



## National GAR Records Program - Historical Summary of Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Posts by State

## SOUTH CAROLINA

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| No.  | Alt. No. | Post Name           | Location    | County     | Dept. | Post Namesake   | Meeting Place(s)                   | Organized                             | Last Mentioned | Notes  | Source(s)   |
|--|----------|---------------------|-------------|------------|-------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|--|---|
| <b>PLEASE NOTE: The GAR Post History section is a work in progress (begun 2013). More data will be added at a future date.</b> |          |                     |             |            |       |   |                                    |                                       |                |  |   |
| 000  |          | (Department)        | N/A         | N/A        | GA    |   |                                    | Org. 2 January 1889                   | Sur. 1932      | Provisional Department organized 1868 or later (no details). Permanent Department of Georgia organized 25 January 1889. The Department surrendered its charter in 1932 with 6 remaining members. | Beath, 1889; Carnahan, 1893; Nat'l Encampment Proceedings, 1933                     |
| 001  |          | Post No. 1          | Charleston  | Charleston | SC    | No namesake. Known only by its number.  |                                    |                                       |                | The Post (known then as Post No. 1) was in existence by May 1869, when it observed Memorial Day.   | The National Memorial Day, 1869   |
| 007  |          | Robert Anderson     | Charleston  | Charleston | GA    | MAJ (Bvt. MG) Robert Anderson (1805-1871), commander of the garrison at Fort Sumter when it was bombarded at the outset of the Civil War. |                                    | Org. 12 July 1889; Must'd 8 Aug. 1889 |                | Thirty charter members.  | Indian Chieftain (Vinita, OK), 18 July 1889; Charles Devens, Jr. Camp 10, SUVCW, SC |
| 009  |          | David Hunter        | Beaufort    | Beaufort   | GA    | MG David Hunter (1802-1886), famous Civil War leader.   | GAR Hall, 706 Newcastle St. (1896) | Org. 26 Jan. 1888                     |                | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). The Post's meeting hall, built about 1896, is still standing and used as a public meeting place.                          | Charles Devens, Jr. Camp 10, SUVCW, SC  |
| 010  |          | Charles Devens, Jr. | Columbia    | Richland   | GA    | BG (Bvt. MG) Charles Devens, Jr. (1820-1891), famous Civil War leader.  |                                    | Org. and Must'd 6 Apr. 1891           |                |  | Charles Devens, Jr. Camp 10, SUVCW, SC  |
| 011  |          | James C. Beecher    | Charleston  | Charleston | GA    | COL James Chaplin Beecher (1828-1886), 35th U.S.C.T.  |                                    | Org. and Must'd 30 Dec. 1891          | Revoked 1894   | The Post charter was revoked in 1894, on the charge of "violation of the Rules and Regulations."   | Charles Devens, Jr. Camp 10, SUVCW, SC; National Encampment Proceedings, 1894, 1895 |
| 012  |          | Abraham Lincoln     | Hilton Head | Beaufort   | GA    | Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th President of the United States.   |                                    | Org. 13 July 1892                     |                | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).   | Charles Devens, Jr. Camp 10, SUVCW, SC  |
| 013  |          | William N. Reed     | Charleston  | Charleston | GA    | LTC William N. Reed (d. 1864), 35th U.S.C.T., died 23 Feb. 1864 of wounds received at Olustee, FL, 20 Feb. 1864.                          |                                    | Org. 1894                             |                | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011).   | Charles Devens, Jr. Camp 10, SUVCW, SC  |
| 019  |          | William McKinley    | Bluffton    | Beaufort   | GA    | CPT (Bvt. MAJ) William McKinley (1843-1901), soldier, 23rd Ohio Infantry, later US President, assassinated 14 September 1901.             |                                    | Org. June 1904                        |                |  | Charles Devens, Jr. Camp 10, SUVCW, SC  |
| 020  |          | Orangeburg          | Orangeburg  | Orangeburg | GA    | Named for the community in which the Post was based.  |                                    |                                       |                |  |   |

List of Abbreviations: Org. = Organized Chart'd = Chartered Must'd = Mustered In Dis. = Disbanded Sur. = Surrendered Charter

For sources of Post names, refer to the SUVCW GAR Records Catalog  
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