

The Saint Louis Mercantile Library

Finding Aid for the Colonial Dames Collection

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Collection Overview

Title: Colonial Dames Collection

Creator: National Society of the Colonial Dames in the State of Missouri

Dates: 1897-2001

Extent: 19 boxes

Arrangement: The original organization of this collection has been maintained. Membership records are arranged alphabetically.

Collection Number: M-147

Language: English

Location: Special Collections

St. Louis Mercantile Library at UM-St. Louis

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St. Louis, MO 63121

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Biographical Note

The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America was founded in 1891. It includes 45 Corporate Societies and has over 15,000 members. The NSCDA is a

genealogical society, composed of women who are descendents of individuals who resided within the American Colony in some capacity of service, whether military or political, prior to 1775. Members of the organization are actively involved in projects pertaining to historic preservation and patriotic service. The organization also maintains a scholarship program and museums. The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri own and operate two historic homes, the Louis Bolduc House and Bolduc-LeMeilleur House. The first members of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri were admitted in 1894.

Collection Scope

Consists of administrative papers from the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri including meeting minutes from national and state meetings, National Constitution Acts, procedures manuals, conference proceedings, etc. dating from 1897 to 2001. The collection holds information on the historical properties in the state of Missouri held by the NSCDA, including training guides, tour information, special events, insurance evaluations, inventories, garden plan, and restoration. Materials on other historical houses including Gunston Hall and Hanley House are contained within this collection. The collection contains materials published by NSCDA committees and the membership records of deceased members of the NSCDA in the State of Missouri.

Content Note

Materials are not arranged by series. Folder names listed match those provided by the Colonial Dames and the materials within are in their original arrangement. Some items within the collection are not held in folders; these are listed as *Item* in the Content List and are loose materials. Items are interspersed with folders, descriptions of the items are provided when no title present.

A complete listing of the member records held within this collection is available.

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National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri.
 United States – History – Colonial Period, ca. 1600-1775 – Societies, etc.
 Bolduc House Museum (Sainte Genevieve, Mo.)
 Missouri – Genealogy.
 Missouri – History – Societies, etc.
 Missouri – Societies, etc.
 National Society of the Colonial Dames of America .
 National Society of the Colonial Dames of America – Registers.

Other Resources

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Lamar, Clarinda Pendleton. *The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Its Aims and Achievements*. [Pennsylvania]: The Pennsylvania Society, 1923. Print.

National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri. *National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri*. [St. Louis, Mo.: National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri], 1973. Print.

National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. *The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Its Beginnings, Its Purpose and a Record of Its Work, 1891- 1913*. [n.p.]: Printed for the Society, 1913. Print.

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Item 14: School of the Ozarks - Notebook (correspondence and pictures)
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Item 16: Notebook - Tabs include: Tips, Committees, Reg. Meetings, New Policies, Bank Accts/Comm. Notes
Item 17: Missouri Society - Colonial Dames of America, Financial Notebook (dues, orientation fees, savings acct., finances, etc)
Item 18: Register of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri, 1932
Item 19: By-Laws and List of Members of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri, 1930
Item 20: Register and List of Members of the NSCDA in the State of MO, 1957-1958
Item 21: Constitution, Amendments, and By-Laws of the NSCDA in the State of MO, 1914
 Folder 1: Members who have died, resigned or transferred
Item 22: Record book of Meeting Minutes, (circa 1897-1900?)
Item 23: Notebook for President?
Item 24: Letter to Mrs. Bev F. Gray from Mrs. G.A. Bradford
Item 25: Recipes of Old Ste. Genevieve
Item 26: Record book of Meeting Minutes (October 19, 1900- March 8, 1926)

Box 15

- Item 1: 8 Jigsaw Puzzles of Historical Houses (restored by NSCDA)*
Item 2: Early Laws of Missouri Pertaining to Women, Historical Activities Committee, 1966-1986 (13 copies)
Item 3: Portraits in Missouri, Vol. 11 - Painted before 1915
Item 4: Handwritten notes from Region II Conference, Cincinnati - Sept 21, 1998
Item 5: Historical Activities Blank Questionnaire to be used in Lieu of Annual Report
Item 6: Gunston Gazette, Vol. 11, no. 1
Item 7: Map - Regions of the Corporate Societies
Item 8: Corporate Societies - Historical Buildings, Rooms or Museum Houses
Item 9: Historical Activities Update

- Item 10:* "Climb your Family Tree" - Girl Scouts, MVGSC My Heritage Badge (Ohio)
- Item 11:* Publications and Film and Slide Index, 1990
- Item 12:* Oral History for the Local Historical Society, 3rd ed. revised
- Item 13:* A Directory of Missouri's Folk-life Specialists, 1988
- Item 14:* *SOS! Update*, Fall 2000, vol. 11, no. 2
- Item 15:* *Preservation Issues*, March/April 1997, vol. 7, no. 2
- Item 16:* *Preservation Issues*, November/December 1996, vol. 6, no. 6
- Item 17:* *Preservation Issues*, July/August 1996, vol. 6, no. 4
- Item 18:* *Preservation Issues*, September/October 1994, vol. 4, no. 5
- Item 19:* *Preservation Issues*, July/August 1994, vol. 4, no. 4
- Item 20:* *Preservation Issues*, May/June 1996, vol. 6, no. 3
- Item 21:* *Preservation Issues*, March/April 1996, vol. 6, no. 2
- Item 22:* *Preservation Issues*, January/February 1996, vol. 6, no. 1
- Item 23:* *Preservation Issues*, November/December 1995, vol. 5, no. 5
- Item 24:* *Preservation Issues*, September/October 1995, vol. 5, no. 5
- Item 25:* *Preservation Issues*, July/August, vol. 5, no. 4
- Item 26:* "Timely Recommended Reading for Our Members"
- Item 27:* "Required Attendance at the National Biennial Council, Washington, D.C., October 1996" - Letter to NSCDA members in State of Missouri
- Item 28:* Newspaper article, photocopy about President George Washington, Jan. 3, 2000
- Item 29:* "The Great Seal of the United States" - Text of a slide Lecture
- Item 30:* "Bylaws of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri, 1994 Revision"
- Folder 1: Oral History Consent Forms
- Folder 2: Inventory of Bolduc, Le Meilleur and Campbell Houses / Survey of Historic Textiles, 1610-1910 (includes pictures)
- Folder 3: Survey of Historic Textiles, 1610-1910
- Folder 4: Publications and Video Update, 1998
- Item 31:* "Parade of Flags"
- Item 32:* "A Summary of the Histories of The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America and of The Corporate Societies, 1891-1962" (2 copies)
- Item 33:* 1990-1992 Directory of the NSCDA in the State of Missouri
- Item 34:* 1989-1990 Directory of the NSCDA in the State of Missouri
- Item 35:* 1988-1989 Directory of the NSCDA in the State of Missouri
- Item 36:* 1986-1987 Corporate Society Directory of the NSCDA
- Item 37:* 1988-1989 Corporate Society Directory of the NSCDA
- Item 38:* Members of the Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri, 1910
- Item 39:* Pieces of History, 432 piece puzzle - "Old Town Square, Ste. Genevieve"
- Item 40:* NSCDA - National Patriotic Service Committee Manual - belonging to Vice President, Region 11
- Item 41:* NSCDA President's Hand Book
- Item 42:* Registrars Reports - (June 2, 1947 - April 21, 1960) - includes 3 "In Memoriam" booklets from 1927-1935

Item 43: NSCDA in State of MO - Roll of Honor for relatives who served during World War II

Item 44: Minutes Record Book - NSCDA in State of Missouri (Oct. 11, 1943-Mar. 9, 1953)

Box 16

Item 1: Box of metal pieces

Item 2: Plastic bag of Corporate Society Directories, 1982-1988 (6 booklets total)

Item 3: Proceedings of the NSCDA, 44th National Council - Historian's Report and Regional Conference, 1982

Item 4: Historian's Report of NSCDA, 1974

Item 5: Historian's Report of NSCDA, 1972

Item 6: Historian's Report of NSCDA, 1970

Item 7: Historian's Report of NSCDA, 1968

Item 8: "The Bolduc House, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri" - information leaflet

Item 9: "Visit Historic Ste. Genevieve, Missouri" - information leaflet

Item 10: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1963

Item 11: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1987

Item 12: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1980

Item 13: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1979

Item 14: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1978

Item 15: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1981

Item 16: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1985

Item 17: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1983

Item 18: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1977

Item 19: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1976

Item 20: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1975

Item 21: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1974

Item 22: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1973

Item 23: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1972

Item 24: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1971

Item 25: *NSCDA Bulletin*, 1968

Item 26: Film Reel - "Geo. Mason program for T.V. - Bill of Rights Day"

Item 27: Film Reel - "Gunston Hall 1- 30" - includes instruction on working with local TV station

Item 28: Video Cassette - "Gunston Hall"

Item 29: Kodak Carousel Transvue 80 slide tray - box marked N.S.C.D.A. in State of Missouri

Item 30: Box of paper book plates with a bottle of ink and stamp

Item 31: Box containing book plate stamp

Item 32: Bag containing 15 NSCDA Directories, dates from 1952-53 to November 1982

Item 33: Bag containing 8 Historian's Reports of the NSCDA, dates range from October, 1949 to 1974

Box 17

Folder 1-62: Membership Files, Adams-Calhoun

Item 1: Historical Activities: Minutes, Region 11 Conferences, April 19-21, 1996

- Item 2:* Historical Activities Guidelines
Item 3: NSCDA - Missouri, Minutes of Meetings: Oct. 1996-April 2000, Elizabeth M. Lewis, President
Item 4: *The Magazine Antiques* - Dumbarton House in Georgetown, District of Columbia, Jan. 1993
Item 5: "Parade of Flags"
 Folder 63: Reference Material for Ste. Gen. Oral Interviews
 Folder 64: Region II Conferences, Cincinnati, 1998
Item 6: *H.A.T Newsletter, Summer 1997*
Item 7: *H.A.T Newsletter, Winter 1997*
Item 8: *H.A.T Newsletter, Summer 1998*
Item 9: *H.A.T. Newsletter, Winter 1998*
Item 10: *H.A.T Newsletter, Spring 1999*
Item 11: *H.A.T Newsletter, Fall 1999*
Item 12: *H.A.T Newsletter, Spring 2000*
Item 13: *H.A.T Newsletter, Fall 2000*
Item 14: *Missouri Dames Update*, Fall 1998, Vol. 1, No. 4
Item 15: *Dames Dispatch*, Fall 1997, Vol. 9, No. 1
Item 16: *Dames Dispatch*, Fall 1998, Vol. 10, No. 1
 Folder 65: Historical Activities Reports, 1997-2000
 Folder 66: Miscellaneous Articles
 Folder 67: Ancestor Bibliography Register and Sampler Information
 Folder 68: Louis Bolduc House, Linden House Photos, Other photos from Margaret Jenks, Notes about photos viewed at Linden House, Puzzle Notes
 Folder 69: NSCDA, National Historical Activities Committee, Mrs. Rolla K. Wetzel
 Folder 70: NSCDA, National Historical Activities Committee, Biennial 1998
 Folder 71: "Domestic Views" and "Country Courthouses of MO" - Library Donation Project
 Folder 72: Domestic Views Order Blanks, 1999
 Folder 73: County Court Houses in Missouri, Surveys (1966-Revised 1972)
 Folder 74: Louis Bolduc Research

Box 18

Folder 1-192: Membership Files, Carr-Love

Box 19

Folder 1 – 213: Membership Files, Lund-Wyman