

**Hammock H. McClelland:**

Unit: Company I, 79<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry and Company F, 76<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (both organized in Louisiana)

Pension Application No.: 831407 (I have a copy of this pension)

Birth Date: 1825

Birthplace: Crawford County, Georgia

Occupation: Carpenter

Death Date: 13 April 1900

Hammock McClelland's card from the "U.S. Civil War Pension Index" and his grave marker are shown on the following page.

NAME OF SOLDIER: <i>McClelland, Hammock</i> (S-2-S)				
NAME OF DEPENDENT: <i>Widow.</i> <i>Minor.</i>				
SERVICE: <i>La. Co. 179, Inf.</i> <i>Co. 179, U.S.C.</i>				
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
<i>1879 July 28</i>	<i>Invalid,</i> <i>Widow,</i> <i>Minor.</i>	<i>831407</i>	<i>599864</i>	<i>La.</i>
ATTORNEY: <i>H. S. O'Brien</i>				
REMARKS: <i>OC 21 1880</i>				



Hammock McClelland; Star Cemetery, Shreveport

**Francis S. McKeel:**

Unit: 11<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery (organized in Rhode Island); served on the naval vessel --- U.S.S. Susquehanna

Pension Application No.: 1125642

Birth Date: 1842

Birthplace: New York

Occupation: Public School Teacher

Death Date: 15 April 1912

**Samuel Morris:**

Unit: Company B, 80<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Louisiana)

Pension Application No.: 898223

Birth Date: 1838

Birthplace: Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

Occupation: Brickyard worker

Death Date: 7 May 1902

**Frank Newman:**

Unit: Company I, 12<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery (organized in Kentucky)

Pension Application No.: 969625

Birth Date: 1838

Birthplace: Woodford County, Kentucky

Occupation: Farmer

Death Date: 8 March 1892 (died before formation of GAR Post #19)

**Isaac Nunn:**

Unit: Corporal, Company E, 48<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Louisiana)

Pension Application No.: 970561

Birth Date: 1837

Birthplace: Bedford County, Tennessee

Occupation: Farmer and Laborer

Death Date: unknown

**Mack Robinson, alias Mack Page:**

Unit: unknown  
Birth Date: 1844  
Birthplace: Alabama  
Occupation: Farmer  
Death Date: 8 August 1928

**Patrick Robinson:**

Unit: Company A, 48<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Louisiana)  
Birth Date: 1823  
Birthplace: Virginia  
Occupation: Laborer  
Death Date: unknown

**Presley Robinson, alias Presley Fondin:**

Unit: Company I, 48<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Louisiana)  
Pension Application No.: 786039  
Birth Date: 1834  
Birthplace: Clarksville, Tennessee  
Occupation: Carpenter  
Death Date: 18 September 1899

**George Sherman:**

Unit: Company E, 16<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Tennessee)  
Pension Application No.: 1007967  
Birth Date: 1845  
Birthplace: Georgia  
Occupation: Farmer  
Death Date: 1914



**William T. Slaton:**

Unit: Principal Musician and Quartermaster Sergeant, 61<sup>st</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Tennessee)

Pension Application No.: 1315056

Birth Date: 1836

Birthplace: Ohio

Occupation: Barber

Death Date: 1914, in Kansas

**Charles Stewart:**

Unit: 138<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Georgia)

No further information known

**Jackson Thompson:**

Unit: Sergeant, Company C, 76<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Louisiana); also served in Company C, 77<sup>th</sup> U.S.C.I and Company L, 10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery

Pension Application No.: 574754 (Widow's pension)

Birth Date: 1835

Birthplace: Edmonton, Kentucky

Occupation: Farmer

Death Date: before 1894

**Stephen Turner:**

Unit: Company I, 80<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Louisiana); Also served in Company B, 88<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry

Pension Application No.: 838038

Birth Date: 1834

Birthplace: Mississippi

Occupation: Laborer

Death Date: 25 March 1899

**John B. Webb:**

Unit: Company K, 10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery (organized in Louisiana); also served in Company G, 85<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry and Company K, 77<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry

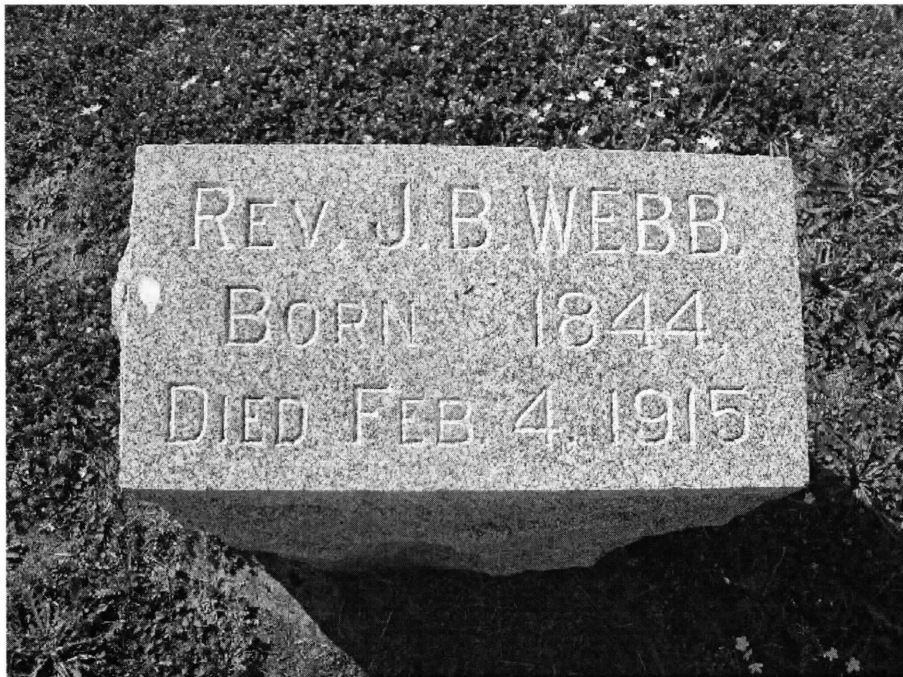
Pension Application No.: 649982

Birth Date: 1842

Birthplace: Winchester, Virginia

Occupation: Minister of the Gospel

Death Date: 1915



Rev. John B. Webb; Star Cemetery, Shreveport, Louisiana

**Henry Williams:**

Unit: Company K, 138<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Georgia)

Pension Application No.: none found

Birth Date: 1843

Birthplace: Alexandria, Virginia

Occupation: Carpenter

Death Date: unknown

**Anderson Yancey:**

Unit: Company D, 81<sup>st</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry (organized in Louisiana), was also in Company B, 93<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry

Pension Application No.: 1090818

Birth Date: 1837

Birthplace: Vermillion Parish, Louisiana

Occupation: Engineer

Death Date: December 1892

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