

Department Commanders of the Department of New Mexico, Grand Army of the Republic

H. H. (Herman) Heath, 1868— Santa Fe
(Provisional Department)
G. A. (Gustavus) Smith— 1872— Santa Fe
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Henry M. Atkinson, 1883— Santa Fe
Edward W. Wynkoop, 1884— Santa Fe
J. J. Fitzgerrell, 1885— Las Vegas
E. S. (Elias) Stover, 1886— Albuquerque
John Y. Hewitt, 1887— White Oaks
Francis Downs, 1888— Santa Fe
John H. Mills, 1889— Socorro (Died in office)
Lee H. Rudisille, 1890— White Oaks²
Alex M. Whitcomb, 1890— Albuquerque
Albert J. Fountain, 1891— Las Cruces
Stephen W. Dorsey, 1892— Raton
W. H. Whiteman, 1893— Albuquerque
George W. Knaebel, 1894— Santa Fe
Thomas W. Collier, 1895— Raton
John C. Bromagem, 1896— East Las Vegas
Francis Downs, 1897— Santa Fe
Francis Downs, 1898— Santa Fe (Died in office)
Leverett Clarke, 1898— Albuquerque³
George W. Knaebel, 1899— Santa Fe
John R. McFie, 1900— Santa Fe
John R. McFie, 1901— Santa Fe
John W. Edwards, 1902— Albuquerque
John W. Edwards, 1903— Albuquerque
Theodore W. Heman, 1904— Tucumcarri
Jacob Weltmer, 1905— Santa Fe
W. B. Brunton, 1906— Shoemaker
W. W. McDonald, 1907— Albuquerque
John P. Victory, 1908— Santa Fe
John W. Long, 1909— Tularosa
H. B. Steward, 1910— Albuquerque
A. D. Higgins, 1911— East Las Vegas
J. G. Caldwell, 1912— Albuquerque
D. M. Sutherland, 1913— Alamagardo
John A. Ross, 1914— East Las Vegas
Z. H. (Zenas) Bliss, 1915— Albuquerque
F. E. Olney, 1916— Las Vegas
Jefferson Raynolds, 1917— East Las Vegas
John W. Terry, 1918— Socorro
O. L. Gregory, 1919— Las Vegas
William M. Berger, 1920— Belen
John Shank, 1921— Las Vegas
John Greenwald, 1922— Socorro (Died in office)
John C. Hull, 1922— Santa Fe⁴
B. A. Jones, 1923— Albuquerque
Z. H. (Zenas) Bliss, 1924— Albuquerque
M. C. Picken, 1925— Farmington
John R. McFie, 1926— Gallup
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John W. Davis, 1928— Morarity⁵



1. The Provisional Department, organized in 1868, was disbanded in 1873 and the permanent Department of New Mexico was established on July 14, 1883.

2. Filled the vacancy caused by the death of John Mills who died in February 1890.

3. Filled the vacancy caused by the death of Francis Downs who died in June 1898, after being elected department commander (for the third time) during the May 1898 Encampment.

4. Filled the vacancy caused by the death of John Greenwald.

5. John W. Davis was the last Department Commander. During the Department of New Mexico's last Encampment on July 10, 1929, only two members were present and no business could be conducted.