

C United Daughters of the Confederacy, Children of the Confederacy, Records, 1921-1954
4305 0.2 cubic feet (3 folders), 7 oversize scrapbooks

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INTRODUCTION

The papers contain meeting minutes of the Richmond Greys Chapter and scrapbooks of the Charlotte Jones Smith Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Children of the Confederacy, 1921-1954.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Professor Hobart L. Morris on 27 March 1980 (Accession No. 2301).

ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

On September 10, 1894, Caroline Meriwether Goodlet, from Nashville, Tennessee, and Anna Davenport Raines, from Savannah, founded the National Association of the Daughters of the Confederacy. As a national federation of Confederate women's organizations, the group brought together numerous women's associations working to memorialize the Confederacy. At its second meeting, held in Atlanta, the group renamed itself the United Daughters of the Confederacy (U.D.C.) and revised its constitution.

With its tight connections to powerful Southern politicians the U.D.C. attracted a sizeable and influential membership. Women who could prove they were blood descendants of those who honorably served the Confederacy were eligible to join.

The U.D.C. established five objectives delineating their memorial, historical, educational, benevolent, and patriotic responsibilities. Among other goals, U.D.C. members strove to present what they considered to be a truthful history of the Civil War, to honor the Confederate dead, and to preserve historic Confederate sites.

From 1953 to 1955 Mable Sessions Dennis served as President General of the National U.D.C. During her administration she organized the National [General] Children of the Confederacy comprising thousands of members today, the organization inducts children under the age of 18 who can provide proof that they are descendants of honorable Confederate soldiers.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged into the following two series:

Meeting Minutes Scrapbooks

The **Meeting Minutes** series contains reviews of old business, roll call, membership rosters, Treasurer's Reports, discussions, talks, program booklets, newspaper clippings, and new business, including the installation of new officers. Years covered are 1938-1948.

The **Scrapbooks** series contains convention information and various newspaper clippings related to the Charlotte Jones Smith chapter of the Children of the Confederacy. The clippings contain announcements of chapter meetings, clippings from magazines showcasing southern historical buildings and homes, historical costumes, shrines, monuments, and various sites with historical significance. Years covered are 1921-1954.

FOLDER LIST

f. 1-3	Minutes
f. 1	1938-1941
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v.1	1921-1945
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