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**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
ARTHUR ST. CLAIR CHAPTER
RECORDS, 1903–2003**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 4 manuscript boxes, 3 OM folders, 6 photograph folders, 1
color photograph folder, 3 OVA photograph folders

COLLECTION
DATES: 1903–2003

PROVENANCE: Arthur St. Clair Chapter DAR Board, Carmel, Ind., Oct. 2000

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) was organized October 11, 1890, in Washington, D.C. The group formed after the Sons of the American Revolution denied membership to interested women. Caroline Scott Harrison, wife of then-United States President Benjamin Harrison, was asked to serve as the DAR's first President General.

The General Arthur St. Clair Chapter of the DAR was organized on February 7, 1903 in Indianapolis. The St. Clair chapter was the fifteenth Indiana chapter, and the founder and first regent of the chapter was Eliza Gordon Browning. At its inception, membership was limited to fifty-five. The Chapter's early efforts included fund-raising events, entertainment, and meetings. Other than fund-raising, the Club was concerned with Indiana history and patriotism.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Folders are listed in chronological order.

The bulk of the collection consists of scrapbooks that were removed from binders and placed in folders. All of the scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings, programs with the names of officers and members of the club, correspondence, DAR conference programs, and club minutes.

A few items of interest in each scrapbook are:

- 1903–24: Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (1904), a letter from Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks (1905), Indianapolis Colonial Ball invitations, and a pamphlet from the National Committee of Historical Research and Preservation of Revolutionary Records (1913).
- 1924-36: Program for Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Conquest of the Old Northwest, lyrics to the "Indiana Song of Service" for Indiana DAR members, notes on an exhibit case honoring Miss Browning at the City Library, and a booklet about the monument to Arthur St. Clair in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

- 1936–40: Program for the observance of Indiana Day (Dec. 11, 1925), and information on Tamasee DAR school for mountain boys and girls.
- 1938–40: Information about the Arthur St. Clair tablet (dedicated April 12, 1939), and an article about the dedication in the *Indiana History Bulletin* (April 1939).
- 1940–43: "Golden Jubilee Edition: What the Daughters Do" booklet and a small scrapbook on the 50th Continental Congress, April 1941.
- 1944–52: Defense documents regarding national defense, plans for a DAR memorial bell tower in Valley Forge, papers on communism, and "The DAR Story" by Lonelle Aikman in *The National Geographic Magazine*, Vol. C, No. 5, Nov. 1951.
- 1956–80: Honorable mention certificates from the National Society of the DAR for attaining the honor roll, and certificate for one hundred percent participation in "A Gift to the Nation" (1973).
- 1962–79: Mainly consists of meeting minutes.
- 1982–86: A biography of General Arthur St. Clair and materials concerning a rededication of a tablet honoring Arthur St. Clair at the Central Public Library.

Other interesting items in the collection include *A Century of Service: The Story of the DAR* by Ann Hunter, chapter history narratives from 1928 and 1990, and photographs.

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