

**MS-244, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) Jonathon  
Dayton Chapter Scrapbooks**

**Collection Number:** MS-244

**Title:**

National Society, Daughters of the Revolution (NSDAR) Jonathon Dayton Chapter Scrapbooks

**Dates:** 1927-1995

**Creator:**

National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) Jonathon Dayton Chapter

**Summary/Abstract:**

This chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is named for Jonathon Dayton, the youngest person to sign the U.S. Constitution. The Jonathon Dayton Chapter of the DAR was organized on Feb. 18, 1896 and chartered Apr. 8, 1896. The collection contains scrapbooks outlining the history and activities of the Dayton, Ohio Chapter and includes clippings, photographs, programs, local histories, and genealogies.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 9.5 lin. ft.

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH  
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[Box Number, Folder Number], MS-244, the National Society, Daughters of the Revolution (NSDAR) Jonathon Dayton Chapter Scrapbooks Collection, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio

**Acquisition:**

The Scrapbooks of the Jonathon Dayton Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) were donated to Wright State University Special Collections and Archives, in June of 1992 by the Jonathon Dayton Chapter of the NSDAR.

**Accruals:** Additions to the collection are expected.

**Revisions:**

Additions to the collection were made in May 1996. The finding aid was re-formatted and additions were made by Victoria Penno, January 2013.

**Related Material:**

MS-272, Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution Collection (OSSAR)

**Additional Sources:**

Lester, Annie Jopling, ed. *Ohio state history of the Daughters of the American Revolution ... compiled and edited by Annie Jopling Lester*. Greenfield, Ohio: The Greenfield Printing and Publishing, 1928.

Daughters of the American Revolution. Jonathon Dayton Chapter. *The history and genealogical listing of Jonathan Dayton Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1976-1996*. Dayton, Ohio: The Chapter, 1996.

**Processed by:** Tracey A. Rasmer Spring 1993

**Arrangement:**

The collection is arranged into two series:

Series I: Scrapbooks

Series II: Chapter History

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) was founded in 1890. On July 13, 1890, Mrs. Mary Lockwood of Washington, D.C. was upset at the denial of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) to admit women into their society. She wrote an article in the Washington Post entitled "Women Worthy of Honor." The Registrar General of the SAR responded to her article July 21, 1890, proposing assistance in the structuring of a Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. On August 18, 1890, a notice appeared which outlined the Society's purpose and qualifications for membership. On October 11, 1890, the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution was official; it was incorporated by an Act of Congress in the District of Columbia on June 8, 1891.

The news spread rapidly and chapters applied in the hope to become one of the early associates. The formation of this type of society was unusual in the United States. Dayton formed a local chapter which was named for General Jonathon Dayton. The founder of the local chapter, Mrs. Silas Burns, was from Cincinnati where she helped with the formation of the Cincinnati chapter. Seventeen well-known local women joined the newly formed chapter. The seventeen charter members were:

Louise Latham Devereux Burns  
Francis Louise Achey  
Jesse Leech Davisson  
Louise Achey Kennedy  
Sarah Dechart

Mary Colby Thrasher  
Flora Lewis Hughes Hodge  
Sara Jerome Patrick  
Anna Kimmel Welliver  
Charlotte Reeves Conover  
Anna Mathiot Dorsey  
Hattie Mason Hooker Lytle  
Harriet Snyder King  
Martha Olivia Hawes  
Emma Thompson Beaver  
Mary Ellen Gebhart  
Hannah Follett Clark

The chapter was organized February 4, 1896; the charter was granted April 8, 1896. Three of the charter members were “Real Daughters.” These members had relatives who had fought in the American Revolution.

The DAR is a living reminder of the patriots of 1776. The goals of the society are to keep alive the spirit of the men and women who fought for American independence, to promote the development of an enlightened public opinion, and foster patriotic citizenship.

The Jonathon Dayton Chapter was named for General Jonathon Dayton who was a distinguished lawyer, senator, and soldier. As a statesman, he helped with the development of the U.S. Constitution and was Speaker of the House of Representatives; as a lawyer, he was a knowledgeable jurist; and as a soldier, he served under Lafayette. General Dayton never saw the town named for him.

Chapter activities over the years include: studies of U.S. History, marking of local historic places and graves, beautification of local parks, contributing to local charities, donating books and flags to local schools, the organization of the Mary Van Cleve Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR), student essay contests, and the sponsoring of ROTC activities and awards at two local high schools (Walter E. Stebbins and Fairborn Baker).

**Scope and Content:**

The Jonathon Dayton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is one chapter of this organization to bring together female decedents of soldiers of the American Revolution and to keep their spirits alive through a variety of different activities around the Dayton area. This collection is predominately scrapbooks from several years of their activities with documents, photographs and newspaper clippings inside. This collection is only divided into two series:

Series I, Scrapbooks, contains scrapbooks detailing local chapter and national society activities and events from 1927 to 1988. The activities include local and American history, local political and social issues, social events, details of chapter meetings and national conventions, various programs, awards and honors given to the chapter, and lists of chapter members.

While the original labeling of the scrapbooks was maintained, there appears to be some inconsistency in the dating and order of the scrapbooks. Dates in some were easily identified while the dates in others were uncertain. There seems to be some overlap in the dates of several scrapbooks, as though a new scrapbook was started as the older one was being completed. It is also possible that several scrapbooks were maintained at the same time since there are several scrapbooks with similar starting and ending dates. In later years, the chapter maintained a scrapbook and a press book at the same time. The information in the press book is similar to the information in the chapter scrapbook.

Several of the scrapbooks contain folders with assorted items: loose newspaper articles and Xerox copies of scrapbooks which showed some deterioration.

Scrapbooks 22 and 23 have no clear dates. Scrapbook 22 contains copies of newspaper articles entitled "Our Forefathers" by Lindsey M. Brien, and "Your Clan and Mine" by Ralph E. Pearson. These articles contain genealogical information about Dayton families. Scrapbook 23 contains assorted newspaper articles about early U.S. Presidents and early American history. There are also newspaper articles written by Lindsey M. Brien about local Ohio towns.

There is a break in the date span of the scrapbooks from 1963-1979.

Series II, Chapter History, contains a detailed chapter history from 1896-1976. The history was written to commemorate the Bicentennial. The history describes the formation of the HSDAR on the national level in 1890, and the formation of the local chapter in 1896.

### **Subject Terms:**

#### **Organizations/Corporate Names**

National Society, Daughters of the Revolution Jonathon Dayton Chapter

#### **Places**

Dayton--Ohio

#### **Subjects (General)**

Women  
Civic Organizations

#### **Material Types**

Newspaper  
Paper  
Photos  
Scrapbooks

## Collection Inventory

<b>Series I : Scrapbooks</b>			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Scrapbook No 1	Mar 1927-May 1942
2	1	Scrapbook No 2	Mar 1927-1942
3	1	Scrapbook No 3	Feb 1927-1940
	2	Scrapbook No 4	Mar 1940-Apr 1943
	3	Scrapbook No 5	Apr 1943-May 1955
	4	Scrapbook No 6	Sep 1955-Nov 1960
	5	Scrapbook No 8	Jun 1958-Feb 1960
	6	Scrapbook No 9	Mar 1960-Feb 1961
	7	Scrapbook No 10	Mar 1961-Jun 1963
4	1	Scrapbook No 7	1954 – 1958
	2	Scrapbook No 14	1982-1983
5	1	Scrapbook No 11	1979-1980
	2	Scrapbook No 12	1980-1981
	3	Scrapbook No 13	Mar 1980-Feb 1982
	4	Scrapbook No 15	1982-Feb 1983
	5	Scrapbook No 16	1983 – 1984
6	1	Scrapbook No 17	1983 – 1984
7	1	Scrapbook No 18	1984 – 1985
	2	Scrapbook No 19	1984 – 1986
	3	Scrapbook No 20	1984 – 1986
	4	Scrapbook No 21	1986 – 1988
	5	Scrapbook No 22	Undated
	6	Scrapbook No 23	Undated
	7	Scrapbook No 24	1988-1989
8	1	Scrapbook No 25	1990-1991

	2	Scrapbook No 26	1991-1992
	3	Scrapbook No 27	1992-1993
	4	Scrapbook No 28	1993-1994
	5	Scrapbook No 29	1994-1995
9	1	Scrapbook Book 1 No 30	1995-1996
	2	Scrapbook Book 2 No 31	1995-1996
	3	Scrapbook No 32	1996-1998
<b>Series II: Chapter History</b>			
	4	Chapter History and Yearbook Supplement	1896-1976