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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains the records of Dr. Harvy Black Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. It contains files devoted to local Confederate veterans, as well as chapter financial records, minute books, membership records, printed materials and scrapbooks.

Creator

United Daughters of the Confederacy. Dr. Harvy Black Chapter (1896-2009) (Blacksburg, Va.)

Extent

4.4 Cubic Feet 7 boxes and 1 oversize folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Dr. Harvy Black Chapter Records were deposited with Special Collections in 1990, with the exception of the scrapbooks and the Elisha Epperson letters, which were deposited in 1991. Additional minute books, scrapbooks, membership applications, and chapter correspondence and business records were donated in 2010, after the chapter disbanded. More materials were received in 2013 and 2017.

Processing Information

The processing, arrangement and description of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Dr. Harvy Black Chapter Records commenced in October 2003 and was completed the following month. Preliminary processing had been performed during the 1990s. Additional processing of the 2010 accrual was completed in December 2011. 2013 and 2017 accruals were processed in July 2017.

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Biographical Note

The United Daughters of the Confederacy was established in Nashville, Tennessee in 1894. Comprised of female descendants of Confederate Civil War veterans, the organization was formed to preserve materials and places significant to Confederate history and to provide assistance to needy families of Confederate veterans. The Blacksburg, Virginia chapter, named in honor of local resident and Fourth Virginia Infantry surgeon Harvy Black, was formed in 1896. The chapter disbanded in 2009.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains the records of the Dr. Harvy Black Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC). Apart from the chapter's records, the collection also contains files devoted to local Confederate veterans--most noteworthy of which are the letters of Elisha Epperson (67th Virginia Infantry). Among the official chapter records are financial records, minute books, and membership applications. The collection also contains a small set of printed materials, including convention programs and proceedings, booklets, and newspaper clippings. A group of scrapbooks completes the collection.

Separated Materials

The following items were transferred to the Rare Book Collection:

The Capture of a Locomotive : A Brilliant Exploit of the War. Atlanta, GA: Franklin Printing, 1895.

Craig's Share in the War Between the States, 1861-1865 : A Historical Sketch. [New Castle, VA: Craig Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, c. 1912].

Custodians of Imperishable Glory. [Atlanta, GA: Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association, 1925?]

Hale, Gertrude Henkle. *Mary Custis Lee.* [Richmond, VA?: Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, 1936].

Keywords

Blacksburg (Va.)

Civil War

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Montgomery County (Va.)

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Women -- History

United Daughters of the Confederacy. Dr. Harvy Black Chapter (1896-2009) (Blacksburg, Va.)

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Arrangement

The collection is divided among the following series:

I. Confederate Veterans, 1862-1967. This series includes a set of letters written from Giles County, Virginia by Elisha Epperson (67th Virginia Infantry) to his wife (accompanied by portraits of the Eppersons). The series also contains a set of local applications for Southern Crosses of Honor, many of which were completed and signed by the veterans themselves. Also found here are biographical data on local veterans and information on local World War I and II soldiers who descended from Confederate veterans. This series is arranged by material type.

II. Chapter Financial Records, 1896-1982. In addition to two early treasurer's books, this series also contains the chapter's membership tax lists and a file on the local Confederate Memorial Fund. This series is arranged by material type.

III. Chapter Minutes, 1896-2009. This series contains a set of books detailing the proceedings of the chapter's meetings and is arranged chronologically.

IV. Chapter Membership Records, 1896-1981. This series contains applications for membership in the Dr. Harvy Black chapter. The membership forms include information on the applicants, their family, and their ancestors' roles in the Civil War. The series also contains a small set of forms for members who transferred from other chapters. The series is arranged by document type, then alphabetically.

V. Printed Materials, 1897-1999. The Printed Materials Series contains both UDC and non-UDC publications. It includes a set of the Dr. Harvy Black chapter's yearbooks, as well as programs and proceedings for national and state UDC conventions. Among the non-UDC publications are several booklets devoted to various aspects of Civil War history. The newspaper clippings in this series contain information on UDC activities as well as historical topics, including articles on ex-Confederate immigrants to South America.

VI. General Materials, 1896-2009. Comprised of a wide variety of materials, this series includes such materials as correspondence, the chapter's charter, photos of Blacksburg's Smithfield Plantation, and a commemorative ribbon from the 1905 Confederate veterans' reunion in Christiansburg, Virginia. A 1994 oral history interview with Bernice Willard is also included.

VII. Scrapbooks, 1935-2005. The scrapbooks in this series contain such items as programs, essays and newspaper clippings on the United Daughters of the Confederacy and on Civil War history.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I. Confederate Veterans

Unit Date 1862-1967

Elisha Epperson letters

Unit Date 1862-1864

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Southern Cross of Honor applications

Unit Date 1905-1920

A-K

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

L-Z

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Biographical data on local veterans

Unit Date 1916-1967, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Records of World War veteran descendants of Confederate veterans

Unit Date 1945-1946, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Series II. Chapter Financial Records

Unit Date 1896-2010

Treasurer books

Unit Date 1896-1922

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

General Physical Description note [2 items]

Chapter membership tax lists ("per-capita blanks")

Unit Date 1951-1963

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Unit Date 1964-1972

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Confederate Memorial Fund

Unit Date 1899-1982

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Financial Documents

Unit Date 2000-2001

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Financial Correspondence

Unit Date 2009-2010

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Series III. Chapter Minute Books

Unit Date 1896-2009

Unit Date 1896-1902

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Unit Date 1920-1935

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Unit Date 1936-1953

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Unit Date 1953-1965

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Unit Date 1966-1986

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Unit Date 1986-2005

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Unit Date 1999-2009

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Unit Date 2000-2003

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Unit Date 2005-2009

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Series IV. Membership Records

Unit Date 1896-1981

Membership applications

Unit Date 1896-1981

A-C

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

D-G**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**H-L****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**M-O****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**P-S****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**T-Z****box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Membership transfer forms****Unit Date** 1921-1975**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Series V. Printed Materials****Unit Date** 1897-1999**Chapter yearbooks****Unit Date** 1947-1968**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**General Physical Description note** [4 items]**Convention programs****Unit Date** 1899-1980**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**General Physical Description note** [4 items]**Convention proceedings****Unit Date** 1897-1903**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**General Physical Description note** [5 items]**Booklets****Unit Date** 1904-1958**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)

"Constitution and By-laws of the United Daughters of the Confederacy"

Unit Date n.d.

"The First White House of the Confederacy, at Montgomery, Alabama"

Unit Date 1951

Huse, Caleb, "The Supplies for the Confederate Army: How They were Obtained in Europe and How Paid for"

Unit Date 1904

"Montgomery, Alabama: Cradle of the Confederacy"

Unit Date n.d.

Morgan, W. H. "Southern Cross of Honor"

Unit Date 1913

Rutherford, Mildred Lewis. "What the South May Claim; or, Where the South Leads"

Unit Date 1916?

Smith, Essie Wade Butler, "Forty Years with the Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy"

Unit Date 1946?

Gielow, Martha S. "To the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Replying to Mrs. Lizzie George Henderson's Letter"

Unit Date 1906?

"Unveiling of the Bust of Thomas Jonathan Jackson, 'Stonewall'"

Unit Date 1958

"Virginia Leads"

Unit Date 1916

Newspaper clippings

Unit Date 1926-1999, n.d.

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Series VI. General Materials

Unit Date 1896-2009

Correspondence, ephemera and photos

Unit Date 1896-1980, n.d.

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

[See also Oversize Materials]

Chapter History Documents

Unit Date 1954-1967

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Cemetery and monument materials

Unit Date 1991-2006, n.d.

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Oral history interview with Bernice Willard [audiocassette]

Unit Date 1994

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Correspondence, programs, and chapter history

Unit Date 2006-2009, n.d.

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Letter of disbandment

Unit Date 2009

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Series VII. Scrapbooks

Unit Date 1935-2005

Unit Date 1935-1946

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Unit Date 1946-1949, n.d.

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Unit Date 1953-1957, n.d.

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Unit Date 1967-1968, n.d.

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Unit Date 1970-1975, n.d.

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Unit Date 1975-1988

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Unit Date 1995-2002

box 6

Unit Date 2002-2005

box 6

Oversize Materials

Unit Date 1897

folder 1

Certificate of chapter organization

Unit Date 1897