

# A Guide to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Massanutton Chapter Records, 1895-2016 SC 0076

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<b>2017</b>	Collection renumbered.
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<b>2022-12-01</b>	Oversize series was intellectually removed and items were arranged into other existing series.

## Descriptive Summary

**Unit ID**

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1895-2016

**Language**

English

**Abstract**

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**Creator**

Daughters of the American Revolution. Massanutton Chapter (Harrisonburg, Va.)

**Extent**

3.56 cubic feet 10 Boxes

**Repository**

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

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**Acquisition Information**

The collection was placed on deposit by contract signed by Mrs. Mildred Onsgard, Regent, on November 6, 1985; additions through 2016. The collection was officially donated to Special Collections in April 2017.

**Processing Information**

Acid-free interleaving paper was used extensively in minute books to buffer text from newspaper clippings; archival tape was used to mount loose clippings on bond paper; and the most brittle single sheets were placed into Mylar sleeves. In order to streamline the process of applying collection numbers, Special Collections staff completed a large-scale renumbering campaign in the spring of 2017. **This collection was previously cataloged as SC 2001.**

**Preferred Citation**

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## Administrative Information

In the summer of 1895, a group of prominent Harrisonburg and Rockingham County women met to form a local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The group was organized and chartered as the Massanutton Chapter in 1897, with Mrs. John Paul as Regent. The name "Massanutton" and its spelling have been a topic of interest on several occasions through the years.

It has been an active chapter, participating and often initiating public celebrations of such annual patriotic remembrances as Flag Day, George Washington's Birthday, and Constitution Week. The chapter contributed to several national war efforts over the decades, as well as to local endeavors such as equipping a room in the Hospital. It has placed several historical markers in the area, and sponsors programs and essay contests in local schools to stimulate an appreciation for American history. In the 1960s and 70s, members compiled several lists of otherwise unnoted county graveyards (A Record of Burial Places in Rockingham County, Va.; Church and Family Cemeteries, Eastern Section, Rockingham County, Va.); produced a unique list of inns

titled Ordinaries of Rockingham County and Harrisonburg, Va. 1778-1855; and compiled Revolutionary Soldiers, Rockingham County, Va. These works were sent to the Virginia State Library. Also in recent years, the chapter has held a ceremony after naturalization proceedings to welcome new citizens.

## Scope and Content

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Massanutton Chapter Records, 1897-2016, consist of ten boxes, approximately 3.56 cubic feet. It consists of the official papers of the chapter and has been arranged into four series: Minutes, Yearbooks, Subject Files, and Scrapbooks and Ephemera.

## Keywords

Soldiers -- Virginia -- Rockingham County -- Register  
Soldiers -- Virginia -- Biography  
Soldiers -- United States -- Registers  
Taverns (Inns) -- Virginia -- Rockingham County  
Taverns (Inns) -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg  
Historic buildings -- Virginia -- Rockingham County  
Cemeteries -- Virginia -- Rockingham County  
American essays  
Flag Day  
Festivals -- United States  
Holidays -- United States  
Virginia -- Genealogy  
Virginia -- Emigration and immigration  
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Genealogy  
United States -- Centennial celebrations, etc.  
United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783  
United States -- Genealogy  
Minutes (administrative records)  
Yearbooks  
Letters (correspondence)  
Scrapbooks  
United States (Title of work: Constitution.)  
Daughters of the American Revolution. Massanutton Chapter (Harrisonburg, Va.)  
Washington, George, 1732-1799

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged in four series. Series 1, Series 2, and Series 4 are arranged chronologically. Series 3 is arranged alphabetically by subject.

- Minutes, 1895-2011
- Yearbooks, 1912-2015
- Subject Files, 1897-2016
- Scrapbooks, 1922-1981

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Minutes

**Unit ID** 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4271

**Unit Date** 1895-2011

**Language** English

**Scope and Content**

Series 1: Minutes, 1895-2011, consists of minute books and loose minutes spanning 1895-2011. The

Series 1: Minutes, 1893-2011 consists of minute books and loose minutes spanning 1893-2011. The minutes are notations of regular meetings of the Massanutton chapter of the NSDAR. The minutes initially are stored in specific bound notebooks through the 1967-1981 book. Beginning with the 1979-1983, the minutes are written or printed on loose forms of paper rather than being bound. This continues until the end of the series.

**Minute Book**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4276

**Unit Date** 1895-1903

**Mixed Materials [1000886514]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Minute Book**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4277

**Unit Date** 1904-1907

**Mixed Materials [1000886514]** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Minute Book**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4278

**Unit Date** 1907-1911

**Mixed Materials [1000886514]** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Minute Book**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4279

**Unit Date** 1915-1921

**Mixed Materials [1000886514]** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Minute Book**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4280

**Unit Date** 1922-1927

**Mixed Materials [1000886514]** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Minute Book**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4281

**Unit Date** 1927-1929

**Mixed Materials [1000886514]** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Minute Book**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4282

**Unit Date** 1930-1932

**Mixed Materials [1000886514]** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Minute Book**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4283

**Unit Date** 1933-1935

**Mixed Materials [1000886514]** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

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**Minute Book****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4292**Unit Date** 1967-1981**Mixed Materials [1000886516]** 3 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Minutes****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4293**Unit Date** 1979-1983**Mixed Materials [1000886516]** 3 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Minutes****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4294**Unit Date** 1983-1986, undated**Mixed Materials [1000886516]** 3 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Minutes****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4295**Unit Date** 1986-1989**Mixed Materials [1000886516]** 3 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Minutes****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4296**Unit Date** 1990-1992**Mixed Materials [1000886516]** 3 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Minutes****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4297**Unit Date** 1993-1995**Mixed Materials [1000886516]** 3 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Minutes****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4298**Unit Date** 1996-1998**Mixed Materials [1000886516]** 3 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Minutes****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4299**Unit Date** 1999-2011**Mixed Materials [1000886517]** 4 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)

## **Yearbooks**

**Unit ID** 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4272

**Unit Date** 1912-2015

**Language** English

### **Scope and Content**

Series 2: Yearbooks, 1912-2015 contains yearbooks of the Massanutton NSDAR from 1912-2015 (with gaps). The yearbooks contains names, information, and occasionally portraits of members of the Massanutton chapter. Current chapter, state, and national administrator information is included preceding standard chapter members. The yearbooks also contain up-to-date bylaws and general information on the chapter. Also included are songs important to the organizations, creeds, and pledges that are important for members to know. Historical information on charter members as well as former chapter regents are also included.

## **Yearbooks**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4300

**Unit Date** 1912-1985

**Mixed Materials [1000886517]** 4 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

## **Yearbooks**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4301

**Unit Date** 1986-2000

**Mixed Materials [1000886517]** 4 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

## **Yearbooks**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4302

**Unit Date** 2000-2015

**Mixed Materials [1000886517]** 4 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

## **Subject Files**

**Unit ID** 3

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4273

**Unit Date** 1897-2016

**Language** English

### **Scope and Content**

Series 3, Subject files, 1897-2016, contains a wide variety of materials, documenting the activities of the chapter.

The majority of the files represent events and efforts of the Massanutton chapter. Such files include the Cenennial Postage Stamp project in which the Massanutton chapter developed an official postage stamp with the United States Postal Service to commemorate its 100th anniversary. Another example of such public efforts is the restoration of the Lincoln Cemetery in 2010-2016. Some files included are administrative in nature, such as awards given by and received by the Massanutton chapter, chapter history, event programs, and regent reports and letters on chapter goals and achievements.

Another portion of the series is composed of miscellaneous general files originating from the national administration of the NSDAR that were in the possession of the Massanutton chapter. These files include pamphlets and informational mailings spanning 1950-2015.

**American Medal**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4303

**Unit Date** 1992

**Mixed Materials [1000886518]** 5 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Awards - Given**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4304

**Unit Date** 1971-2013

**Mixed Materials [1000886518]** 5 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Awards - Received (folder 1 of 2)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4305

**Unit Date** 1986-2016

**Mixed Materials [1000886518]** 5 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Awards - Received (folder 2 of 2)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4306

**Unit Date** 1986-2016

**Mixed Materials [1000886518]** 5 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Biographies**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4307

**Unit Date** 1962

**Mixed Materials [1000886518]** 5 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Bylaws**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4308

**Unit Date** 1989

**Mixed Materials [1000886518]** 5 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Centennial Postage Stamp Project**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4309

**Unit Date** 1983-1990

**Mixed Materials [1000886518]** 5 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Cemetery Records, Historical Markers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4310

**Unit Date** 1927-1980

**Mixed Materials [1000886518]** 5 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Constitution Week**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4311

**Unit Date** 1962-1980

**Mixed Materials [1000886518]** 5 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4312

**Unit Date** 1908-2014

**Mixed Materials [1000886518]** 5 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Diamond Jubilee**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4313

**Unit Date** 1971

**Mixed Materials [1000886519]** 6 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Donations**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4314

**Unit Date** 1993

**Mixed Materials [1000886519]** 6 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Flag**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4315

**Unit Date** 1962-1977

**Mixed Materials [1000886519]** 6 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Flag Essay Contest**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4316

**Unit Date** 1999

**Mixed Materials [1000886519]** 6 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**History of Chapter**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4317

**Unit Date** 1897-1987

**Mixed Materials [1000886519]** 6 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Lincoln Cemetery Restoration**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4318

**Unit Date** 2010-2016

**Mixed Materials [1000886519]** 6 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Membership**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4319

**Unit Date** 1981

**Mixed Materials [1000886519]** 6 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Member Cemetery Markers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4320

**Unit Date** 1985

**Mixed Materials [1000886519]** 6 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Memorial Plaque**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4321

**Unit Date** 1921

**Mixed Materials [1000886519]** 6 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Miscellaneous National Files (folder 1 of 4)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4322

**Unit Date** 1950-2015

**Mixed Materials [1000886519]** 6 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Miscellaneous National Files (folder 2 of 4)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4323

**Unit Date** 1950-2015

**Mixed Materials [1000886519]** 6 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Miscellaneous National Files (folder 3 of 4)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4324

**Unit Date** 1950-2015

**Mixed Materials [1000886519]** 6 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Miscellaneous National Files (folder 4 of 4)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4325

**Unit Date** 1950-2015

**Mixed Materials [1000886519]** 6 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Name - Massanutton**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4326

**Unit Date** 1897-1965

**Mixed Materials [1000886520]** 7 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Naturalization (folder 1 of 2)****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4327**Unit Date** 1965-2015**Mixed Materials [1000886520]** 7 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Naturalization (folder 2 of 2)****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4328**Unit Date** 1965-2015**Mixed Materials [1000886520]** 7 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Newsletters****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4329**Unit Date** 1954-2004**Mixed Materials [1000886520]** 7 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Newspaper Clippings (folder 1 of 2)****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4330**Unit Date** 1962-2015**Mixed Materials [1000886520]** 7 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Newspaper Clippings (folder 2 of 2)****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4331**Unit Date** 1962-2015**Mixed Materials [1000886520]** 7 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Photographs****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4332**Unit Date** 2000-2007**Mixed Materials [1000886520]** 7 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Programs****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4333**Unit Date** 1984-1996**Mixed Materials [1000886520]** 7 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Publications and Compilations****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4334**Unit Date** 1976**Mixed Materials [1000886521]** 8 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)

**Regent Letters**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4335

**Unit Date** 1985-1994

**Mixed Materials [1000886521]** 8 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Reports**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4336

**Unit Date** 1919, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886521]** 8 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Reports**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4337

**Unit Date** 1920-1970

**Mixed Materials [1000886521]** 8 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Reports**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4338

**Unit Date** 1971-1983

**Mixed Materials [1000886521]** 8 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Reports**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4339

**Unit Date** 1990-2000

**Mixed Materials [1000886521]** 8 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**ROTC Medal**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4340

**Unit Date** 1977-1979

**Mixed Materials [1000886521]** 8 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Songbooks**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4341

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886521]** 8 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Treasurer Record Book**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4342

**Unit Date** 1906-1922

**Mixed Materials [1000886521]** 8 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

### **Thomas Harrison Memorial**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4343

**Unit Date** 1943-2000

**Mixed Materials [1000886521]** 8 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

### **VADAR Cookie Book**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4344

**Unit Date** 2014

**Mixed Materials [1000886521]** 8 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

## **Scrapbooks and Ephemera**

**Unit ID** 4

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4274

**Unit Date** 1897-1981

**Language** English

### **Scope and Content**

Series 4: Scrapbooks and Ephemera, 1897-1981 contains four scrapbooks of clippings and notes related to the Massanutton chapter. Also included in the series is a commemorative ceramic plate honoring the 75th anniversary of the founding of the NSDAR. The plate bears the logo of the organization and was created by J. E. Caldwell Co. in Philadelphia, PA. The official NSDAR Massanutton Chapter charter is also included in the series, dating back to the chapter's founding in 1897. Also in the series is an undated portrait of a NSDAR member Katherine Seymore Green (Mrs. K. Paul).

### **K. Paul Photograph**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4345

**Unit Date** 1897

**Mixed Materials [1000898372]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### **Massanutton Chapter Charter**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4346

**Unit Date** 1897

**Mixed Materials [1000898372]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### **Commemorative Plate**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4347

**Unit Date** 1965

**Mixed Materials [1000898372]** OV 1 (box)

### **Scrapbook 1**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4348

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886522]** 9 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Scrapbook 2**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4349

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886522]** 9 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Scrapbook 3**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4350

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886522]** 9 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Scrapbook 4**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4351

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886522]** 9 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)