



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

VIRGINIA

Prepared by the National Organization
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
 INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS



| No. | Alt. No. | Post Name | Location | County | Dept. | Post Namesake | Meeting Place(s) | Organized | Last Mentioned | Notes | Source(s) |
|--|----------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------|--|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| PLEASE NOTE: The GAR Post History section is a work in progress (begun 2013). More data will be added at a future date. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 000 | | (Department) | N/A | N/A | VA | | | Org. 27 July 1871 | Ended May 1941 | Provisional Department organized 10 February 1868. Permanent Department of Virginia organized 27 July 1871. Name changed to Dept. of Virginia and North Carolina 20 May 1892. The Department came to a close in May 1941 with the death of its last member, Charles Grandy. | Beath, 1889; Carnahan, 1893; National Encampment Proceedings, 1941 |
| 001 | | Grant | Richmond | --- | VA | GEN Ulysses Simpson Grant 1822-1885), famous Civil War leader, later US President. | | | | The Post (known then as Post No. 1) was in existence by May 1869, when it observed Memorial Day. It was present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871. | The National Memorial Day, 1869; Beath, 1889 |
| 001 | 3, 4, 5 | Farragut | Portsmouth | Norfolk (Chesapeake) | VA | ADM David Glasgow Farragut (1801-1870), famous Civil War leader. | Temperance Hall (1902) | Chart'd 27 Sept. 1871 | | The Post went through four number assignments during its history, starting as Post No. 5, Dept. of the Potomac. Its number was changed to 4, then 3, in 1869. | History of Farragut Post No. 1, 1890; Hill's Directory of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkly, 1902 |
| 002 | | Sheridan | Richmond | --- | VA | MG Philip Henry Sheridan (1831-1888), famous Civil War leader. | | | | Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871. | Beath, 1889 |
| 002 | | Cailloux | Norfolk | --- | VA | CPT André Cailloux (1825-1863), Co. E, 1st LA Native Guard (later 73rd USCT). KIA at the Battle of Port Hudson, LA, on 27 May 1863. One of the first black federal combat casualties of the Civil War. | Virginia Hall (1902) | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | Hill's Directory of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkly, 1902 |
| 003 | | Fair Oaks | Richmond | --- | DC/VA | | | Chart'd 16 Sept. 1867 | | Chartered under the Dept. of Potomac 16 Sept. 1867, transferred to Dept. of Virginia on 12 Feb. 1868. | Dept. of Potomac Proceedings, 1894 |
| 003 | | Post No. 3 | Norfolk | --- | VA | No namesake. Known only by its number. | | | | The Post (known then as Post No. 3) was in existence by May 1869, when it observed Memorial Day. It was present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871. | The National Memorial Day, 1869; Beath, 1889 |
| 003 | 1, 4, 5 | Farragut | Portsmouth | Norfolk (Chesapeake) | VA | ADM David Glasgow Farragut (1801-1870), famous Civil War leader. | | Renumbered from Post No. 4 | Number changed to 1 in 1871 | There is confusion in the 1890 History of Farragut Post, No. 1, as to when exactly it's number was changed from 4 to 3. The History states that the change occurred in August, 1879, but this is clearly a typographic error. | History of Farragut Post No. 1, 1890 |
| 003 | | Thomas F. Meagher | Soldiers' Home | Elizabeth City (Hampton) | VA | BG Thomas Francis Meagher (1823-1867), famous Civil War leader. | | | | | |
| 004 | 1, 3, 5 | Farragut | Portsmouth | Norfolk (Chesapeake) | DC | ADM David Glasgow Farragut (1801-1870), famous Civil War leader. | | Renumbered from Post No. 5, about 26 Aug. 1869 | Number changed to 3 | The Post number was changed to 4 by Department Order No. 4 about 26 Aug. 1869. It was known as Farragut Post, No. 4, when the Posts of the Provisional Department met on 27 July 1871 to organize a Permanent Department. ADM Farragut was adopted as the Post namesake probably in Sept. 1870 (the 1890 History says it was in Sept. 1869, which is too early). | Beath, 1889; History of Farragut Post No. 1, 1890 |
| 004 | | Dahlgren | Norfolk | --- | VA | Rear ADM John Adolphus Bernard Dahlgren (1809-1870), famous Civil War leader. | Williams' Hall (1902) | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | Hill's Directory of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkly, 1902 |
| 005 | 1, 3, 4 | Post No. 5 | Portsmouth | Norfolk (Chesapeake) | DC | No namesake. Known only by its number. | | Chart'd 25 Feb. 1869 | Number changed to 4 about 26 Aug. 1869 | Organized under the Department of the Potomac, and chartered on 25 Feb. 1869. It's name was changed to Post No. 4 about 26 Aug. 1869, and later to No. 3, and finally to No. 1. It was the predecessor to Farragut Post, No. 1. | History of Farragut Post No. 1, 1890 |
| 005 | | Ellsworth | Alexandria | --- | VA | COL Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth (1837-1861), colonel in the New York Fire Zouaves (11th N.Y. Inf.), who was the first Union casualty of the Civil War, killed by a pro-Confederacy innkeeper in Alexandria, VA, on 24 May 1861. Civil War hero and martyr. | | | | Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871. | Beath, 1889 |
| 005 | | Shaw | Norfolk | --- | VA | | Brown's Hall (1902) | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | Hill's Directory of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkly, 1902 |

Grand Army of the Republic Posts - Historical Summary

| No. | Alt. No. | Post Name | Location | County | Dept. | Post Namesake | Meeting Place(s) | Organized | Last Mentioned | Notes | Source(s) |
|-----|----------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|--|---|-----------|----------------|--|--|
| 006 | | Theodore Winthrop | Hampton | --- | VA | MAJ Theodore Winthrop (1828-1861), Aide-de-Camp to MG Benjamin Butler, KIA at Big Bethel, VA, on 3 June 1861. | | | | Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871. | Beath, 1889 |
| 007 | | Platt | Portsmouth | Norfolk (Chesapeake) | VA | | | | | Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871. | Beath, 1889 |
| 007 | | Silas Fellows | Portsmouth | Norfolk (Chesapeake) | VA | | Webster's Hall (1902) | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | Hill's Directory of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkly, 1902 |
| 008 | | Cailloux | Norfolk | --- | VA | CPT André Cailloux (1825-1863), Co. E, 1st LA Native Guard (later 73rd USCT), KIA at the Battle of Port Hudson, LA, on 27 May 1863. One of the first black federal combat casualties of the Civil War. | | | | Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871. | Beath, 1889 |
| 008 | | Lincoln | Norfolk City | --- | VA | Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th President of the United States. | | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | |
| 009 | | George H. Thomas | Hampton | --- | VA | MG George Henry Thomas (1816-1870), famous Civil War leader. | | | | Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871. | Beath, 1889 |
| 009 | | James A. Garfield | Hampton | --- | VA | MG James Abram Garfield (1831-1881), Civil War leader and later US President (assassinated). | | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | |
| 010 | | J. T. Greble | Hampton | --- | VA | LTC. John Trout Greble (1834-1861), 2nd US Lt. Art. KIA at Big Bethel, VA, on 10 June 1861. | | | | Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871. | Beath, 1889 |
| 010 | | Phil Kearney | Richmond | --- | VA | MG Philip Kearny, Jr. (1815-1862), KIA at Chantilly, VA, on 1 Sept. 1862. Famous Civil War leader. | 908 Capitol (1886); Wilkinson Hall, Ninth Street (1896); Ellett's Hall (1907) | 1882 | | This Post had an unusually close relationship with Robert E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans, also based in Richmond. They at one time shared a meeting hall, and collaborated to establish a Confederate Veterans Home. | Poindexter, Charles, 1896, Richmond Hand-book and Guide; Evans, Edward, 1907, Encyclopaedic Guide to Richmond. |
| 011 | | A. Lincoln | Hampton | --- | VA | Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th President of the United States. | | | | Present when the Permanent Department was organized in 1871. | Beath, 1889 |
| 011 | | George Armstrong Custer | Richmond | --- | VA | MG George Armstrong Custer (1839-1876). KIA at Little Bighorn, MT, on 25 June 1876. Famous Civil War (and Indian Wars) leader. | | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | |
| 012 | | Draper | Deep Creek | Norfolk (Chesapeake) | VA | | | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | |
| 013 | | Harrison Phoebus | Soldiers' Home | Elizabeth City (Hampton) | VA | QM Sgt. Harrison Phoebus (1840-1886), 11th MD Inf., a leading citizen of Hampton after the Civil War. | | | | | |
| 014 | | Joe Hooker | Yorktown | York | VA | MG Joseph Hooker (1814-1879), famous Civil War leader. | | | | | |
| 016 | | E. O. C. Ord | Soldiers' Home | Elizabeth City (Hampton) | VA | MG Edward Otho Cresap Ord (1818-1883), famous Civil War leader. | | | | | |
| 017 | | John K. Clay | Hampton | --- | VA | | | | | | |
| 018 | | Grant | Eastville | Northampton | VA | Gen. Ulysses Simpson Grant (1822-1885), famous Civil War leader, later US President. | | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | |
| 019 | | Sherman | Savageville | Accomack | VA | MG William Tecumseh Sherman (1820-1891), famous Civil War leader. | | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | |
| 021 | | Burnside | Franktown | Northampton | VA | MG Ambrose Everett Burnside (1824-1881), famous Civil War leader. | | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | |
| 023 | | Hancock | Clairemont | Surry | VA | | | | | | |
| 024 | | R. Justin Moore | Shoulders Hill | Nansemond (Suffolk) | VA | | | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | |
| 025 | | Worden | Norfolk | --- | VA | | | | | | |
| 026 | | John A. Logan | Chesapeake City | --- | VA | MG John Alexander Logan (1826-1886), famous Civil War leader. | | Org. 1887 | | | National Tribune, 21 Apr. 1887 |
| 027 | | Tracy | Berkley | Norfolk (Norfolk City) | VA | | | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | |
| 028 | | Holloway | Bayview | Northampton | VA | | | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | |

Grand Army of the Republic Posts - Historical Summary

| No. | Alt. No. | Post Name | Location | County | Dept. | Post Namesake | Meeting Place(s) | Organized | Last Mentioned | Notes | Source(s) |
|-----|----------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|--|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|--|---|
| 029 | | John L. Nelson | Centerville | Fairfax | VA | | | | | | |
| 030 | | Mulligan | Winchester | --- | VA | COL James Adelbert Mulligan (1829-1864), 23rd IL Inf., died at Winchester, VA, on 26 July 1864, from wounds received at the 2nd Battle of Kernstown on 23 July 1864. | Red Men's Hall (1890) | Org. 17 May 1888 | | The principal officers of the Post acquired Stribling Springs in Augusta County, VA, in September 1897, with the intention of organizing a colony under the auspices of Mulligan Post, No. 30. | Alexandria Gazette, 18 May 1888; History of the Lower Shenandoah Valley, 1890; Staunton Spectator and Vindicator, 16 Sept. 1897 |
| 031 | | S. E. Bickford | Tanners Creek Cross Roads | | VA | 1LT Selwyn Eugene Bickford (c.1830 -1887), Co. G, 6th MA Inf. A member of Post 17 in Hampton, he was Department Commander in 1887, but resigned due to ill health and died 17 Dec. 1887. | | | | | |
| 034 | | William Teemer | Tunis Station (Oceana) | Princess Anne (Virginia Beach) | VA | Probably SGT William Teemer, Co. G, 1st US Colored Cav. | | | | | |
| 036 | | Peter J. Carter | Mappsville | Accomack | VA | PVT Peter Jacob Carter (1845-1886), Co. B, 10th US Colored Inf. One of the first African-Americans to serve in Virginia government. | | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | |
| 037 | | George W. Coles | Pungoteague | Accomack | VA | | | | | | |
| 044 | | Gen. W. T. Sherman | Hampton | Elizabeth City (Hampton) | VA | MG William Tecumseh Sherman (1820-1891), famous Civil War leader. | | | | | |
| 045 | | G. Thomas | Petersburg | --- | VA | MG George Henry Thomas (1816-1870), famous Civil War leader. | | | | | |
| 046 | | Thomas P. Davis | Alexandria | --- | VA | | | | | | |
| 047 | | G. B. McClelland | Soldiers' Home | Elizabeth City (Hampton) | VA | MG George Brinton McClellan (1826-1885), famous Civil War leader. | | | | | |
| 048 | | Roanoke | Roanoke | --- | VA | Named for the town in which it was established. | | Must'd 1892 | | Mustered by Albert E. Shales "a few weeks ago," according to the National Tribune of 1 Sept. 1892. | National Tribune, 1 Sept. 1892 |
| 049 | | B. F. Butler | Suffolk | Nansemond (Suffolk) | VA | MG Benjamin Franklin Butler (1818-1893), famous Civil War leader. | | | | | |
| 051 | | S. C. Armstrong | Gloucester Court House | Gloucester | VA | | | | | | |
| 052 | | James Mitchell | Comland | Norfolk (Chesapeake) | VA | | | | | | |
| 053 | | Harmon Newell | Portsmouth | Norfolk (Chesapeake) | VA | | Elks' Hall (1902) | | | Listed as Newell-Worden Post, No 53 in the 1902 Directory. | Hill's Directory of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkly, 1902 |
| 054 | | Steadman | Petersburg | --- | VA | MG James Blair Steedman (1817-1883), famous Civil War leader. | | | | Noted as an African American GAR Post in The Won Cause (Gannon, 2011). | |
| 064 | | COL P. T. Woodfin | Soldiers' Home | Elizabeth City (Hampton) | VA | 1LT Philip Trasher Woodfin (? - 1901), 16th MA Lt. Art. Governor of the Nat'l Soldiers Home at Hampton from 1893 until the time of his death. | | | | | |

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 Edited by Dean Enderlin, SUVCW National GAR Records Officer, 30 June 2013

Last updated: 7/9/2018