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Daughters of the American Revolution. Anthony Wayne Chapter, Mankato,
Minnesota. Collection, 1896 – Ongoing.

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Daughters of the American Revolution. Anthony Wayne Chapter, Mankato, Minnesota. Collection, 1896 – Ongoing. SMHC Manuscript Collection 1268. 5 records center boxes and 3 oversized records center boxes.

ABSTRACT:

The Anthony Wayne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution collection documents the administrative records and programmatic activities of the group. It is based in Mankato, Minnesota and draws membership from around the South Central Minnesota region. The organization's goals include promoting American patriotism, national and local history and conducting genealogical research. The collection consists of the chapter's administrative records, scrapbooks, and programmatic activities.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in 1890 in Washington D.C. and incorporated by an Act of Congress on June 8, 1891. The object of the National Society and local chapters is "to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence." Eligibility is limited to women descended from someone who served in the cause of American Independence in the original thirteen colonies, and who are personally acceptable to the Society. The Daughters of the American Revolution was organized because the Sons of the American Revolution refused to accept women as members.

The Anthony Wayne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in Mankato, Minnesota was organized on June 20, 1899 with the same goals and requirements as the national society. The chapter is named after General Anthony Wayne of Pennsylvania, who was the hero of the Battle of Stony Point, NY in 1779. Although the founding members did not know it at the time, this name proved to be especially fitting for the Mankato area. The "Anthony Wayne" was also the name of a steamboat that regularly traveled the Minnesota River in the 1800s. The organization had 13 charter members in 1899, and enrollment grew to 80 by 2018.

The organization remains active in the greater Mankato area. It has worked to preserve and commemorate historical sites, such as that of Fort L'Huillier, south of Mankato. The group also presents a gold medal annually to an outstanding cadet in Minnesota State University, Mankato's Reserve Office Training Corps (ROTC) program. It honors outstanding local teachers of American history as well as winners of an annual American history essay contest.

Information obtained from Mary Nelson in 2018.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection consists of items that pertain to the Daughters of the American Revolution, Anthony Wayne Chapter of Mankato, Minnesota beginning in 1896. The collection is divided into four series: administrative records, activities and programming, scrapbooks, and National Society publications.

Series 1 – Anthony Wayne Chapter – Records, 1896 – 2012

This series of the collection documents the organizational records of the Anthony Wayne Chapter. It includes the constitution and bylaws, meeting minutes, membership lists, financial records, and chapter history.

Series 2 –Anthony Wayne Chapter – Activities and Programming, 1889 – 2016

This series documents the activities and programming conducted by the Anthony Wayne Chapter. The materials consist of newspaper articles, photographs, and other printed materials, divided by topic and arranged alphabetically. Some of the topics included in this series: Mankato history, patriotic television and radio programs, genealogical information, and programs and yearbooks from various DAR meetings.

Series 3 – Anthony Wayne Chapter – Scrapbooks, 1896 – 2016

This series contains scrapbooks created by the Chapter to document its activities. The scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings, photographs, programs, and memorabilia. The scrapbooks are arranged chronologically.

Series 3 – Daughters of the American Revolution (National Society) – Publications, 1903 – 1941

This portion of the collection consists of published items from the national Daughters of the American Revolution organization. The collection contains: *In Washington, National Historical Magazine, Handbook* and *Ritual of the Daughters of the American Revolution*.

RESTRICTIONS:

There are some restrictions on use of this collection for research purposes. The researcher assumes full responsibility for observing all copyright, property and libel laws as they apply.

COLLECTION CITATION:

This collection should be cited as:

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ACQUISITION:

Helen M. Klenk donated the original collection in April 1976. Barbara Odegaard donated additions to the collection in 1979, and the Anthony Wayne Chapter contributed additional materials in 1988. In January 2002, Lenore Fonda donated additional items to the collection. Other members through the years have contributed materials.

PROCESSED BY:

Karin Thiem processed this collection in June 1978.
Finding aid revised by Robert Russell November 2000.
Jeff A. Jenson completed additional processing in March 2002.

Mary Nelson contributed processing September, 2018.
Adam Smith completed processing in January 2022.

OCLC AND RLIN:

After checking the OCLC and RLIN national databases in March 2002, it has been determined that there are no similar manuscript collections about the Daughters of the American Revolution, Anthony Wayne Chapter available elsewhere.

LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Daughters of the American Revolution. Anthony Wayne Chapter (Mankato, Minn.).

Daughters of the American Revolution.

Daughters of the American Revolution--Periodicals.

Clubs--Minnesota--Mankato.

United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783 --Societies, etc.

Minnesota--Mankato--History.

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Anthony Wayne Chapter – Records, 1896 – 1992		
Attendance, 1991 – 2006	1	11
A Register of the Minnesota Chapters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1908	1	13
Certificate of Membership, Nettie Severance, 1899	11	1
Chapter Charter and Formation, 1898-1904	2	7
Chapter History	2	20
Chapter Membership, 1938 – 2003	1	9
Constitution and Bylaws, Anthony Wayne Chapter, 1898-1921	1	1
Constitution and Bylaws, National and Minnesota DAR, 1919-1960	1	2
Correspondence, 1945-1975	2	12
Directory of the Officers and Membership of the Minnesota Daughters of the Revolution, 1941	1	15
Directory of the Officers and Membership of the Minnesota Daughters of the Revolution, 1948	1	16
Directory of the Officers and Membership of the Minnesota Daughters of the Revolution, 1953	1	17
Early Chapter Members, 1896-1899	1	28
Financial Records, 1899 – 1951	1	6
Financial Records, 1951 – 1959	1	7
Financial Records, 1997 – 2002 (restricted)	7	8
Financial Records, 2002 – 2012	1	8
National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, Certificate, 1957	11	2
Membership Roster, 1899 – 1937	10	6
Minutes, 1899 – 1927	2	36
Minutes, June 1899 – April 1911	10	5
Minutes, May 1911 – March 1924	10	4
Minutes, October 1924 – December 1936	10	3
Minutes, January 1937 – June 1946	10	2
Minutes, October 1946 – May 1957	9	2
Minutes, September 1957 – May 1962	9	1
Minutes, April 1966 – November 1977	1	31
Minutes, March 1978 – June 1985	1	10
Minutes, July 1985 – June 1992	10	1
Minutes, July 1992 – May 2000	1	3
Minutes, June 2000 – June 2005	1	4
Minutes, June 2005 – July 2008	1	5
Regent Reports, 1940-1960	2	35
State and National Documents, 1960-1966	7	2
Anthony Wayne Chapter – Activities and Programs		
American History Month: Essays, Instructions, Photographs, 1904-2010	2	1
American Indian/St. Paul Insurance Company Murals, 1965	2	23

Anniversaries and Teas, 1952-1974	2	2
Anthony Wayne (General) and George Washington Memorials, programs, photos, 1929-1999	2	3
Book Lists: Books wanted by DAR Library, 1924 – 1962	2	4
Boy in Blue Memorial Project, c. 2009-2016	1	30
Chapter Centennial, 1998-1999	2	5
Chapter Members (Deceased) Newspaper Clippings, 1946-1971	2	6
Chapter Yearbooks (Programs and Directories), 1913-1948	1	23
Chapter Yearbooks (Programs and Directories), 1948-1981	1	24
Children of American Revolution, 1954-1961	2	8
Community Service, 1942-1949	2	9
Conservation, 1950-1958	2	10
Constitution (U.S.) and Constitution Week, 1950-1993	2	11
Dedications, 1927-1973	2	13
National Defense, 1942-1960	2	14
Flag of the United States, 1913-1973	2	15
Genealogy information, undated	2	16
“Geography of Minnesota,” Wiswell, Gertrude, undated	2	17
George Washington Biography and Program, 1940	7	5
Good Citizen Contest, ca 1950-1970	2	18
Grave marking, Old Masonic Cemetery, ca. 1928 – 1976	2	19
History of Mankato and Blue Earth County, 1916	7	4
History of Mankato and Blue Earth County, 1917-1943	2	21
Mankato 75 th Anniversary, Poster, 1927	7	7
Minnesota History, 1934 – 1971	2	22
Fundraising projects, undated	2	24
Newspaper Clippings, 1943-1978	2	25
Mankato Historical Pageants and Parades, 1916-1932	2	26
Patriotic programs, Radio and TV broadcasts, 1933-1970	2	27
Patriotic programs (Thomas Jefferson and Early American History), 1944	7	6
Photographs, Members, 1959	1	29
Press Relations, 1958-1959	2	28
Program Material, 1931-1975	2	29
Programs given at Chapter Meetings, Newspaper Clippings, 1927-1970	2	30
Program, District, 1946-1974	2	31
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Programs, National 1919 – 1971	2	33
Real Daughters and Widows, 1889-1941	2	34
Schools – local, ca. 1927 – 1965	2	37
Sibley House, ca. 1910 – 1971	2	38
Sibley House, Volunteer letter, 1967	7	3
Sons of American Revolution, 1964 – 1965	2	39
Statement on race and Constitution Hall, 1945	7	1
Steam boating, 1930-1999	2	40
War service of members’ sons and daughters, undated and 1920s – 1940s	2	41

War service record of members' relatives (including newspaper clippings)	1	12
"What the Daughters Do", 1928 – 1968	2	42
Scrapbooks		
Scrapbook, Chapter Founding, Markers and Memorials, 1896 – 1971	3	1
Scrapbook of Programs, 1923 – 1999	8	1
Scrapbook, 1953 – 1955	3	5
Scrapbook, 1953 – 1963	3	6
Scrapbook, 1955 – 1962	3	3
Scrapbook, National DAR Convention, 1956	3	4
Scrapbook, 1963 – 1964	3	2
Scrapbook, 1965	4	1
Scrapbook, 1966	4	2
Scrapbook, 1967	4	3
Scrapbook, 1968	4	4
Scrapbook, 1971 – 1984	4	5
Scrapbook, 1973 – 1975	4	6
Scrapbook, 1984 – 1988	5	3
Scrapbook, 1988 – 1991	6	4
Scrapbook, 1992 – 1994	6	5
Scrapbook, 1995 – 1999	6	1
Scrapbook, 100 th Anniversary, 1999	6	2
Scrapbook, 2000 – 2004	6	3
Scrapbook, 2005 – 2008	5	2
Scrapbook, 2009 – 2010	8	3
Scrapbook, 2011	8	2
Scrapbook, 2012 – 2016	5	1
Daughters of the American Revolution (National Society) – Publications, 1903 – 2001		
<i>Handbook</i> , National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1938	1	19
<i>Handbook</i> , National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1951	1	18
<i>Handbook</i> , National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1958	1	18
<i>Handbook</i> , National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1966	1	20
<i>Handbook</i> , National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1969	1	20
<i>In Washington</i> , Diamond Anniversary National Society of D.A.R., 1890 – 1965.	1	27
<i>National Historical Magazine</i> , published by National Society, D.A.R., March 1940	1	25
<i>National Historical Magazine</i> , published by National Society, D.A.R., May 1940	1	25
<i>National Historical Magazine</i> , published by National Society, D.A.R., June 1940	1	25
<i>National Historical Magazine</i> , published by National Society, D.A.R., January 1941	1	26
<i>National Historical Magazine</i> , published by National Society, D.A.R., April 1941	1	26

Proceedings of the Sixty-second and Sixty-fifth Continental Congress, National Society of D.A.R., 1953	1	21
Proceedings of the Sixty-second and Sixty-fifth Continental Congress, National Society of D.A.R., 1956	1	22
<i>Ritual of the Daughters of the American Revolution</i> , 1903	1	14