

Daughters of the American Revolution. Bitter Root Chapter (Missoula, Mont.) Records, 1880-2017

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Daughters of the American Revolution. Bitter Root Chapter (Missoula, Mont.)
Title	Daughters of the American Revolution. Bitter Root Chapter (Missoula, Mont.) Records
Dates	1880-2017 (inclusive) 1880 2017
Quantity	9.25 linear feet
Collection Number	Mss 013 (collection)
Summary	The Bitter Root Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in 1919. The collection includes meeting minutes, clippings about chapter activities, scrapbooks, and historical records relating to Montana and the Bitter Root Valley.
Repository	University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections Archives and Special Collections Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library University of Montana 32 Campus Dr. #9936 59812-9936 Missoula, MT Telephone: 406-243-2053 Fax: 406-243-4067 library.archives@umontana.edu
Access Restrictions	Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and the University of Montana-Missoula.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for creating this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historic Publications and Records Commission. Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's organization with three objectives: historical preservation, educational pursuits, and patriotic endeavors. The DAR image is one of service to home, country, and God. DAR works to preserve the heritage of the United States through historic tours, restorations and markers, museums, and genealogical research. They emphasize education

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through citizenship classes, youth development, programs and announcements on TV and radio, DAR-approved schools, student scholarship and loan funds, and patriotic publications. To be a member, one must be at least eighteen years of age and in direct lineal descent of a man or woman who served in the armed forces or as a civil officer in one of the colonies or states, was a recognized patriot, or was an individual who gave material aid in the fight for American independence. The Montana state society DAR began in 1894, and the Bitter Root chapter, which formed the bulk of this collection, organized in 1919 with twelve charter members.

Content Description

The collection contains meeting minutes, scrapbooks, and genealogical records from the Bitter Root Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is divided into ten series:

Series I: Meeting Minutes, 17 folders, 1919-2015

Series II: Procedures, 2 folders, 1919-2012

Series III: Correspondence, 1 folder, 1940-1980

Series IV: Newspaper Clippings, 16 folders, 1912-1995

Series V: History, Genealogy, and Related Materials, 28 folders, 1880-2019

Series VI: State Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 4 folders, 1894-1999

Series VII: National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 3 folders, 1939-1991

Series VIII: Yearbooks, 4 folders, 1929-2000

Series IX: Scrapbooks, 4.5 linear feet, 1952-2017

Series X: Financial Ledger, 1 ledger, 1949-1989

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Mrs. H.W. Gregory, 1974. Gift of the Bitter Root Chapter of the DAR, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015 and 2019.

Processing Note

The collection was first processed in 1998. In 2008, DAR scrapbooks originally placed in the Juliet Gregory papers (Mss 192) were reincorporated with the DAR records. Additional scrapbooks and DAR records donated to the Archives between 1974 and 2008 were also placed in the DAR collection at that time. The 2006-2008 scrapbooks in Box OS 3 were acquired in 2009. The 2008-2010 scrapbook was acquired in 2011. The 2010-2011 scrapbook was acquired in 2012. Scrapbooks, minutes and a few folders for the Historical series were donated in 2019.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Meeting Minutes , 1919-2015

17 folders

This series includes minutes to Bitter Root chapter general meetings and board meetings. Member attendance sheets, monthly and yearly treasurer reports, and newspaper clippings are also included.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1		1919-1923
1/2		1923-1930
1/3		1930-1934
1/4		1934-1941
1/5		1941-1947
1/6		1941-1949
1/7		1960-1967
1/8		1967-1973
2/1		1973-1975
2/2		1975-1979

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/3		January 1979- June 1979
2/4		1985-1987
2/5		1990-1999
2/6		2000-2002
13/1		2007-2009
13/2		2009-2012
13/3		2012-2015

Series II: Procedures , 1919-2012

2 folders

This series contains chapter by-laws, monthly and yearly treasurer's reports, meeting rituals, duties of DAR secretaries, presentations, National Defense Committee report, a blank letterhead, as well as an exhaustive list of Bitter Root chapter DAR members.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/7		1919-1957
2/8		1995-2012

Series III: Correspondence , 1940-1980

1 folder

Included are thank you, membership and resignation letters, letters from national and state committees, Albert L. Stone, and Elers Koch, and letters regarding the DAR Outstanding Home Economics Award and the Deaf Citizens of Montana.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/9		1940-1980

Series IV: Newspaper Clippings , 1912-1995

16 folders

This series includes newspaper clippings pertaining to the history of Missoula, the Bitter Root valley and Montana, and photos of Montana governors 1864 to 1925. Also included are articles about chapter meetings, activities, guest speakers, state convention, award winners, and editorials on behalf of DAR. This series also includes Press Books that were compiled by the DAR.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
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Box/Folder		
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2/10		1912-1944
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2/11		1925-1974
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2/12		1929-1937
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2/13		1936-1955
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2/14		1985-1986
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2/15		1986-1987
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2/16		1987-1988
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3/6		1995-1996
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3/7		March 1995
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Series V: History, Genealogy, and Related Materials , 1880-2019

28 folders

This series contains papers on numerous historical subjects relating to western Montana, including excerpts from the January 1, 1892 Missoula Gazette, church and mission histories, church records of baptisms, burials, and marriages, the history of the Missoula Library, Missoula, Missoula County and the Bitter Root valley, the history of the Bitter Root chapter DAR, historical landmarks, tombstone inscriptions, the early history of the Forest Service, biographies of Franklin Hargraves Woody, Hiram Knowles, John B. Catlin, De Loss Smith, Francis Dean Brown, and James Walsh, the history of the As You Like It Club and of the first president of Montana State University.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3/8	Montana and Missoula History	1880-1946
3/9	University and Organizational Histories	1939-1942
3/10	Personal Histories	1943
3/11	Church Records and Tombstone Inscriptions, 1871-1943	
3/12	Genealogy, 1755-1821	
3/13	Genealogy, 1755-1906	
3/14	Genealogy, 1760-1890	
3/15	Genealogy	1762-1934
3/16	Genealogy, 1806-1941	
4/1	Genealogy, 1808-1940	
4/2	Genealogy, 1811-1980	
4/3	Genealogy, 1840-1977	
4/4	Genealogy, 1848-1964	
4/5	Genealogy, 1850-1969	
4/6	Genealogy, 1876-1928	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4/7	Genealogy, 1859-1984	
4/8	Genealogical Records, 1883-1892	
4/9	Genealogy, 1887-1942	
4/10	Genealogical Records, 1889-1892	
4/11	Genealogical Records, 1892-1902	
4/12	Genealogy, 1892-1990	
4/13	Genealogical Records, 1893-1895	
4/14	Genealogical Records, 1897-1901	
4/15	Genealogy, 1900-1988	
13/4	Montana State Society Daughters of the American Revolution History, Bitter Root Chapter, 1894-1984	
13/5	Update to the Montana State Centennial History Daughters of the American Revolution Volume 5, 1894-2008	
14/1	Bitter Root Chapter the First One Hundred Years	2019
14/2	125 Years of Service to Montana, Publication	2019

Series VI: State Society Daughters of the American Revolution , 1894-1999

7 folders

Included are state by-laws, dues, correspondence, conference programs, scholarship fund materials, and a history of the state society, comprised of biographies of state regents, state chapter histories of all seventeen chapters, history of the student loan and scholarship fund and historic markers, and a comprehensive membership roll.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
5/1	By-laws and Correspondence	1942-1961
5/2	State Conference	1973

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/3	State Conference Programs	1925-1999
5/4	State Society DAR history	1894-1960
5/5	State Centennial History, 1894-1994	1994
5/6	State History, 1970-1980	undated
5/7	Montana Scholarship Fund	1924-1958

Series VII: National Society Daughters of the American Revolution , 1939-1991

2 folders

This series contains publications of the National Defense Committee, National Defense through Patriotic Education Committee, and DAR-approved schools.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
5/8	Publications	1939-1963
5/9	Publications	1985-1991

Series Series VIII: Year Books, 1929-2000

Year Books include membership and event information.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
6/1	Year Books	1929-1949
6/2	Year Books	1949-1969
6/3	Year Books	1969-1989
6/4	Year Books	1989-2000

Series IX: Scrapbooks, 1952-2017

4.5 linear feet

Scrapbooks typically include photographs, programs, correspondence and newspaper clippings.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
OS 1		1947-1973
6/5		1952-1954
OS 2		1973-1981
OS 2		1981-1983
6/6		1985-1986
7/1		1986-1987
7/2		1987-1989
7/3		1988
7/4		1989
8/1		1989
8/2		1990-1991
8/3		1990-1994
9/1		1991-1992
9/2		1992-1994
OS 2		1994
9/3		1994-1996
10/1		1996-1998
10/2		1998-2000

Container(s)	Description	Dates
10/3		2000-2002
11/1		2002-2003
11/2		2003-2004
11/3		2004-2005
11/4		2005-2006
OS 3		2006-2008
OS 4		2008-2010
OS 4		2010-2011
13/6		2013-2014
14/1		2014-2015
14/2		2015-2016
14/3		2016-2017

Series X: Financial Ledger, 1949-1989

Ledger book documenting membership payments and chapter income and expenses.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
12	Financial Ledger	1949-1989

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Patriotic societies--Montana--Missoula

Women--Montana--Missoula--Societies and clubs

Geographical Names :

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