

**Daughters of the American
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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	Daughters of the American Revolution. Colonial Chapter (Minneapolis, Minn.).
Creator	Daughters of the American Revolution. Fort Snelling Chapter (Minneapolis, Minn.).
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Creator	Daughters of the American Revolution. John Holmes Chapter (Minneapolis, Minn.).
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Creator	Daughters of the American Revolution. Maria Sanford Chapter (Minneapolis, Minn.).
Creator	Daughters of the American Revolution. Minneapolis Chapter (Minneapolis, Minn.).
Creator	Daughters of the American Revolution. Minnesota Society.

Creator	Daughters of the American Revolution. Mounument Chapter. (Minneapolis Minn.)
Title	Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Collection
Date	1896-1990
Extent	9.88 Linear feet
Language	English

History

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a nationwide women's service organization established in 1890 in Washington D.C. The St. Paul Chapter, organized in 1891, was the first Minnesota chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. At the state, national, and local levels, the DAR has historically been dedicated to promoting education, patriotism, historic preservation, and environmental conservation. In order to join the DAR, members are required to provide documentation showing that they are direct descendants of a man or woman who served the cause for American independence. From the 1890s through the 1970s, the DAR in Minnesota was comprised of many local chapters and a statewide chapter known as the Daughters of the American Revolution of Minnesota and later as the Minnesota Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Local and statewide chapters of the DAR still operate in Minnesota, but since the 1980s the organization's membership has dwindled.

The Minnesota Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in 1892 with the objective of uniting the DAR chapters in Minnesota. Mrs. R. M. Newport of St. Paul was appointed first State Regent by the DAR's National Board. From 1910-1997, the Minnesota Society of the DAR owned and operated the Sibley House in Mendota, Minnesota, former residence of Minnesota's first governor Henry Hastings Sibley.

Numerous local DAR chapters were established in Minneapolis beginning in 1892 and continuing into the 1930s. The Minneapolis Chapter, established in 1892, was the second local chapter in Minnesota, followed by the Colonial Chapter, established in 1893. The Monument Chapter was organized in 1900. Its first and most significant project was to erect a monument for President George Washington. In 1914, the Chapter decided that the monument would take the form of an endowed flagstaff. The monument was completed in 1917, erected in Gateway Park, and dedicated and presented to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. In 1906, the Keewaydin Chapter was established, and shortly after, in 1907, the Rebecca Prescott Sherman Chapter was organized. The chapter was named after Rebecca Prescott Sherman, who is known to have sewn some of the stars on the first American flag at the home of Betsy Ross. She was also the wife of Roger Sherman, signer of the United States Declaration of Independence. The Rebecca Prescott Sherman Chapter's name was changed in 1935 to the Fort Snelling Chapter. Minneapolis Chapters established in the 1920s and 1930s include the John Holmes Chapter (1922), the Maria Sanford Chapter (1923), the General James Knapp Chapter (1925), the John Prescott Chapter (1926), and the John Witherspoon Chapter (1934).

Description of Collection

The collection documents the activities of the Minnesota Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and its local chapters in Minneapolis. Local chapters represented in the collection include the

Minneapolis, Colonial, Monument, Keewaydin, Rebecca Prescott Sherman/Fort Snelling, John Holmes, General James Knapp, John Prescott, John Witherspoon, and Maria Sanford chapters. Box 1 contains newspaper clippings and a small amount of material from the Minnesota Society of the DAR and the Keewaydin, Minneapolis, and Monument chapters. Box 2 contains membership and program directories from the Keewaydin, Minneapolis, Monument, John Holmes, General James Knapp, John Prescott, John Witherspoon, Colonial, and Maria Sanford chapters. Box 3 contains scrapbooks from the Minnesota Society of the DAR and the Colonial Chapter. The collection also contains two scrapbook from the Monument Chapter (Boxes 4 and 5) and 36 scrapbooks from the Rebecca Prescott Sherman/Fort Snelling Chapter (Boxes 6-28). The bulk of the material dates from the 1920s-1960s.

Arrangement

The collection is grouped into the following 12 series:

- Newspaper Clippings
 - Minnesota Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution
 - Minneapolis Chapter
 - Colonial Chapter
 - Monument Chapter
 - Keewaydin Chapter
 - John Holmes Chapter
 - Maria Sanford Chapter
 - General James Knapp Chapter
 - John Prescott Chapter
 - John Witherspoon Chapter
 - Rebecca Prescott Sherman/Fort Snelling Chapter
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Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Daughters of the American Revolution.

Subject(s)

- Patriotism -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Women -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis -- Societies and clubs.
- Women in charitable work -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Women in community organization -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

Newspaper Clippings

Collection Inventory

Newspaper Clippings 1920s-1990s

Scope and Contents note

Series consists of newspaper clippings related to local chapter and statewide DAR activities, the Sibley House, the Good Citizenship Pilgrim program for high school girls, and annual conventions. The bulk of the clippings date from the 1930s and 1940s.

	Box	Folder
Newspaper Clippings 1920s	1	1
Newspaper Clippings 1930, 1933	1	2
Newspaper Clippings 1934	1	3
Newspaper Clippings 1934	1	4
Newspaper Clippings 1935	1	5
Newspaper Clippings 1935	1	6
Newspaper Clippings 1936	1	7
Newspaper Clippings 1936	1	8

Newspaper Clippings

Newspaper Clippings 1937	1	9
Newspaper Clippings 1937	1	10
Newspaper Clippings 1937	1	11
Newspaper Clippings 1938	1	12
Newspaper Clippings 1938	1	13
Newspaper Clippings 1938	1	14
Newspaper Clippings 1939	1	15
Newspaper Clippings 1939	1	16
Newspaper Clippings 1940	1	17
Newspaper Clippings 1941	1	18
Newspaper Clippings 1942	1	19
Newspaper Clippings 1943	1	20
Newspaper Clippings 1944	1	21
Newspaper Clippings 1945	1	22

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Newspaper Clippings 1946	1	23
Newspaper Clippings 1947-1948	1	24
Newspaper Clippings 1950s	1	25
Newspaper Clippings 1960s	1	26
Newspaper Clippings 1970s	1	27
Newspaper Clippings 1980s-1990s	1	28

Minnesota Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution 1922-1967

Scope and Contents note

Series contains reports, correspondence, annual conference material, directories and other miscellaneous material related to the Minnesota Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Also includes three scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, letters, pamphlets, and realia related to national, state, and local chapter DAR activities.

	Box	Folder
Reports and Correspondence 1965	1	29
Meeting Minutes 1964-1965	1	30
Annual Conference Programs and Correspondence 1940, 1942-1944, 1963, 1965	1	31

Minneapolis Chapter

Miscellaneous 1930s, 1965	1	32
Member and Program Directories 1922-1923, 1928-1929	1	33
Member and Program Directories 1936-1938, 1941, 1967-1969, 1975-1976	1	34
List of Chapter Programs and Addresses 1927-1932 1932	2	1
		Box
Scrapbook 1944-1947		3
Scrapbook 1963		3
Scrapbook 1964		3
Minneapolis Chapter 1903-1904, 1927-1946		
Scope and Contents note		
Series contains Regent's reports, newsletters and directories from the Minneapolis Chapter.		
	Box	Folder
Regent's Reports 1939-1941	1	35
Newsletters 1939-1941	1	36
Member and Program Directories 1903-1904, 1927-1946	2	2

Colonial Chapter

Colonial Chapter 1896, 1934-1967

Scope and Contents note

Series consists of directories and a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, pamphlets, and programs related to national, state, and Colonial Chapter DAR activities.

	Box	Folder
Member and Program Directories 1896, 1942-1967	2	3
		Box
Scrapbook 1934-1939		3

Monument Chapter 1930s, 1960s

Scope and Contents note

Series contains miscellaneous reports, directories, and two scrapbooks from the Monument Chapter. The scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings, programs, directories, letters, photographs, and realia related to national, state and Monument Chapter DAR activities.

	Box	Folder
Reports 1960s	1	37
Member and Program Directory 1965-1967	2	4
		Box
Scrapbook 1930s		4

Keewaydin Chapter

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Scrapbook 1960-1961

Keewaydin Chapter 1930-1974**Scope and Contents note**

Series consists of directories and a brief historical sketch and report of events surrounding the Chapter's 50th anniversary.

Box **Folder**

50th Anniversary Events and Historical Sketch 1956

1 38

Member and Program Directories 1930-1974

2 5

John Holmes Chapter 1927-1965**Box** **Folder**

Member and Program Directories 1927-1949, 1959-1961, 1964-1965

2 6

Maria Sanford Chapter 1932-1960**Box** **Folder**

Member and Program Directories 1932-1960

2 7

General James Knapp Chapter 1934-1935, 1965-1967**Box** **Folder**

John Prescott Chapter

Member and Program Directories 1934-1935, 1965-1967	2	8
John Prescott Chapter 1943-1945		
	Box	Folder
Member and Program Directories 1943-1945	2	9
John Witherspoon Chapter 1981-1983		
	Box	Folder
Member and Program Directories 1981-1983	2	10
Rebecca Prescott Sherman/Fort Snelling Chapter 1907-1982		
Scope and Contents note		
Series consists of 36 scrapbooks which detail events in national, state, and Fort Snelling DAR history from 1907 to 1982. The scrapbooks contain newsclippings, pamphlets, programs, directories, letters, meeting material, photographs, and miscellaneous realia. Some unrelated material pertaining to national events also included.		
		Box
Scrapbook 1907-1913		6
Scrapbook 1914-1916		7
Scrapbook 1917-1919		8

Rebecca Prescott Sherman/Fort Snelling Chapter

Scrapbook 1919-1921	9
Scrapbook 1921-1925	10
Scrapbook 1925-1934	11
Scrapbook 1934-1941	12
Scope and Contents note	
Reflects the Rebecca Prescott Sherman Chapter's name change to the Fort Snelling Chapter in 1935	
Scrapbook 1941-1943	13
Scrapbook 1943-1947	14
Scrapbook 1947-1949	15
Scrapbook 1949-1952	16
Scrapbook 1953-1955	17
Scrapbook 1955-1956	18
Scrapbook 1956-1957	19
Scrapbook 1957-1958	20

Rebecca Prescott Sherman/Fort Snelling Chapter

Scrapbook 1958-1959	20
Scrapbook 1959-1960	20
Scrapbook 1960-1961	20
Scrapbook 1961-1962	21
Scrapbook 1963-1964	21
Scrapbook 1964-1965	21
Scrapbook 1965-1966	21
Scrapbook 1966-1967	21
Scrapbook 1967-1968	22
Scrapbook 1968-1969	22
Scrapbook 1969-1970	22
Scrapbook 1971-1972	22
Scrapbook 1972-1973	23
Scrapbook 1973-1974	23

Rebecca Prescott Sherman/Fort Snelling Chapter

Scrapbook 1974-1975	23
Scrapbook 1977-1978	23
Scrapbook 1978	24
Scrapbook 1979	25
Scrapbook 1980	26
Scrapbook 1981-1982	27
75th Anniversary Scrapbook 1982	28