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**Introduction**

Approximately 12 cubic feet.

The collection consists of meeting minutes, financial records, yearbooks, directories, newsletters, magazines, and scripts pertaining to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Elizabeth Benton Chapter. Additional materials include biographies and service records of Kansas City area soldiers who served during World War I and twenty-eight scrapbooks. The scrapbooks associated with this collection have been microfilmed.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) was founded in 1890 by women who sought to express their patriotic feelings and were frustrated by their exclusion from men’s organizations and fraternities. The DAR was established to promote and perpetuate the memory of those ancestors who fought during the American Revolutionary War. The overall goal of the organization is to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. The Elizabeth Benton Chapter was organized in Missouri in 1894. Considered the first chapter to organize west of the Mississippi River, the chapter was named after Missouri Senator Thomas Hart Benton’s wife.

**Donor Information**

The records were donated to the University of Missouri by Jean Jones on behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution on July 13, 2001 (Accession No. KA1134). An addition was made on May 17, 2002 by Sara Nyman on behalf of the Kansas City Public Library and Joanna Townsend on behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution (Accession No. KA1154).

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*American Monthly* magazine, 1908

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Elizabeth Benton Chapter, National Building Fund, 1949-1950
Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Elizabeth Benton Chapter yearbooks, 1933-1996
Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), 88th Annual State Conference, 1987
Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), 97th Continental Congress, 1988
History of the Elizabeth Benton Chapter
Miscellaneous and financial notes

**Box 2**
Genealogical Materials written by members
Georgia White Ewing, descendant of Joseph Boggs
Bound Newsletters of the Elizabeth Benton Chapter, 1932-1989
Dedication of Memorial Garden and Sanctuary for the Bird Life, 1963
Signed copy of Frank Steinman’s “Harris Home” painting
Ledger, Guide Receipts, 1951-1961
Correspondence
Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), History of the Elizabeth Benton Chapter
*American Monthly* magazine, 1908, 1916
Book, *History of the Elizabeth Benton Chapter, D.A.R.*, Kansas City, Missouri (2 copies)
Reports

**Box 3**
Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Elizabeth Benton Chapter
Board Meeting Minutes, bound, 1960-1986 (11 volumes)
Treasurer’s Reports, 1925-1950
Various Reports
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 1938-1940
Regular Meeting Minutes, 1938-1940

**Box 4**
Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Elizabeth Benton Chapter
Regular Board Meeting Minutes, 1894-1960 (20 volumes)

**Box 5**
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**Box 6**
Biographies and Service Record of Kansas City Soldiers who Served in World War I, 1919 (2 folders)
Booklet, “Memorial to War Dead”
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Scrapbook, “World News in Pictures,” 1922
Historical Review, 1933
A play
The Hawthorn, Missouri’s State Flower by Mrs. Waller Washington Graves, 1927
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History, Kansas City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), 1932
Discusses Mrs. Max A. (Sue B. Hargis) Christopher, Regent, 1931-1932
Biographies, Major Molly Chapter, 1932
Report of regime of Mrs. C.C. Madison, 1932
Historical Sketches, 1932-1933
Report of the Elizabeth Benton Chapter, 1919
Miscellaneous, 1914-1940
Deed for property in Jackson County, Missouri, Benjamin R. Whitney and Mary A. Whitney, Thomas West and John Q. Watkins, 1870
Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in Missouri
History of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Elizabeth Benton Chapter
Report of the 8th Annual Missouri State Conference
Speeches
Memos
Death of William Bingham Clark
History of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Kansas City Chapter
House Bill No. 221, Designating Lincoln’s Birthday as a Holiday in Missouri
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**Box 7**
Scrapbooks, Vol. 1, 6-9, 16a, 1915-1932

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