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Abstract

The Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) was formed in 1890 as an organization to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence, to encourage historical research in relation to the Revolution, and to promote the celebration of all patriotic anniversaries. The records consist of rosters, D.A.R. magazines, constitutions and by-laws, minutes and membership ledgers, yearbooks, scrapbooks, news bulletins, obituaries of members, and the original charter of the Alleghany Chapter.

Creator

Daughters of the American Revolution. Alleghany Chapter (Blacksburg, Va.)

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10.5 Cubic Feet 14 boxes; 1 folder

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Historical Note

The Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) was formed in 1890 as an organization to "perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence, by the acquisition and protection of historical spots, and the erection of monuments; by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results; by the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the individual services of the Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, and by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries." The motto is "God, Home, and Country." Membership in the D.A.R. is eligible to "any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution." "Patriot" includes several types of military, civil, or other service in the course of the Revolution.

The Alleghany Chapter was organized in Blacksburg, Virginia, in January 1911. The first officers of the chapter were Mrs. Paul Barringer, Regent; Miss Ellen McDonald, Vice-Regent; Mrs. Alexander Black, Treasurer; Mrs. J.S.A. Johnson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Nelson Mayo, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. James Otey, Registrar and Chair of the History Committee. Many of the charter members were descended from pioneers who held land in the New River section of the Alleghany Mountains, now known as "Trans-Alleghany Pioneers." The original members chose the name "Alleghany" over an individual hero of the Revolutionary War as their name, to preserve the colonial history and traditions of the region.

The chapter members erected several markers in Blacksburg and the region memorializing people and events of its colonial history. Most noteworthy is the marker at Barger Fort on Ribbles Spring in Christiansburg, on the grave of Revolutionary soldier and early settler Giles Thomas in the Blacksburg Cemetery, and in memory of Col. William Patton and the pioneers who lost their lives in the Drapers Meadow Massacre in 1755, placed near Smithfield Plantation in Blacksburg.

Scope and Contents

The Alleghany Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Records contain several types of materials including bound books and ledgers, published bulletins and magazines, conference and committee programs, scrapbooks, and historical newsclippings. The collection also contains the original charter and framed awards.

Two boxes of the collection consist of bound books or ledgers. Box 1 contains Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution rosters from the founding of the DAR in 1890 through the mid-1930s, and a National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution lineage book from 1898. Box 9 holds Alleghany Chapter ledgers: membership records, 1911-1991; meeting minutes, 1911-2009; and financial records, 1957-2010.

The collection houses the *Virginia DAR News Bulletin* from 1962-1991 and the *Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine* from 1928-1932, 1987. It also contains incomplete runs of Alleghany Chapter yearbooks and supplements from 1947 to 2009 and the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution yearbooks from 1980 to 1991.

The programs in the collection relate to chapter, state, and national Daughters of the American Revolution conferences and committees. Examples include materials from Alleghany Chapter annual meetings, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Continental Congress programs and centennial celebration literature, and Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution State Conferences.

The collection includes several scrapbooks and folders of loose newsclippings. The scrapbooks feature photographs of local and national events, programs, and correspondence related to scholarships and service. Scrapbooks in this collection date from 1931 through 2016. The newsclippings often relate to individual members of the Alleghany Chapter, as well as to chapter projects and interests (i.e. the Preston family, the Smithfield plantation, and grave/memorial markers). Clippings in the collection range from the 1920s to the 1970s and come from a variety of local and regional newspapers.

An oversize box (Box 8) contains the original framed charter for the Alleghany Chapter from 1911. The application for the charter is also a part of the collection and can be found in Box 10. Box 8 also houses several framed awards the chapter received between 1942 and 1953.

Keywords

Women -- History

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Montgomery County (Va.)

Daughters of the American Revolution. Alleghany Chapter (Blacksburg, Va.)

Accruals

Additional materials were donated in May 1997, June 1998, November 2000, April 2009, February 2011, January 2012, and August 2017. Additional donations are expected in the future.

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Arrangement

Materials in this collection are arranged in the following series: Series I: Administrative Information (including chapter history, membership records, constitution and by-laws), 1890-2010; Series II: Awards, 1912-1953; Markers and Memorials (including information on placement of grave and memorial markers and obituaries), 1968-2006; Minutes and Financial Records (ledgers), 1911-2019; Publications (including yearbooks, conference programs, bulletins, and newspaper clippings), 1910-2009; and Scrapbooks and Photographs, 1938-2022.

Series are arranged in alphabetical order. Materials within each series are arranged by material type, then chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Administrative Information

Unit Date 1890-2010

Early history of Daughters of the American Revolution booklet

Unit Date 1908

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Alleghany Chapter, NSDAR charter application and founding materials

Unit Date 1909-1910, n.d.

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

History of the Alleghany Chapter, NSDAR

Unit Date 1960-1987

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

History of Chapter Names, Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, bound book

Unit Date 1964

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Roster of Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, bound book

Unit Date 1890-1958

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Roster of Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, bound book

Unit Date 1892-1936

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Alleghany Chapter, NSDAR membership record book

Unit Date 1911-1964

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Alleghany Chapter, NSDAR membership record book

Unit Date 1939-1975

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Frances Engels Membership Records

Unit Date 1956

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Supplements to the Roster of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution

Unit Date 1959-1965

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Alleghany Chapter, NSDAR membership record book

Unit Date 1977-1991

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

NSDAR directories of committees

Unit Date 1982-1992

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

NSDAR Lineage Book

Unit Date 1898

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

NSDAR citizenship, protocol, and procedure manuals, and Constitution and By-laws

Unit Date 1940-1989

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Alleghany Chapter By-laws (with revisions)

Unit Date 2009

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

NSDAR schools

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Administrative Papers and Correspondence

Unit Date 2006-2010

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Miscellaneous papers and correspondence

Unit Date 1934-1967, n.d.

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

"Proclamation by the President to the People" (copy of proclamation by Woodrow Wilson, April 15, 1917, regarding World War I), including a label stating "Presented to the VPI Library by the Alleghany Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, April 12, 1940"

folder 1

Membership Applications + Transfer Cards

Applications - A

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Applications - B (2 folders)

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 2-3 (folder)

Applications - C

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Applications - D

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Applications - E

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Applications - F

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Applications - G

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Applications - H (2 folders)

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 9-10 (folder)

Applications - J

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Applications - K

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Applications - L

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Applications - M (2 folders)

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 14-15 (folder)

Applications - N

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Applications - O

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Applications - P

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Applications - R

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Applications - S

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Applications - T

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Applications - U

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Applications - V

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Applications - W (2 folders)

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 24-25 (folder)

Applications - Y

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Transfer cards

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Series II: Awards

Unit Date 1912-1953

Framed charter of the Allegheny Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Unit Date 1912

box 8

Framed awards

Unit Date 1942-1953

box 8

Series III: Markers and Memorials

Unit Date 1968-2006

Placement of markers on graves of revolutionary soldiers, newspaper articles

Unit Date 1968-1974

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Allegheny Chapter NSDAR annual meeting programs, newspaper articles

Unit Date 1969-1987

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Draper Meadow massacre marker

Unit Date 1971

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Grave marking ceremony for Colonel William Preston and wife, Susanna Smith

Unit Date 1973

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Placement of markers on graves of Daughters of the American Revolution members

Unit Date 1976-1980

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Obituaries of Daughters of the American Revolution members

Unit Date 1992-1993

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Draper Meadow/Barger's Indian Fort marker information

Unit Date 2005-2006, n.d.

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Series IV: Minutes and Financial Records

Unit Date 1911-2010

Scope and Content

Please note: There is some overlap between Subseries I: Minutes and Subseries II: Financial Records. Some meeting minutes include budgetary information and some financial records have copies of meeting minutes attached.

Subseries A: Minutes

Unit Date 1911-2019

Minutes ledger

Unit Date 1911-1926

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Minutes ledger

Unit Date 1926-1950

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Minutes ledger

Unit Date 1951-1966

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Minutes ledger

Unit Date 1967-1987

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Minutes ledger

Unit Date 1987-1994

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Minutes ledger

Unit Date 1995-2004

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Minutes

Unit Date 2005-2007

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Minutes

Unit Date 2008-2009

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Subseries B: Financial Records

Unit Date 1957-2010

Financial records

Unit Date 1957-1976

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Financial records

Unit Date 1962-1986

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Financial records

Unit Date 1977-1984

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Financial records

Unit Date 2007-2010

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Financial correspondence

Unit Date 2009-2010

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Series V: Publications

Unit Date 1910-2009

NSDAR pamphlets and magazines

Unit Date 1910, 1924, 1987

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution magazines

Unit Date 1928-1932

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Virginia DAR News Bulletin

Unit Date 1962-1991

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Virginia and North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution programs

Unit Date 1931, 1948

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution State Conference Programs

Unit Date 1981-1985

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

NSDAR Continental Congress programs

Unit Date 1981-1988

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Public relations literature

Unit Date 1984-1987

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

NSDAR centennial celebration literature

Unit Date 1989-1990

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Yearbooks and supplements

Unit Date 1947-1977

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Yearbooks and supplements

Unit Date 1977-1995

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Yearbooks and supplements

Unit Date 1996-2009

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution yearbooks

Unit Date 1980-1983

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Miscellaneous newspaper clippings

Unit Date 1928-1961

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, programs, and papers

Unit Date 1978-1992

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Series VI: Scrapbooks and Photographs

Unit Date 1938-2022

Scrapbooks

Unit Date 1931-1980

box 6

Alleghany Chapter, NSDAR awards scrapbook

Unit Date 1962-1984

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scrapbooks

Unit Date 1980-1987, 1989-1992

box 7

Photographs from Daughters of the American Revolution meetings

Unit Date 1992-1994

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Alleghany Chapter, NSDAR supplement

Unit Date 1999-2000

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Alleghany Chapter, NSDAR scrapbook

Unit Date 1999-2005

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 12 (carton)

Alleghany Chapter, NSDAR scrapbook

Unit Date 2005-2008

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Alleghany Chapter, NSDAR scrapbook

Unit Date 2008-2010

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Alleghany Chapter (2-003-VA). NSDAR History Book

Unit Date 2013-2016

box 12