

National Society of the Colonial Dames of America

**A Register of Its Colonial and Pioneer Women
Project Records in the Library of Congress**

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Collection Summary

Title: Colonial and Pioneer Women Project Records

Span Dates: 1852-1982

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1976-1982)

ID No.: MSS58578

Creator: National Society of the Colonial Dames of America

Extent: 200 items; 8 containers plus 1 oversize; 3 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: National organization, founded in 1891, composed of women who are descended from an ancestor who came to reside in an American colony before 1750, and whose services were rendered during the Colonial Period. Chiefly essays on the lives of colonial and pioneer women written for the Colonial and Pioneer Women Project by members of state organizations and submitted to the society's National Historical Activities Committee. Subjects of the essays are women of local prominence or ancestors of the authors.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Organizations

National Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. National Historical Activities Committee.

Subjects

Women colonists--United States.

Women pioneers--United States.

Women--History--United States.

Locations

United States--History, Local.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The records of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Colonial and Pioneer Women Project were given in several installments to the Library of Congress by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, 1978-1988.

Processing History:

The records of National Society of Colonial Dames of America, Colonial and Pioneer Women Project were arranged and described in 1998. The register was revised in 2008.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of members of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Colonial and Pioneer Women Project, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the Colonial and Pioneer Women Project of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America were collected by the National Historical Activities Committee through the group's various state organizations. The records span the years 1852-1982, with the bulk of the items dating from 1976 to 1982. The collection consists primarily of essays written by members of the organization for the National Historical Activities Committee relating the lives of individual colonial or pioneer women. Most of the essays are about an ancestor or a woman of local prominence. Sources for the essays include family collections of correspondence, family Bibles, oral histories, local history sources (newspapers, local archives), and published historical works. Also included are copies of previously written or published accounts gathered by members and sent to the National Historical Activities Committee for the project.

The records were organized by the committee according to the state membership of the woman who wrote or collected the essay, which may or may not coincide with the state of residence of the colonial or pioneer woman who is the subject of the essay. A card file contains occasional cross-references for both the original collection and the first addition. A second addition made in 1998 is not described in the card file.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of state or type of material.

Container List

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BOX 1	Alabama, 1907, 1920, 1955, 1976-1977, n.d.
BOX 1	Arizona, 1906
BOX 1	California, 1861, 1978, n.d.
BOX 1	Colorado, 1975-1976, n.d.
BOX 1	Connecticut, n.d.
BOX 1	Delaware, n.d.
BOX 1	Florida, n.d. <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 1	Georgia, 1930, 1976-1978, n.d. (2 folders)
BOX 1	Illinois, 1975, n.d.
BOX 1	Iowa, 1978, n.d.
BOX 2	Kansas, 1976-1977, n.d.
BOX 2	Kentucky, n.d.
BOX 2	Louisiana, 1976-1978, n.d. (2 folders)
BOX 2	Maine, n.d.
BOX 2	Maryland, 1976-1977
BOX 2	Massachusetts, 1976-1978 (2 folders)
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BOX 3	Minnesota, 1972, n.d.
BOX 3	Mississippi, n.d.
BOX 3	Missouri, 1976-1978, n.d.
BOX 3	New Hampshire, n.d.
BOX 3	New Jersey, 1976-1979, n.d.
BOX 3	New York, n.d.
BOX 3	North Carolina, 1977, n.d.
BOX 3	Ohio, n.d.
BOX 3	Oklahoma, 1948, 1976, n.d.
BOX 3	Oregon, 1948, n.d.
BOX 4	Pennsylvania, 1955-1964, n.d. (2 folders)
BOX 4	Rhode Island, 1976-1978, n.d.
BOX 4	South Carolina, 1960-1963, 1971-1978, n.d. (2 folders)
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BOX 5	Texas, 1937, 1976-1978, n.d.
BOX 5	Vermont, 1945, 1975, n.d.
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BOX 6	Georgia, n.d.
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BOX 6	Louisiana, n.d.
BOX 6	Massachusetts, 1982, n.d.
BOX 6	Michigan, 1982
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BOX 6	Nebraska, n.d.
BOX 6	New Hampshire, 1979
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BOX 6	North Carolina, 1956, n.d.
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BOX 6	Oklahoma, n.d.
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BOX 7	Vermont, n.d.
BOX 7	Washington, n.d.
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BOX 7	Card file for addition I, n.d.
BOX 8	Addition II
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BOX 8	Georgia, n.d.
BOX 8	Kansas, n.d.
BOX 8	Pennsylvania, n.d.
BOX 8	South Carolina, 1977-1980, n.d. (2 folders)
BOX OV 1	Oversize
BOX OV 1	Florida, n.d. (Container 1)