DESCRIPTION

The Daughters of the American Colonists (DAC) Collection consists of periodicals, books, scrapbooks, and some correspondence. The correspondence, “yearbooks” and The Colonial Courier provide information about the society’s members, functions, and projects. Extensive genealogical data is found in the Lineage Books, the State Historian’s File—Ancestor Stories, and six other books. Twelve Arizona state scrapbooks and two Grand Canyon Chapter scrapbooks record events and publicity related to the state chapters and its members. State scrapbook 1 is noted to have been destroyed earlier, and state scrapbook 9 was not donated with this collection. The collection also includes spiral-bound photocopied historical treatments compiled around places and people of Arizona and New Mexico. This collection contains materials relating to the John Thurman chapter, the Saguaro chapter, and the Grand Canyon chapter.

21 boxes, 19 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists (DAC), established in 1921, is an organization open to women of at least eighteen years old, who can prove biological lineage to persons living in the United States prior to 1776 and who served in any of twenty-six “acceptable” categories. The DAC’s objectives are to record, maintain, and teach patriotism, including researching and publishing the history of American colonists, commemorating colonial events, and fostering strong patriotic and civic feelings for the United States.

The Arizona Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists, organized in 1940, in 1991 had chapters in three cities— the John Thurman Chapter in Tucson; the Saguaro Chapter in Phoenix; and the Territorial Chapter in Prescott. The Grand Canyon Chapter, located in Sun City, disbanded sometime after 1987.


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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Valerie Kittell in March 2011.
Box and Folder Listing

**Box 1**

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1-7  Yearbook, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1959 – 1977

**Box 2**

f.12 By-Laws of the John Thurman Chapter  1957
f.13 Programs, John Thurman Chapter  1941 – 1955
f.14 Programs, John Thurman Chapter  1956 – 1968
f.15 Programs, Saguaro Chapter  1950 – 1974
f.16 Program/Yearbook Grand Canyon Chapter  1968 – 1970

**Box 3**

f.17 Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings and Memorabilia  1973 – 1976 circa
f.18 Miscellaneous Correspondence, Pamphlets, and Notes  N.D.
f.19-29  The Colonial Courier  1956 – 1974

**Box 4**

f.30-37  The Colonial Courier  1975 – 1989

**Box 5**

f.38-40  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1929-1931

**Box 6**

f.41  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1936
f.42  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1939
f.43  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1943

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f.44  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists Book One Supplementals—Twenty-fifth Anniversary Project  1921 – 1945
f.45  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1946
f.46  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists Book One Supplementals  1945 – 1949
f.47  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1949

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f.48  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1951
f.49  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1955
f.50  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1957
f.51  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1961
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f.52  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1963
f.53  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1964
f.54  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1971
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f.60  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1976
f.61  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1977
f.62  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1979
f.63  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists  1984

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f.64  John Thurman Chapter: Daughters of the American Colonists  1983

f.65  “Cochise Stronghold”

f.66  Fort Verde: State Historic Park  1985
Spiral-bound, photocopy. Compiled by Patricia A. Scheurs. History of Fort Verde and surrounding region. Includes newspaper clippings, photographs, first-hand accounts, descriptions, maps, magazine articles, and correspondence.

Compiled by Patricia A. Scheurs. Newspaper articles and other publications and correspondence relating to the Thomas Jeffords monument erected by the John Thurman chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists.

f.68  Hubbell Trading Post, Ganado, Arizona  1990
Compiled by Patricia A. Scheurs. Correspondence and newspaper clippings of the Daughters of the American Colonists’ efforts to make the Hubbell Trading Post an historic site, as well as photographs, magazine articles and treatments of the history of the Hubbell Trading Post.

f.69  Toadlena Boarding School: A Navajo Reservation School compiled by Patricia A. Scheurs. The history of the boarding school, located on the Northern Navajo Reservation, sixty miles north of Gallup, New Mexico. Included are descriptions, first-hand accounts, and photographs of the grounds, building, employees, classes, and students. Date range covered: 1931-1992.
Box 13

f.70  *NSDAC: Bicentennial Ancestor Index: 1976*  
From the Preface: “The Daughters of the American Colonists Lineage Books list ancestors (with birth, marriage, and death dates) for each individual who was ever a member of D.A.C., taking her lineage back each generation to the ancestor who was an American colonist.” This book is a compilation of the lineage books previously published; a minimum of 14,000 ancestors are listed.

f.71  *Kin of Mellcene Thurman Smith (Mrs. Edward T.)*  
The ancestral lineage of Mellcene Thurman Smith (1872-1957), the first woman to be elected to the Missouri State legislature. Ms. Smith also served on several civic organizations, including State First Vice Regent Daughters of the American Colonists.

Box 14

f.72  *Heads of Families: First Census of the United States: 1790: State of Connecticut*  
f.73  *Heads of Families: First Census of the United States: 1790: State of New York*  
f.74  *Heads of Families: First Census of the United States: 1790: State of North Carolina*  
f.75  *Heads of Families: First Census of the United States: 1790: State Enumerations of Virginia: From 1782-1785*

Box 15

State Scrapbook #2  
1948 – 1955  
Highlights include a description of the Arizona State flag; the national projects of the contributions to the restoration of Tryon Place, NC and Old Midway Church, Georgia, and National President Mrs. Jerome Powers visiting Arizona.

State Scrapbook #3  
1955 – 1959  
Highlights include several programs from state chapter meetings and military awards with pictures of awards ceremonies.

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State Scrapbook #4  
1959 – 1965  
Highlights include state projects Camp Verde Marker and Hubbell Trading Post, John Thurman chapter project Jeffords Marker, and John Thurman chapter celebrating 20 years.

State Scrapbook #5  
1965 – 1970  
Highlights include the organization of the Grand Canyon chapter, the Hubbell Trading Post Dedication and Marker, an editorial “Flag Not Given Proper Due at School Football Games,” and the First Annual Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance.

Box 17

State Scrapbook #6  
1970 – 1973
Highlights include national president Mrs. Charles J. Michelet, Jr.’s visit to the Arizona State Assembly, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Saguaro chapter, the fifth anniversary of the Grand Canyon chapter, and the history of the Golden Acorn.

State Scrapbook #7 1972 – 1974
Highlights include correspondence regarding the Ancestor Stories compilation, profiles of Anna Phelps Kopta, Grace Kinnan’s 105th birthday celebration, and the state of Arizona, past and present.

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State Scrapbook #8 1976 – 1979
Highlights include several state chapter reports and correspondence relating to the Ancestor Stories compilation.

State Scrapbook #10 1982– 1985
Highlights include many photographs of members and events, including the Dedication Service of Mrs. Elizabeth Edington, “Mother” of the state society and state assemblies, military honors programs, and a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Arizona state chapter.

Box 19

State Public Relations Scrapbook (red cover) 1957 – 1964
Newspaper clippings of events, celebrations, obituaries, etc. of state members and relating to the Grand Canyon, Saguaro, and John Thurman chapters. Included are newspaper articles and a program related to the Dedication of the Monument to Thomas J. Jeffords.

State Public Relations Scrapbook (brown cover) 1972– 1976
Newspaper clippings of events, celebrations, obituaries, etc. of state members and relating to the Grand Canyon, Saguaro, and John Thurman chapters. Included are newspaper articles relating talks about religion, charity endeavors, and paying tribute to the American Flag.

State Public Relations Scrapbook (Hubbell Trading Post Rug Room cover) 1982– 1985
Newspaper clippings of events, celebrations, obituaries, etc. of state members and relating to the Grand Canyon, Saguaro, and John Thurman chapters. Included are correspondence, newspaper articles, and other publications related to the Dedication of the Plaque for the Hubbell Trading Post.

Box 20

State Public Relations Scrapbook (yellow cover) 1977 – 1982
Newspaper clippings of events, celebrations, obituaries, etc. of state members and relating to the Grand Canyon, Saguaro, and John Thurman chapters. Included are programs for state assemblies and chapter meetings and a state historian’s report.

History of State DAC 1940-1960
Grand Canyon Chapter:
Sherman, Esther Bailry
Anderson, Mary Ann Bates
Pile, Nellie
Pile, Dora Carolina
Rule, Elinor, E.
Hall, Faith E.
Leonard, Melvena B.
Tuerner, Louise Malone
Stewart, Frances Hardie
Gwinner, Francis Morrison
Chatten, Ruth Morrison
Hutton, Lois M.
Kopta, Anna Phelps
Glass, Elizabeth Changnon
Ross, Margaret Race
Baker, Viola Slover
Balavage, Romaine H.
Waddell, Irene Cool Wark
Wright, Lois Baker
Fryer, Ila “Billye” Colins
Cummins, Mary Lawtson

Parmalee, Ruth Carson
Weaver, Charlotte Ogden
Sander, Mary Elizabeth
Ludwig, Eleanor F.
Coty, Irma Skinner

John Thurman Chapter:
Huston, Eleanor Cory
Bixler, Marilla Huber
Benson, Elizabeth Brown
Woodell, Alice King
MacBride, Ida Mae Anderson
Gipe, Wylie Dill
Goodstein, Doris Daniel
James, Jessamine Bland
Eddington Elizabeth Thurman
Dodd, Martha Nutt

Saguaro Chapter:
Engle, Caroline
Hecker, Agnes Spalding
Lyon, Ruth Lorene Jones

Box 21

Grand Canyon Chapter Scrapbook (blue cover) 1965 – 1974
Newspaper clippings of events, celebrations, obituaries, etc. of the Grand Canyon chapter and its members. Highlights include the Hubbell Trading Post, ancestor stories, and a visit from national president Mrs. Roland James.

Grand Canyon Chapter Scrapbook (green cover) 1975 – 1980
Newspaper clippings of events, celebrations, obituaries, etc. of the Grand Canyon chapter and its members. Highlights include a magazine article about Anna Phelps Kopta (“My Life with the Indians”), photos from the General Assembly, military honors, and a visit from national president Mrs. Louis Patterson.