



Columbian Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Then and Now

Education, Patriotism, and Historical Preservation. These are three attributes that make a great city. The City of Columbia and the Columbian Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution share a history promoting these same three ideals. The following historiography provides a unique glimpse of the Columbian Chapter's local traditions in the city of Columbia. From the chapter's inception to Missouri's Bicentennial, this snapshot of our organization's community legacy offers a rich resource for the people of Missouri.

1902

December 10—Twenty-six women dressed in corsets, long skirts, decorative hats, and gloves step from their horse-drawn carriages and enter the Powers House hotel (now where the Walnut Building stands) on East Walnut and 10th street. These women became the charter members of the Columbian Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

2021

Two hundred and fifteen members meet at the Country Club of Missouri.

1902

Columbian Chapter donates money to support the Mountain School of the Ozarks.

Ongoing

Columbian Chapter supports the state scholarship fund for College of the Ozarks through silent auctions.

1905

Columbian Chapter begins the collection of lineage books.

1915-1916

Columbian Chapter creates first scrapbook under Mrs. Joseph Thornton, Regent.

2014-2016

Columbian Chapter helps with the move and reorganization of the MSSDAR Library Collection over to the new site of The State Historical Society of Missouri.

1910

Columbian Chapter sends \$50 for the Missouri Room at Memorial Continental Hall in Washington D.C.

2021

Columbian Chapter submits funds to help with the refurbishment of the State of Missouri seal at Memorial Continental Hall in Washington D.C.

1911

Columbian Chapter marks the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers.

1948-1952

Columbian Chapter commemorates the names of 25 Revolutionary soldiers buried in Boone County with a bronze plaque at the Boone County Courthouse.

1978

Columbian Chapter adds six more names to the bronze plaque at the Boone County Courthouse.

2021

Columbian Chapter marks the graves of daughters of Revolutionary War soldiers.

1917-1918

Columbian Chapter volunteers over 10,000 hours to the Red Cross during WWI and made over 360 knitted garments.

2020

Columbian Chapter donates hundreds of hours sewing masks during the COVID-19 pandemic and distributed them to the hospitals, schools, and the community.

1919-1920

Columbian Chapter contributes to the Columbia Public Library.

2020

Columbian Chapter contributes books to community "tiny libraries," and donates *Grover Cleveland, Again!* to all Columbia Public Schools elementary libraries.

1930-1932

Columbian Chapter hosts a bridge party for the Missouri State DAR Library.

Ongoing

Columbian Chapter donates yearly subscription of DAR's American Spirit magazine to the Daniel Boone Regional Library

1942-1944

Columbian Chapter donates thousands of hours of service to the Red Cross during WWII.

2020

Columbian Chapter sends care packages for deployed soldiers to a U.S. military hospital in Kuwait.

1942-1944

Columbian Chapter plants 1,000 trees around the community.

2012

Columbian Chapter plants three trees at Boone Junction.

2017

Columbian Chapter plants a Dogwood at Boone Junction.

1944

Headline of a Missouri newspaper in the Kansas City Public Library reads:
“Ancestor hunting is a sport for both amateurs and experts.”

2021

Columbian Chapter volunteer genealogists provide research assistance for prospective member applications and members doing supplemental research.

1950

Columbian Chapter awards local Hickman High School student the DAR Good Citizen Award accompanied by a savings bond.

2021

Columbian Chapter awards four DAR Junior Citizen Awards, one Good Citizen to a graduating senior in Boone County, two ROTC medals at University of Missouri, and one annual Outstanding American History Teacher Award.

1951

Columbian Chapter “brings yard items and white elephant gifts to support Kate Duncan Smith and Tamassee schools.”

2020

Columbian Chapter’s silent auction for DAR Schools is handled through PayPal.

1957

Columbian Chapter donates 11 flags to Columbia schools.

2012

Columbian Chapter donates flags to Boone County schools needing flags.

Ongoing

Columbian Chapter will provide a flag to any school in need of one.

1968-70

Columbian Chapter sends fifteen Certificates of Honor to families of boys who lost their lives in Vietnam.

2013 and 2014

Columbian Chapter hosts Gold Star Luminary Initiative Remembering Our Fallen from Missouri at Bethel Park.

1972-74

Columbian Chapter volunteers assist at the new Veterans Hospital and give annual valentines party for the patients.

Ongoing

Columbian Chapter volunteers hundreds of hours at Truman VA.

Vernacular Then and Now

1902

“Thus, the Columbian Chapter was organized through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Macfarlane whose whole heart was in the work...Mrs. Macfarlane was a most ardent and loyal DAR and a thorough American with nine generations of true Americans behind her.”

1906

“Prizes were also given for the best kept backyards.”

1910

“They decided to try and have a sane fourth of July and entertain the children at a patriotic picture show.”

2020

A year in the life of the Columbian Chapter

“Residents watching the [fireworks] display should not gather in large groups, nor should they drive toward the park and park on nearby streets. Practice social distancing by maintaining six feet between people. Masks are mandatory.”

2020-2021

A year in the life continued.

“You’re muted!”

“Check the chat.”

“Do we have a quorum?”

“I want to share my screen.”

“Who’s joined on their phone?”

“Who is that?”

“social distancing”

“masking”

“sanitizing”

“lockdown”

“virtual”

“hybrid”

“Zoom”

Columbian Chapter Anniversaries

1902

December 10, 1902, the Columbian Chapter NSDAR is formed and celebrates with a tea at the Powers House hotel.

1952

Columbian Chapter celebrates its golden anniversary (50 Years) with a tea at the home of charter member Mrs. Berry McAlester on Country Club Drive.

2002

Columbian Chapter celebrates its centennial anniversary (100 years) with a tea.

2022

December 10, 2022, Columbian Chapter will celebrate its 120th anniversary.

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Photos



#1

Mrs. Alice O'Rear MacFarlane, First
Columbian Chapter Regent 1902-1912



#2

Columbian Chapter Founder's Day
luncheon at Daniel Boone Tavern, 1939



#3

Bronze plaque in Boone County Courthouse
Columbian Chapter commemorates Revolutionary War soldiers
buried in Boone County.



#4

Columbian Chapter participates in annual wreath laying in the veteran's section of Memorial Park in Columbia.

Left to right: Charles Lee, President of the M Graham Clark Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; Alexandra Kluesner; Julia Goodell, Regent; Cynthia Suich, Vice President General

#5

Columbian Chapter awards Outstanding American History Teacher Award

Left to right: Julia Goodell, Regent; Sean Dwyer, award recipient; Allison Miller, chair of the Columbian Chapter American History Committee.



How do I join DAR?

Women must be 18 years old and able to prove their lineage to a Revolutionary War patriot.

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