

**MS-684: National Society Daughters of the American Revolution,
Catharine Greene Chapter Records**

Collection Number: MS-684

Title: National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Catharine Greene Chapter Records

Dates: 1893-2019

Creator: Daughters of the American Revolution. Catharine Greene Chapter (Xenia, Ohio)

Summary/Abstract:

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Catharine Greene Chapter, was founded at Xenia, Ohio, in 1894. The records document the history and activities of the chapter, including meeting minutes, membership records, financial information, yearbooks, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, programs, photographs, and genealogical information.

Quantity/Physical Description: 4.59 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092, library-archives@wright.edu

Restrictions on Access:

There are no donor-imposed restrictions on accessing material in this collection; however, the original charter is stored off-site in oversize storage.

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Acquisition:

The collection was donated to Wright State University Libraries' Special Collections and Archives by the Chapter in April 2021.

Custodial History:

The collection was under the custodianship of the Greene County Historical Society from 2002 until March 2021.

Accruals: Additional accruals are anticipated.

Separated Material:

The original charter has been physically separated to oversize storage.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms684.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

Many of the early documents are handwritten in cursive script.

Related Material:

MS-244: National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), Jonathan Dayton Chapter Collection

Processing Information:

The collection has been minimally processed, with some metal fasteners, newsprint, and original plastic page sleeves remaining. Minutes, reports, and activities scrapbooks were removed from original plastic 3-ring binders at time of processing. All materials have been transferred into acid-free archival boxes and folders.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Lisa Rickey, April 2021.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged in two series:

Series I: Administrative, 1893-2017

Series II: Activities, 1894-2019

Biographical/Historical Note:

The Catharine Greene Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded at Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, on December 17, 1894, by organizing regent Emma Cornelia King. It was the fourth DAR chapter established in the state of Ohio. The name of the chapter is derived from Catharine Greene, wife of Revolutionary War General Nathanael Greene, for whom Greene County, Ohio, is named.

The charter members were: Clara C. Nicholas Adair (Mrs. Robert D. Adair), M. Louisa Allison (Mrs. S. M. Allison), Lua Mitchell Carey Cooper (Mrs. George F. Cooper), Melissa Snively Darlington (Mrs. Charles Darlington), Miss Rebecca Alice Galloway (later Mrs. Eavey), Maude Lyon Galloway (Mrs. William A. Galloway), Sallie E. Harbine (Mrs. J. T. Harbine), Ella Miller

Johnson (Mrs. Charles S. Johnson), Maude Lauman Johnston (Mrs. James A. Johnston), Mrs. Betsy Kendall King, Miss Isadora F. King, Miss Emma C. King, Virginia Lauman, Mary Spencer McCurdy, Miss Helen G. Moorehead (later Mrs. Vanderveer Taylor), Miss Helen V. Shearer (later Mrs. Walkley), Miss Sarah Bell Williams, DeEtta Greiner Wilson (Mrs. William M. Wilson), Miss Mary A. Munger, and Mrs. Cora Day Young.

The DAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. The Catharine Greene Chapter meets several times per year to hear and discuss a paper or presentation, usually on a historical topic. The Chapter sponsors a history essay contest for local school children. Members also engage in social activities, which for many of the early years included an annual Christmas party at Miss Emma King's home (known as "the Kingdom") on East Main Street in Xenia.

Other important events in the history of the Chapter have included the preservation and exhibition of "relics of the past," a catalogue and guest book (1897) of which are included in the collection. In 1906, the Chapter placed a historic marker at the site of Oldtown, an early Shawnee Indian settlement in the area. During World War I, the Chapter participated in war work, including selling bonds, knitting sweaters and socks, fundraising, and supporting war orphans. They have been active in caring for Shawnee Park, planting 40 trees there in 1928 to commemorate Revolutionary War soldiers, and fundraising for a new flag pole after the 1974 Xenia tornado.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection documents the history and activities of the Catharine Greene Chapter, NSDAR, and is divided into two series:

Series I, Administrative, includes founding documents, general history, membership lists, meeting minutes, treasurer's records, and genealogical information, dating from 1893 to 2017. Of particular note in this series is the original charter (1894); the Registrar's record book (1893-1982), which includes dates of admission for all members and information about their Patriot ancestor; a log of births, deaths, and marriages for members (1905-1939); and a nearly complete set of meeting minutes (1894-2017). The files of Treasurer's Reports (1894-1967) reflect their original filing order (i.e., these were received together in a binder) and contain several annual financial reports, as well as some detailed financial data. The meeting minutes also contain treasurer's reports and financial information, and this original order was retained (i.e., treasurer reports received interfiled with minutes have not been separated to their own section). This series also includes summary historical narratives written in 1931, 1945, and the 1990s.

Series II, Activities, collectively document the chapter's activities, with materials dating from 1897 to 2019. The yearbooks, usually published annually but sometimes covering 2-3 years, contain information about chapter officers, as well as the dates and topics of meetings and other activities. The yearbooks date from 1897 to 1991, with few gaps. The scrapbooks, which cover 1894 to 2019, typically contain newspaper clippings, programs, and a few original photographs, and most of these consist of loose pages removed from 3-ring binders. Often, the scrapbooks also

contain a copy of the relevant yearbook for the same time period. This series also includes the contents of a binder identified as Members' Accomplishments, which features mainly articles filed alphabetically by the member's name, as well as individual files on a few specific programs and activities. Two noteworthy items in this series include: a register concerning a loan exhibition held by the chapter in 1897, in commemoration of Greene County's centennial, with early pioneer objects on display; and a speech delivered on the occasion of the placement of the historic marker at Oldtown in 1906.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Organizations/Corporate Names

Daughters of the American Revolution. Catharine Greene Chapter (Xenia, Ohio)

Places

Subjects (General)

Daughters of the American Revolution -- Ohio -- Xenia

Women -- Clubs and societies -- Ohio -- Xenia

Patriotic societies -- Ohio -- Xenia

Material Types

Minutes

Photographs

Scrapbooks

Yearbooks

Occupations

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
		SERIES I: Administrative	1893-2017
1	1	A Backward Glance (written history 1894-1904) (photocopy)	undated
1	2	Chapter History 1894-1931	1931
1	3	History/ Report 1929-1945	1945
1	4	Brief History of 100 Years: Dec. 16, 1894-Dec. 16, 1994, by Esther Schick	circa 1995

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1	5	Brief History of 100 Years, 1894-1998, updated by Ann Kelley	1999
1	6	General History	undated
1	7	Membership Applications and Obituaries for DeEtta Greiner Wilson and Emma Cornelia King, 1893-circa 1939 (photocopies)	undated
OS		Original Charter	1896 Aug 14
1	8	By-Laws	1941, 1956
1	9	Registrar's Record (Membership/Admission List)	1893-1982
1	10	Roll Call (Membership List)	2008-2012
1	11	Record of Marriages, Births, and Deaths of Members	1905-1939
1	12	Register (Multiple Ohio Chapter representatives)	circa 1928-circa 1930
1	13	Minutes, 1894-1897 (original)	1894-1897
1	14	Minutes, 1894-1897 (reference copy)	undated
1	15	Minutes	1898-1914
1	16	Minutes	1914-1928
2	1	Minutes	1929-1939
2	2	Minutes	1939-1947
2	3	Minutes	1947-1959
2	4	Minutes	1960-1969
2	5	Minutes	1970-1979
2	6	Minutes	1980-1989
2	7	Minutes	1990-1999
3	1	Minutes	2006-2009
3	2	Minutes	2011-2015
3	3	Minutes	2016
3	4	Minutes	2017
3	5	Treasurer's Reports	1894-1915
3	6	Treasurer's Reports	1915-1940
3	7	Treasurer's Reports	1940-1967
3	8	Greene County Historical Society Correspondence	2002, 2009
		SERIES II: Activities	1894-2019
4	1	Yearbooks	1897-1905
4	2	Yearbooks	1905-1910
4	3	Yearbooks	1911-1922
4	4	Yearbooks	1928-1940
4	5	Yearbooks	1940-1950
4	6	Yearbooks	1950-1959

Box	File	Description	Date
4	7	Yearbooks	1959-1969
4	8	Yearbooks	1971-1980
4	9	Yearbooks	1980-1991
4	10	Activities Scrapbook	1894-1904
4	11	Activities Scrapbook	1904-1914
5	1	Activities Scrapbook	1914-1922
5	2	Activities Scrapbook	1923-1930
5	3	Activities Scrapbook	1930-1940
5	4	Activities Scrapbook	1940-1945
5	5	Activities Scrapbook	1945-1950
5	6	Activities Scrapbook	1950-1959
6	1	Activities Scrapbook	1961-1969
6	2	Activities Scrapbook	1970-1979
6	3	Activities Scrapbook	1980-1989
8	1	Activities Scrapbook	1981 Dec-1984 Sept
8	2	Activities Scrapbook	1984 Dec-1989 Sept
6	4	Activities Scrapbook	1990-1993
6	5	Activities Scrapbook	1994-1996
6	6	Activities Scrapbook	1997-1999
6	7	Activities Scrapbook	2000-2003
8	3	Activities Scrapbook	2003-2013
8	4	Activities Scrapbook	2004-2008
7	1	Activities Scrapbook	circa 2008-circa 2019
7	2	Register of Visitors at the Loan Exhibition given to commemorate the centennial of the settlement of Greene County (Oct. 26-30, 1897); also Quilts and Coverlets Exhibited June 14-17, 1915	1897-1915
7	3	Remarks Made at the Ceremony Placing Historical Marker at Old Town	1906
7	4	Programs on Various Topics	circa 1967-circa 1980
7	5	Program on Old National Road and Bridges	undated
7	6	Cincinnati DAR Sites Walking Tour Map	undated
7	7	Members' Accomplishments A-Z (file 1 of 2)	circa 1941-circa 2009
7	8	Members' Accomplishments A-Z (file 2 of 2)	circa 1941-circa 2009