

# Annual Civil War Symposium

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 9:00 a.m.  
Litchfield, MN

Litchfield and Meeker County, Minnesota is proud of its Civil War heritage. During the war, about 150 Meeker County men served. In the decades after the war, many more veterans found a home in the area.

The Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) was a national organization for Union Veterans. In 1885, the Litchfield G.A.R. Post built the first G.A.R. Hall in Minnesota. The men held regular meetings here where they reminisced and supported each other.



Today, inside the Hall remains much as it has for over 130 years. From the chairs the men sat in to dozens of portraits on the walls.

As one of the last G.A.R. Halls in Minnesota, it is fitting that the Annual Civil War Symposium be held in Litchfield. The Hall and attached county museum will be open for Symposium attendees to tour during the lunch break and after the close of the event.

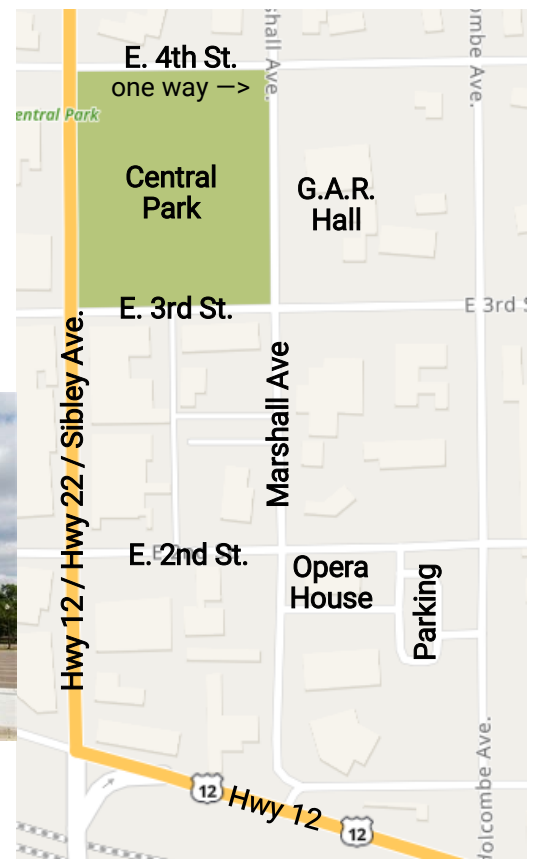
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**The Symposium itself will be held in the historic Litchfield Opera House, located 1.5 blocks south of the G.A.R. Hall.** The Opera House was built in 1900 and has a unique history of its own.

For questions relating to the G.A.R. Hall, Litchfield, or Meeker County history, please contact the Meeker County Museum at the G.A.R. Hall, 308 N Marshall Ave, Litchfield. 320-693-8911 or [director@meekercomuseum.org](mailto:director@meekercomuseum.org)



Symposium location: Litchfield Opera House, 136 N Marshall Ave, Litchfield, MN.



Street parking is also available