

Title: National Society of Colonial Dames in Wisconsin Collection

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Inclusive Dates: 1896 – 1979

Quantity: 7.2 cu. ft.

Location: WHS, Sh. B099-B100

Abstract: The National Society of Colonial Dames in Wisconsin is a member of the Societies of the non-Colonial States or known as the Associate Societies. Its object is the collection and preservation of manuscripts, traditions, relics, and mementos of bygone days; the preservation and restoration of buildings connected with the early history of our country, the creation and spreading of interest and information in colonial history, the stimulation of patriotism, and the impressing on the young the obligation of honoring the memory of our heroic ancestors.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of meeting minutes, yearbooks, treasurer's reports, annual reports, constitution and by-laws, conference material, directories

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: The collection initially processed by Steve Daily, March 13, 1997.

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Minutes of Wisconsin Society, 1916-69	1	
Audits, 1956-71	1	
Treasurer's reports, 1963-71	1	
Corresponding secretary's book, 1913-58	1	
Treasurer's account books, 1938-1958		
Scrapbooks, 1896-1964	2	
Photos of early members of Wisconsin Society	2	
Scrapbook: Historic Wisconsin Homes	2	
Yearbooks, Colonial and associate societies, including Wisconsin, 1896-1965 (not inclusive)	3	
Historian's reports, national and Wisconsin Society, 1931-76 (not inclusive)	3	
Wisconsin Society annual reports, 1961-71	3	
National Directories, 1933-71 (not inclusive)	3	
NSCDA Bulletins, 1963-72	3	
Acts-in-Council NSCDA, 1936, 1939	3	

NSCDA Historical Activities reports	3	
NSCDA Registrars handbook	3	
Minutes of National Society Biennials, 1937-72 (not inclusive)	3	
Regional and Western Conference material and reports, 1947-1971	4	
NSCDA Diamond Jubilee	4	
Wisconsin Society constitution (2 copies)	4	
Amendments to Wisconsin Society by-laws, plus copy of by-laws, 1958, 1971	4	
Museum Houses - Wisconsin Society: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Kilbourntown House material relating to fire in house and restoration, 1970-72 – Kilbourntown House correspondence and diary of reconstruction and refurnishing – Program of Milwaukee Antique Show, 1972 – Material relating to Old Indian Agency House 	4	
Scrapbooks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Yearbooks and reports, 1896-1919 – Yearbooks and reports, 1920-1947 – Clippings, programs, pictures, 1930s?-1954 	4	
Miscellaneous Letters/General file - important early papers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – articles of association, 1896 – papers and talks given by Mrs. Mercein, Holbrook, and Mitchell, also some correspondence, 1923-37 – membership certificate of Wisconsin Founder, Mrs. Mercein 	5	
Directory of NSCDA, 1898, 1939-40	5	
Post card, Wisconsin Centennial, 1948	5	
Copy of speech by Abraham Lincoln given in Springfield, Il, 1838, used for naturalization classes	5	
Calendar sold by the Wisconsin Society in 1935	5	
Miscellaneous items including notebook with list of books given to the Milwaukee Public Library in 1979, disposition of furnishings of the Record Room, and transfer of archives to Milw. Co. Historical Society in 1979	5	
Old invitations	5	
50 th Anniversary/Centennial Exposition State of WI/Diamond Jubilee National/Diamond Jubilee WI/Bicentennial Speech Ruth Streeter	5	
Donations - Diamond Jubilee (Wisconsin Society)	5	
Circular letters, 1901-29	5	
Cut for Agency House picture	5	
<i>New Idea News</i> 1968-72	5	
World War I activities NSCDA	5	
Historical Activities files: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – "Ghosts in the Garret" slides, sound tape, and key for shipping case 	6	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – ABC books and material, reports, copyright, original, and later editions – Mrs. Holbrook <i>History of Wisconsin</i> 		
Vignettes of the 18th Century: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Note re: material given to Milwaukee Art Center – Bibliography for 18th Century Arts and decorations in America – Glossary for 18th Century vignettes – Talk given by Stanley Stone at opening of exhibit in Art Center 	6	
Annual reports, 1941-71	6	
Wisconsin Centennial	6	
Committee reports and correspondence, 1959-71	6	
Colonial Dames restorations - National: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sulgrave Manor – Gunston Hall – Dumbarton House 	6	
Old Courthouses in Wisconsin survey, 1966-67	6	
Laws Pertaining to Women (two binders)	6	
50th Anniversary	6	
Portrait Show - Art Center 1971	6	
Historical Activities to 1971	6	
Historical Activities Committee 1959-63	6	
Tennessee Exhibition 1954	6	
Patriotic Services Files: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Suggestions for teaching patriotism, NSCDA – Essay contest 1933, 1962 – Lectures and programs, 1963-69 – Miscellaneous correspondence – Vietnam, ditty bag, etc. project – Miscellaneous 1941-58 – Flags - <u>The Continental</u>, <u>The Gadsen</u>, <u>The Pine Tree Rattlesnake</u>, <u>The Pine Tree</u>, <u>The Star Spangled Banner</u>, <u>The Liberty Tree</u>, <u>Taunton</u>, <u>The Stars and Stripes</u> - all made in 1939 by various Social Center groups 	6	
Desoto Committee	6	
Annual Reports meeting minutes 1929-38	7	
Annual Reports meeting minutes 1939-44	7	
Annual Reports meeting minutes 1945-53	7	
Annual reports meeting minutes 1954-60	7	
Annual reports 1962-63	7	
Annual reports 1963-64	7	
Corresponding secretary's record book 1898-1913	7	
Historical Research Committee record book	7	
Photos	7	

Donations	7	
Seating charts	7	
Receipts and bills 1963-64	7	
Clippings 1963	7	
National Society: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Biennial Council programs 1954, 1956 – Bulletin 1964, 1968 – Constitution and acts in Council 1913, 1927, 1929, 1931, 1933, 1951, 1954 – Directory 1967-68 – Historian's Report 1933, 1935, 1946, 1952, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1966, 1968 – Histories 1891-1913, 1891-1962, 1891-1966 – <i>Messenger</i> 1934-47 (not inclusive) – Minutes 1933, 1935, 1950, 1952, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968 	7	
Miscellaneous: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <u>A Memorial</u> program of dedication of monument to Spanish-American War dead – <u>Fontenelle</u> biography of Lagan Fontenelle last chief of the Omaha – <u>Halifax to Savannah: Letters of Michael Wallace</u> March 1961 – <u>On Being a Colonial Dame</u> Mrs. James Parkhill Andrews, May 1, 1933 – <u>The Unveiling of the Fort Augusta Monument</u> Nov. 24, 1901 – <u>What it Means to be a Colonial Dame</u> address by Mrs. Shackleford Miller, May 16, 1954 	7	
Mrs. Holbrook's program book <u>Early Wisconsin History</u>	7	
NOTE: Material pertaining to the Old Indian Agency House as well as several boxes of unprocessed material was returned to the Wisconsin Society of Colonial Dames		
IMAGES	LOCATION	
Box of slides - History of Wisconsin (Missing)	BV, Sh. 279	
Box of glass plate negatives	WHS, Sh. B099	
OVERSIZE ITEMS (WRAPPED PACKAGE)	LOCATION	
Membership certificate of Jennie Minerva Mallory in Rhode Island Society of Colonial Dames, Dec. 23, 1926	WHS, Sh. B100	
Membership certificate of Lucy Schley Mercein in Maryland Society of Colonial Dames, 1896	WHS, Sh. B100	
Milwaukee County Citizenship Commission award of merit to National Society of Colonial Dames in Wisconsin, 1958-59	WHS, Sh. B100	

Community Service Award for programs by National Society of Colonial Dames in Wisconsin presented by Milwaukee County Historical Society, April 12, 1973	WHS, Sh. B100
Articles of Association for National Society of Colonial Dames in Wisconsin, July 28, 1896	WHS, Sh. B100
Wallpaper block print for Agency House by Robert Hallbrook who designed the block and printed from it when a student of Layton School of Art in Milwaukee	WHS, Sh. B100
Color photo of ladies in period dresses in parlor	WHS, Sh. B100