PART TWO

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes; to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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THE FORMATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

General Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces in France called a representative meeting of all the Divisions to consider the conditions of the American soldiers then in Europe. This meeting was called in Paris, February 15, 1919, and Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., First Division, who was host and who sponsored the meeting, was elected Temporary Chairman, and Lieutenant Colonel Eric Wood, 88th Division, was elected Temporary Secretary. This meeting resulted in the calling of a caucus to meet at the American Club, Paris, France, on March 15, 16, and 17, 1919. At this meeting approximately one thousand delegates attended, representative of all the branches of service and ranging in rank from private to general. President Woodrow Wilson, then in Paris, was invited to address the meeting. After much deliberation the name "The American Legion" was given to the newly organized body, but it was agreed, however, that no steps be taken to form a permanent organization or the adoption of policies and principles, until these were considered and acted upon by the other members of the armed force of the United States who had been retained in America.

On May, 8-9-10-1919, about twelve hundred delegates, representing every State in the Union, met at St. Louis, Mo. (the St. Louis Caucus), approved the name "The American Legion," adopted a tentative constitution, made plans to perfect an organization in each state, and set the date of the First National Convention, November 11, 1919, and the place Minneapolis, Minn. Plans were also drawn up for the adoption of a charter and application was made to the Congress of the United States for this grant. Known as the House of Representative Bill No. 6808, the charter of The American Legion was granted by the 66th Congress on September 16, 1919, and was signed by the President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, on October 16, 1919.

THE BIRTH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA THE AMERICAN LEGION

Colonel Alexander Lawton, Jr., of Savannah, and Captain Lansing B. Lee, of Augusta, were present at the Paris caucus and were commissioned by the presiding officer, Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., to attend to the formation of The American Legion in the State of Georgia, U. S. A. Upon their return to the United States intervening duties prevented these orders being carried out by Colonel Lawton and Captain Lee. Colonel Roosevelt then took the matter up with the Governor of the State of Georgia, his excellency, Hugh Dorsey. Governor Dorsey appointed his brother, Colonel Roy Dorsey, Major Trammell Scott, both of Atlanta, Colonel Lawton of Savannah and Captain Lee of Augusta, as a committee to attend to the inauguration of the Legion in the State. However, it fell to the lot of Major Trammell Scott to perfect arrangements for this purpose.

Major Scott called a meeting of the veterans of the World War and their friends, in Taft Hall, Sunday night, May 4, 1919, in Atlanta, Georgia. The aims and principles of the proposed organization of World War veterans were discussed. Many favorable expressions were voiced by the men present, some of whom, though not eligible to membership, greatly favored and desired to support the movement. Governor Dorsey; Colonel A. Levy, in behalf of General Sturgis of Camp Gordon, who was unable to attend;

Colonel Roy Dorsey and Howard T. Cree, representative of the War Camp Community Service, expressed encouragement and willingness to aid. The principal business, however, was the election of delegates to the National meeting of the World War veterans to be held in St. Louis, Mo., May 8, 9, 10, 1919, now known as the St. Louis Caucus. The delegates elected were, Louis H. Bell, Basil Stockbridge, D. B. McCalib, James G. Juett, James A Drake, a private who was wounded at St. Quentin, France, and Robert L. Wilson, a bugler of the old Fifth Regiment, Georgia National Guard, whose expenses to the St. Louis meeting was guaranteed by Mr. C. W. McClure, a prominent and public spirited citizen of Atlanta. These men were instructed to become well acquainted with the aims and purposes of the proposed organization and to report to the next meeting of the Georgia veterans.

In the mean time, an application was made for a charter, and a temporary charter was issued the Department (then known as the "Branch") of Georgia on May 24, 1919. This charter reads as follows:

The Temporary Charter
The American Legion

(Organized in Paris, France, March 15, 16, 17, 1919, and St. Louis, Mo., May 8, 9, 10, 1919).

Temporary Headquarters 19 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y.

CHARTER FOR STATE ORGANIZATION FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA

This is to certify that pursuant to authority vested in the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, a charter is hereby granted to

CHAIRMAN TRAMMELL SCOTT
SECRETARY LOUIS H. BELL

for the formation of a State organization of The American Legion in the State of Georgia.

This charter is granted on the following terms and conditions:

1. All acts heretofore duly and properly taken for the formation of a State organization are recognized and confirmed by the National Executive Committee.

2. The above named persons are authorized to take the necessary steps for the incorporation of a State organization under the laws of the State of Georgia to be called The American Legion, Georgia Branch.

3. The general purpose of State organization shall be stated substantially according to the declaration of principles accepted by the Paris caucus and the preamble of the National constitution adopted at the St. Louis caucus; and the State organization shall be conducted in accordance with the principles therein stated.

4. The said State organization shall conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the National Executive Committee or other constituted National governing body of The American Legion.

5. This charter is subject to revocation for good cause by the National Executive Committee, prior to the National Convention for permanent organization to be held November 11, 1919 and after that date by such national governing body as may be constituted.

In witness whereof we set our hands this the 24th day of May, 1919

HENRY D. LINDSLEY
Chairman National Executive Com.
ERIC FISHER WOOD
Secretary National Executive Com.

TRAMMELL SCOTT
Organizing Chairman

Trammell Scott was born on October 4, 1886, at Dalton, Whitfield County, Georgia, the son of Samuel B. and Mary Trammell Scott. After an attendance at the public schools in Atlanta, and graduation from the Peacock School for Boys, Atlanta, in 1907 with a B. S. degree, Trammell Scott attended the Georgia Military Academy of College Park, and the University of Georgia, Athens.

As a student officer at the First Officers' Training Camp at Fort McPherson, Trammell Scott was commissioned on August 15, 1917 as a Captain of Infantry. Assigned to the 328th Infantry, 82nd Division, he won

his promotion as Major while still in service in France. He was cited for bravery in action.

Trammell Scott was organizing chairman

TRAMMELL SCOTT
Temporary Chairman

of The American Legion in Georgia. He was a member of and served as Junior vice-Commander of Atlanta Post No. 1, and in the formative period of his post and in the department he took a very active part. In the anti-Watson-Hardwick campaign, which faced the newly organized Georgia Department, Trammell Scott was chairman of the committee which controlled and directed the activities of The Legion. In later years, after the inauguration of Junior Baseball by the Legion Trammell Scott has been a leader in this feature of community service.

LOUIS H. BELL
Temporary Secretary

Elected by the organizing committee as Temporary Secretary of the "Georgia Branch, The American Legion," Louis H. Bell served.

"The Proceedings and Committees, caucus of The American Legion, St. Louis, Mo., May 8, 9, 10, 1919" gives this information:

"Bell, Louis H., Captain, 47 Prado St., Atlanta, Ga., 20th Machine Gun Battalion, Camp Hancock, Editor."

Other information concerning this early official of The Legion in Georgia is that "he had red hair and was about five foot, ten or eleven inches tall."

THE SAINT LOUIS CAUCUS
St. Louis, Mo. May 8, 9, 10, 1919

The "Proceedings and Committee—Caucus of The American Legion" dated St. Louis, Mo., May 8, 9, 10, 1919, gives a most intimate account of the delegates to this preliminary meeting of the National organization.

Concerning the Department of Georgia, this report contains the following information:

Advance Committee, Louis H. Bell, 47 Prado, Atlanta, Ga.

LIST OF DELEGATES, GEORGIA

BELL, Louis H., Rank, Captain; Address, 47 Prado St., Atlanta, Ga.; Org., 20th MG Bat., Camp Hancock; Occupation, Editor.

JUETT, J. G., Rank, Lieutenant, Address, 12 Ponce de Leon Place, Atlanta, Ga.; Org., Regmt. Hdqtrs., 122nd Inf.; Occupation, Newspaper writer.

SIEBERT, Eugene, Rank, 1st Lieut.; Address, 52 Whitehall, Atlanta, Ga.; Org., 437 Det Eng. Corps, 1st Gas Regmt.; Occupation, Auditor.

STOCKBRIDGE, Basil, Rank, Captain; Address, 35 E 10th St., Atlanta, Ga.; Org., 122nd Inf.; Occupation, Lawyer.

WILSON, Robert L., Rank, Bugler; Address, 287 Capitol Ave., Atlanta; Org., 122nd Inf.; Occupation, Clerk and student.

In the election of chairman of the caucus, Henry D. Lindsley of Texas and John J. Sullivan of Washington State were candidates Georgia being allowed TWENTY-EIGHT VOTES cast these for Lindsley who was elected.

Lieutenant Lynn Evans of Louisville, Ky., was nominated for the Second Vice Chairman against Petty Officer Goerke of New York. On the first ballot Georgia voted TWENTY-EIGHT VOTES for Evans; on the second ballot, Georgia cast FOURTEEN VOTES for Evans and FOURTEEN VOTES for Goerke; the withdrawal of all opposition from the field gave the position to Goerke.

In the election for Third Vice Commander, Georgia voted for Major Leonard.

In the selection of the next convention city Georgia voted for Minneapolis, Minnesota.

COMMITTEES OF THE CAUCUS

The Department of Georgia as were other Departments given a place on nearly all of the Committees of the Caucus. These were:

Constitution, Declaration of Principles, By-Laws, L. H. Bell ---------- Georgia
On Publication, L. H. Bell ---------- Georgia
On Resolutions, Eugene Siebert ---- Georgia
On Organization, Robt. L. Wilson -- Georgia
On Credentials, J. G. Juett ------- Georgia
Permanent Headquarters, Eugene Siebert ---------- Georgia
Next Place and Time, Robert L. Wilson ---------- Georgia
Emblem, J. G. Juett ---------- Georgia
Name, No Appointment From ---- Georgia
Finance, Eugene Siebert ---------- Georgia

The official records do not show that Basil Stockbridge served on any committee; these committees being appointed prior to his arrival in the convention city, his name was omitted. Basil Stockbridge, however, served on the Constitution, Declaration of Principles and By-laws Committee. The present Preamble of the Constitution is the result of intensive and sincere deliberation on the part of this Committee. After hours of consideration it seemed impossible to reach a decision but upon the recommendation of Basil Stockbridge the slips of paper, upon which each member of this committee had written what he deemed appropriate to incorporate in this foreword, were collected and Basil Stockbridge, being the only typist in the body, wrote a composite expression of the ideas, eliminating duplication, each individual had expressed. Thus was the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion written.

THE INCORPORATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION IN GEORGIA

To, as it were, copyright the name "The American Legion" in Georgia thereby preventing its use and adoption by various other veterans organizations who were attempting to organize in the State, papers of incorporation were drawn up. The National Body of the American Legion was not chartered by Congress until September 1919, so this incorporation by the Legionnaires of Georgia preceded the charter of the National organization by three months. This incorporation is:

Georgia, Fulton County:

To the Superior Court of said County: The petition of Roy Dorsey, Homer Watkins, Asa Warren Candler, Trammell Scott, Joel B. Mallet, Robert B. Troutman, E. Warren Moise, Basil Stockbridge, John J. Rogers, Louis H. Bell, Herman E. Riddell, Elliott E. Cheatham, William H. Worrell, and Robert L. Wilson, all of Fulton County, Georgia; Alexander R. Lawton, Junior, of Chatham County, Georgia, Cooper D. Winn, Junior, of Bibb County, Georgia, Lansing Lee, of Richmond County, Georgia, Robert L. McWhorter, of Clarke County, Georgia and Louis S. Moore of Thomas County, Georgia, respectfully shows:

1

That they desire for themselves, their associates, and successors, to be incorporated and made a body politic as a cooperative, patriotic and social organization under the name and style of

THE AMERICAN LEGION
(GEORGIA DIVISION)

for the term of twenty years, with the privilege of renewal at the expiration of that period.

2

Said corporation has no capital stock and is not organized for pecuniary gain, but solely for the promotion of the objects and purposes hereinafter more fully set forth.

3

The principal office of said corporation shall be located in the city of Atlanta, State and County aforesaid, but it is desired that the corporation shall have the power to organize and establish local branches or subdivisions as may from time to time be provided for in its corporate By-laws or to be authorized by the national organization of The American Legion of which this corporation shall become an integral part.

4

Petitioners desire the right to assume such obligations and transact such business as may be necessary to the proper development and successful conduct of its affairs, and in pursuance of the objects for which said corporation is created.

5

The principal objects of said corporation are those which are set forth and declared by The American Legion organized throughout the United States, the same being as follows:

(a) To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America:

(b) To maintain law and order.

(c) To foster and perpetuate a thorough going and undivided spirit of loyalty to American traditions, American principles, American institutions and the American form of government;

(d) To preserve the memories, incidents and associations growing out of the participation of ourselves and our comrades in the Great War against the Central Empires of Europe;

(e) To inculcate a solemn sense of individual obligation and devotion to the interests of the community, the State and the Nation;

(f) To combat the autocracy of either the Classes or the Masses, and to discourage all tendency towards class animosities;

(g) To make right the master of might;

(h) To promote peace and good will on earth;

(i) To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy as exemplified in the manner in which the United States and its associated belligerents successfully prosecuted the recent war upon the Central Empires of Europe; and

(j) To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness and by our adherence to the principles hereinbefore enunciated.

6

Said corporation desires the right to receive and expend gifts, subscriptions and donations, and to have all the powers usually granted to an eleemosynary corporation under the laws of this State, and to have the power to purchase and hold real estate sufficient for the actual occupation and necessary uses of said corporation, and receive by gifts or devise, property of any kind, and to carry on such charitable purposes as the members of said corporation shall desire; and to that end to receive contributions and gifts of whatsoever character, and to expend and distribute the same as it shall, from time to time, determine so to do.

7

It is the purpose of the petitioners to have said corporation become affiliated with similar organizations created in the several States, and to become organized as an integral part of the national organization of The American Legion and to such extent as shall be necessary, it will observe and comply with the tenets of the latter, in so far as the same are neither inconsistent with, nor repugnant to, the purposes herein set forth.

WHEREFORE, Petitioners pray to be incorporated under the name and style aforesaid, with the powers, privileges and immunities herein set forth, and as are now, or may be hereafter be, allowed a corporation of similar character under the laws of Georgia.

ROY DORSEY
ROBT. B. TROUTMAN
BASIL STOCKBRIDGE
HERMAN RIDDELL
Attorneys for Petitioners.

This petition was granted, as follows:

It is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that the prayers of said petition are hereby granted, and petitioners therein, their successors and assigns, are hereby incorporated under the name and style of The American Legion (Georgia Division), for and during a period of twenty years, with the privilege of renewal at the expiration of that time according to the laws of Georgia; and that said petitioners and their successors are hereby vested with and granted all the rights, powers and privileges mentioned in said petition.

This the 17th day of July, 1919.

JOHN D. HUMPHRIES
Judge S. C. A. C.

State of Georgia,
County of Fulton

I, Arnold Broyles, Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the application of Roy Dorsey, Homer Watkins, Asa Warren Candler, Trammell Scott, Joel B. Mallet, Robert B. Troutman, E. Warren Moise, Basil Stockbridge, John J. Rogers, Louis H. Bell, Herman E. Riddell, Elliott E. Cheatham, William H. Worrell, Robert L. Wilson, Alexander R. Lawton, Junior, Cooper D. Winn, Junior, Lansing Lee, Robert L. McWhorter, Louis D. Moore, to become incorporated under the name and style of

THE AMERICAN LEGION
(Georgia Division)

and the Order of his Honor, John D. Humphries, one of the Judges of said Court, granting same, all of which appear on file and record in said court.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this the 17th day of July, 1919.

ARNOLD BROYLES
Clerk Superior Court Fulton
County, Ga.

This record of the incorporation of The American Legion, Georgia Department, is Number 6369, Fulton Superior Court Files in the office of the Clerk, Arnold Broyles, on the 13th day of June, 1919, and listed as "Roy Dorsey et al., Charter The American Legion (Georgia Division)."

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN GEORGIA

First: McIntosh, Liberty, Bryan, Evans, Tattnall, Chatham, Bullock, Candler, Effingham, Screven, Jenkins, Burke.

Second: Thomas, Grady, Decatur, Seminole, Early, Miller, Baker, Mitchell, Colquitt, Tift, Worth, Dougherty, Calhoun.

Third: Clay, Randolph, Terrell, Lee, Turner, Ben Hill, Crisp, Dooly, Sumter, Webster, Stewart, Quitman, Schley, Macon, Taylor.

Fourth: Chattahoochee, Marion, Muscogee, Harris, Talbot, Troup, Meriwether, Heard, Coweta, Carroll.

Fifth: Douglas, Campbell, Fulton, DeKalb, Rockdale.

Sixth: Peach, Crawford, Bibb, Upson, Lamar, Monroe, Pike, Spalding, Butts, Jasper, Henry, Jones, Fayette, Clayton.

Seventh: Haralson, Paulding, Cobb, Bartow, Floyd, Gordon, Chatooga, Walker, Dade, Catoosa, Whitfield, Murray.

Eighth: Newton, Morgan, Putnam, Oconee, Greene, Clarke, Oglethorpe, Wilkes, Madison, Elbert, Hart, Franklin.

Ninth: Gwinnett, Barrow, Jackson, Hall, Forsyth, Milton, Cherokee, Pickens, Dawson, Lumpkin, White, Banks, Stephens, Habersham, Rabun, Towns, Union, Fannin, Gilmer.

Tenth: Lincoln, Columbia, Richmond, McDuffie, Warren, Taliaferro, Glascock, Jefferson, Washington, Hancock, Baldwin, Wilkinson.

Eleventh: Camden, Glynn, Charlton, Wayne, Appling, Bacon, Pierce, Ware, Jeff Davis, Coffee, Clinch, Echols, Lowndes, Brooks, Cook, Berrien, Irwin.

Twelfth: Wilcox, Telfair, Dodge, Pulaski, Bleckley, Houston, Twiggs, Laurens, Johnson, Emanuel, Toombs, Montgomery, Wheeler.

THE SECOND PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT

Upon the return of the five Georgia delegates from the St. Louis Caucus, a second meeting was called in Atlanta.

Major Trammell Scott, Temporary Chairman of the Georgia Branch, had resigned on account of ill health, so Colonel Homer Watkins acted as Chairman while Captain Louis H. Bell, the Temporary Secretary was present at this meeting.

Reports were made by each of the delegates and these reports were favorably received. It was determined to call a caucus of the entire State. This State-wide meeting was called in Macon on July 11, 1919, and notification was sent to all interested veterans throughout the State of Georgia.

The State Caucus, Macon, Ga., July 11, 1919, resulted in the election of General Walter A. Harris, of Macon, Ga., as Chairman, with the other officers as follows:

Vice Chairman---William H. Beck, Griffin
Secretary--------C. Baxter Jones, Macon
Treasurer-----James A. Bankston, Atlanta
Committeemen: State at Large, Homer Watkins, Atlanta, Cooper D. Winn, Macon.

Committeemen Congressional Districts:
First----------Sam Cann, Savannah
Second--------Louis S. Moore, Tomasville
Third------Barry D. Schneider, Americus
Fourth------Ronald B. Warren, Columbus
Fifth----------Sinclair S. Jacobs, Atlanta
Sixth------Homer A. Jordan, Monticello
Seventh----------T. E. Grafton, Rome
Eighth---------W. H. Meadows, Athens
Ninth-------Edgar B. Dunlap, Gainesville
Tenth----------Lansing B. Lee, Augusta
Eleventh---------Warren Lott, Waycross
Twelfth----------Roy A. Flynt, Dublin

GENERAL WALTER A. HARRIS CHAIRMAN

Walter Alexander Harris was born in Macon, Georgia on November 17, 1875, the son of Nathaniel Edwin and Fannie Burke Harris. He finished Gresham High School in 1891 and graduated from the University of Georgia in 1895 with an A.B., B.L., and LL.D. degrees.

As Captain of the 3rd Georgia Infantry, U. S. V., Walter A. Harris served during the Spanish American War in Cuba. In the Georgia National Guard, Walter A. Harris has

WALTER A. HARRIS, Chairman

served in all grades, up to and including the rank of Major General, retired. On the Mexican Border in 1916-1917 he commanded the Georgia Brigade. As Brigadier General Walter A. Harris commanded the 61st Infantry Brigade, 31st Division, during the World War.

General Harris was Chairman of the Georgia Division, American Legion in 1919, and was one of the charter members of the National organization He served as Commander of his home Post, The Joseph N. Neel, Jr., No. 3, Macon, Ga., 1928-29.

General Harris is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Chi Phi, Phi Beta Kappa Fraternities.

On January 9, 1901, Walter A. Harris married Miss Emily Williamson, of Macon, Ga.

CAPTAIN CHARLES BAXTER JONES SECRETARY

Charles Baxter Jones was born in Macon, Ga., October 24, 1895, the son of George S. and Roberta Hardeman Jones.

C. BAXTER JONES, Secretary

He graduated from Mercer University in 1915 with the degrees of A.B. and LL.B. and from Yale University in 1917 with a LL.B. Entering the first officer's training camp at Fort McPherson, Ga., in May, C. Baxter Jones received his commission as Second Lieutenant. On August 1st, 1917, Lieutenant Jones was assigned to Camp Gordon, Ga. On December 31st, 1917 he was promoted to a First Lieutenant and on September 16, 1918 he received his Captaincy. He was discharged from Camp Gordon on February 18, 1919, having served in the following organizations, 327th Infantry, 7th Training Battalion, 157th Depot Brigade Infantry, Replacement and Training Company, 157th Depot Brigade and as Chief Gas Officer.

Captain Jones was elected as Secretary of the American Legion, Georgia Branch in 1919, serving under General Walter A. Harris. He is a member of the Joseph N. Neel, Jr., Post No. 3, American Legion, Macon, Ga. He was a delegate to the Minneapolis Convention in 1919, representing the Georgia Branch of the Legion.

Captain Jones on January 18, 1918, married Miss Carolyn Cater of Perry, Georgia. Their children are C. Baxter Jones, Jr., Roberta H. Jones, Frank Cater Jones.

Captain Jones is now practicing his profession in Macon under the law firm, of Jones, Jones, Johnson and Russell.

General Walter A. Harris, newly elected State Chairman, called an Executive Committee meeting in Macon, on September 11, 1919, to be held on the sixth floor of the Citizens and Southern Bank Building. Present at this meeting were:

Roy A. Flynt, Dublin; Homer A. Jordan, Monticello; Lansing B. Lee, Augusta; T. E. Grafton, Rome; W. K. Meadows, Athens; Ronald B. Warner, Columbus; and Sinclair S. Jacobs, Atlanta.

This Committee passed two resolutions:

1. "That the officers and members of the Executive Committee assemble in Atlanta on the 14th of October, the day before the convention, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of finally arranging the program."

2. "In as much as Georgia is somewhat behind in other States in the organization of local posts, and in as much as it is desirable to have a post in every county in the State, before the date of the State Convention, be it, therefore, resolved, That the Executive Committeeman from each Congressional District make a personal effort to organize a post in each county in his district, and that the Secretary advise each absent member of the resolution—by sending him a copy."

At the time of this Committee meeting, September 11, 1919, twenty-one posts had been organized. These were:

Laurens County Post at Dublin, Roy A. Flynt, Secretary.

Hall County Post at Gainesville.

Baldwin County Post at Milledgeville, James F. Muldrow, Sec.

Richmond County Post at Augusta, E. I. Ransom, Secretary.

Taliaferro County Post at Crawfordville, R. R. Gunn, Secretary.

Glynn County Post at Brunswick, James D. Gould, Jr., Secretary.

Camden County Post at St. Mary's, James T. Vocelle, Secretary.

Ware County Post at Waycross, W. C. Lee, Secretary.

Lowndes County, Post at Valdosta, Terry T. Hendricks, Secretary.

Coffee County Post at Douglas, J. A. Roberts, Secretary.

Tift County Post at Tifton, M. E. Phillips, Secretary.

Early County Post at Baxley, P. H. Fitzgerald, Secretary.

Sumter County Post at Americus, J. G. Holst, Secretary.

Elbert County Post at Elberton, Howard B. Payne, Secretary.

Wilkes County Post at Washington, R. I. Fanning, Secretary.

Clarke County Post at Athens, Howard T. Abney, Secretary.

Putnam County Post at Eatonton, Joseph D. Duke, Secretary.

Fulton County Post at Atlanta, Basil Stockbridge, Commander.

Bibb County Post at Macon, Lincoln McConnell, Secretary.

Jasper County Post at Monticello, Fred Jordan, Secretary.

Floyd County Post at Rome, T. E. Grafton, Secretary.

No Post had been organized in the First and in the Fourth Congressional Districts at the time of this meeting.

The Executive Committee of the Department at this meeting also fixed the place and the date of the First Convention of The American Legion, Georgia Branch, and legislated upon the representation of each Post in the State at this convention. Atlanta, the birth-place of the Legion in Georgia was given the honor of holding the first Departmental Convention, and the date was set for October 15 and 16, 1919.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES ON ARRANGEMENTS (all of Atlanta)

General

Roy Dorsey, Chairman, W. P. Waters, Jr., Marion Smith, Eugene Oberdorfer, Jr., William Mathews.

Finance

James F. Alexander, Walter B. Elcock, James A. Bankston, Manuel Mannassee, Chat Cheatham.

Program

Claude C. Smith, Dr. W. C. Lyle, Moise A. Kaplan, James A. Drake, Joseph H. Williams, Jr., Charles W. Anderson, John L. Westmoreland, Raymond N. Snead, Victor, Clifford V. Anderson.

Liaison

William Mathews, W. T. Waters. Jr., R. C. Thompson, Harry A. Sappington, E. Warren Moise, George Scott Candler, J. W. Reynolds.

Printing

James E. Eichberry, Evan F. Slider, Herman E. Diddell, Kirk Smith, Jr., Robert L. Watson, Jr.

Reception

Joel B. Mallett, Chairman, Robert B. Troutman, Frank W. Allcorn, Alex. Schlisinger, Hunter Perry, Dr. F. E. May, Dr. Sinclair S. Jacobs, Philip L'Engle, J. R. Cooke, J. L. Harrison, Clarke Howell, Jr., C. E. Doremus, William Kingdom, Palmer Blackburn, W. H. Parker, Asa Warren Candler, Franklin S. Chalmers, Thomas S. Scott, Dr. Walpole Brewer, Captain Harold Colvocoressess, Colonel Benjamin L. Bailey.

Publicity

C. E. Doremus, Chairman, Willard Cope, Ward S. Green, Clarke Howell, Jr., Burton Clarke.

MINUTES
FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION
AMERICAN LEGION
GEORGIA DIVISION

Atlanta, Georgia, October 15, 16, 1919.

"The convention was called to order by Walter A. Harris, Temporary Chairman at ten o'clock a. m.

The invocation was rendered by Dean Thomas H. Johnson of St. Philips Cathedral.

Judge Marcus W. Beck of the Supreme Court of Georgia was then introduced by the chairman. Judge Beck extended a hearty welcome to the convention in behalf of the State of Georgia, and paid a glowing tribute to the members of the Legion, all of whom had offered their services during the war. He stated that one of the foremost purposes of the American Legion was to preserve the great memories of the greatest war of all history. "No event is so important as that event which you men were engaged in. Your duty is to keep alive these memories." Judge Beck spoke reverently of the memories of the conflicting forces of the Civil War and of the organization of surviving veterans and cherished the hope that this organization would serve a like purpose. He implored the men not to allow their ardor to grow cold, but to go on with the work until every man who wore the khaki in this war should become a member of a post. "You will never be ashamed of the fact that you were a soldier. You will find the places of honor in this country. You will guide the destinies of the world."

At this point it was announced from the chair that all delegates who had not submitted their credentials to the committee on credentials should do so at once in order that they might be entitled to vote.

The chairman introduced the next speaker, Mayor James L. Key, of Atlanta, who extended a welcome to the convention on behalf of the citizens of Atlanta.

Mayor Key placed stress on the industrial problems developed from the war and the responsibility of the American Legion to help solve them, and urged that they be met fairly and squarely.

The chairman introduced the next speaker, Mr. Basil Stockbridge who welcomed the Legion on behalf of the Atlanta posts.

Mr. Walter A. Harris, Temporary State Chairman, replied in behalf of the delegates to the addresses of welcome made by the three distinguished speakers who had preceded him. He said the convention was glad to be the guest of Atlanta. "The first post in the State was organized here. Here the American Legion as a State organization had its inception. It is fitting that we should hold our first meeting in the capital of the State."

Mr. Harris referred to a recent meeting of representatives of the Southern States at Birmingham and said that there were many problems discussed of vital interest to the South, and many which affected the Legion throughout the United States. "The peculiar situation in which we stand in Georgia with reference to the negro problem was left to be dealt with by each State."

The report of the credential committee was submitted by Mr. Westmoreland. It appeared, however, that some delegates had recently arrived and a recess of three minutes was declared to give the committee time to receive the credentials of and report on such delegates.

Meeting called to order by the chairman.

The report of the credential committee as submitted follows:

The following delegates and alternates have submitted their credentials and same having been approved, it is recommended that they be seated at the convention:

CHARLES D. MONTGOMERY, JR.
POST NO. 1, ATLANTA

Delegate.....John L. Westmoreland
Delegate.....Basil Stockbridge
Delegate.....Roy Dorsey
Alternate.....Asa W. Candler
Alternate.....John A. Drake
Alternate.....James F. Alexander

JOHN D. MATHIS POST NO. 2
AMERICUS

Delegate.....James A. Fort

JOSEPH N. NEEL, JR. POST NO. 3, MACON
Delegate.....Lincoln McConnell
Delegate.....C. Mortimer Mason
Delegate.....A. C. Clements
Delegate.....M. J. Whitman
Alternate.....A. O. B. Sparks

LOUIS L. BATTEY POST NO. 4, AUGUSTA
Delegate.....Landon Thomas
Delegate.....Robert Walton, Jr.
Delegate.....E. H. Arrington
Delegate.....Boykin Wright, Jr.
Delegate.....John Wilson
Delegate.....Harry Sherrer

WALTON SHANKLIN POST NO. 5, ROME
Delegate.....Barry Wright

PAUL E. BOLDING POST NO. 7
GAINESVILLE
Delegate.....Edgar B. Dunlap

ROY DOZIER POST NO. 8
CRAWFORDVILLE
Delegate.....R. R. Gunn

BRUNSWICK POST NO. 9, BRUNSWICK
Delegate.....Hope Strong
Alternate.....W. L. Harwell

VALDOSTA POST NO. 13, VALDOSTA
Delegate.....J. C. Hart, Jr.

EDMUND BREWER TATE POST NO. 14
ELBERTON
Delegate.....Howard B. Payne

TROY D. BARNETT POST NO. 15, GRIFFIN
Delegate.....S. B. Wallace

PAUL B. MINTER POST NO. 16
MONTICELLO
Delegate.....(not present)
Alternate.....Mark S. Wormack

LAURENS COUNTY POST NO. 17, DUBLIN
Delegate.....Roy A. Flynt

DOUGLAS POST NO. 18, DOUGLAS
Delegate.....Fred Rickertson

PUTNAM COUNTY POST NO. 19
EATONTON
Delegate.....H. R. DeJarnette, Jr.

ALLEN R. FLEMING POST NO. 20, ATHENS
Delegate.....R. L. McWhorter

TIFT COUNTY POST NO. 21, TIFTON
Delegate.....W. B. Bennett

JEROME A. WOOTTEN POST NO. 22
WASHINGTON
Delegate.....T. H. Coleman
Alternate.....Henry D. Hill

CLAUDE ROBERTS POST NO. 26
WILLACOOCHEE
Delegate.....H. T. Corbett

BOB TOOMBS POST NO. 27, LYONS
Delegate.....T. Ross Sharpe
Alternate.....J. E. Newton

JAMES STANLEY MOORE, JR. POST
NO. 28, ATLANTA
Delegate.....C. E. Doremus

ALBANY POST NO. 30, ALBANY
Delegate.....W. H. Burt

T. L. SPENCE, JR. POST NO. 31
THOMASVILLE
Delegate.....W. W. Jarrell

HENRY E. FULGHUM POST NO. 33
ATLANTA
Delegate.....Asa W. Candler

TOM HOLLIS POST NO. 34, FORSYTH
Delegate.....O. H. B. Bloodworth
Alternate.....F. B. Willingham

CHARLES S. HARRISON POST NO. 35
COLUMBUS
Delegate.....W. R. Flournoy

CHATHAM COUNTY POST NO. 36
SAVANNAH
Delegate.....E. O. Hunter
Alternate.....S. A. Cann

JOHN BRYAN RYALS POST NO. 38
CORDELE
Delegate.....S. M. Smith

GROVER CLEVELAND GUNNELLS
POST NO. 39, DANIELSVILLE
Delegate.....W. P. Tabor

RANSOM S. RABUN POST NO. 43
LOUISVILLE

Delegate.....W. W. Abbott, Jr.

CLYDE Y. NIX POST NO. 46
LAWRENCEVILLE

Delegate.....John I. Kelly
Alternate.....J. P. Houston

PAUL GWIN POST NO. 47, CALHOUN

Delegate.....A. L. Henson

WILBUR OGLESBY POST NO. 48
QUITMAN

Delegate.....J. W. Oglesby, Jr.
Alternate.....W. L. Fisher

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA POST
NO. 49, ATHENS

Delegate.....H. J. Kennedy

WILLIAM B. COLEMAN POST NO. 51
ATLANTA

Delegate.....R. S. Fleet
Alternate.....J. S. Dissosway

EMORY UNIVERSITY POST NO. 52
ATLANTA

Delegate.....A. R. Hutchinson

JOHN RICH PENTECOST POST
NO. 53, WINDER

Delegate.....Hugh A. Carithers

MARCUS W. BECK POST NO. 54
ATLANTA

Delegate.....Harold Colvocoresses
Proxy.....Eugene Oberdorfer, Jr.

GEORGIA TECH POST NO. 56
ATLANTA

Delegate.....R. A. Beall
Alternate.....J. H. Lucas

ALVIN HUGH HARRIS POST NO. 57
NEWNAN

Delegate.....R. H. Freeman

It was moved and seconded that the report as submitted be adopted. The motion was carried.

The report of the executive committee was read by the secretary, and follows:

The executive committee, at its session on Tuesday afternoon, October 14, offers the following recommendations to the convention:

(1) That the program that had been prepared be adopted by the convention with the amendment that the item "General Business" on page one of the program be changed to read:

(a) Appointment of resolution committee.
(b) Report of secretary.
(c) Report of treasurer.
(d) Submission of resolution to resolution committee.

and that a credential committee be appointed to consist of three delegates with instructions to inquire into the credentials of all attending delegates and report the names of same at the commencement of the opening session Thursday morning. Barry Wright, Roy Dorsey, John L. Westmoreland were appointed to act as members of the committee.

(2) That members of the executive committee should be allowed to sit and vote in the convention.

(3) That questions of state, national and world wide interest are proper subjects for discussion and are not within the realm of politics or partisan matters, and that the convention has the right, and properly should, go on record as favoring or disapproving any such questions.

(4) That all resolutions be submitted in writing to the resolution committee in time to be acted on and reported by ten o'clock of the second morning, and that the resolutions committee have the power to strike such resolutions as are not proper subjects for discussion.

(5) The following subjects are suggested as likely subjects for action by the convention:

(1) League of Nations.
(2) Government Insurance.
(3) Bonus to Discharged Soldiers.
(4) Future Military Program.

(6) That the votes be by delegates and not by posts and that every accredited delegate have one vote.

(7) That any person rising in the convention should state his name, the name

of his Post, and the name of his city.

(8) That the vote be taken by acclimation and the result announced by the chair in all instances unless a vote by roll call is demanded, or unless the voting is so close that a vote by roll call is desirable.

(9) That the report of the first convention be printed and a copy furnished each local post.

Mr. Beck of Griffin, moved the adoption of the report as a whole and the motion was duly seconded.

Mr. Clements of Macon, declared that he was opposed to the executive committee having the privilege of voting.

Mr. Candler of Atlanta, said it was his opinion that the executive committee men should have the privilege of voting.

The chairman, after consulting the constitution, ruled that voting power was limited to accredited delegates.

Mr. Whitman of Macon, stated that he was opposed to the report being adopted as a whole, and offered the following substitute motion: "That the report be adopted eliminating the provision with reference to giving the resolutions committee power to strike such resolutions as it sees fit."

The executive committee voluntarily amended its report to conform to the motion made by Mr. Whitman and Mr. Whitman withdrew his motion.

Mr. Beck's motion was then placed before the convention and duly carried.

The report of the secretary was made as follows:

Total number of posts organized	57
Total charter fees paid	42
Total number of posts organized for whom no application received	13
Total members reported	2840
Total members paid state dues	1606
Total members paid national dues	1594
National dues paid national treasurer	1594

OFFICIAL BUTTONS

Total buttons ordered	1200
Total buttons received	800
Total buttons paid for	700
Buttons invoiced to Valdosta Post	100
Buttons not received	400
Buttons sold to local posts and paid for	398
Buttons sold to local posts and not paid for	275
Buttons on hand (silver)	100
Buttons used for sample purposes	27
Total	800
Total money collected from state and national dues and from charter fees	$1411.50
Money collected from buttons	99.50
Total	$1511.00
Total paid state treasurer	$1511.00

The report of Mr. James A. Bankston, Treasurer, was read to the convention and showed a total amount of money collected to date from all sources of $2011, and a total amount of money expended on proper vouchers of $796.75, leaving a balance on hand to the credit of the American Legion, Georgia Division, on deposit at the Atlanta National Bank of $1214.25.

The chairman ruled that the reports of the secretary and treasurer be received and filed, and that the books of the treasurer be audited by a committee appointed from the executive committee.

The following members were then appointed to constitute a resolutions committee.

Barry Wright, Rome, Ga.; Landon Thomas, Augusta, Ga.; Howard B. Payne, Elberton, Ga.; O. H. B. Bloodworth, Jr., Forsyth, Ga.; and M. J. Whitman, Macon, Ga.

The resolutions that had been offered were read by the secretary and delivered to the committee.

An invitation was extended to the convention by Dr. Dorsey to be the guests of the Atlanta Posts at the Burns' Club at a barbecue to be given there at one o'clock.

There being nothing further in the order of business, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned until 9:30 the following morning.

The motion was carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned until 9:30 Thursday morning.

OCTOBER 16, 1919

The convention was called to order by the chairman at ten o'clock a. m.

The invocation was rendered by Dr. B. R. Lacy.

The chairman introduced Samuel H. Sibley, Judge of the United States District Court of Georgia, who addressed the convention very briefly on the Georgia Memorial Association.

The chairman introduced Mr. C. W. McClure, who spoke in behalf of the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

The chairman then mentioned the Red Cross membership drive to take place the third of November, and introduced Mr. E. A. Pound who rendered a short address on the subject. He outlined the results which the Red Cross expected to accomplish since the conclusion of the war.

The following telegram was read to the convention:

Georgia State Convention,
American Legion,
Atlanta, Ga.

I send my heartiest good wishes to the Georgia State Convention, American Legion, and regret I am not personally with you today. It is my earnest desire that Georgia make a strong showing in membership between now and National Convention in November, and send strong representation to the convention. This first National Convention will undoubtedly determine many matters of far reaching value to our country, and to those who served in this war. The Legion will, I am sure, become the greatest force for good in American life for the next quarter century, and I know the veterans of Georgia will play their full part in this great work. You have my best wishes for a successful convention.

HENRY D. LINDSLEY,
National Chairman

Mr. Homer Watkins then rendered a report in behalf of the committee appointed to audit the treasurer's report, showing that the treasurer's books were correct and in excellent condition and recommend that his report be approved.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the committee be adopted. The motion was carried.

The following additional report was submitted by Mr. Dorsey in behalf of the committee on credentials:

It is recommended that the following delegates and alternates be seated at this convention.

MORRIS-LITTLE POST NO. 6
MILLEDGEVILLE

Delegate----------J. F. Muldrow

ALLEN R. FLEMING POST NO. 20
ATHENS

Alternate----------J. H. Lumpkin

LEON MARTIN POST NO. 25
BARNESVILLE

Delegate----------Curtiss Barrett

CALVIN GEORGE POST NO. 37
MADISON

Delegate----------Edward J. Trotter

CARL BOYD POST NO. 42
CARTERSVILLE

Delegate----------J. B. Conyers

It was moved and seconded that the report of the committee be adopted. The motion was carried.

Mr. Barry Wright submitted the report on resolutions.

Mr. James Fort of Americus, moved and it was duly seconded, that speeches upon these resolutions be limited to three minutes. The motion was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Clements of Macon, and duly seconded that the resolutions reported be considered seriatim. The motion was carried.

The following resolutions reported favorably by the committee were considered and discussed and duly approved by the convention:

Resolutions Adopted by State Convention, Georgia Division, American Legion, Atlanta Session, October 15-16, 1919.

(1)

BE IT RESOLVED, And it is hereby resolved by the Georgia Division, American Legion, in convention assembled,

THAT the Senators and Representatives of the State of Georgia in the Congress of the United States be requested to introduce and urge the passage of legislation by Congress which would authorize the receipt by postmasters and rural mail carriers of premiums upon War Risk Insurance policies, it being the belief of this convention that authority to make payments on premiums upon policies to postal authorities will prevent the dropping of policies by men who are not familiar with methods of making remittance by mail.

(2)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the delegates to the National Convention be instructed to urge a memorial to Congress to so amend the insurance laws as to authorize the payment of benefits in a lump sum instead of in monthly installments, to include Government term insurance as well as converted insurance.

(3)

BE IT RESOLVED, And it is hereby resolved by the American Legion, Georgia Division, in convention assembled at Atlanta, Georgia, October 15, 1919,

THAT it is the sense of this convention that the Treaty of Peace as submitted to the Senate of the United States, and embodying the League of Nations, should be adopted as submitted, without reservations, amendment or interpretation, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senators of the State of Georgia be furnished copies of this resolution and that they be requested to support the Treaty of Peace and vote against any reservation, interpretation or amendment thereto.

(4)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the delegates to the National Convention be instructed to use their efforts to secure the passage of a memorial to Congress to make November 11th a national holiday to commemorate the termination of the World War.

(5)

BE IT RESOLVED, That we favor the adoption of a system of universal training for national service in order that the young men of the nation may be given the great physical benefits to be derived therefrom in order that we may more quickly and effectually Americanize our foreign population and through the common service of all classes combat attempts to arraign class against class, and, finally, in order that this nation shall never have to ask again for the sacrifice of lives that comes in battle for lack of training.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we commend the youth of the land everywhere to military service, and especially, we commend the wholesome influences and the substantial advantages and benefits of modern military training to the educators, employers, state, county and local officials, civic organizations, the press, pulpit and forum, and to the fathers and mothers of Georgia; and we urge the young manhood of the state to avail themselves of all opportunities for military training, by enrollment in schools and training camps.

(6)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Georgia Division of the American Legion in State Convention assembled, that the Congress of the United States of America be urged to appoint a commission to investigate the method of training disabled service men of the World War as same is given under the present laws, and to further investigate the compensation that is being paid to disabled service men, and in case deficiencies are found as a result of said investigation, that appropriate legislation be passed to remedy said deficiencies immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the two Senators and to each of the Representatives from Georgia.

(7)

WHEREAS, The Federal Board of Vocational Education of maimed and disabled ex-service men had evinced a de-

sire to co-operate with the American Legion in meeting and solving the many problems of rehabilitation now confronting it; and

WHEREAS, There are numerous changes needed in the laws now in existence prescribing the extent of compensation, the manner of deciding awards and the handling of claims by this board which the American Legion can materially assist in securing from Congress;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Georgia Convention of the American Legion that a committee of three be appointed to co-operate with the Federal Board of Vocational Education.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That this committee shall invite the organizations of the Legion in the States of Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee to name similar committees, and that all of these committees, acting jointly, be requested to render all assistance necessary in securing amendments to the existing laws, and to the bringing about of speedier and more de-centralized action on all cases of vocational training arising in the territory over which this joint committee may have jurisdiction.

(8)

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Georgia Division, American Legion, that it is the sense of this body in convention assembled, that the question of negro membership in the American Legion, together with such other questions as are peculiarly state issues, be left to the Legion organization in the various states, and that our delegates to the National Convention be instructed to vote for all measures giving the individual state organizations this power of state determination.

(9)

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Georgia Division of the American Legion in State Convention assembled, that all resolutions passed by this convention shall be binding upon the delegates elected by this convention to the National Convention, and that they be and are hereby instructed to introduce similar resolutions in the National Convention.

(10)

BE IT RESOLVED, That we feel the creation by Congress of any additional bonus system which will add to the burden of our country's national debt is contrary to the spirit of the American Legion.

(11)

WHEREAS, The Georgia Memorial Association plans the erection of a proper memorial to commemorate the services and sacrifices of Georgians in the late war, to compile and preserve the history of Georgia in the war, and

WHEREAS, Its objects are patriotic and within the purview of the principles and objects of the American Legion,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this convention of the Georgia Division of the American Legion, that it deeply appreciates the interest in us and our comrades who have returned to us only in spirit, and that it is in hearty sympathy with the movement.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That this convention will lend its aid and effort to further the movement of the Georgia Memorial Association and commend its objects and aims to all our fellow citizens.

The following resolution, though reported unfavorably by the committee, was duly adopted:

(12)

WHEREAS, The majority of the States have made provisions for their soldiers and sailors to vote in National and State Conventions in cases where they are necessarily absent from their States or precincts on military or naval service, and

WHEREAS, Due to the omission of the State of Georgia to make corresponding provision, 3500 Georgians in the National election of 1916 who were then serving their country on the Mexican border, and 90,000 Georgians in the State and Congressional election of 1918 who were absent from their homes and on the battlefields of France, on the high seas, or in training camps of America, were all effectually disfranchised and to all prac-

tical purposes placed in the category of children, idiots and felons,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Georgia Division of the American Legion, demand the immediate passage of an act by the Legislature of Georgia providing the necessary machinery for the registration and voting of those who are otherwise qualified and who may be necessarily absent from their precincts on military or naval service, in the event of war or general mobilization, at the time of holding a National or State election.

A resolution endorsing the Mondell National Soldiers Settlement Act, H. R. 487, was referred to the executive committee, to be appointed, for investigation, and for such action as the committee should see fit.

The chairman announced that the next order of business was permanent organization, and that it was in order to adopt a state constitution.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn until three p. m. The motion was carried and the convention was declared adjourned until three p. m.

The convention was called to order promptly at three o'clock by the chairman.

The subjects of permanent organization and the adoption of the constitution was resumed.

A constitution was duly adopted, and is appended hereto, marked Appendix "A." (This constitution will be found in juxtaposition with the platform of a politician in another chapter).

The chairman announced the next order of business to be the selection of the time and place of holding the next annual convention.

Mr. Boykin Wright, Jr., of Augusta, extended an invitation to the convention to meet at Augusta.

Mr. W. H. Burt of Albany, invited the convention to Albany.

Mr. James A. Fort of Americus, extended an invitation in behalf of Americus.

Mr. Roy Dorsey extended an invitation in behalf of Atlanta.

Augusta was duly selected and it was declared that the annual convention of 1920 would be held in Augusta.

It was moved and seconded that the date be determined later by the executive committee. The motion was carried.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the chairman of the convention be requested to transmit by telegraph to the President of the United States an expression of the deep concern and sincere sympathy of the Georgia Division of the American Legion in his present illness, and its earnest and prayerful hope for his speedy and complete recovery.

The chairman then announced that the election of the permanent officers was in order.

Nominations were declared in order for the office of chairman.

Mr. James A. Fort nominated Mr. Walter A. Harris.

Mr. Harris declined the nomination.

Mr. Edgar B. Dunlap nominated Mr. Basil Stockbridge of Atlanta for chairman.

The nomination was seconded by Mr. C. Mortimer Mason.

Mr. Stockbridge was unanimously elected chairman.

Nominations were declared in order for vice-chairman.

Mr. W. H. Beck nominated Mr. Barry Wright of Rome.

The nomination was seconded by Mr. Asa Candler.

Mr. Barry Wright was unanimously elected.

Nominations were declared in order for secretary.

Mr. John Wilson of Augusta nominated Mr. C. Baxter Jones.

Mr. Jones declined the nomination.

Mr. Clements nominated Mr. Eugene Oberdorfer, Jr.

Mr. Westmoreland of Atlanta nominated Mr. Kirk Smith, Jr. of Atlanta.

Mr. Oberdorfer withdrew his name and seconded Mr. Smith's nomination.

Mr. Kirk Smith, Jr., of Atlanta, was elected secretary.

Nominations were declared in order for treasurer.

Mr. Bennett nominated Mr. C. Baxter Jones.

Mr. Jones declined the nomination, and nominated Mr. James A. Bankston of Atlanta, the present treasurer, for re-election.

The nomination was duly seconded, and Mr. Bankston was re-elected.

The election of the executive committee was declared in order.

Nominations were made, and the executive committee was elected as follows:

First Cong. Dist.	Sam Cann, Savannah
Second Cong. Dist.	W. H. Burt, Albany
Third Cong. Dist.	J. G. Holst, Americus
Fourth Cong. Dist.	Robert Hill Freeman, Newnan
Fifth Cong. Dist.	Asa W. Candler, Atlanta
Sixth Cong. Dist.	W. H. Beck, Griffin
Seventh Cong. Dist.	A. L. Henson, Calhoun
Eighth Cong. Dist.	Robert L. McWhorter, Athens
Ninth Cong. Dist.	Edgar B. Dunlap, Gainesville
Tenth Cong. Dist.	Ed. Danforth, Augusta
Eleventh Cong. Dist.	J. W. Oglesby, Quitman
Twelfth Cong. Dist.	Roy A. Flynt, Dublin
State at Large	James A. Fort, Americus
State at Large	Walter A. Harris, Macon

The election of delegates to the National Convention was declared in order.

Mr. Dunlap nominated Mr. Walter A. Harris.

Mr. Watkins nominated Mr. Basil Stockbridge and Barry Wright.

Mr. Dorsey nominated Mr. Eugene Oberdorfer, Jr.

Mr. Sparks nominated Mr. Homer Watkins.

Mr. Clements nominated Mr. O. H. B. Bloodworth, Jr.

Mr. Burt nominated Mr. R. R. Gunn.

Mr. Wilson nominated Mr. Boykin Wright, Jr.

Mr. Flynt nominated Mr. C. Baxter Jones.

It was moved and seconded that the vote be taken by ballot, and that the six nominees receiving the highest number of votes should be elected. The motion was carried.

Unanimous consent was requested and obtained by Mr. Barry Wright to reconsider the resolution regarding instructions to delegates, for the purpose of striking the word "sponsor."

It was moved and seconded that the resolution be amended by striking the words "and sponsor." The motion was carried.

The following delegates were elected:

Edgar B. Dunlap, Basil Stockbridge, Homer Watkins, Walter A. Harris, Barry Wright, and Boykin Wright, Jr.

It was moved and seconded that the actual expenses of the accredited delegates be paid. The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that the convention extend its thanks to the City of Atlanta for its hospitality.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that a rising vote of thanks be given to the retiring officers for their services.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Stockbridge moved that all of the business of the Legion transacted prior to the adoption of this present constitution, be ratified the same as if it had been transacted subsequent to the adoption of the constitution. The motion was duly seconded.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Beck moved, and it was duly seconded, that the thanks of the convention be tendered the press of Atlanta.

The business of the convention having been completed, it was moved and seconded that the convention adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The convention was declared adjourned.*

C. Baxter Jones, Secretary

COMMANDERS OF THE POSTS, GEORGIA DIVISION
THE AMERICAN LEGION
1919

No.	Post	Town	Dec. 1919 Commander	Date of Charter	Votes 1919 Atlanta Conv.
1	Charles D. Montgomery	Atlanta	Warren Moise	7- 8-19	3
2	John D. Mathis	Americus	James A. Fort	7-14-19	1
3	Joseph N. Neel, Jr.	Macon	Lincoln McConnell	7-29-19	4
4	Louis L. Battey	Augusta	Landon Thomas	7-22-19	6
5	Walter Shanklin	Rome	Hiles Hamilton	8-11-19	1

*This is a verbatim copy of the proceedings of the convention, given in full, as it was the first American Legion Convention in Georgia.

No.	Post	Town	Dec. 1919 Commander	Date of Charter	Votes 1919 Atlanta Conv.
6	Morris-Little	Milledgeville	Jos. Muldrow	8-11-19	1
7	Paul E. Bolding	Gainesville	Edgar B. Dunlap	8-11-19	1
8	Roy Dozier	Crawfordville	R. R. Gunn	8-16-19	1
9	Brunswick	Brunswick	Eustice C. Butts	8-22-19	1
10	Ware County	Waycross	W. E. Lee	8-29-19	1
11	Early County	Blakely	P. H. Fitzgerald	8-29-19	1
12	Thomas W. Perry	St. Mary's	William Todd	8-29-19	1
13	Valdosta	Valdosta	Terry Hendricks	8-29-19	1
14	Edmund B. Tate	Elberton	Howard B. Payne	8-29-19	1
15	Troy D. Barnett	Griffin	G. J. Drake	9- 2-19	1
16	Paul B. Minter	Monticello	Fred Jordan	9- 4-19	1
17	Laurens County	Dublin	Roy A. Flynt	9- 4-19	1
18	Douglas	Douglas	John R. Smith	9- 5-19	1
19	Putnam County	Eatonton	Dr. E. F. Griffith	9-15-19	1
20	Allen R. Fleming	Athens	J. H. Lumpkin	9-15-19	1
21	Tift County	Tifton	Steve Mitchell	9-15-19	1
22	Jerome A. Wootten	Washington	A. S. Quinn	9-18-19	1
23	Pierce County	Blackshear	Lester B. Moore	9-22-19	1
24	Fate Carter	Baxley	L. C. Crosley	9-22-19	1
25	Leon Martin	Barnesville	Chas. P. Graddick	9-25-19	1
26	Claude Roberts	Willacoochee	Harry T. Corbett	9-26-19	1
27	Bob Toombs	Lyons	T. Roy Sharpe	9-29-19	1
28	James Stanley Moore, Jr.	Atlanta	William Mathews	9-29-19	1
29	Blackjack	Marietta	A. L. Crowe	9-29-19	1
30	Albany	Albany	W. H. Burt	10- 2-19	1
31	T. L. Spence, Jr.	Thomasville	W. W. Gerald	10- 2-19	1
32	Newton County	Covington	Thos. C. Meadows	10- 3-19	1
33	Henry B. Fulghum	Atlanta	H. A. Sappington	10- 4-19	1
34	Tom Hollis	Forsyth	Frank B. Williams	10- 4-19	1
35	Charles S. Harrison	Columbus	Joseph A. Lynch	10- 6-19	1
36	Chatham	Savannah	J. Z. Ryan	10- 6-19	1
37	Calvin George	Madison	E. J. Trotter	10- 6-19	1
38	John Bryan Ryals, Jr.	Cordele	Seward M. Smith	10- 7-19	1
39	Grover C. Gunnells	Danielsville	R. C. Davis	10- 9-19	1
40	Rabun County	Clayton	John C. Laurent	10- 9-19	1
41	Thomas S. Teabeaut	Moultrie	R. S. Roddenberry, Jr.	10- 9-19	1
42	Carl Boyd	Cartersville	W. N. Strickland	10- 9-19	1
43	Ranson S. Rabun	Louisville	W. F. Revell	10-10-19	1
44	Giles Parson	Homer	S. R. Jolly	10-10-19	1
45	Thomas M. Brady	Canton	Ben F. Kilby	10-11-19	1
46	Clyde Y. Nix	Lawrenceville	W. G. Holt	10-11-19	1
47	Paul Gwin	Calhoun	Allen L. Henson	10-11-19	1
48	Wilbur Oglesby	Quitman	W. L. Fisher	10-11-19	1
49	University of Georgia	Athens	Harvey J. Kennedy	10-13-19	1
50	Grady County	Cairo	Claude Christopher	10-13-19	1
51	William B. Coleman	Atlanta	R. S. Fleet	10-13-19	1
52	Emory University	Atlanta	Alva Hutchinson	10-13-19	1
53	John Rich Pentecost	Winder	J. C. Pratt	10-14-19	1
54	Marcus W. Beck, Jr.	Atlanta	Oscar D. Keown	10-14-19	1

Total Number of Posts, 54.

Total voting strength First Department Convention, Atlanta, October 15 and 16, 1919, 64 votes.

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OFFICIAL STAFF AMERICAN LEGION

Georgia Division

State Chairman, Basil Stockbridge, Atlanta
Vice Chairman, Barry Wright, Rome
Secretary, Kirk Smith, Jr., Atlanta
Treasurer, James A. Bankston, Atlanta

Committeemen

State at Large, Walter A. Harris, Macon
State at Large, James A. Fort, Americus
First Congressional District, Sam Cann, Savannah
Second Congressional District, W. H. Burt Albany
Third Congressional District J. G. Holst, Americus
Fourth Congressional District, Robert H. Freeman Newnan
Fifth Congressional District, Asa Warren Candler Atlanta
Sixth Congressional District W. H. Beck Griffin
Seventh Congressional District, Allen L. Henson, Calhoun
Eighth Congressional District, Robert L. McWhorter Athens

PART TWO

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes; to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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THE FORMATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

General Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces in France called a representative meeting of all the Divisions to consider the conditions of the American soldiers then in Europe. This meeting was called in Paris, February 15, 1919, and Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., First Division, who was host and who sponsored the meeting, was elected Temporary Chairman, and Lieutenant Colonel Eric Wood, 88th Division, was elected Temporary Secretary. This meeting resulted in the calling of a caucus to meet at the American Club, Paris, France, on March 15, 16, and 17, 1919. At this meeting approximately one thousand delegates attended, representative of all the branches of service and ranging in rank from private to general. President Woodrow Wilson, then in Paris, was invited to address the meeting. After much deliberation the name "The American Legion" was given to the newly organized body, but it was agreed, however, that no steps be taken to form a permanent organization or the adoption of policies and principles, until these were considered and acted upon by the other members of the armed force of the United States who had been retained in America.

On May, 8-9-10-1919, about twelve hundred delegates, representing every State in the Union, met at St. Louis, Mo. (the St. Louis Caucus), approved the name "The American Legion," adopted a tentative constitution, made plans to perfect an organization in each state, and set the date of the First National Convention, November 11, 1919, and the place Minneapolis, Minn. Plans were also drawn up for the adoption of a charter and application was made to the Congress of the United States for this grant. Known as the House of Representative Bill No. 6808, the charter of The American Legion was granted by the 66th Congress on September 16, 1919, and was signed by the President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, on October 16, 1919.

THE BIRTH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA THE AMERICAN LEGION

Colonel Alexander Lawton, Jr., of Savannah, and Captain Lansing B. Lee, of Augusta, were present at the Paris caucus and were commissioned by the presiding officer, Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., to attend to the formation of The American Legion in the State of Georgia, U. S. A. Upon their return to the United States intervening duties prevented these orders being carried out by Colonel Lawton and Captain Lee. Colonel Roosevelt then took the matter up with the Governor of the State of Georgia, his excellency, Hugh Dorsey. Governor Dorsey appointed his brother, Colonel Roy Dorsey, Major Trammell Scott, both of Atlanta, Colonel Lawton of Savannah and Captain Lee of Augusta, as a committee to attend to the inauguration of the Legion in the State. However, it fell to the lot of Major Trammell Scott to perfect arrangements for this purpose.

Major Scott called a meeting of the veterans of the World War and their friends, in Taft Hall, Sunday night, May 4, 1919, in Atlanta, Georgia. The aims and principles of the proposed organization of World War veterans were discussed. Many favorable expressions were voiced by the men present, some of whom, though not eligible to membership, greatly favored and desired to support the movement. Governor Dorsey; Colonel A. Levy, in behalf of General Sturgis of Camp Gordon, who was unable to attend;

Colonel Roy Dorsey and Howard T. Cree, representative of the War Camp Community Service, expressed encouragement and willingness to aid. The principal business, however, was the election of delegates to the National meeting of the World War veterans to be held in St. Louis, Mo., May 8, 9, 10, 1919, now known as the St. Louis Caucus. The delegates elected were, Louis H. Bell, Basil Stockbridge, D. B. McCalib, James G. Juett, James A Drake, a private who was wounded at St. Quentin, France, and Robert L. Wilson, a bugler of the old Fifth Regiment, Georgia National Guard, whose expenses to the St. Louis meeting was guaranteed by Mr. C. W. McClure, a prominent and public spirited citizen of Atlanta. These men were instructed to become well acquainted with the aims and purposes of the proposed organization and to report to the next meeting of the Georgia veterans.

In the mean time, an application was made for a charter, and a temporary charter was issued the Department (then known as the "Branch") of Georgia on May 24, 1919. This charter reads as follows:

The Temporary Charter
The American Legion

(Organized in Paris, France, March 15, 16, 17, 1919, and St. Louis, Mo., May 8, 9, 10, 1919).

Temporary Headquarters 19 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y.

CHARTER FOR STATE ORGANIZATION FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA

This is to certify that pursuant to authority vested in the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, a charter is hereby granted to

CHAIRMAN TRAMMELL SCOTT
SECRETARY LOUIS H. BELL

for the formation of a State organization of The American Legion in the State of Georgia.

This charter is granted on the following terms and conditions:

1. All acts heretofore duly and properly taken for the formation of a State organization are recognized and confirmed by the National Executive Committee.

2. The above named persons are authorized to take the necessary steps for the incorporation of a State organization under the laws of the State of Georgia to be called The American Legion, Georgia Branch.

3. The general purpose of State organization shall be stated substantially according to the declaration of principles accepted by the Paris caucus and the preamble of the National constitution adopted at the St. Louis caucus; and the State organization shall be conducted in accordance with the principles therein stated.

4. The said State organization shall conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the National Executive Committee or other constituted National governing body of The American Legion.

5. This charter is subject to revocation for good cause by the National Executive Committee, prior to the National Convention for permanent organization to be held November 11, 1919 and after that date by such national governing body as may be constituted.

In witness whereof we set our hands this the 24th day of May, 1919

HENRY D. LINDSLEY
Chairman National Executive Com.
ERIC FISHER WOOD
Secretary National Executive Com.

TRAMMELL SCOTT
Organizing Chairman

Trammell Scott was born on October 4, 1886, at Dalton, Whitfield County, Georgia, the son of Samuel B. and Mary Trammell Scott. After an attendance at the public schools in Atlanta, and graduation from the Peacock School for Boys, Atlanta, in 1907 with a B. S. degree, Trammell Scott attended the Georgia Military Academy of College Park, and the University of Georgia, Athens.

As a student officer at the First Officers' Training Camp at Fort McPherson, Trammell Scott was commissioned on August 15, 1917 as a Captain of Infantry. Assigned to the 328th Infantry, 82nd Division, he won

his promotion as Major while still in service in France. He was cited for bravery in action.

Trammell Scott was organizing chairman

TRAMMELL SCOTT
Temporary Chairman

of The American Legion in Georgia. He was a member of and served as Junior vice-Commander of Atlanta Post No. 1, and in the formative period of his post and in the department he took a very active part. In the anti-Watson-Hardwick campaign, which faced the newly organized Georgia Department, Trammell Scott was chairman of the committee which controlled and directed the activities of The Legion. In later years, after the inauguration of Junior Baseball by the Legion Trammell Scott has been a leader in this feature of community service.

LOUIS H. BELL
Temporary Secretary

Elected by the organizing committee as Temporary Secretary of the "Georgia Branch, The American Legion," Louis H. Bell served.

"The Proceedings and Committees, caucus of The American Legion, St. Louis, Mo., May 8, 9, 10, 1919" gives this information:

"Bell, Louis H., Captain, 47 Prado St., Atlanta, Ga., 20th Machine Gun Battalion, Camp Hancock, Editor."

Other information concerning this early official of The Legion in Georgia is that "he had red hair and was about five foot, ten or eleven inches tall."

THE SAINT LOUIS CAUCUS
St. Louis, Mo. May 8, 9, 10, 1919

The "Proceedings and Committee—Caucus of The American Legion" dated St. Louis, Mo., May 8, 9, 10, 1919, gives a most intimate account of the delegates to this preliminary meeting of the National organization.

Concerning the Department of Georgia, this report contains the following information:

Advance Committee, Louis H. Bell, 47 Prado, Atlanta, Ga.

LIST OF DELEGATES, GEORGIA

BELL, Louis H., Rank, Captain; Address, 47 Prado St., Atlanta, Ga.; Org., 20th MG Bat., Camp Hancock; Occupation, Editor.

JUETT, J. G., Rank, Lieutenant, Address, 12 Ponce de Leon Place, Atlanta, Ga.; Org., Regmt. Hdqtrs., 122nd Inf.; Occupation, Newspaper writer.

SIEBERT, Eugene, Rank, 1st Lieut.; Address, 52 Whitehall, Atlanta, Ga.; Org., 437 Det Eng. Corps, 1st Gas Regmt.; Occupation, Auditor.

STOCKBRIDGE, Basil, Rank, Captain; Address, 35 E 10th St., Atlanta, Ga.; Org., 122nd Inf.; Occupation, Lawyer.

WILSON, Robert L., Rank, Bugler; Address, 287 Capitol Ave., Atlanta; Org., 122nd Inf.; Occupation, Clerk and student.

In the election of chairman of the caucus, Henry D. Lindsley of Texas and John J. Sullivan of Washington State were candidates Georgia being allowed TWENTY-EIGHT VOTES cast these for Lindsley who was elected.

Lieutenant Lynn Evans of Louisville, Ky., was nominated for the Second Vice Chairman against Petty Officer Goerke of New York. On the first ballot Georgia voted TWENTY-EIGHT VOTES for Evans; on the second ballot, Georgia cast FOURTEEN VOTES for Evans and FOURTEEN VOTES for Goerke; the withdrawal of all opposition from the field gave the position to Goerke.

In the election for Third Vice Commander, Georgia voted for Major Leonard.

In the selection of the next convention city Georgia voted for Minneapolis, Minnesota.

COMMITTEES OF THE CAUCUS

The Department of Georgia as were other Departments given a place on nearly all of the Committees of the Caucus. These were:

Constitution, Declaration of Principles, By-Laws, L. H. Bell ---------- Georgia
On Publication, L. H. Bell ---------- Georgia
On Resolutions, Eugene Siebert ---- Georgia
On Organization, Robt. L. Wilson -- Georgia
On Credentials, J. G. Juett ------- Georgia
Permanent Headquarters, Eugene Siebert ---------- Georgia
Next Place and Time, Robert L. Wilson ---------- Georgia
Emblem, J. G. Juett ---------- Georgia
Name, No Appointment From ---- Georgia
Finance, Eugene Siebert ---------- Georgia

The official records do not show that Basil Stockbridge served on any committee; these committees being appointed prior to his arrival in the convention city, his name was omitted. Basil Stockbridge, however, served on the Constitution, Declaration of Principles and By-laws Committee. The present Preamble of the Constitution is the result of intensive and sincere deliberation on the part of this Committee. After hours of consideration it seemed impossible to reach a decision but upon the recommendation of Basil Stockbridge the slips of paper, upon which each member of this committee had written what he deemed appropriate to incorporate in this foreword, were collected and Basil Stockbridge, being the only typist in the body, wrote a composite expression of the ideas, eliminating duplication, each individual had expressed. Thus was the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion written.

THE INCORPORATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION IN GEORGIA

To, as it were, copyright the name "The American Legion" in Georgia thereby preventing its use and adoption by various other veterans organizations who were attempting to organize in the State, papers of incorporation were drawn up. The National Body of the American Legion was not chartered by Congress until September 1919, so this incorporation by the Legionnaires of Georgia preceded the charter of the National organization by three months. This incorporation is:

Georgia, Fulton County:

To the Superior Court of said County: The petition of Roy Dorsey, Homer Watkins, Asa Warren Candler, Trammell Scott, Joel B. Mallet, Robert B. Troutman, E. Warren Moise, Basil Stockbridge, John J. Rogers, Louis H. Bell, Herman E. Riddell, Elliott E. Cheatham, William H. Worrell, and Robert L. Wilson, all of Fulton County, Georgia; Alexander R. Lawton, Junior, of Chatham County, Georgia, Cooper D. Winn, Junior, of Bibb County, Georgia, Lansing Lee, of Richmond County, Georgia, Robert L. McWhorter, of Clarke County, Georgia and Louis S. Moore of Thomas County, Georgia, respectfully shows:

1

That they desire for themselves, their associates, and successors, to be incorporated and made a body politic as a cooperative, patriotic and social organization under the name and style of

THE AMERICAN LEGION
(GEORGIA DIVISION)

for the term of twenty years, with the privilege of renewal at the expiration of that period.

2

Said corporation has no capital stock and is not organized for pecuniary gain, but solely for the promotion of the objects and purposes hereinafter more fully set forth.

3

The principal office of said corporation shall be located in the city of Atlanta, State and County aforesaid, but it is desired that the corporation shall have the power to organize and establish local branches or subdivisions as may from time to time be provided for in its corporate By-laws or to be authorized by the national organization of The American Legion of which this corporation shall become an integral part.

4

Petitioners desire the right to assume such obligations and transact such business as may be necessary to the proper development and successful conduct of its affairs, and in pursuance of the objects for which said corporation is created.

5

The principal objects of said corporation are those which are set forth and declared by The American Legion organized throughout the United States, the same being as follows:

(a) To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America:

(b) To maintain law and order.

(c) To foster and perpetuate a thorough going and undivided spirit of loyalty to American traditions, American principles, American institutions and the American form of government;

(d) To preserve the memories, incidents and associations growing out of the participation of ourselves and our comrades in the Great War against the Central Empires of Europe;

(e) To inculcate a solemn sense of individual obligation and devotion to the interests of the community, the State and the Nation;

(f) To combat the autocracy of either the Classes or the Masses, and to discourage all tendency towards class animosities;

(g) To make right the master of might;

(h) To promote peace and good will on earth;

(i) To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy as exemplified in the manner in which the United States and its associated belligerents successfully prosecuted the recent war upon the Central Empires of Europe; and

(j) To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness and by our adherence to the principles hereinbefore enunciated.

6

Said corporation desires the right to receive and expend gifts, subscriptions and donations, and to have all the powers usually granted to an eleemosynary corporation under the laws of this State, and to have the power to purchase and hold real estate sufficient for the actual occupation and necessary uses of said corporation, and receive by gifts or devise, property of any kind, and to carry on such charitable purposes as the members of said corporation shall desire; and to that end to receive contributions and gifts of whatsoever character, and to expend and distribute the same as it shall, from time to time, determine so to do.

7

It is the purpose of the petitioners to have said corporation become affiliated with similar organizations created in the several States, and to become organized as an integral part of the national organization of The American Legion and to such extent as shall be necessary, it will observe and comply with the tenets of the latter, in so far as the same are neither inconsistent with, nor repugnant to, the purposes herein set forth.

WHEREFORE, Petitioners pray to be incorporated under the name and style aforesaid, with the powers, privileges and immunities herein set forth, and as are now, or may be hereafter be, allowed a corporation of similar character under the laws of Georgia.

ROY DORSEY
ROBT. B. TROUTMAN
BASIL STOCKBRIDGE
HERMAN RIDDELL
Attorneys for Petitioners.

This petition was granted, as follows:

It is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that the prayers of said petition are hereby granted, and petitioners therein, their successors and assigns, are hereby incorporated under the name and style of The American Legion (Georgia Division), for and during a period of twenty years, with the privilege of renewal at the expiration of that time according to the laws of Georgia; and that said petitioners and their successors are hereby vested with and granted all the rights, powers and privileges mentioned in said petition.

This the 17th day of July, 1919.

JOHN D. HUMPHRIES
Judge S. C. A. C.

State of Georgia,
County of Fulton

I, Arnold Broyles, Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the application of Roy Dorsey, Homer Watkins, Asa Warren Candler, Trammell Scott, Joel B. Mallet, Robert B. Troutman, E. Warren Moise, Basil Stockbridge, John J. Rogers, Louis H. Bell, Herman E. Riddell, Elliott E. Cheatham, William H. Worrell, Robert L. Wilson, Alexander R. Lawton, Junior, Cooper D. Winn, Junior, Lansing Lee, Robert L. McWhorter, Louis D. Moore, to become incorporated under the name and style of

THE AMERICAN LEGION
(Georgia Division)

and the Order of his Honor, John D. Humphries, one of the Judges of said Court, granting same, all of which appear on file and record in said court.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this the 17th day of July, 1919.

ARNOLD BROYLES
Clerk Superior Court Fulton
County, Ga.

This record of the incorporation of The American Legion, Georgia Department, is Number 6369, Fulton Superior Court Files in the office of the Clerk, Arnold Broyles, on the 13th day of June, 1919, and listed as "Roy Dorsey et al., Charter The American Legion (Georgia Division)."

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN GEORGIA

First: McIntosh, Liberty, Bryan, Evans, Tattnall, Chatham, Bullock, Candler, Effingham, Screven, Jenkins, Burke.

Second: Thomas, Grady, Decatur, Seminole, Early, Miller, Baker, Mitchell, Colquitt, Tift, Worth, Dougherty, Calhoun.

Third: Clay, Randolph, Terrell, Lee, Turner, Ben Hill, Crisp, Dooly, Sumter, Webster, Stewart, Quitman, Schley, Macon, Taylor.

Fourth: Chattahoochee, Marion, Muscogee, Harris, Talbot, Troup, Meriwether, Heard, Coweta, Carroll.

Fifth: Douglas, Campbell, Fulton, DeKalb, Rockdale.

Sixth: Peach, Crawford, Bibb, Upson, Lamar, Monroe, Pike, Spalding, Butts, Jasper, Henry, Jones, Fayette, Clayton.

Seventh: Haralson, Paulding, Cobb, Bartow, Floyd, Gordon, Chatooga, Walker, Dade, Catoosa, Whitfield, Murray.

Eighth: Newton, Morgan, Putnam, Oconee, Greene, Clarke, Oglethorpe, Wilkes, Madison, Elbert, Hart, Franklin.

Ninth: Gwinnett, Barrow, Jackson, Hall, Forsyth, Milton, Cherokee, Pickens, Dawson, Lumpkin, White, Banks, Stephens, Habersham, Rabun, Towns, Union, Fannin, Gilmer.

Tenth: Lincoln, Columbia, Richmond, McDuffie, Warren, Taliaferro, Glascock, Jefferson, Washington, Hancock, Baldwin, Wilkinson.

Eleventh: Camden, Glynn, Charlton, Wayne, Appling, Bacon, Pierce, Ware, Jeff Davis, Coffee, Clinch, Echols, Lowndes, Brooks, Cook, Berrien, Irwin.

Twelfth: Wilcox, Telfair, Dodge, Pulaski, Bleckley, Houston, Twiggs, Laurens, Johnson, Emanuel, Toombs, Montgomery, Wheeler.

THE SECOND PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT

Upon the return of the five Georgia delegates from the St. Louis Caucus, a second meeting was called in Atlanta.

Major Trammell Scott, Temporary Chairman of the Georgia Branch, had resigned on account of ill health, so Colonel Homer Watkins acted as Chairman while Captain Louis H. Bell, the Temporary Secretary was present at this meeting.

Reports were made by each of the delegates and these reports were favorably received. It was determined to call a caucus of the entire State. This State-wide meeting was called in Macon on July 11, 1919, and notification was sent to all interested veterans throughout the State of Georgia.

The State Caucus, Macon, Ga., July 11, 1919, resulted in the election of General Walter A. Harris, of Macon, Ga., as Chairman, with the other officers as follows:

Vice Chairman---William H. Beck, Griffin
Secretary--------C. Baxter Jones, Macon
Treasurer-----James A. Bankston, Atlanta
Committeemen: State at Large, Homer Watkins, Atlanta, Cooper D. Winn, Macon.

Committeemen Congressional Districts:
First----------Sam Cann, Savannah
Second--------Louis S. Moore, Tomasville
Third------Barry D. Schneider, Americus
Fourth------Ronald B. Warren, Columbus
Fifth----------Sinclair S. Jacobs, Atlanta
Sixth------Homer A. Jordan, Monticello
Seventh----------T. E. Grafton, Rome
Eighth---------W. H. Meadows, Athens
Ninth-------Edgar B. Dunlap, Gainesville
Tenth----------Lansing B. Lee, Augusta
Eleventh---------Warren Lott, Waycross
Twelfth----------Roy A. Flynt, Dublin

GENERAL WALTER A. HARRIS CHAIRMAN

Walter Alexander Harris was born in Macon, Georgia on November 17, 1875, the son of Nathaniel Edwin and Fannie Burke Harris. He finished Gresham High School in 1891 and graduated from the University of Georgia in 1895 with an A.B., B.L., and LL.D. degrees.

As Captain of the 3rd Georgia Infantry, U. S. V., Walter A. Harris served during the Spanish American War in Cuba. In the Georgia National Guard, Walter A. Harris has

WALTER A. HARRIS, Chairman

served in all grades, up to and including the rank of Major General, retired. On the Mexican Border in 1916-1917 he commanded the Georgia Brigade. As Brigadier General Walter A. Harris commanded the 61st Infantry Brigade, 31st Division, during the World War.

General Harris was Chairman of the Georgia Division, American Legion in 1919, and was one of the charter members of the National organization He served as Commander of his home Post, The Joseph N. Neel, Jr., No. 3, Macon, Ga., 1928-29.

General Harris is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Chi Phi, Phi Beta Kappa Fraternities.

On January 9, 1901, Walter A. Harris married Miss Emily Williamson, of Macon, Ga.

CAPTAIN CHARLES BAXTER JONES SECRETARY

Charles Baxter Jones was born in Macon, Ga., October 24, 1895, the son of George S. and Roberta Hardeman Jones.

C. BAXTER JONES, Secretary

He graduated from Mercer University in 1915 with the degrees of A.B. and LL.B. and from Yale University in 1917 with a LL.B. Entering the first officer's training camp at Fort McPherson, Ga., in May, C. Baxter Jones received his commission as Second Lieutenant. On August 1st, 1917, Lieutenant Jones was assigned to Camp Gordon, Ga. On December 31st, 1917 he was promoted to a First Lieutenant and on September 16, 1918 he received his Captaincy. He was discharged from Camp Gordon on February 18, 1919, having served in the following organizations, 327th Infantry, 7th Training Battalion, 157th Depot Brigade Infantry, Replacement and Training Company, 157th Depot Brigade and as Chief Gas Officer.

Captain Jones was elected as Secretary of the American Legion, Georgia Branch in 1919, serving under General Walter A. Harris. He is a member of the Joseph N. Neel, Jr., Post No. 3, American Legion, Macon, Ga. He was a delegate to the Minneapolis Convention in 1919, representing the Georgia Branch of the Legion.

Captain Jones on January 18, 1918, married Miss Carolyn Cater of Perry, Georgia. Their children are C. Baxter Jones, Jr., Roberta H. Jones, Frank Cater Jones.

Captain Jones is now practicing his profession in Macon under the law firm, of Jones, Jones, Johnson and Russell.

General Walter A. Harris, newly elected State Chairman, called an Executive Committee meeting in Macon, on September 11, 1919, to be held on the sixth floor of the Citizens and Southern Bank Building. Present at this meeting were:

Roy A. Flynt, Dublin; Homer A. Jordan, Monticello; Lansing B. Lee, Augusta; T. E. Grafton, Rome; W. K. Meadows, Athens; Ronald B. Warner, Columbus; and Sinclair S. Jacobs, Atlanta.

This Committee passed two resolutions:

1. "That the officers and members of the Executive Committee assemble in Atlanta on the 14th of October, the day before the convention, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of finally arranging the program."

2. "In as much as Georgia is somewhat behind in other States in the organization of local posts, and in as much as it is desirable to have a post in every county in the State, before the date of the State Convention, be it, therefore, resolved, That the Executive Committeeman from each Congressional District make a personal effort to organize a post in each county in his district, and that the Secretary advise each absent member of the resolution—by sending him a copy."

At the time of this Committee meeting, September 11, 1919, twenty-one posts had been organized. These were:

Laurens County Post at Dublin, Roy A. Flynt, Secretary.

Hall County Post at Gainesville.

Baldwin County Post at Milledgeville, James F. Muldrow, Sec.

Richmond County Post at Augusta, E. I. Ransom, Secretary.

Taliaferro County Post at Crawfordville, R. R. Gunn, Secretary.

Glynn County Post at Brunswick, James D. Gould, Jr., Secretary.

Camden County Post at St. Mary's, James T. Vocelle, Secretary.

Ware County Post at Waycross, W. C. Lee, Secretary.

Lowndes County, Post at Valdosta, Terry T. Hendricks, Secretary.

Coffee County Post at Douglas, J. A. Roberts, Secretary.

Tift County Post at Tifton, M. E. Phillips, Secretary.

Early County Post at Baxley, P. H. Fitzgerald, Secretary.

Sumter County Post at Americus, J. G. Holst, Secretary.

Elbert County Post at Elberton, Howard B. Payne, Secretary.

Wilkes County Post at Washington, R. I. Fanning, Secretary.

Clarke County Post at Athens, Howard T. Abney, Secretary.

Putnam County Post at Eatonton, Joseph D. Duke, Secretary.

Fulton County Post at Atlanta, Basil Stockbridge, Commander.

Bibb County Post at Macon, Lincoln McConnell, Secretary.

Jasper County Post at Monticello, Fred Jordan, Secretary.

Floyd County Post at Rome, T. E. Grafton, Secretary.

No Post had been organized in the First and in the Fourth Congressional Districts at the time of this meeting.

The Executive Committee of the Department at this meeting also fixed the place and the date of the First Convention of The American Legion, Georgia Branch, and legislated upon the representation of each Post in the State at this convention. Atlanta, the birth-place of the Legion in Georgia was given the honor of holding the first Departmental Convention, and the date was set for October 15 and 16, 1919.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES ON ARRANGEMENTS (all of Atlanta)

General

Roy Dorsey, Chairman, W. P. Waters, Jr., Marion Smith, Eugene Oberdorfer, Jr., William Mathews.

Finance

James F. Alexander, Walter B. Elcock, James A. Bankston, Manuel Mannassee, Chat Cheatham.

Program

Claude C. Smith, Dr. W. C. Lyle, Moise A. Kaplan, James A. Drake, Joseph H. Williams, Jr., Charles W. Anderson, John L. Westmoreland, Raymond N. Snead, Victor, Clifford V. Anderson.

Liaison

William Mathews, W. T. Waters. Jr., R. C. Thompson, Harry A. Sappington, E. Warren Moise, George Scott Candler, J. W. Reynolds.

Printing

James E. Eichberry, Evan F. Slider, Herman E. Diddell, Kirk Smith, Jr., Robert L. Watson, Jr.

Reception

Joel B. Mallett, Chairman, Robert B. Troutman, Frank W. Allcorn, Alex. Schlisinger, Hunter Perry, Dr. F. E. May, Dr. Sinclair S. Jacobs, Philip L'Engle, J. R. Cooke, J. L. Harrison, Clarke Howell, Jr., C. E. Doremus, William Kingdom, Palmer Blackburn, W. H. Parker, Asa Warren Candler, Franklin S. Chalmers, Thomas S. Scott, Dr. Walpole Brewer, Captain Harold Colvocoressess, Colonel Benjamin L. Bailey.

Publicity

C. E. Doremus, Chairman, Willard Cope, Ward S. Green, Clarke Howell, Jr., Burton Clarke.

MINUTES
FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION
AMERICAN LEGION
GEORGIA DIVISION

Atlanta, Georgia, October 15, 16, 1919.

"The convention was called to order by Walter A. Harris, Temporary Chairman at ten o'clock a. m.

The invocation was rendered by Dean Thomas H. Johnson of St. Philips Cathedral.

Judge Marcus W. Beck of the Supreme Court of Georgia was then introduced by the chairman. Judge Beck extended a hearty welcome to the convention in behalf of the State of Georgia, and paid a glowing tribute to the members of the Legion, all of whom had offered their services during the war. He stated that one of the foremost purposes of the American Legion was to preserve the great memories of the greatest war of all history. "No event is so important as that event which you men were engaged in. Your duty is to keep alive these memories." Judge Beck spoke reverently of the memories of the conflicting forces of the Civil War and of the organization of surviving veterans and cherished the hope that this organization would serve a like purpose. He implored the men not to allow their ardor to grow cold, but to go on with the work until every man who wore the khaki in this war should become a member of a post. "You will never be ashamed of the fact that you were a soldier. You will find the places of honor in this country. You will guide the destinies of the world."

At this point it was announced from the chair that all delegates who had not submitted their credentials to the committee on credentials should do so at once in order that they might be entitled to vote.

The chairman introduced the next speaker, Mayor James L. Key, of Atlanta, who extended a welcome to the convention on behalf of the citizens of Atlanta.

Mayor Key placed stress on the industrial problems developed from the war and the responsibility of the American Legion to help solve them, and urged that they be met fairly and squarely.

The chairman introduced the next speaker, Mr. Basil Stockbridge who welcomed the Legion on behalf of the Atlanta posts.

Mr. Walter A. Harris, Temporary State Chairman, replied in behalf of the delegates to the addresses of welcome made by the three distinguished speakers who had preceded him. He said the convention was glad to be the guest of Atlanta. "The first post in the State was organized here. Here the American Legion as a State organization had its inception. It is fitting that we should hold our first meeting in the capital of the State."

Mr. Harris referred to a recent meeting of representatives of the Southern States at Birmingham and said that there were many problems discussed of vital interest to the South, and many which affected the Legion throughout the United States. "The peculiar situation in which we stand in Georgia with reference to the negro problem was left to be dealt with by each State."

The report of the credential committee was submitted by Mr. Westmoreland. It appeared, however, that some delegates had recently arrived and a recess of three minutes was declared to give the committee time to receive the credentials of and report on such delegates.

Meeting called to order by the chairman.

The report of the credential committee as submitted follows:

The following delegates and alternates have submitted their credentials and same having been approved, it is recommended that they be seated at the convention:

CHARLES D. MONTGOMERY, JR.
POST NO. 1, ATLANTA

Delegate.....John L. Westmoreland
Delegate.....Basil Stockbridge
Delegate.....Roy Dorsey
Alternate.....Asa W. Candler
Alternate.....John A. Drake
Alternate.....James F. Alexander

JOHN D. MATHIS POST NO. 2
AMERICUS

Delegate.....James A. Fort

JOSEPH N. NEEL, JR. POST NO. 3, MACON
Delegate.....Lincoln McConnell
Delegate.....C. Mortimer Mason
Delegate.....A. C. Clements
Delegate.....M. J. Whitman
Alternate.....A. O. B. Sparks

LOUIS L. BATTEY POST NO. 4, AUGUSTA
Delegate.....Landon Thomas
Delegate.....Robert Walton, Jr.
Delegate.....E. H. Arrington
Delegate.....Boykin Wright, Jr.
Delegate.....John Wilson
Delegate.....Harry Sherrer

WALTON SHANKLIN POST NO. 5, ROME
Delegate.....Barry Wright

PAUL E. BOLDING POST NO. 7
GAINESVILLE
Delegate.....Edgar B. Dunlap

ROY DOZIER POST NO. 8
CRAWFORDVILLE
Delegate.....R. R. Gunn

BRUNSWICK POST NO. 9, BRUNSWICK
Delegate.....Hope Strong
Alternate.....W. L. Harwell

VALDOSTA POST NO. 13, VALDOSTA
Delegate.....J. C. Hart, Jr.

EDMUND BREWER TATE POST NO. 14
ELBERTON
Delegate.....Howard B. Payne

TROY D. BARNETT POST NO. 15, GRIFFIN
Delegate.....S. B. Wallace

PAUL B. MINTER POST NO. 16
MONTICELLO
Delegate.....(not present)
Alternate.....Mark S. Wormack

LAURENS COUNTY POST NO. 17, DUBLIN
Delegate.....Roy A. Flynt

DOUGLAS POST NO. 18, DOUGLAS
Delegate.....Fred Rickertson

PUTNAM COUNTY POST NO. 19
EATONTON
Delegate.....H. R. DeJarnette, Jr.

ALLEN R. FLEMING POST NO. 20, ATHENS
Delegate.....R. L. McWhorter

TIFT COUNTY POST NO. 21, TIFTON
Delegate.....W. B. Bennett

JEROME A. WOOTTEN POST NO. 22
WASHINGTON
Delegate.....T. H. Coleman
Alternate.....Henry D. Hill

CLAUDE ROBERTS POST NO. 26
WILLACOOCHEE
Delegate.....H. T. Corbett

BOB TOOMBS POST NO. 27, LYONS
Delegate.....T. Ross Sharpe
Alternate.....J. E. Newton

JAMES STANLEY MOORE, JR. POST
NO. 28, ATLANTA
Delegate.....C. E. Doremus

ALBANY POST NO. 30, ALBANY
Delegate.....W. H. Burt

T. L. SPENCE, JR. POST NO. 31
THOMASVILLE
Delegate.....W. W. Jarrell

HENRY E. FULGHUM POST NO. 33
ATLANTA
Delegate.....Asa W. Candler

TOM HOLLIS POST NO. 34, FORSYTH
Delegate.....O. H. B. Bloodworth
Alternate.....F. B. Willingham

CHARLES S. HARRISON POST NO. 35
COLUMBUS
Delegate.....W. R. Flournoy

CHATHAM COUNTY POST NO. 36
SAVANNAH
Delegate.....E. O. Hunter
Alternate.....S. A. Cann

JOHN BRYAN RYALS POST NO. 38
CORDELE
Delegate.....S. M. Smith

GROVER CLEVELAND GUNNELLS
POST NO. 39, DANIELSVILLE
Delegate.....W. P. Tabor

RANSOM S. RABUN POST NO. 43
LOUISVILLE

Delegate.....W. W. Abbott, Jr.

CLYDE Y. NIX POST NO. 46
LAWRENCEVILLE

Delegate.....John I. Kelly
Alternate.....J. P. Houston

PAUL GWIN POST NO. 47, CALHOUN

Delegate.....A. L. Henson

WILBUR OGLESBY POST NO. 48
QUITMAN

Delegate.....J. W. Oglesby, Jr.
Alternate.....W. L. Fisher

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA POST
NO. 49, ATHENS

Delegate.....H. J. Kennedy

WILLIAM B. COLEMAN POST NO. 51
ATLANTA

Delegate.....R. S. Fleet
Alternate.....J. S. Dissosway

EMORY UNIVERSITY POST NO. 52
ATLANTA

Delegate.....A. R. Hutchinson

JOHN RICH PENTECOST POST
NO. 53, WINDER

Delegate.....Hugh A. Carithers

MARCUS W. BECK POST NO. 54
ATLANTA

Delegate.....Harold Colvocoresses
Proxy.....Eugene Oberdorfer, Jr.

GEORGIA TECH POST NO. 56
ATLANTA

Delegate.....R. A. Beall
Alternate.....J. H. Lucas

ALVIN HUGH HARRIS POST NO. 57
NEWNAN

Delegate.....R. H. Freeman

It was moved and seconded that the report as submitted be adopted. The motion was carried.

The report of the executive committee was read by the secretary, and follows:

The executive committee, at its session on Tuesday afternoon, October 14, offers the following recommendations to the convention:

(1) That the program that had been prepared be adopted by the convention with the amendment that the item "General Business" on page one of the program be changed to read:

(a) Appointment of resolution committee.
(b) Report of secretary.
(c) Report of treasurer.
(d) Submission of resolution to resolution committee.

and that a credential committee be appointed to consist of three delegates with instructions to inquire into the credentials of all attending delegates and report the names of same at the commencement of the opening session Thursday morning. Barry Wright, Roy Dorsey, John L. Westmoreland were appointed to act as members of the committee.

(2) That members of the executive committee should be allowed to sit and vote in the convention.

(3) That questions of state, national and world wide interest are proper subjects for discussion and are not within the realm of politics or partisan matters, and that the convention has the right, and properly should, go on record as favoring or disapproving any such questions.

(4) That all resolutions be submitted in writing to the resolution committee in time to be acted on and reported by ten o'clock of the second morning, and that the resolutions committee have the power to strike such resolutions as are not proper subjects for discussion.

(5) The following subjects are suggested as likely subjects for action by the convention:

(1) League of Nations.
(2) Government Insurance.
(3) Bonus to Discharged Soldiers.
(4) Future Military Program.

(6) That the votes be by delegates and not by posts and that every accredited delegate have one vote.

(7) That any person rising in the convention should state his name, the name

of his Post, and the name of his city.

(8) That the vote be taken by acclimation and the result announced by the chair in all instances unless a vote by roll call is demanded, or unless the voting is so close that a vote by roll call is desirable.

(9) That the report of the first convention be printed and a copy furnished each local post.

Mr. Beck of Griffin, moved the adoption of the report as a whole and the motion was duly seconded.

Mr. Clements of Macon, declared that he was opposed to the executive committee having the privilege of voting.

Mr. Candler of Atlanta, said it was his opinion that the executive committee men should have the privilege of voting.

The chairman, after consulting the constitution, ruled that voting power was limited to accredited delegates.

Mr. Whitman of Macon, stated that he was opposed to the report being adopted as a whole, and offered the following substitute motion: "That the report be adopted eliminating the provision with reference to giving the resolutions committee power to strike such resolutions as it sees fit."

The executive committee voluntarily amended its report to conform to the motion made by Mr. Whitman and Mr. Whitman withdrew his motion.

Mr. Beck's motion was then placed before the convention and duly carried.

The report of the secretary was made as follows:

Total number of posts organized	57
Total charter fees paid	42
Total number of posts organized for whom no application received	13
Total members reported	2840
Total members paid state dues	1606
Total members paid national dues	1594
National dues paid national treasurer	1594

OFFICIAL BUTTONS

Total buttons ordered	1200
Total buttons received	800
Total buttons paid for	700
Buttons invoiced to Valdosta Post	100
Buttons not received	400
Buttons sold to local posts and paid for	398
Buttons sold to local posts and not paid for	275
Buttons on hand (silver)	100
Buttons used for sample purposes	27
Total	800
Total money collected from state and national dues and from charter fees	$1411.50
Money collected from buttons	99.50
Total	$1511.00
Total paid state treasurer	$1511.00

The report of Mr. James A. Bankston, Treasurer, was read to the convention and showed a total amount of money collected to date from all sources of $2011, and a total amount of money expended on proper vouchers of $796.75, leaving a balance on hand to the credit of the American Legion, Georgia Division, on deposit at the Atlanta National Bank of $1214.25.

The chairman ruled that the reports of the secretary and treasurer be received and filed, and that the books of the treasurer be audited by a committee appointed from the executive committee.

The following members were then appointed to constitute a resolutions committee.

Barry Wright, Rome, Ga.; Landon Thomas, Augusta, Ga.; Howard B. Payne, Elberton, Ga.; O. H. B. Bloodworth, Jr., Forsyth, Ga.; and M. J. Whitman, Macon, Ga.

The resolutions that had been offered were read by the secretary and delivered to the committee.

An invitation was extended to the convention by Dr. Dorsey to be the guests of the Atlanta Posts at the Burns' Club at a barbecue to be given there at one o'clock.

There being nothing further in the order of business, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned until 9:30 the following morning.

The motion was carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned until 9:30 Thursday morning.

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The convention was called to order by the chairman at ten o'clock a. m.

The invocation was rendered by Dr. B. R. Lacy.

The chairman introduced Samuel H. Sibley, Judge of the United States District Court of Georgia, who addressed the convention very briefly on the Georgia Memorial Association.

The chairman introduced Mr. C. W. McClure, who spoke in behalf of the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

The chairman then mentioned the Red Cross membership drive to take place the third of November, and introduced Mr. E. A. Pound who rendered a short address on the subject. He outlined the results which the Red Cross expected to accomplish since the conclusion of the war.

The following telegram was read to the convention:

Georgia State Convention,
American Legion,
Atlanta, Ga.

I send my heartiest good wishes to the Georgia State Convention, American Legion, and regret I am not personally with you today. It is my earnest desire that Georgia make a strong showing in membership between now and National Convention in November, and send strong representation to the convention. This first National Convention will undoubtedly determine many matters of far reaching value to our country, and to those who served in this war. The Legion will, I am sure, become the greatest force for good in American life for the next quarter century, and I know the veterans of Georgia will play their full part in this great work. You have my best wishes for a successful convention.

HENRY D. LINDSLEY,
National Chairman

Mr. Homer Watkins then rendered a report in behalf of the committee appointed to audit the treasurer's report, showing that the treasurer's books were correct and in excellent condition and recommend that his report be approved.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the committee be adopted. The motion was carried.

The following additional report was submitted by Mr. Dorsey in behalf of the committee on credentials:

It is recommended that the following delegates and alternates be seated at this convention.

MORRIS-LITTLE POST NO. 6
MILLEDGEVILLE

Delegate----------J. F. Muldrow

ALLEN R. FLEMING POST NO. 20
ATHENS

Alternate----------J. H. Lumpkin

LEON MARTIN POST NO. 25
BARNESVILLE

Delegate----------Curtiss Barrett

CALVIN GEORGE POST NO. 37
MADISON

Delegate----------Edward J. Trotter

CARL BOYD POST NO. 42
CARTERSVILLE

Delegate----------J. B. Conyers

It was moved and seconded that the report of the committee be adopted. The motion was carried.

Mr. Barry Wright submitted the report on resolutions.

Mr. James Fort of Americus, moved and it was duly seconded, that speeches upon these resolutions be limited to three minutes. The motion was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Clements of Macon, and duly seconded that the resolutions reported be considered seriatim. The motion was carried.

The following resolutions reported favorably by the committee were considered and discussed and duly approved by the convention:

Resolutions Adopted by State Convention, Georgia Division, American Legion, Atlanta Session, October 15-16, 1919.

(1)

BE IT RESOLVED, And it is hereby resolved by the Georgia Division, American Legion, in convention assembled,

THAT the Senators and Representatives of the State of Georgia in the Congress of the United States be requested to introduce and urge the passage of legislation by Congress which would authorize the receipt by postmasters and rural mail carriers of premiums upon War Risk Insurance policies, it being the belief of this convention that authority to make payments on premiums upon policies to postal authorities will prevent the dropping of policies by men who are not familiar with methods of making remittance by mail.

(2)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the delegates to the National Convention be instructed to urge a memorial to Congress to so amend the insurance laws as to authorize the payment of benefits in a lump sum instead of in monthly installments, to include Government term insurance as well as converted insurance.

(3)

BE IT RESOLVED, And it is hereby resolved by the American Legion, Georgia Division, in convention assembled at Atlanta, Georgia, October 15, 1919,

THAT it is the sense of this convention that the Treaty of Peace as submitted to the Senate of the United States, and embodying the League of Nations, should be adopted as submitted, without reservations, amendment or interpretation, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senators of the State of Georgia be furnished copies of this resolution and that they be requested to support the Treaty of Peace and vote against any reservation, interpretation or amendment thereto.

(4)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the delegates to the National Convention be instructed to use their efforts to secure the passage of a memorial to Congress to make November 11th a national holiday to commemorate the termination of the World War.

(5)

BE IT RESOLVED, That we favor the adoption of a system of universal training for national service in order that the young men of the nation may be given the great physical benefits to be derived therefrom in order that we may more quickly and effectually Americanize our foreign population and through the common service of all classes combat attempts to arraign class against class, and, finally, in order that this nation shall never have to ask again for the sacrifice of lives that comes in battle for lack of training.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we commend the youth of the land everywhere to military service, and especially, we commend the wholesome influences and the substantial advantages and benefits of modern military training to the educators, employers, state, county and local officials, civic organizations, the press, pulpit and forum, and to the fathers and mothers of Georgia; and we urge the young manhood of the state to avail themselves of all opportunities for military training, by enrollment in schools and training camps.

(6)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Georgia Division of the American Legion in State Convention assembled, that the Congress of the United States of America be urged to appoint a commission to investigate the method of training disabled service men of the World War as same is given under the present laws, and to further investigate the compensation that is being paid to disabled service men, and in case deficiencies are found as a result of said investigation, that appropriate legislation be passed to remedy said deficiencies immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the two Senators and to each of the Representatives from Georgia.

(7)

WHEREAS, The Federal Board of Vocational Education of maimed and disabled ex-service men had evinced a de-

sire to co-operate with the American Legion in meeting and solving the many problems of rehabilitation now confronting it; and

WHEREAS, There are numerous changes needed in the laws now in existence prescribing the extent of compensation, the manner of deciding awards and the handling of claims by this board which the American Legion can materially assist in securing from Congress;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Georgia Convention of the American Legion that a committee of three be appointed to co-operate with the Federal Board of Vocational Education.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That this committee shall invite the organizations of the Legion in the States of Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee to name similar committees, and that all of these committees, acting jointly, be requested to render all assistance necessary in securing amendments to the existing laws, and to the bringing about of speedier and more de-centralized action on all cases of vocational training arising in the territory over which this joint committee may have jurisdiction.

(8)

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Georgia Division, American Legion, that it is the sense of this body in convention assembled, that the question of negro membership in the American Legion, together with such other questions as are peculiarly state issues, be left to the Legion organization in the various states, and that our delegates to the National Convention be instructed to vote for all measures giving the individual state organizations this power of state determination.

(9)

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Georgia Division of the American Legion in State Convention assembled, that all resolutions passed by this convention shall be binding upon the delegates elected by this convention to the National Convention, and that they be and are hereby instructed to introduce similar resolutions in the National Convention.

(10)

BE IT RESOLVED, That we feel the creation by Congress of any additional bonus system which will add to the burden of our country's national debt is contrary to the spirit of the American Legion.

(11)

WHEREAS, The Georgia Memorial Association plans the erection of a proper memorial to commemorate the services and sacrifices of Georgians in the late war, to compile and preserve the history of Georgia in the war, and

WHEREAS, Its objects are patriotic and within the purview of the principles and objects of the American Legion,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this convention of the Georgia Division of the American Legion, that it deeply appreciates the interest in us and our comrades who have returned to us only in spirit, and that it is in hearty sympathy with the movement.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That this convention will lend its aid and effort to further the movement of the Georgia Memorial Association and commend its objects and aims to all our fellow citizens.

The following resolution, though reported unfavorably by the committee, was duly adopted:

(12)

WHEREAS, The majority of the States have made provisions for their soldiers and sailors to vote in National and State Conventions in cases where they are necessarily absent from their States or precincts on military or naval service, and

WHEREAS, Due to the omission of the State of Georgia to make corresponding provision, 3500 Georgians in the National election of 1916 who were then serving their country on the Mexican border, and 90,000 Georgians in the State and Congressional election of 1918 who were absent from their homes and on the battlefields of France, on the high seas, or in training camps of America, were all effectually disfranchised and to all prac-

tical purposes placed in the category of children, idiots and felons,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Georgia Division of the American Legion, demand the immediate passage of an act by the Legislature of Georgia providing the necessary machinery for the registration and voting of those who are otherwise qualified and who may be necessarily absent from their precincts on military or naval service, in the event of war or general mobilization, at the time of holding a National or State election.

A resolution endorsing the Mondell National Soldiers Settlement Act, H. R. 487, was referred to the executive committee, to be appointed, for investigation, and for such action as the committee should see fit.

The chairman announced that the next order of business was permanent organization, and that it was in order to adopt a state constitution.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn until three p. m. The motion was carried and the convention was declared adjourned until three p. m.

The convention was called to order promptly at three o'clock by the chairman.

The subjects of permanent organization and the adoption of the constitution was resumed.

A constitution was duly adopted, and is appended hereto, marked Appendix "A." (This constitution will be found in juxtaposition with the platform of a politician in another chapter).

The chairman announced the next order of business to be the selection of the time and place of holding the next annual convention.

Mr. Boykin Wright, Jr., of Augusta, extended an invitation to the convention to meet at Augusta.

Mr. W. H. Burt of Albany, invited the convention to Albany.

Mr. James A. Fort of Americus, extended an invitation in behalf of Americus.

Mr. Roy Dorsey extended an invitation in behalf of Atlanta.

Augusta was duly selected and it was declared that the annual convention of 1920 would be held in Augusta.

It was moved and seconded that the date be determined later by the executive committee. The motion was carried.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the chairman of the convention be requested to transmit by telegraph to the President of the United States an expression of the deep concern and sincere sympathy of the Georgia Division of the American Legion in his present illness, and its earnest and prayerful hope for his speedy and complete recovery.

The chairman then announced that the election of the permanent officers was in order.

Nominations were declared in order for the office of chairman.

Mr. James A. Fort nominated Mr. Walter A. Harris.

Mr. Harris declined the nomination.

Mr. Edgar B. Dunlap nominated Mr. Basil Stockbridge of Atlanta for chairman.

The nomination was seconded by Mr. C. Mortimer Mason.

Mr. Stockbridge was unanimously elected chairman.

Nominations were declared in order for vice-chairman.

Mr. W. H. Beck nominated Mr. Barry Wright of Rome.

The nomination was seconded by Mr. Asa Candler.

Mr. Barry Wright was unanimously elected.

Nominations were declared in order for secretary.

Mr. John Wilson of Augusta nominated Mr. C. Baxter Jones.

Mr. Jones declined the nomination.

Mr. Clements nominated Mr. Eugene Oberdorfer, Jr.

Mr. Westmoreland of Atlanta nominated Mr. Kirk Smith, Jr. of Atlanta.

Mr. Oberdorfer withdrew his name and seconded Mr. Smith's nomination.

Mr. Kirk Smith, Jr., of Atlanta, was elected secretary.

Nominations were declared in order for treasurer.

Mr. Bennett nominated Mr. C. Baxter Jones.

Mr. Jones declined the nomination, and nominated Mr. James A. Bankston of Atlanta, the present treasurer, for re-election.

The nomination was duly seconded, and Mr. Bankston was re-elected.

The election of the executive committee was declared in order.

Nominations were made, and the executive committee was elected as follows:

First Cong. Dist.	Sam Cann, Savannah
Second Cong. Dist.	W. H. Burt, Albany
Third Cong. Dist.	J. G. Holst, Americus
Fourth Cong. Dist.	Robert Hill Freeman, Newnan
Fifth Cong. Dist.	Asa W. Candler, Atlanta
Sixth Cong. Dist.	W. H. Beck, Griffin
Seventh Cong. Dist.	A. L. Henson, Calhoun
Eighth Cong. Dist.	Robert L. McWhorter, Athens
Ninth Cong. Dist.	Edgar B. Dunlap, Gainesville
Tenth Cong. Dist.	Ed. Danforth, Augusta
Eleventh Cong. Dist.	J. W. Oglesby, Quitman
Twelfth Cong. Dist.	Roy A. Flynt, Dublin
State at Large	James A. Fort, Americus
State at Large	Walter A. Harris, Macon

The election of delegates to the National Convention was declared in order.

Mr. Dunlap nominated Mr. Walter A. Harris.

Mr. Watkins nominated Mr. Basil Stockbridge and Barry Wright.

Mr. Dorsey nominated Mr. Eugene Oberdorfer, Jr.

Mr. Sparks nominated Mr. Homer Watkins.

Mr. Clements nominated Mr. O. H. B. Bloodworth, Jr.

Mr. Burt nominated Mr. R. R. Gunn.

Mr. Wilson nominated Mr. Boykin Wright, Jr.

Mr. Flynt nominated Mr. C. Baxter Jones.

It was moved and seconded that the vote be taken by ballot, and that the six nominees receiving the highest number of votes should be elected. The motion was carried.

Unanimous consent was requested and obtained by Mr. Barry Wright to reconsider the resolution regarding instructions to delegates, for the purpose of striking the word "sponsor."

It was moved and seconded that the resolution be amended by striking the words "and sponsor." The motion was carried.

The following delegates were elected:

Edgar B. Dunlap, Basil Stockbridge, Homer Watkins, Walter A. Harris, Barry Wright, and Boykin Wright, Jr.

It was moved and seconded that the actual expenses of the accredited delegates be paid. The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that the convention extend its thanks to the City of Atlanta for its hospitality.

The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that a rising vote of thanks be given to the retiring officers for their services.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Stockbridge moved that all of the business of the Legion transacted prior to the adoption of this present constitution, be ratified the same as if it had been transacted subsequent to the adoption of the constitution. The motion was duly seconded.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Beck moved, and it was duly seconded, that the thanks of the convention be tendered the press of Atlanta.

The business of the convention having been completed, it was moved and seconded that the convention adjourn.

The motion was carried.

The convention was declared adjourned.*

C. Baxter Jones, Secretary

COMMANDERS OF THE POSTS, GEORGIA DIVISION
THE AMERICAN LEGION
1919

No.	Post	Town	Dec. 1919 Commander	Date of Charter	Votes 1919 Atlanta Conv.
1	Charles D. Montgomery	Atlanta	Warren Moise	7- 8-19	3
2	John D. Mathis	Americus	James A. Fort	7-14-19	1
3	Joseph N. Neel, Jr.	Macon	Lincoln McConnell	7-29-19	4
4	Louis L. Battey	Augusta	Landon Thomas	7-22-19	6
5	Walter Shanklin	Rome	Hiles Hamilton	8-11-19	1

*This is a verbatim copy of the proceedings of the convention, given in full, as it was the first American Legion Convention in Georgia.

No.	Post	Town	Dec. 1919 Commander	Date of Charter	Votes 1919 Atlanta Conv.
6	Morris-Little	Milledgeville	Jos. Muldrow	8-11-19	1
7	Paul E. Bolding	Gainesville	Edgar B. Dunlap	8-11-19	1
8	Roy Dozier	Crawfordville	R. R. Gunn	8-16-19	1
9	Brunswick	Brunswick	Eustice C. Butts	8-22-19	1
10	Ware County	Waycross	W. E. Lee	8-29-19	1
11	Early County	Blakely	P. H. Fitzgerald	8-29-19	1
12	Thomas W. Perry	St. Mary's	William Todd	8-29-19	1
13	Valdosta	Valdosta	Terry Hendricks	8-29-19	1
14	Edmund B. Tate	Elberton	Howard B. Payne	8-29-19	1
15	Troy D. Barnett	Griffin	G. J. Drake	9- 2-19	1
16	Paul B. Minter	Monticello	Fred Jordan	9- 4-19	1
17	Laurens County	Dublin	Roy A. Flynt	9- 4-19	1
18	Douglas	Douglas	John R. Smith	9- 5-19	1
19	Putnam County	Eatonton	Dr. E. F. Griffith	9-15-19	1
20	Allen R. Fleming	Athens	J. H. Lumpkin	9-15-19	1
21	Tift County	Tifton	Steve Mitchell	9-15-19	1
22	Jerome A. Wootten	Washington	A. S. Quinn	9-18-19	1
23	Pierce County	Blackshear	Lester B. Moore	9-22-19	1
24	Fate Carter	Baxley	L. C. Crosley	9-22-19	1
25	Leon Martin	Barnesville	Chas. P. Graddick	9-25-19	1
26	Claude Roberts	Willacoochee	Harry T. Corbett	9-26-19	1
27	Bob Toombs	Lyons	T. Roy Sharpe	9-29-19	1
28	James Stanley Moore, Jr.	Atlanta	William Mathews	9-29-19	1
29	Blackjack	Marietta	A. L. Crowe	9-29-19	1
30	Albany	Albany	W. H. Burt	10- 2-19	1
31	T. L. Spence, Jr.	Thomasville	W. W. Gerald	10- 2-19	1
32	Newton County	Covington	Thos. C. Meadows	10- 3-19	1
33	Henry B. Fulghum	Atlanta	H. A. Sappington	10- 4-19	1
34	Tom Hollis	Forsyth	Frank B. Williams	10- 4-19	1
35	Charles S. Harrison	Columbus	Joseph A. Lynch	10- 6-19	1
36	Chatham	Savannah	J. Z. Ryan	10- 6-19	1
37	Calvin George	Madison	E. J. Trotter	10- 6-19	1
38	John Bryan Ryals, Jr.	Cordele	Seward M. Smith	10- 7-19	1
39	Grover C. Gunnells	Danielsville	R. C. Davis	10- 9-19	1
40	Rabun County	Clayton	John C. Laurent	10- 9-19	1
41	Thomas S. Teabeaut	Moultrie	R. S. Roddenberry, Jr.	10- 9-19	1
42	Carl Boyd	Cartersville	W. N. Strickland	10- 9-19	1
43	Ranson S. Rabun	Louisville	W. F. Revell	10-10-19	1
44	Giles Parson	Homer	S. R. Jolly	10-10-19	1
45	Thomas M. Brady	Canton	Ben F. Kilby	10-11-19	1
46	Clyde Y. Nix	Lawrenceville	W. G. Holt	10-11-19	1
47	Paul Gwin	Calhoun	Allen L. Henson	10-11-19	1
48	Wilbur Oglesby	Quitman	W. L. Fisher	10-11-19	1
49	University of Georgia	Athens	Harvey J. Kennedy	10-13-19	1
50	Grady County	Cairo	Claude Christopher	10-13-19	1
51	William B. Coleman	Atlanta	R. S. Fleet	10-13-19	1
52	Emory University	Atlanta	Alva Hutchinson	10-13-19	1
53	John Rich Pentecost	Winder	J. C. Pratt	10-14-19	1
54	Marcus W. Beck, Jr.	Atlanta	Oscar D. Keown	10-14-19	1

Total Number of Posts, 54.

Total voting strength First Department Convention, Atlanta, October 15 and 16, 1919, 64 votes.

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OFFICIAL STAFF AMERICAN LEGION

Georgia Division

State Chairman, Basil Stockbridge, Atlanta
Vice Chairman, Barry Wright, Rome
Secretary, Kirk Smith, Jr., Atlanta
Treasurer, James A. Bankston, Atlanta

Committeemen

State at Large, Walter A. Harris, Macon
State at Large, James A. Fort, Americus
First Congressional District, Sam Cann, Savannah
Second Congressional District, W. H. Burt Albany
Third Congressional District J. G. Holst, Americus
Fourth Congressional District, Robert H. Freeman Newnan
Fifth Congressional District, Asa Warren Candler Atlanta
Sixth Congressional District W. H. Beck Griffin
Seventh Congressional District, Allen L. Henson, Calhoun
Eighth Congressional District, Robert L. McWhorter Athens