



Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Nancy Hunter Chapter Papers (CG0089)

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Abstract: Meeting minutes, membership lists, yearbooks, financial records, and miscellaneous records of the chapter; and directories, bulletins, and programs of the state and national organizations, 1902-2012.

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[*Daughters of the American Revolution, Mexico \(Mo.\) Chapter Records*, \(C4711\)](#)

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Historical Note:

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (abbreviated as DAR or NSDAR) was founded in 1890 as a federally chartered lineage-based membership service organization for women. A non-profit and non-political group, the organization promotes historic preservation, education and patriotism. Membership is limited to women 18 years or older who are direct lineal descendants of soldiers or patriots of the American Revolution era who aided the revolution.

The Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (MSSDAR) was organized in 1894, four years after the founding of the National Society. Genealogical research and documentation are of particular interest to the DAR, as proof of genealogical connection to Revolutionary War veterans is the basis of membership eligibility.

The Nancy Hunter Chapter, NSDAR was established in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on February 12, 1901, and was the 8th chapter to organize in the state of Missouri. Mary Hunter Giboney Houck was the organizing regent. The chapter was named in honor of Nancy Hunter, born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph Hunter of Virginia, who joined the expedition of Gen. George Rogers Clark in 1779. Hunter was placed in command of a fortified post known as Fort Jefferson, near the mouth of the Ohio River, where Wickliffe, Kentucky now stands. During a siege at the fort, Nancy Hunter displayed courage in bringing food and water to the soldiers.

Mrs. Houck served as the first Regent, along with Mrs. Mabel Ellen Hunter Haw, Vice Regent; Mrs. Mary Amanda Harris Blomeyer, Secretary; Mrs. Virginia Hunter Houck, Treasurer; Mrs. Jennie Allen Wilson, Registrar; and Mrs. Maria Mount Green, Historian. Additional charter members were as follows: Miss Mary H. Fee, Mrs. Julia Allen Block, Mrs. Clara Hunter Whitesell, Mrs. Lucy Hunter Bird, Mrs. Mary B. Hunter Moore, and Mrs. Mary Hunter Pierce.

One of the first orders of business for the Nancy Hunter Chapter was securing a memorial for Don Louis Lorimer, the first commandant of the Spanish military post at Cape Girardeau. Early chapter work also included the marking of the El Camino Real, or King's Highway, establishing history awards for students, and honoring Real Daughter Sarah Stringer.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following four series:

Nancy Hunter Chapter records

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (MSSDAR) records

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) records

Non-DAR materials

Please note that only the meeting minutes have been indexed. Yearbooks and membership records will contain more individual names.

Scope and Content Note:

Nancy Hunter Chapter Records

The chapter records series consists of meeting minutes, bylaws, annual reports, committee activities, correspondence, financial records, membership records, newspaper clippings, photographs and yearbooks. The minutes are complete from 1902-1945, and yearbooks are nearly complete from 1926-1983. Other records have been sporadically included, with a predominant number of items from the early 1970s. A noteworthy inclusion is a notebook that belonged to Jennie B. Smith Kochtitzky, who served as the state chair for the Old Trails Committee beginning in 1913. She spearheaded the campaign to mark the El Camino Real, or Kings Highway, from St. Louis to Caruthersville. The original 1917 pamphlet created to lobby the state legislature for financial support is also included.

MSSDAR Records

The MSSDAR records series contains items generated by the Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution, including bylaws, a chapter location map, directory, newsletters and a proceedings book. Programs from state meetings, including the Southeast District Meeting and State Conference, contain the names of local chapter members who participated in those meetings. The series has been arranged chronologically and consists of materials from 1952-1982.

NSDAR Records

The NSDAR records series contains bylaws, committee publications, and items related to the national organization headquartered in Washington DC. The series has been arranged chronologically and consists of materials from 1933-1982.

Non-DAR Materials

The Non-DAR materials series contains items that are not related to the DAR. They include two commemorative publications; one is a family reunion program for the descendants of Wyatt Grant and Henry Tuggle Lee which contains genealogical information on the families. The second is a Bicentennial booklet produced by the Southeast Missouri Council on the Arts. It highlights historical resources of Cape Girardeau and records the activities planned for local bicentennial celebrations. Also found in this series are the minute books from the Thomas Sanford Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists. The series has been arranged alphabetically by subject and contains materials from 1935-1976.

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