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**MS 1432**  
**Daughters of the American Colonists**  
**Records, 1928-1991**

**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.

**ACQUISITION** — Donated by Virginia Mulligan and Patricia A. Scheurs in 1994.

**ACCESS** — There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Valerie Kittell in March 2011.

## Box and Folder Listing

### Box 1

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

### Box 2

f.8-11 *Yearbook, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists* 1978 – 1991  
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

### Box 7

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

### Box 8

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

**Box 9**

- 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  
f.55 *Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists* 1972

**Box 10**

- f.56-59 *Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists* 1973-1976

**Box 11**

- 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

**Box 12**

- f.64 *John Thurman Chapter: Daughters of the American Colonists* 1983  
Spiral-bound, photocopy. Compiled by Patricia A. Scheurs. History, correspondence, official documents, programs, newspaper clippings and photographs pertaining to the John Thurman Chapter of the daughters of the American Colonists. Covers 1940-1989.
- f.65 "Cochise Stronghold"  
By Weldon F. Heald. Article also printed in *Arizona Highways*, May 1949. A description of the Dragoon Mountains and Cochise Stronghold. A historical treatment of the relationship of Cochise and Anglo settlers from 1860, including the 1872 peace treaty facilitated by General Oliver O. Howard and Thomas L. Jeffords, longtime friend and "blood brother" to Cochise. 1949
- 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.
- f.67 *Cochise Blood Brother: Thomas J. Jeffords*. Spiral-bound photocopy. 1990  
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. 1992  
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* 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.)* 1955 circa  
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* 1908
- f.73 *Heads of Families: First Census of the United States: 1790: State of New York* 1908
- f.74 *Heads of Families: First Census of the United States: 1790: State of North Carolina* 1908
- f.75 *Heads of Families: First Census of the United States: 1790: State Enumerations of Virginia: From 1782-1785* 1908

### 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.

### Box 16

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 105<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, and the state of Arizona, past and present.

### **Box 18**

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.

State Historian's File—Ancestor Stories 1970-1971-1972-1973 1970 – 1973  
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.  
Turner, 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, Wslie 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.