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List of Civil War African American Soldiers Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)

The Grand Army of the Republic was a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army, Union Navy, Marines and the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service who served in the American Civil War.

Forest Lawn Cemetery
Section 14

Alexander, Nathaniel (*DOD 5/4/1910*); *Gravestone #305*
Part of the 43rd U.S. Colored Troops, Company D, stationed in Philadelphia, PA.

Brown, William H.* (*DOD 9/16.1891*); *Gravestone #71*
Part of the U.S. Color Troops

Bulah, Joseph P. (*DOD 2/17/1909*); *Gravestone #289*
Part of the 11th U.S. Color Heavy Artillery, Company M, stationed in Providence, RI.

Butler, Samuel (*DOD 2/11/1900*); *Gravestone #174*
Part of the 25th Color Troops, Company D

Collins, Tinsley (*DOD 12/14/1931*); *Gravestone #508*
Part of the U.S. Colored Artillery** stationed in Memphis, TN

Deming, Henry M. (*DOD 11/24/1906*); *Gravestone #249*
Part of the 31st Color New York Infantry, Company G, stationed in Hart's Island, NY.

Dover, John H. (*DOD 2/8/1932*); *Gravestone #509*
Part of 54th M.A. Volunteer Infantry, Company D, stationed at Camp Meigs, in Readville, MA. Age 86 at the time of death, he resided at 438 Vermont Street. Was one of sixteen Buffalo men who enlisted in the historic 54th and served as a Sergeant. Possibly saw action at Fort Wagner. He was mustered out with the Regiment on August 20, 1865 and after the war, he returned to Buffalo where he worked as a messenger for the Bank of Commerce and as a janitor at the GAR Hall. He was married three times, and his two children predeceased him. At the time of his death, he resided on Vermont Street with his wife Hannah.

Duffin, Charles J. (*DOD 12/21/1917*); *Gravestone #418*
Part of the 11th U.S. Color Heavy Artillery, Company M, stationed in Providence, RI.

Eights, George R. (*DOD 2/16/1923*); *Gravestone #457*
Part of the 20th U.S. Colored Troops, Company F, stationed in Riker's Island, NY.

Hadden, William (*DOD 1/19/1907*); *Gravestone #253*
Part of the 2nd U.S. Color Infantry, Company G, stationed in Arlington, VA.

Harper, James M. (*DOD 8/17/1918*); *Gravestone #424*
Part of the 38th U.S. Color Infantry, Company F

Jackson, Alexander (*DOD 6/22/1917*); *Gravestone #412*
Part of the 31st U.S. Colored Troops stationed in Hart's Island, NY.

Johnson, Michael H. (*DOD 10/21/1895*); *Gravestone #127*
Part of the 2nd U.S. Color Troops stationed in Arlington, VA.

Jones, Jacob (*DOD 5/18/1900*); *Gravestone #178*
Part of the 6th New York Color Troops, Company H

Preston, Levi A. (*DOD 2/17/1908*); *Gravestone #274*
Part of the 8th U.S. Color Infantry, Company B, stationed at Camp William Penn, PA.

Smith, David U. (*DOD 9/15/1919*); *Gravestone #433*
Part of the 26th U.S. Colored Infantry, Company F, stationed in Riker's Island, NY.

Smith, George Jacob (*DOD 1/29/1912*); *Gravestone #326*
Part of the 2nd District Color Infantry, Company H

Smith, Robert H. (*DOD 12/20/1889*); *Gravestone #50*
Part of the 21st Color Troops stationed in Hilton Head, SC.

Spencer, William (*DOD 2/2/1920*); *Gravestone #436*
Part of the 20th U.S. Colored Troops, Company K, stationed in Riker's Island, NY.

Strothers, Henery (*DOD 12/23/1903*); *Gravestone #213*
Part of the 3rd U.S. Color Troops, Company H, stationed in Philadelphia, PA.

Thomas, John (*DOD 7/24/1895*); *Gravestone #125*
Part of the 102nd U.S. Color Infantry, Company F. Mr. Thomas was born in Africa.

Wilson, James H. (*DOD 12/17/1897*); *Gravestone #139*
Part of the 54th Massachusetts (MA) Color Troops, Company F. Age 54 at the time of death, he resided at 519 Michigan Avenue. James Wilson, a private, on Feb. 10, 1865, was blinded in both eyes and lost his left arm when cannon he was helping to load prematurely exploded. After recuperating in a post hospital on Morris Island, SC he was discharged from the Army in August 1865. After the war, Wilson resided in Oswego, NY and lived on a government pension. In December 1892, he moved to Buffalo where he resided with a guardian, his sister

Josephine Wilson, on Michigan Avenue. James Wilson being a member of the 54th M.A., could have participated in the assault on Fort Wagner.

*Brown, William H. – there are 23 soldiers by the same name that served in various regiments buried in the GAR section.

** The 3rd Regiment, U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery was organized from 1st Tennessee Heavy Artillery (African descent). Designated 2nd U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery March 11, 1864 and 3rd Heavy Artillery April 26, 1864. Attached to District of Memphis, TN, Department of Tennessee June 1864. Memphis, TN, District of West Tennessee July 1865. 2nd Infantry Brigade, District of West Tennessee, September 1865. District of West Tennessee, April 1866. SERVICE – served as garrison at Fort Pickering and in Defense of Memphis, TN and in District of West Tennessee till April 1866. Mustered out April 30, 1866. Predecessor Unit – TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS: 1st Regiment, Heavy Artillery (African descent). Organized at Memphis, TN, June 1863; attached to 1st Brigade, 5th Division, District of Memphis, 16th Army Corps., Department of the Tennessee, April 1864. Post and garrison duty at Memphis and at Fort Pickering, Defense of Memphis June 1863 to April 1864. Designation changed to 3rd U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery, April 26, 1864.