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**CAPITOL CITY COUNCIL NO. 53
DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA, INDIANAPOLIS
RECORD BOOK, 1937–1939**

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Daughters of America is an American secret society and nativist organization that formed in the late 1800s. Conflicting sources say it was chartered in either 1888 or 1891 as the female order of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. However, it was not officially recognized until 1926. In 1979, the organization was open to both males and females. There was still record of the Daughters of America in 1997, with tax returns for the Daughters of America National Council filed as recently as 2014. It is unclear whether the organization, in any capacity, still exists.

1978 Principles:

1. Promoting and maintaining American interests by shielding the country from unrestricted immigration
2. Helping Americans find employment
3. Encouraging American businesses
4. Providing support for the American public school system in upholding Bible reading in the public schools
5. Opposing sectarian influences in state and national affairs
6. Promoting and advancing the Jr. Order of United American Mechanics
7. Establishing the funds to support orphans of deceased members of the organization
8. Establishing funds to provide for the aged and infirm members of the order.

1979 Mission Statement:

Council of the Daughters of America, a patriotic fraternity, which seeks to aid in preserving and perpetuating the Public School system; to instill a spirit of patriotism into the youth of our land; to place our flag over every schoolhouse; to promote the reading of the Holy Bible therein; and to protest against the immigration of paupers, criminals, and the enemies of our social order.

Sources:

Material in collection

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bound volume contains meeting minutes, financial records, receipts, and physician's certificates from the Capitol City Council #53 Daughters of America in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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