

Inventory of the

**Rockford Chapter of the National
Society of the Daughters of the
American Revolution**

Rockford, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

RC 302

INTRODUCTION

Inis Bloomster, Regent of the Rockford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution donated their organizational records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center in June 2010. Additions were donated in 2012, 2014, and 2016.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The DAR Records contain eight series of records: (1) organizational records, (2) financial records, (3) Committee papers, (4) DAR museum, (5) Children of the American Revolution, (6) publications, (7) artifacts, and (8) scrapbooks.

Series one contains organizational records, founding documents, constitution and by-laws, papers of board members and committees such as chapter regent, register, recording secretary, librarian and historian. It also contains records about the Rockford chapter, including awards, certifications and correspondence. This series also contains board meeting minutes; including general membership minutes, regular, executive, and special minutes.

The financial papers, series two, consist mostly of monthly and annual budget reports. These reports were compiled by the treasurer committee and provide information on receipts and disbursements on a monthly and yearly basis. Included with the financial papers are the treasurer's records, and financial scholarship records.

The third series contains the records of various DAR committees; primarily educational, historical preservation, and patriotism. The education records include scholarships, DAR schools, and the American History essay contest. Historical preservation includes genealogical records and historical preservation houses. Patriotism committees include veteran services and national defense. This series also contains records from additional committees such as membership, public relations and the Chaplin.

The Rockford DAR museum records, series four, has information relating to the museum, its management and collections. This includes shelf lists, appraisals, and inventories.

The fifth series is an organization sponsored by the Rockford Chapter. The Children of the American Revolution is a group similar to DAR but for children under the age of 21. The organization promotes education, preservation and patriotism.

The sixth series is national or state DAR publications. These include "Illinois DAR News," and "DAR Magazine," among others.

The seventh series contains a few artifacts from the Rockford Chapter; such as ribbons, pins and plaques.

The Rockford Chapter scrapbooks, series eight, is the largest series in the collection. There are scrapbooks with newspaper clippings pertaining to DAR, Rockford Chapter activities, Rockford and Illinois histories, photo albums, and memorabilia from past regents and events.

An addendum consisting of a silk banner, correspondence, clippings, committee papers, and organizational, financial, Rockford museum records. The dates of the materials range from 1918 to 2011, but are predominantly composed of records from 2006-2011.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Rockford Chapter of NSDAR was organized by Mrs. Ralph Emerson on October 23, 1894, under charter number 102. Because of the generosity of the Talcott and Emerson families, their gifts to the Rockford Woman's Club included a request that the Chapter have a permanent meeting place at the Club. The Women's Club also provided a room for a Rockford Chapter museum which houses hundreds of interesting artifacts.

The group was active in community affairs, and by the turn of the century had nearly one hundred members. The Rockford Chapter has grown ever since, yet the objectives of the Chapter have remained the same in over 100 years of active service. Those objectives are: Historical - to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence; Educational - to carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge, thus developing an enlightened public opinion..."; and Patriotic - to cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

Throughout its history, The Rockford Chapter has worked to meet these goals by giving to the Red Cross, sponsoring schools, preserving historical houses, providing numerous scholarships and student loans, buying war bonds, giving awards to good citizens, holding essay contests and providing services for veterans. The Rockford Chapter is also involved with naturalization and citizenship programs, providing receptions for new citizens and manuals for citizenship. The group sponsors Children of the American Revolution which encourages

education, service and patriotism. The Rockford Chapter is also involved with numerous other activities and events in and around the Rockford area.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Daughters of the American Revolution. Rockford Chapter (Rockford, Ill.)

Education

Genealogy

Hononegah Society

Rockford (Ill.)

Rockford Chapter NSDAR

Veterans-- Services for--United States

Women--Societies and clubs

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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1	1	Constitution and By-laws	
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	3	Regent's Records, 1935-1940	
	4	Regent's Records, Jefferson dinner, 2006	
	5	Regent's Records, 1972-2006	
	6	Regent's Records, Division II, (1996-2001)	
	7	Recording Secretary, 1987-1990	
	8	Chapter Librarian, 2003-2006	
	9	Chapter Historian, (1988-2005)	
	10	Registrar Records and Annual Reports 1941-1960	
	11	Registrar Records, 2003-2005	
	12	DAR Forms, 2003-2005	
	13	Annual Chapter Reports, 1984-1990	
	14-15	Master Questionnaire, (1999-2007)	
	16	Chapter Awards and Certificates	
	17	Correspondence, 1944	
	18-22	Correspondence, 1990-2005	
	23	Newsletters, (1997-2007)	
	24-29	Rockford Chapter Yearbook, 1900-2007	
		30-32	Meeting Minutes, 1914, 1929, 1934
		33-34	Meeting Minutes, 1941-1952
2	1-24	Meeting Minutes, 1945-2006	
Series II. Financial Records			
	25	Treasurer's Records, 1977-1978	
	26	Treasurer's Records, 1984	
	27	Treasurer's Forms, 1986-1992	
3	1-3	Financial Ledger, 1894-1921	
	4	Annual Reports, (1980-2006)	
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	17	Bookkeeping, 1985
	18	Chapter Dues and Fees, 1997-1998
	19	DAR Memorial Scholarship Fund, (90 th Anniversary)
	20	Memorial Scholarship Fund, 1987
	21	Dorothy Cleland Estate, 1999-2000
	22	Triebel Memorial Scholarship and Trust, 1991-2003
	23-24	Student Loan Fund, (1933-1948), 1957
	25	Scholarships Committee, (2002-2007)
	26-28	Francis G. Triebel Scholarship 1987-2005
4	1-2	Remittance Forms, 1978-1998
Series III. Committee Papers		
3		Education Committee:
	29	DAR Schools
	30	Good Citizen Materials, (1975-1991)
	31	Good Citizen Scholarship, n.d.
	32	Junior American Citizen Essay Contest, 2003-2005
	33	Outstanding Teacher Award, 1996
	34	American Indians Scholarship, 2003
	35	Junior Membership, 2004
	36	American History Month, 1989
	37	American History Essay Contest, 1995-1996
5	1-3	American History Essay Contest, 1995-1998
	4	American History Essay Contest, essays n.d.
	5	American History Essay Contest, essay winners, 1994-1996
	6-7	American History Essay Contest, n.d.
		Genealogy Committee:
	8	Genealogical Records, 1948-1953
	9-11	Genealogist: Mrs. H Hyde records, 1973-1977
	12-17	Records Committee, (1968-1997)
	18	Obituaries, Cook County, 1850-1950
	19	Illinois Cemetery Records, 1951
	20	Seimes Micro-film info sheet
		Historical Houses:
	21	Historical Houses, 1977
	22	Tinker Swiss Cottage, 2004

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5	23	Seward Congressional Church, 1841-1981
	24	Memorial Hall, Rockford IL, 1976
	25	Lake-Peterson House, Jenny's, 1973
		Additional Committees:
	26-27	Membership, (1984-1994)
	28	Membership, n.d.
	29	Membership Cards, n.d.
	30	Insignia, 1967, 2004
	31	Honor Roll, (1980-2005)
	32	Telephone Callers (1987-1996)
	33	Public Relations, 2002
34	Public Relations, Press Book, 1995-2007	
35	Program Committee, (1986-2006)	
36	Community Outreach and Service, 2004-2005	
37	Chaplain, 1990	
38	Chaplain, Grave Markings, (1967-1996)	
6	1	State Conference, 2006-2007
	2	Constitutional Hall, 1962, 1989
	3	Annual Conferences, (1909-1993)
		Patriotic Endeavors
	4	Sons of the American Revolution: Constitution, n.d.
	5	Americanism and Citizenship Manual, 2006-2007
	6	Constitution Week, 1997
	7	Conservation, 1979, 1998
	8	Flag of the United States, 1979
	9	Veterans' Committee, 2006
	10	Veterans' Services, (1990-2002)
11	National Defense, 1973, 2005	
Series IV. Rockford Museum Records		
	13	Museum Records, 1964-1970
	14-15	Shelf Lists and Inventory, (1954-1979)
	16	Museum Info and Move, 2001
	17-18	Membership Ledger, 1894-1919
	19	Ledger - "List of Articles in Cases..." n.d.

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Series V. Children of the American Revolution

6	20	Regent's Records, (1975-1988)
	21	Society Directory, 1995
	22-24	CAR Records and Materials, (1959-1996)
	25	Meeting Records, 1991
	26	CAR Magazine, 1987, 1991, 1994
	27	Prairie State News, 1992-1996
	28	Handbook, 1990
	29	"A History of Some of the Names..." 1986
	30	48 th Annual State Conference, 1986
	31	Yearbook, 1986-1989
	32	Prairie State News, 1986-1990
	33	"Set Sail with CAR to Explore a Patriot's Legacy" 2004
	34	Centennial, 1995
	35	Hononegah Society 25 th Anniversary, 1995
	36	Notebook on American Indians, 1986
	37	Treasurer's Reports and Annual Reports, 1979-1991
	38	Treasurer's Reports, 1957-1989
	39	Bank Account Ledger, 1956-1981
	40-41	Applications for Membership, 1956-1996
	42	DAR Magazine - Legacy, 1982

Series VI. Publications

7	1	"Diary of James Wight," 1836
	2	Lineage Book of Charter Members, 1890-1891
	3	Senate Report, 1890-1897
	4	Illinois State Building, 1893
	5	The Princess, "Daughters of the American Revolution," 1901
	6	"Historic Monuments and Memorials of Illinois," 1918
	7	"Unveiling at 71 st Anniversary Lincoln-Douglas Debates, Freeport IL, 1929
	8	Historical Resume of Fifty Years," 1944
	9	National Historic Magazine, November 1945-June 1946
	10	Directory of Members and Ancestors, 1957
	11	Supplement to Illinois Ancestral Directory, 1962
	12	Illinois State History of the DAR, 1969
	13	Illinois DAR News, 1969-1979
	14	Junior American Citizens Handbook, (1974-1981)
	15	Illinois Ancestral Directory, 1976
	16	Memorial Continental Hall, Washington Landmark, 1976

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	18	DAR Patriot Index, 3 rd Supplement, 1976
	19	National Society Yearbook, 1977
	20	DAR Magazine, (1981-1984)
	21	DAR Library Catalogue, Vol. 1, 1982
	22	Illinois DAR News, February 1981-February 1983)
	23	Centennial History of Illinois DAR, 1991
	24	DAR Procedure and Protocol, 1992
	25	Biennial Proceedings, State Conference, 1998-1999
	26	Along the Rocky Road, Ken-Rock Society, 1999-2002
	27	Biennial Preceding, 2002-2003
	28	Spirit Magazine Subscriber Report, 2004-2005
	29	"Pioneer Women of Illinois," n.d.

Series VII. Artifacts

8		Pin: DAR Award, "Excellence in History" Pin: WWII Remembrance, "A Grateful Nation Remembers" Plaque: Rockford Chapter, "Organized October 23, 1894" Plaque: Donors Mr. & Mrs. Wait Talcott Ribbon: Yorktown Bicentennial, Mrs. Triebel, 1981 Ribbon: Yorktown Bicentennial, The Committee of 1981
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Series VIII. Scrapbooks

9		Clippings, 1900-1936 Clippings, 1926-1929 Publicity, 1933-1934 Clippings, 1939-1944 Clippings, 1949 Clippings, 1949-1950 Clippings, 1945-1961 Clippings, 1947
10		Scrapbook, 1950 Scrapbook, 1952-1953 Scrapbook, 1954-1955 Scrapbook, 1956-1959 Scrapbook, 1958 Scrapbook, 1960 Scrapbook, 1961

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12		Photo Album, 1982 Photo Album, 1982 Scrapbook, 1982-1984 CAR Scrapbook, 1983-1991 State Regent's Memorabilia, 1981-1983 Photo Album, 1984 Photo Album, 1984 Scrapbook, 1985	
13		Hononegah, 1985-1988 Scrapbook, 1987-1988 Scrapbook, 1988-1989 Scrapbook, 1989 Conservation, 1991 Conservation, 1992 Conservation, 1993 Photo Album, 1994 Scrapbook, 1994-1995	
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19	1	DAR Records, 1952-2010
	2	Regent's Records, 2006-2009
	3	Correspondence, 1923-2010
	4	Meeting Minutes & Reports, 2006-2007
	5	Meeting Minutes & Reports, 2008-2010
	6	Rockford Chapter Yearbook, 2006-2008
	7	Illinois State Organizational Records, 2006-2008
	8	Financial Records, 2001-2009
	9	Safe Deposit Inventory, 1999, 2012
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	2	Corinne Conway Horigan Estate, 1967-1971	
	3	Quilt Raffle, 2008-2009	
	4	Museum Records, 1945, 1967, 2002	
	5	Membership Meeting Minutes, 2008-2013	
	6	Board Minutes, 2008-2014	