

C United States Daughters of 1812, Missouri Chapter, Records, 1784-2008
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INTRODUCTION

The papers consist of the meeting minutes, pamphlets, officer reports, and other business materials pertaining to the operation of the United States Daughters of 1812, Missouri Chapter. Also included in the collection is the correspondence of Mary Miller Smiser, who served briefly as president of the organization.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by the United States Daughters of 1812, Missouri Chapter on 30 April 1936 (Accession No. 540). Additions were made 20 March 1996 (Accession No. 3102), and 4 August 2008 (Accession No. 3123).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The National United States Daughters of 1812 was founded in 1892 by Mrs. Flora Adams Darling in New York City. The first meeting was held in Detroit, Michigan, on January 8, 1892. The group received its official charter on February 25, 1901, by an act of Congress, which was approved by President McKinley, and is likely one of the last things he did as president before his assassination.

The Missouri Society formed in 1901 under the leadership of Mrs. Western Boscome. The first meeting was held in her St. Louis home on June 14, 1901. By 1909 membership had grown to such an extent that chapters began forming. On March 31, 1926, the Missouri Society received its legal incorporation from the state of Missouri. Projects supported by the Missouri Society included the dedication of Fort Zumwalt, the dedication of Herculaneum Shot Tower, the marking of graves of War of 1812 soldiers, and the unveiling of numerous monuments. The society also offered scholarships, sponsored essay contests, and awarded student loans.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers are arranged into eight series:

- Institutional Records**
- Report on Proceedings**
- Correspondence**
- Regional Chapters**
- Clippings**
- Miscellaneous**
- Volumes**
- Oversize**

The **Institutional Records** series consists of various materials having to do with the history and activities of the Missouri Chapter. The materials have been arranged topically. The **Report on Proceedings** series consists of information gathered during Chapter meetings and conferences. It has been arranged chronologically. The **Correspondence** series consists of the personal and business correspondence of one time president Mary Miller Smiser and has been arranged chronologically. The **Regional Chapters** series includes information generated by various Missouri Regional Chapters located all over the state of Missouri. It has been organized by chapter and chronologically. The **Clippings** series includes newspaper clippings collected throughout the years by the society and its members. It has been arranged chronologically. The **Miscellaneous** series consists of a series of random materials collected by the society over the years. Included are other groups Mary Miller Smiser was affiliated, such as the Johnson County Historical Society and other like-minded organizations with whom the Daughters associated. The **Volumes** series consists of volumes of official records, including membership records, Registrar's books, Secretary's books and scrap books. These have been arranged topically and chronologically. The **Oversize** series consists of two items, a road map of Jackson County from 1934 and a charter for the George Frederick Burckhartt chapter of the Daughters of 1812 and two scrapbooks documenting the George Frederick Burckhartt Chapter.

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OVERSIZE

- v. 9 Scrapbook, 1933-1934, George Frederick Burckhartt chapter
- v. 10 Scrapbook, 1935-1936, George Frederick Burckhartt chapter

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