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REVOLUTION

1995-1998

THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE SOCIETY

of the

**National Society
Daughters of the American Revolution**

**90th, 91st, 92nd
Annual State Conferences**

1995-1998

Compiled and Edited

by

**Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary**

OUR HERITAGE IS THE KEY TO THE FUTURE

“I lift up my eyes toward the mountains.”

Psalms 121:1

First Edition

of the

West Virginia Triennial Proceedings

is

dedicated to the

Daughters

of the

West Virginia State Society, NSDAR

This compilation of minutes and reports is dedicated to all West Virginia Daughters who have given so very unselfishly of their time, energy, and talents for our State Society.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Oh! say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were go gallantly streaming.
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
Oh, say does that start-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Oh! thus be it ever when free men shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation;
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Francis Scott Key

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

William Tyler Page



Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg
State Regent
West Virginia State Society
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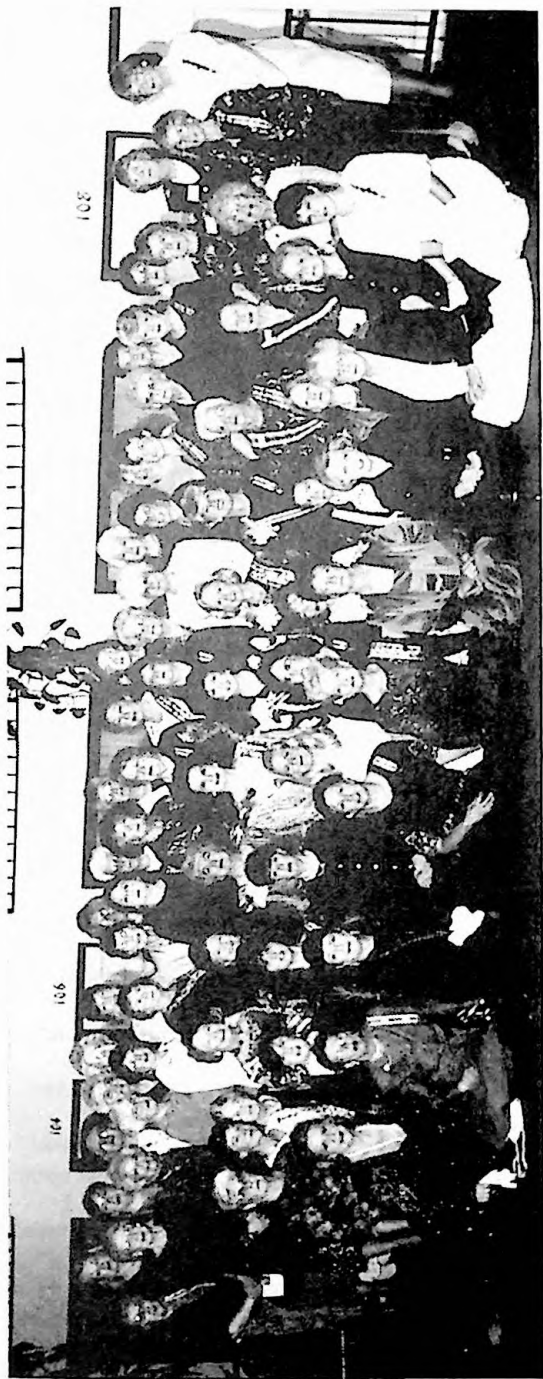


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GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR
October 27, 1995

As Governor of the State of West Virginia, it is my distance pleasure to welcome each of you to the Opening Session of the Ninetieth State Conference of the West Virginia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

I am especially please to greet your National Registrar General as well as your Past National Officers and Regents of other state societies. We are very pleased to have you here, and I extend a warm welcome to each of you to return soon to discover more of West Virginia, "A Welcome Change."

On behalf of the citizens of West Virginia, I commend and thank you for actively continuing your goad to further education, history and patriotism. As a part of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, all of us appreciate your humanitarian and civic accomplishments and projects. The many programs your Society offers in schools across West Virginia and the Nation have been and continue to be successful. Education continues to be a priority of my administration and I am very pleased to know that it is a concern we share. With support from organizations such as yours, I know our efforts will have far reaching effects.

Again, welcome to all of you, and I wish you the best for an enjoyable Ninetieth State Conference.

Sincerely,

Gaston Caperton
Governor

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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Friday, October 27, 1995

The West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, State Board of Management, was held on Friday, October 27, 1995, at 2:00 P.M. in the Marquette Room of the Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, West Virginia. The State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, presided. The State Recording Secretary was present.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Frederick Valentine, Jr., State Chaplin Pro Tem.

Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Parliamentarian, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mrs. Rumberg welcomed the group to our First Board of Management meeting. Mrs. Rumberg explained the absence of our State Vice Regent, Kathleen Morton, by informing the group that her mother died the previous night. Therefore, Kathy would not be attending the Conference. There has been no designated replacement. In the absence of Mrs. Edmond B. Collins, State Chaplin, whose father is terminally ill with cancer and has developed pneumonia, Mrs. Frederick Valentine, Jr., has agreed to fulfill Linda's duties.

Mrs. Rumberg then introduced to the meeting our Honorary State Regents attending, Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General and Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General. She also introduced the following State Officers: State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Terry Kornegay; State Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr.; State Organizing Secretary, Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings; Treasurer, Miss Jean Ann Elliott; State Registrar, Mrs. Charles L. Silliman; State Historian, Mrs. Ross Hart; State Librarian, Mrs. Alton G. Watson.

The State Recording Secretary proceeded with roll call of State Officers, District Directors, and Chapter Regents. Present were nine State Officers, four District Directors, and twenty-eight Chapter Regents,

The State Regent then introduced the State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Cora P. Teel.

The State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, requested and received verification that a quorum was present to conduct the business of the State Board of Management.

The minutes of the October 28, 1994, meeting were read by the State Recording Secretary and approved.

Mrs. Robert Hollandsworth, State Chairman, gave the report of the Finance Committee. The State Recording Secretary read the recommendation from the Executive Committee accepting the report of the Finance Committee as presented. The recommendation was adopted.

The State Chaplin Pro Tem, Mrs. Frederick Valentine, Jr., assumed the Chair and the State Regent proceeded with her report, for the sake of time, deferring her entire report until tomorrow in the general meeting she proceeded with announcements which concerned each chapter.

At the October Board meeting the following was announced: Applications received 2,118; applications verified 1,958. All applications received through September 14 have been reviewed; papers pending 1,962; 32 papers have been returned, 836 supplements received, 850 supplements verified; 3,869 supplementals are pending; 122 supplementals have been returned. The last National Number 768217. There are now 3,009 chapters, members dropped in June 3,313; new life members accepted 950; 249 members were reinstated; 671 new subscriptions to the DAR magazine were received following the June/July issue. By February 6 all subscriptions and advertisements must be into the magazine. By November 15 you are to request if you are interested in a chapter printout for the magazine, the request must be in writing. This will let you know if you are in line for the honor roll. The all member issue of June/July issue will continue.

Seats will be sold to Constitution Hall for \$500.00 per chair. A name plate will be engraved and put on the arm rest of the chair. They will be constructed as the original chairs in the Hall were, not the current plastic chairs.

The State Officers gave their reports. They will be reported in their entirety in the State Proceedings.

Mrs. Linger, State Corresponding Secretary, reported to the group that she was getting change forms from various chapters. It is not necessary that she receive the forms, they need only be submitted to the Organizing Secretary General. She also requested if anyone found errors in the information contained in the State Directory they report those errors to her. She also needs copies of each chapter yearbook and requested anyone not having done so to please send one to her.

Miss Jean Elliott, State Treasurer, reported to the group that if you make a donation of more than \$250.00 you had to have a receipt. No longer is a canceled check sufficient evidence of the donation. She also reminded each Regent she must have a financial report in order to show the IRS.

Mrs. Ross Hart, State Historian, informed the group that any present or past DAR member is entitled to a DAR grave marker. They do not have to be in good standing at the time of their death. They can be bought NOW, you do not have to wait until a member is deceased to purchase a marker. For those who wish to guarantee they have a memorial marker they can do so now, this is done in the same manner as for deceased members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

At Continental Congress, the West Virginia delegation will be seated in Section 4 on the floor this year. All State Chairmen and Honoraries will be rotating through the box this year, which is Box 39. You have to respond to get your tickets so Mrs. Teel can schedule you accordingly. Mrs. Marian McCullough is organizing a bus, Congress is April 14-18 which is Sunday through Thursday. The Banquet is Thursday, Memorial Service is on Sunday, Monday there will be a morning session, Monday afternoon is free which will be when we have our Four-Star Buffet; Monday evening will be our opening night. Buffet is \$32.00; tickets can be obtained from Carol Linger; send her a self-addressed, stamped envelope. In the past the State Regent has purchased the Banquet tickets at the February board meeting, Mrs. Rumberg needs to receive money prior to that time for anyone planning to attend. Mrs. Rumberg further informed the group she did not know the cost of the Banquet -- last year the cost was \$38.00. She

requested anyone planning to attend send her money prior to January 20. West Virginia is seated at Table 20 which is very close up front.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Rumberg informed the group we now have conflict of interest statement that need to be signed by each Chapter Regent. It states simply that you will profit in no way in your office as Chapter Regent. This is in order to comply with IRS regulations.

The Chicago manual of style is the preferred method of reporting.

The State Regent encouraged workshops on competing application papers.

By December we should have a computer generated application form. We will have further information for you in the February DAR news. National will also provide to the State a disk with membership labels.

Mrs. Rumberg stated that short form membership applications are now back. They can only be used if they connect to a long form. At the present, the short forms have not been printed, anyone ready to process application papers can use a current long form to connect back to the long form.

Mrs. Rumberg reports that forms 116 and 117 would have to be used. Form 116 is the method of reporting contributions; 117 is for reporting restricted or semi-restricted funds.

Mrs. Cora Teel, State Parliamentarian read the Standing Rules for the Conference and made a motion they be adopted as read. The Standing Rules were unanimously adopted as read.

Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, State Recording Secretary, read the following recommendations from the Executive Committee:

Recommendation #1: "That the State purchase a West Virginia flag to be placed on the outside of the West Virginia Period Room in Memorial Continental Hall." The Recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation #2: "That the State be authorized to purchase flowers for the West Virginia Room in accordance with the specifications of the museum curator." The Recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation #3: "That a VIS COMPUTER CLUB for West Virginia be formed." The Recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation #4: "That West Virginia purchase a wreath for the Battle Days Memorial Service for the Battle of Point Pleasant." The Recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation #5: "That the DAR School Committee be permitted to publish a cookbook and to order 2,000 copies with the option of reordering." The recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation #6: "That a Cameo Pin for the West Virginia President be

purchased with an application fee of \$5.00 per member for the Cameo Club." The recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation #7: "That the State Regent's Project for 1995-1998 be to secure funds and records for the West Virginia Department of Culture and History Archives for the advancement of Genealogy Research by:

1. Securing data and historical records.
2. Purchasing a piece or pieces of equipment needed by the archives.
3. To help advance the need for new DAR members by promoting the genealogy information service.

The recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation #8: "That we sell Afghan Voices to proceed the State Regent's project." The recommendation was adopted.

Nancy Hayes requested that any Chapter not currently receiving their National Defense Reports send the name and address of the National Defense Chairman to Washington in order to have their name on the mailing list.

There being no further business to come before the meeting the same was duly adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

90TH STATE CONFERENCE WVDAR
OPENING SESSION
Friday, October 27, 1995

The 90th Annual State Conference of the West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution was called to order at 8:30 P.M. on Friday, October 27, 1995, in the LaSalle/Marquette Rooms at the Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Musical selections were presented by the Blennerhassett Junior High School Band.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, Conference Guests and State Officers entered in processional escorted by the Junior Air Force ROTC Parkersburg South High School and pages.

The State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, called the 90th State Conference to order.

Mrs. Frederick Valentine, Jr., State Chaplain pro tem, gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Miss Jean Ann Elliott, State Treasurer. Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, State Registrar, led the American's Creed. Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., State Corresponding Secretary, led the assembly in singing the National Anthem.

The Colors were posted.

The State Regent, Mrs. Rumberg, introduced Mrs. Argil E. Sams, General Conference Chairman. Mrs. Sams welcomed all daughters and introduced the Northern District Director and Hostess Chapter Regents.

The Honorable Gaston Caperton, Governor of West Virginia was unable to attend but sent greetings.

Mrs. Charles K. Kemper, President General, sent greetings to the West Virginia Daughters.

Mr. Chuck Frederick one of the Managers of Parkersburg brought greetings and an official welcome.

State Vice Regent, Miss Kathleen E. Morton, gave the official response.

The State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, introduced Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR, who brought greetings from the National Society.

Miss Kathleen E. Morton, Senior State President, West Virginia Children of the American Revolution, brought greetings from the CAR. Miss Morton then introduced Miss Paige Rumberg, State President West Virginia CAR who also extended greetings from the CAR.

Dr. John E. Smith, State President West Virginia Sons of the American Revolution, brought greetings. Dr. Smith then presented to the State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, the Daughters of Liberty Metal from the Sons of the American Revolution.

The State Regent introduced Mrs. Jack R. Adams who brought greetings on behalf of the Honorary State Regents. Mrs. Rumberg then introduced Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General; Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General; and Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, Honorary State Regent.

Mrs. Rumberg introduced the Conference Guests: Mrs. Robert W. Watkins, Registrar General National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; Mrs. J. Larry Douglas, State Regent of Kentucky; and Mrs. Stephen R. Hunter, State Regent of Virginia.

Mrs. Rumberg then introduced the representatives from other patriotic organizations, the State Officers, and the State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Cora P. Teel.

Mrs. Rumberg then introduced two National Chairmen and 13 National Vice Chairman. They were: Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, National Chairman of Insignia; Mrs. Cora P. Teel, National Chairman of Members at Large Committee; Mrs. R. H. Walls,

National Vice Chairman of American Heritage -Music Category; Mrs. Robert Hollandsworth, National Vice Chairman Constitution Week; Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., National Vice Chairman DAR Good Citizens; Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, National Vice Chairman DAR Magazine Advertising; Miss Kathleen E. Morton, National Vice Chairman DAR Scholarship; Mrs. Robert Belcher, National Vice Chairman Honor Roll; Mrs. Gary Greenfield, National Vice Chairman Junior American Citizens; Mrs. James T. Farris, National Vice Chairman Motion Picture, Radio, and Television; Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, National Vice Chairman Seimes Microfilm Center; Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough, National Vice Chairman Commemorative Events; Mrs. Warren Campbell, National Vice Chairman Literary Challenge; Mrs. John R. Hendrickson, National Vice Chairman Volunteer Community Service Committee; and Mrs. Robert L. Waters, National Vice Chairman Americanism and DAR Manual for Citizenship.

The State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, introduced the Speaker, Mrs. Linda Lou Tinker Watkins, Registrar General. Following her address Mrs. Watkins was presented a gift from the West Virginia State Society.

Mrs. Rumberg then recognized the five District Directors and the State Chairman. In addition, Mrs. Rumberg recognized our fifty year members and those daughters attending State Conference for the first time.

Mrs. Rumberg introduced Miss Elizabeth Ann Greenfield, our State Chairman of Pages who in turn introduced the pages for our State Conference.

Mrs. Rumberg gave special thanks to her page and friend, Carolyn Matheson, Esquire. She then re-introduced to the daughters her daughter, Paige, the CAR State President and her mother, Mrs. James T. Farris.

Mrs. Rumberg announced there would be a reception honoring the State Regent, National Officers, State Officers and Conference Guests. Wheeling Chapter is hostesses for the reception.

The Colors were retired.

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed until 9:00 A.M. tomorrow morning.

Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, October 28, 1995

The Saturday, October 28, 1995, Morning Business Session of the 90th State Conference West Virginia State Society National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was convened in the Marquette Room of the Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, West Virginia at 9:00 A.M.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, State Officers, and Conference Guests entered in procession, escorted by pages and Color Bearers.

The meeting was called to order by the State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Frederick Valentine, Jr. State Chaplain pro tem.

Mrs. Ross Hart, State Historian, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The American's Creed was led by Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Organizing Secretary, Mrs. Alton G. Watson, State Librarian, led the assembly in singing "America the Beautiful."

The Colors were posted.

Mrs. Terry Kornegay, State Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the 90th Opening Session. They were approved as read.

Mrs. Hezekiah Marcum, State Chairman, gave the report of the Credentials Committee: Total members registered were 172; Total Chapter Regents: 26; and Voting Strength: 108.

State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, reported Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Parliamentarian, had read the Standing Rules of the 90th State Conference to the Board of Management and in the interest of time, they would not be repeated.

The State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, recommended to the Conference that the report of the Standing Rules, read at the State Board of Management Meeting, be adopted as the Standing Rules of the Conference. The recommendation was adopted.

Mrs. W. S. Prince, State Conference Program Chairman, presented the Conference Program and moved that the Program as printed be adopted as the official program of the 90th State Conference. There was a second and the recommendation was adopted.

Greetings from the Conference Guests were presented. Presenting greetings were: Mrs. Robert W. Watkins, Registrar General, NSDAR; Mrs. J. Larry Douglas, State Regent of Kentucky; Mrs. Stephen R. Hunter, State Regent of Virginia.

The State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, again introduced our Honorary State Regents: Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR, and Honorary State Regent; Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General; Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, Honorary State Regent and Past Vice President General; and Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent.

Mrs. Rumberg acknowledged and presented to the Conference the National Vice Chairmen from West Virginia, they are:

1. Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, National Chairman of Insignia.
2. Mrs. Cora P. Teel, National Chairman of Members at Large Committee.
3. Mrs. Robert Hollandsworth, National Vice Chairman Constitution Week.
4. Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., National Vice Chairman DAR Good Citizens.
5. Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, National Vice Chairman DAR Magazine Advertising.

6. Miss Kathleen E. Morton - National Vice Chairman DAR Scholarship.
7. Mrs. Robert Belcher, National Vice Chairman - Honor Roll.
8. Mrs. Gary Greenfield - National Vice Chairman Junior American Citizens.
9. Mrs. James R. Farris, National Vice Chairman Motion Picture, Radio & Television.
10. Mrs. Walter L. Spearman - National Vice Chairman Seimes Microfilm Center.
11. Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough - National Chairman Commemorative Events.
12. Mrs. Warren Campbell - National Vice Chairman Literacy Challenge.
13. Mrs. Robert L. Waters - National Vice Chairman American and DAR Manual for Citizenship.

Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, State Recording Secretary, read the following recommendations from the State Board of Management:

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Recommendation #3: "That a VIS COMPUTER CLUB for West Virginia be formed." The Recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation #4: "That West Virginia purchase a wreath for the Battle Days Memorial Service for the Battle of Point Pleasant." The Recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation #5: "That the DAR School committee be permitted to publish a cookbook and to order 2,000 copies with the option of reordering." The recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation #6: "That a Cameo Pin for the West Virginia President be purchased with an application fee of \$5.00 per member for the Cameo Club." The recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation #7: "That the State Regent's Project for 1995-1998 be to secure funds and records for the West Virginia Department of Culture and History Archives for the advancement of Genealogy Research by:

1. Securing data and historical records.
2. Purchasing a piece or pieces of equipment needed by the archives.
3. To help advance the need for new DAR members by promoting the genealogy information service.

The recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation #8: "That we sell Afghan Voices to proceed the State Regent's project." The recommendation was adopted.

The State Chaplain pro tem, Mrs. Frederick Valentine, Jr., assumed the Chair and the State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, gave her report in full.

The complete report of each Executive Officer will be printed in the Proceedings and were presented to the Conference in an abbreviated form to conserve time.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Mrs. Robert Hollandsworth, State Finance Committee Chairman.

The State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, read the recommendation from the Board of Management "That the Finance Committee Report as presented be adopted." The recommendation was adopted.

The complete report of each State Chairman will be printed in the Proceedings and were presented to the Conference in abbreviated form.

The Conference was recessed until 2:15 P.M.

Nancy Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

NSDAR LIBRARY CENTENNIAL LUNCHEON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1995

The NSDAR Library Centennial Luncheon was held in the Cartier/Joliet/LaSalle Rooms of the Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, West Virginia at 12:00 Noon.

The State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, presided.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Charles F. Printz, State Chairman, Friends of the Library Committee.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. John A. Davis, Northern District Director.

Following the luncheon the group was entertained by the River Valley Children's Choir of St. Marys.

Mrs. Alton G. Watson, State Librarian introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Herbert G. Randolph, Past National Chairman, Friends of the Library Committee, NSDAR.

Mrs. Rumberg thanked the Anne Royall Chapter for the beautiful luncheon decorations and stated that the Business Session would resume at 2:15 P.M. in the Marquette Room.

Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, October 29, 1995

The Saturday afternoon Business Session of the 90th State Conference West Virginia State Society National Society Daughters of the American Revolution convened at 2:15 P.M. in the Marquette Room of the Holiday Inn in Parkersburg, West Virginia. The State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, called the meeting to order.

District Directors gave their reports, each, in turn, introducing each Chapter Regent from their District who was allotted two minutes to share their Chapter's accomplishments within the past year.

The State Regent thanked each District Director and Chapter Regent for the hard work and dedication given to the West Virginia State Society.

Mrs. Rumberg then reminded the group that Conference photographs would be taken in the Atrium beginning at 5:30.

The Colors were retired and the meeting was recessed at 3:00 P.M.

Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

NATIONAL DEFENSE BANQUET

Saturday Evening, October 28, 1995

The National Defense Banquet was held in the Cartier/Joliet/LaSalle Rooms of the Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, West Virginia, at 7:00 P.M.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, State Officers and Conference Guests entered in procession, escorted by pages and Honor Guard from the Navy Junior ROTC from Parkersburg High School.

The meeting was presided over by the State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, Western District Directors.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. James T. Farris, Southern District Director.

The National Anthem was led by Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., State Corresponding Secretary.

The Colors were posted.

Following dinner, West Virginia State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, introduced all State Officers and conference guests.

Mrs. Robert G. Fish, Regent, James Wood Chapter, introduced the speaker for the evening, Jon A. McBride, Captain, U. S. Navy, retired.

Mrs. Rumberg presented Mr. McBride with a gift from the State Society.

Ms. Marsha Parsons presented the group with several vocal selections while accompanying herself on the piano.

Mrs. Rumberg, State Regent thanked the Hostess Chapter, James Wood for the lovely table decorations and gave them, one to each table as door prizes.

The Colors were retired and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

CLOSING SESSION

Sunday, October 29, 1995

The Closing Business Session of the 90th State Conference of the West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution was convened in the Marquette Room of the Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, West Virginia, at 10:00 A.M. on October 29, 1995, following the DAR School Bus Tour Breakfast and the Memorial Service. The State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, presided.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Frederick Valentine, Jr., State Chaplin pro tem.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Parliamentarian. The American's Creed was led by Mrs. Charles J. Levelle, Central District Director. West Virginia Hills was led by Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, State Recording Secretary.

The Colors were posted.

The minutes of the October 28, 1995, Saturday morning business session were ready by the State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, and approved. Mrs. Kornegay then read the minutes of the October 28, 1995, Saturday afternoon business session, they were approved as read. Mrs. Rumberg appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of the Closing Session: Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough, Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, and Mrs. Bromley.

Mrs. Hezekiah Marcum, Chairman, State Credentials Chairman, gave the final Credentials Report:

National Officers	02	
Past National Officers	03	
National Chairmen		02
National Vice Chairmen	09	
Honorary Conference Guests	04	
State Officers	09	
Honorary State Regents	04	
District Directors	05	
State Chairman		
(National & State Recognition)	53	
Chapter Regents	28	
Delegates		75
Alternates		16
Members	09	
Pages		14
Guests	06	
Total Registration	161	
Voting Strength	121	

Mrs. Levelle moved for the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The remainder of the reports of the State Chairmen were given. These reports will be filed in their entirety in the proceedings.

Courtesy Resolutions were given by Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Parliamentarian. Mrs. Teel recommended the adoption of the resolutions. The Resolutions were adopted.

Invitation was given to the 1998 State Conference by Ms. Frankie Cline.

Mrs. Rumberg then announced it was time for the drawing for the winner of the DAR afghan, the winner was Dina Braniff, who then presented the afghan to Mrs. Argil Sams for all her work in their chapter and for her help in preparing her application papers.

Mrs. Argil Sams gave thanks to her committee for their help in putting the conference together. Mrs. Rumberg thanked Mrs. Sams, her committee, and the chapters of the Northern District -- the efforts of their team work is very much appreciated.

Mrs. Rumberg then announced that the love offering taken up at the end of the Memorial Service in memory of Kathleen Morton's mother was \$152.00, she instructed the Treasurer to make report of this amount to National. The amount will be earmarked to plant a living legacy in front of the Josephine C. Peters West Virginia Cottage at Tamasee.

The group joined together in singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds".

Mrs. Frederick Valentine, Jr., gave the benediction.

The Colors were retired and the 90th West Virginia State Conference was adjourned.

Nancy R. Kornegay
State Record Secretary

STATE OFFICERS REPORTS

REPORT OF THE STATE REGENT AT THE 90TH STATE CONFERENCE

The past six months have been extremely busy and most rewarding for this State Regent. You can't imagine the pride in representing West Virginia on the platform during Congress for the Installation Ceremony in April. The good wishes, support and heartfelt devotion conferred upon us by many DAR friends have made this a special time that will be reflected upon with fond affections and joy.

Just two short weeks after leaving Washington, the State Regent traveled to Grafton to present the WV Daughter's Book of memorials to the TKO Corporation in the church where Anna Jarvis was baptized, next door to her birth-place. A picture of Mrs. Homer Paul Martin was placed on the wall above the glass bookcase in the front room office in the house. The State Regent also placed an empire style chest of drawers in the room where Anna Jarvis was born. This chest was originally given to the house in 1981, and was placed now that the house is presentable and open to the public. DAR is favorably looked upon by the corporation as the only group that kept the house from total collapse, and our efforts over the last 15 years will never go unmentioned by the TKO Corporation.

In two weeks, she returned to Grafton as the guest of Mrs. John Blue, Regent of the Elizabeth Cummins Jackson Chapter, to ride in the Memorial Day Parade in Grafton and to participate in the National Cemetery Program and Wreath laying ceremony in the old National Cemetery downtown. She was joined by Miss Paige Rumberg, State President, Children of the American Revolution for the day's festivities.

She was honored with her first State Regent chapter visit to her own chapter, The Kanawha Valley Chapter's May meeting at the St. Albans Woman's Club for a reception and luncheon. She also performed the installation ceremony at the May luncheon at Berry Hills Country Club for the John Young Chapter. In June, she drove to her home town of Beckley to be with the Daughters of the Captain James Allen Chapter, of which she is an associate member. Their meeting was held at the Black Knight Country Club, where she installed their new officers. The hospitality and the camaraderie was a glint of our early days of membership there, which she remembers with fond affection.

In mid-June, the State Regent drove to Gassaway to meet the Daughters of the Elk River Chapter. The picnic lunch was held in the town building, across the hall from the chapter's own private collection genealogical library. She had no idea that such a rare find could be available to the citizens of Braxton County through the efforts of the Elk River Daughters. They may be small in number, however, they are certainly a force of service within the small community of Gassaway, WV.

In June, she attended a reception honoring Audra Lambert, a 75 year member of the DAR. There were lights, cameras and about 50 DAR members there to help the James Barbour Chapter celebrate Audra's membership and upcoming 100th birthday. The cake had a lovely DAR insignia on it and we can assure you, that was a lovely event honoring such a beautiful lady. That day also served as her visit to the Blackwater Chapter, at the request of their regent, Louise Rightman.

Once August came, it signaled time for the District meeting tours to begin.

The meetings were very informative and energizing to say the least. The attendance was most gratifying and the hospitality afforded the State Regent was more appreciated.

Well, the DAR fall season began fast with the joint luncheon celebration of Constitution Week in Fairmont. The State Regent was hosted at the Fairmont Woman's Club by the Major William Haymond, Colonel Morgan Morgan and West Augusta Chapters. The luncheon was delicious and our surrounding in the mansion was absolutely fabulous. It poured the rain, however, it didn't dampen the DAR spirit of Constitution Day in Fairmont.

October spells National Board and Tamasee Board and Founder's Day at Tamasee DAR school. The State Regent car pooled to DC for the Board and National Forum with our two WV National Chairmen. Brainstorming for the entire 12 hour round trip will certainly benefit all WV Daughters, as the ideas were only grandstanded by the beautiful scenery of the WV mountains and the valleys of Virginia.

She returned home for four days, and departed with two members of the WV Cottage committee to Tamasee, SC, for Founder's Day and Tamasee Board meeting. She attended the dedication of the refurbished chapel on the Tamasee campus and in the front of the church, she read her state theme: Psalms 121. She felt honored that Tamasee, the place of the sunlight of God, could also share her vision of service to God, home and country in DAR.

Upon returning home, she began Computer on-line with the world wide web (cyberspace) communicating daily with two DARs in California and Florida. She faxed, photocopied, and keyboarded until she fried the electrical breaker in her office, not to the delight of her HODAR and children.

In closing, know its an exciting time to be a DAR. The Kemper administration will demand much in the way of change, increased membership, and hard work if we are to survive as the service organization we profess to be. It is worth the challenge, and this State Regent hopes that you will be most eager to raise the bar, pick up the gauntlet and run the extra mile as responsible and active members. Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living here on this earth, so join us in our quest to be a self-reliant a visionary, to carry our state and national society into the next century with satisfaction on a job well done.

Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg (Jimelle)
State Regent

REPORT OF STATE VICE REGENT

This officer attended Continental Congress this past April and was installed as your State Vice Regent at the close of Continental Congress. She attended the Central, Eastern, Northern, and Western District meetings this August but was unable to make the Southern District meeting due to work obligations. Due to family illness she had to miss several events during the past several weeks but she is ready to serve you, the West Virginia Daughters and will take a more active role once the illness is resolved.

She is available as a Chapter speaker and has already been approached by some chapters. Since the duties of this office are as called upon by the State Regent and the State Society, please feel free to contact me regarding what she can do to help you.

Kathleen E. Morton
State Vice Regent

REPORT OF STATE CHAPLAIN

No report received as Chaplain Linda Collins resigned her office.

REPORT OF STATE RECORDING SECRETARY

This State Officer attended all five district meetings as well as the Board of Management and Executive Committee Meetings.

I also attended the 76th anniversary and Founders' Day celebrations at Tamasee.

I presented a program to the Matthew French Chapter in Princeton on Tamasee.

Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

REPORT OF STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

It was apparent while attending District Meetings in August that many of you agreed with what our State Regent has been telling us - "DAR is fun!" As a state officer, I was proud to be among the 282 of you who had fun at meetings in Weston, Moundsville, Twin Falls State Park, Charleston, and Harpers Ferry. I congratulate each District Director for an outstanding job and for making my visit so enjoyable.

While the state director was a bid undertaking, I am happy to report that my load was made lighter with the help of our wonderful State Regent. You might say it was a joint effort between my computer and hers and we produced what we think is a very nice directory.

I look forward to serving with our State Regent on the Executive Committee for the next two and one-half years. I consider it an honor and a privilege. Thank you.

Carol Linger
State Corresponding Secretary

REPORT OF STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

The Organizing Secretary attended the following: Continental Congress in April, five district meetings in August, and Tamasee Founder's Day in October.

Membership is the key to the future of the West Virginia State Society. Each member must work for an increase in Chapter membership. When you lose more members than you gain -- WORRY.

Shake those family trees - encourage grandmothers, mothers, aunts, nieces, cousins, sisters, granddaughters to become members.

In two District meetings a challenge was issued and now the challenge is issued to all of you. In the next three years add ten new members to your Chapter. That might sound like a large number but think of it as three and one-third per year. At the end of the three years the Chapters who reach the goal will receive recognition. Also the District will be recognized by the greatest percentage of members within the three year time period.

Remember enthusiasm is contagious.

Anne R. Cummings
State Organizing Secretary

REPORT OF STATE REGISTRAR

The State Registrar would like to file the following report as received from the National Office. This printout was dated May 22, 1995.

New members-91; deceased members-12; members reinstated-10; members dropped-59; members transferred out-8; members transferred in-3; the last total membership report included 46 chapters with a total membership of 2,585.

Congratulations are extended to those chapters who had at least one new member this year. Those chapters admitting the most new members were Pack Horse Ford and John Young.

A letter was sent by this officer to chapter regents whose chapters had more than one member dropped and asking them to please try and regain those lost members.

Recruitment of new members and looking after membership must be taken seriously if our organization is to continue its great work. We must all accept this responsibility.

To quote our Shirley Gilkeson, "We must all make a pledge that we cannot go to our final resting place until we find our replacement in DAR."

It has been a pleasure to serve with our State Regent and I am looking forward to the new look and fun ideas she brings to our State organization.

Carmen G. Silliman
State Registrar

REPORT OF STATE HISTORIAN

I take this opportunity to thank our State Regent for this privilege of serving as your State Historian.

The first year has been a little overwhelming. It has taken me more time than I would like to admit to realize just what the historian might do - and then doing it. I read the challenges given by the Historian General, Mrs. Robert Paul Rehl. To continue the commitment to preserve and promote American history. Strive for a high standard of accuracy in historically oriented projects. Preserve memorabilia and update chapter and state histories. Sponsor an Outstanding Teacher of American History. I am counting on and challenging all chapters to sponsor a teacher. Let's show others the dedication and talent West Virginia teachers have.

My personal project, with help from all of you, is to locate and list as many DAR markers as possible to confirm with the office of Organizing Secretary General if these markers were given proper permission and register with national.

After receiving a letter from Mrs. Ray Brackett of Kentucky concerning a West Virginia DAR plaque this officer spent some time in trying to locate any daughter or descendant of the Jennie Wiley Chapter disbanded in 1985. This plaque was placed by the Jennie Wiley Chapter on the Tug River in West Virginia in 1957. Hoping that we might present the found plaque at this state conference we contacted our State Regent, Mrs. Rumberg, who in turn contacted the Organizing Secretary General for help, but by this time Mrs. Brackett attended a meeting where she found a descendant so that the plaque could once again be in its rightful place. State Regent, Mrs. Douglas, we thank Kentucky and Mrs. Brackett for its return.

This State Officer attended Continental Congress, the Southern District meeting at Twin Falls State Park, the Western District meeting at Charleston, the Eastern District meeting at Harpers Ferry, and the Summer Packet meeting of the Children of the American Revolution in Charleston. I spoke at the Veteran's Day Ceremony and attended the National Day of Prayer.

This officer appreciated the other invitations to dedications which much to my regret, I could not attend.

Marker information received from chapters for the state card file are:

American Revolutionary War Soldiers: Captain John Kearney, Jacob Groff (Patriot), and Blaze Robertson.

Members: Cecile C. Musgraves Carder, Helen Boyles Marsh, Mary K. Kite Mauzy, and Pauline Rightmire Harris.

Christine Hart
State Historian

REPORT OF STATE LIBRARIAN

This officer was not able to attend Continental Congress or the summer

district meetings, however, expect to travel more this year. During the past year 1994-95 six chapters contributed one book each to the NSDAR Library.

I have prepared a list of information and needs of the library for each chapter. These are to be picked up by a representative of the chapter. They are self-explanatory. Please read the information and act accordingly.

Chapters receiving awards are: Buford, Captain James Allen, General Andrew Lewis, John Young, Major William Haymond, and Westmoreland.

Randa Watson
State Librarian

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT
July 28 - October 18, 1995

Regular Account
Balance on July 28, 1995 \$12,292.21

RECEIPTS

Conference Dues	324.00
State Dues	13.60
WVDAR NEWS	20.50
CAR	30.00
DAR Magazine Co-Op	90.00
Directories	80.50
Miscellaneous	185.00
Checking Account	15,000.00

National Projects

Kate Duncan Smith	12.50
Tamassee	57.50

Treasurer General, NSDAR refund

DAR Good Citizen Pins	100.00
DAR Magazine Co-Op	86.00

Interest Earned on Account	49.57
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TOTAL RECEIPTS \$16,049.17

DISBURSEMENTS

Officers Expenses

State Regent	
Officers & Chairmen	169.68
Printing & Postage	1,876.80

Bank Expenses

Checks	33.30
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State

Blanche L. Reymann	500.00
WVDAR News	2,209.00
DAR Magazine Co-Op	940.00

National

Treasurer General, NSDAR (labels)	39.00
Treasurer General, NSDAR (Good Citizens pins)	350.00

Transfer

Anna Jarvis to One Valley Bank	12,292.21
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$18,409.99

Previous Balance	\$12,292.21
Receipts	16,409.17
Disbursements	<u>18,409.99</u>
Current Balance on Account	\$ 9,931.39

WVNSDAR Money Market Account (formerly Anna Jarvis)
 One Valley Bank
 Balance on Hand \$12,292.21

Receipts

Interest Earned 30.08

Disbursements

Checks 16.86

Balance on hand October 18, 1995 \$12,305.43

Special Account
 Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund

Receipts

Disbursements 500.00

Balance on Hand october 18, 1995

Special Account (WV Room Account)
 CD for 3 months at 4.4% 6,237.72

Special Account (Wv Money Market)
 CD for 6 months at 4.88% 16,299.38

I hereby submit the Statement of cash transactions of the current and special funds/accounts of the West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Jean A. Elliott, State Treasurer

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Friday, November 1, 1996

The West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, State Board of Management, was held on Friday, November 1, 1996, at 12:00 noon for a luncheon meeting in the McKinley Room of The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. The State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, presided. The State Recording Secretary was present.

The invocation was given by Mrs. James E. Wallace, Acting State Chaplain.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was led by Miss Jean Ann Elliott, State Treasurer.

Mrs. Rumberg called the meeting to order and proceeded with introductions of the head table, Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR, Miss Kathleen E. Morton, State Vice Regent, Mrs. Terry Kornegay, State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Parliamentarian, and Mrs. James T. Farris, Southern District Director. Mrs. Rumberg continued the introductions: Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent; Mrs. James E. Wallace, Acting State Chaplain; Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., State Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Organizing Secretary; Miss Jean A. Elliott, State Treasurer; Mrs. Ross Hart, State Historian; and Mrs. Charles Silliman, State Registrar; absent from the group of officers was Mrs. Alton G. Watson, State Librarian, due to the death of her father-in-law.

Mrs. Rumberg continued with introductions: Miss Jean Ann Elliott Eastern District Director, Northern District Director, Mrs. John A. Davis; and Western District Director, Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson. Mrs. Charles Leville, Central District Director, being absent due to illness.

Mrs. Terry Kornegay then proceeded with roll call of State Officers, District Directors, and Chapter Regents. Present were eight (8) State Officers, four District Directors, and eighteen Chapter Regents.

The State Regent, Mrs. Rumberg, then requested and received verification that a quorum was present to conduct the business of the State Board of Management.

The minutes of the October 27, 1995, meeting were read by Mrs. Kornegay. They were approved as read. Mrs. Kornegay then read the minutes of the August 2, 1996, Special Meeting of the Board of Management. They were approved as read.

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Mrs. Robert L. Hollandsworth, State Chairman, then gave the report of the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Terry Kornegay, State Recording Secretary, read the recommendation from the State Board of Management: "That the 1996-1997 budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved." Mrs. Kornegay then moved for the adoption of the recommendation from the Executive Committee to accept the Finance Report as presented. The motion carried and the recommendation was adopted.

Mrs. Rumberg proceeded with State Officers reports. Mrs. Rumberg gave a summary of her report but deferred the entirety of her report until Saturday's general meeting. Other officers reporting were: Miss Kathleen E. Morton, State Vice Regent;

Mrs. James Wallace, Acting State Chaplain; Mrs. Terry Kornegay, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., State Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Organizing Secretary; Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Treasurer; Mrs. Charles Silliman, State Registrar; and Mrs. Ross Hart, State Historian.

Mrs. Rumberg proceeded with unfinished business. She reported the West Virginia period room in Continental Hall received a lovely mass floral arrangement. This was placed in the room for Congress.

A West Virginia Flag, with fringe, was purchased this past spring. It will be dedicated at Congress this April.

Our Battle Day Wreath was made and presented along with the Colonel Charles Lewis Daughters. It was a lovely day.

Tamassee, the bathroom at the Josephine C. Peters West Virginia Cottage has been completed. Mrs. Rumberg displayed a sample of the wallpaper boarder. She informed the group the dish pattern chosen for the kitchen was Corelle Ware Callaway, which is bordered with green ivy.

Postcards of the cottage should be available for purchase in January.

Also purchased for the cottage, a new kitchen table and 4 new chairs, microwaveable dishes, drinking glasses, stainless flatware from Oneida, a clock, dish towels, dish cloths, 3 full length mirrors, and four ceiling fans. The walnut contributors plaque has been hung by the fireplace. There have been 17 donors, the plaque is half full.

The pledge of \$500.00 to the AllStates dorm furnace and remodeling fund came from cookbook sales.

Mrs. Rumberg proceeded with new business.

Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Parliamentarian, read the Standing Rules for the 91st State Conference. Mrs. Teel made a motion the Standing Rules be adopted. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Mrs. Rumberg then gave the group information on Continental Congress.

Mrs. Rumberg discussed with the group the fact that several items had been taken from the West Virginia Period Room during 1987 and 1988. These items are currently being stored by the Marion County Historical Society and have been insured by that Society. They can no longer be housed in the Period Room because they no longer fit the criteria for the museum.

Mrs. Rumberg reminded us to all be gracious hostesses to our guests, Mrs. Kemper will join us as well as three State Regents.

Mrs. Terry Kornegay, State Recording Secretary, read the following recommendations from the State Board of Management:

Recommendation No. 1:

"That the State set aside \$2,500.00 from the general fund for the reimbursement of the printing of the 1997 Edition of the West Virginia Daughters and their Patriot Ancestors."

Mrs. Kornegay moved for the adoption of the recommendation. The recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation No. 2:

"That we retrieve from the Marion County Historical Society all those pieces received that belong to the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution; that we get an appraisal of all pieces; the Chapters having donated be identified and have the option of having the items returned, for Chapters who cannot be identified or do not want, that those pieces be sold."

Mrs. Kornegay moved for the adoption of the recommendation. Following discussion, the motion was adopted.

Recommendation No. 3:

"That we authorize our State Regent after viewing those items have authority to donate a piece or pieces to the Marion County Historical Society in thanks for keeping the items."

Mrs. Kornegay moved for the adoption of the recommendation. The recommendation was adopted.

Mrs. Rumberg informed the group of several corrections in the Conference Program and general conference announcements.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned.

Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

**91st STATE CONFERENCE WVDAR
OPENING SESSION
Friday, November 1, 1996**

The 91st Annual State Conference of the West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution was called to order at 8:30 P.M. on Friday, November 1, 1996, in the Eisenhower Room of The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

Musical selections were presented by the Good Time Jazz Band.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, Conference Guests and State Officers entered in procession escorted by the Junior ROTC Greenbrier East High School.

The State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, called the 91st State Conference to order.

Mrs. James E. Wallace, Acting State Chaplain, gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Miss Jean Elliott, State Treasurer. Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, State Registrar, led the American's Creed. Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., State Corresponding Secretary, lead the assembly in singing the National Anthem.

The Colors were posted.

Mrs. Rumberg then introduced Mrs. Kathy Robertson, General Conference Chairman. Mrs. Robertson welcomed all daughters and introduced the Southern District Director and the Hostess Chapters of Southern District.

Mrs. Charles K. Kemper, President General, NSDAR, introduced her husband, Mr. Kemper, and brought a message from the National Society.

Mrs. Rumberg read greetings and good wishes from The Honorable G. P. Parker, III, Mayor of White Sulphur Springs.

Miss Kathleen Morton, State Vice Regent, gave the official response.

Miss Kathleen E. Morton, Senior State President, brought greetings from the West Virginia Children of the American Revolution. With the assistance of Miss Paige Rumberg, immediate past President CAR, Miss Morton presented gifts of welcome to Mrs. Kemper from the West Virginia CAR.

Mrs. Rumberg introduced Mr. Lyle D. McCullough, State President, Sons of the American Revolution, who brought greetings from the West Virginia SAR and presented Mrs. Rumberg a check for use in conjunction with the West Virginia Josephine C. Peters Cottage at Tamasee. Mrs. Rumberg introduced Mr. McCullough's wife, our very own Marion McCullough. She then recognized other SAR members in attendance.

Mrs. Rumberg introduced Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General, who brought greetings from the Honorary State Regents. Mrs. Rumberg then introduced those Honorary State Regents in attendance: Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary State Regent, Honorary Vice President General; Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General; Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent; and Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Honorary State Regent, Organizing Secretary General.

Mrs. Rumberg introduced our State Conference guests: Mrs. Frank C. Stewart, Jr., State Regent of Florida; Mrs. Fred A. Miller, State Regent of Georgia; and Mrs. Erwin C. Ward, State Regent of Mississippi.

Mrs. Rumberg introduced Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, National Chairman and Past Division President, United Daughters of the Confederacy; Mrs. C. M. Meyers, Jr., State

President Elect, United States Daughters of 1812; and Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield, State Regent Elect, Daughters of the American Colonists.

Mrs. Rumberg continued by introducing the West Virginia Society State Officers; Miss Kathleen E. Morton, Vice Regent; Mrs. James E. Wallace, Acting State Chaplain; Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, Organizing Secretary; Miss Jean Elliott, Treasurer; and Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, Registrar; Mrs. Ross Hart, State Historian. Mrs. Rumberg explained our State Librarian could not be here due to the death of her father-in-law.

Mrs. Rumberg presented our State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Cora P. Teel.

Mrs. Rumberg introduced Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, National Chairman of Insignia; Mrs. Cora P. Teel, National Chairman Members at Large Committee; Mrs. R. H. Walls, National Vice Chairman American Heritage Music Category; Mrs. Robert Hollandsworth, National Vice Chairman Constitution Week; Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., National Vice Chairman DAR Good Citizens; Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, National Vice Chairman DAR Magazine Advertising; Miss Kathleen E. Morton, National Vice Chairman DAR Scholarship; Mrs. Robert Belcher, National Vice Chairman Achievement Awards; Mrs. Gary Greenfield, National Vice Chairman Junior American Citizens; Mrs. James T. Farris, National Vice Chairman Motion Picture, Radio, & Television; Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, National Vice Chairman Seimes Microfilm Center; Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough, National Vice Chairman Commemorative Events; Mrs. Warren Campbell, National Vice Chairman Literacy Challenge; Mrs. John R. Henderickson, National Vice Chairman Voluntary Community Service Committee; and Mrs. Robert L. Watters, National Vice Chairman Americanism and DAR Manual for Citizenship.

Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, introduced our speaker for the evening, Mrs. Charles Keil Kemper, President General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Following her address, Mrs. Kemper was presented with a gift from the West Virginia State Society by Miss Kathleen Morton.

Mrs. Rumberg then recognized the five District Directors and the State Chairmen. In addition, Mrs. Rumberg recognized our fifty year members and those daughters attending State Conference for the first time.

Mrs. Rumberg then introduced Miss Elizabeth Greenfield, State Chairman of Pages, who, in turn, introduced the pages for our State Conference.

Mrs. Rumberg gave special thanks to her page and friend, Carolyn Matheson, Esquire. Mrs. Rumberg then introduced her family, her mother, Mrs. James T. Farris, and her daughter, Paige.

Mrs. Rumberg announced there would be a reception following the meeting in the Cameo Ballroom for which tickets would be taken at the door.

The Colors were retired.

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed until 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning.

Mrs. Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION **Saturday, November 2, 1996**

The Saturday, November 2, 1996, Morning Business Session of the 91st State Conference West Virginia State Society National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was convened in the Eisenhower Rooms of The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, State Officers, and conference guests entered in procession.

The meeting was called to order by the State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg.

The invocation was given by Mrs. James E. Wallace, Acting State Chaplain.

Mrs. Charles Silliman, State Registrar, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The American's Creed was led by Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Organizing Secretary, and Mrs. Ross Hart, State Historian, led the assembly in singing "America the Beautiful."

The colors were posted.

Mrs. Rumberg then established that a quorum was present.

Mrs. Terry Kornegay, State Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the 91st Opening Session. They were approved as corrected.

Mrs. Rumberg then called for the report of the Credentials Committee to be given by Mrs. Robert Belcher who assumed the position for Mrs. Hezekiah Marcum, Credentials Chairman. Mrs. Belcher gave her preliminary report as follows:

National Officers	2
Past National Officers	1
National Chairmen	2
National Vice Chairmen	10
Honored Conference Guests	1
State Officers	9
Honorary State Regents	4
District Directors	4
State Chairmen	
(Nat'l & State Recognition)	34
Chapter Regents	22
Delegates	46
Alternates	12

Members	4
Pages	9
Guests	0
Total	160
DUPLICATE REGISTRATION	39
TOTAL REGISTRATION	121
Voting Strength	87

Mrs. Rumberg announced the State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Cora P. Teel, had read the Standing Rules of the 91st State Conference at the Board of Management Meeting on Friday and, in the interest of time, they would not be repeated.

The State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, read the recommendation from the State Board of Management that the Standing Rules of the Conference be adopted. The recommendation was adopted.

Mrs. Rumberg then noted time corrections listed in the program.

Mrs. W. S. Prince, State Chairman, Program Committee, moved the program as corrected be accepted. There was a second and the program was accepted.

Greetings from the Conference Guests were presented. Those bringing greetings were: Mrs. Charles Keil Kemper, President General; Mrs. Frank C. Stewart, Jr., State Regent, Florida; Mrs. Fred A. Miller, Jr., State Regent, Georgia, Mrs. Erwin C. Ward, State Regent, Mississippi.

Mrs. Rumberg again introduced our distinguished guests:

1. Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, Honorary State Regent;
2. Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary State Regent, Honorary Vice President General;
3. Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General;
4. Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent;

Mrs. Rumberg then introduced our National Chairmen and Vice Chairmen:

1. Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, National Chairman of Insignia
2. Mrs. Cora P. Teel, National Chairman of Members at Large Committee
3. Mrs. R. H. Walls, National Vice Chairman of American Heritage Music Category
4. Mrs. Robert Hollandsworth, National Vice Chairman Constitution Week

5. Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., National Vice Chairman - DAR Good Citizen
6. Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, National Vice Chairman-DAR Magazine Advertising
7. Miss Kathleen E. Morton, National Vice Chairman-DAR Scholarship
8. Mrs. Robert Belcher, National Vice Chairman Achievement Awards
9. Mrs. Gary Greenfield - National Vice Chairman - Junior American Citizens
10. Mrs. James T. Farris, National Vice Chairman Motion Picture, Radio & Television
11. Mrs. Walter L. Spearman - National Vice Chairman - Seimes Microfilm Center
12. Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough - National Vice Chairman Commemorative Events
13. Mrs. Warren Campbell National Vice Chairman - Literacy Challenge
14. Mrs. John R. Hendrickson - National Chairman Voluntary Community Service Committee
15. Mrs. Robert L. Waters - National Vice Chairman Americanism & DAR Manual for Citizenship

Miss Kathleen E. Morton, State Chairman of the Resolutions Committee reported at the present time there were no resolutions.

Mrs. Nancy Kornegay, State Recording Secretary, gave the recommendations from the State Board of Management:

Recommendation #1: "That the State set aside \$2,500.00 from the General Fund for reimbursement for the printing of the 1997 Edition of West Virginia Daughters and Their Patriot Ancestors." The recommendation was adopted.

Mrs. Rumberg gave to the assembly the regulations from the by-laws governing the filling of a state office.

Mrs. Rumberg reported there was a vacancy for the office of State Chaplain to which Mrs. James Wallace had been elected to fill by the State Board of Management in its August 2, 1996, meeting. Mrs. Wallace has filled this position since that time. Mrs. Rumberg called for nominations for the office of State Chaplain. Miss Kathleen E. Morton nominated Mrs. James Wallace. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. The name of Mrs. Wallace will appear on the ballot this afternoon.

Mrs. Rumberg then solicited nominations for the State Office Nominating Committee, said nominations to be made by district. Received were:

Central District - Mrs. Dorcas Harbert nominated by Miss Kathleen E. Morton;
Eastern District - Mrs. Carmen Silliman, nominated by Miss Jean Elliott;
Northern District - Mrs. Edna Foster, nominated by Mrs. Dina Branaf;
Southern District - Mrs. Lucille Walthall, nominated by Mrs. James T. Farris.
Western District - Mrs. Shirley Gilkeson, nominated by Mrs. Anna Barnett.

The State Regent stated the voting will take place in the Grant room this afternoon from 4:00 - 4:45 P.M.

Tellers are: Central District - Betty Heavner
 Eastern District - Nancy Largent, Chairman
 Northern District - Diana Branaf
 Southern District - Betty Woodward
 Western District - Kathleen Bledsoe

Mrs. Rumberg stated teller reports would be given during the evening session which will begin at 8:30.

She also informed the assembly the Press Book judging would take place this afternoon. The books will be judged by conference guests.

Mrs. Rumberg then ask Miss Kathleen E. Morton, State Vice Regent, to assume the chair. Mrs. Rumberg then proceeded with her Regent's report.

Mrs. Rumberg then called for State Officer Reports. Reports were given by Miss Kathleen E. Morton, Vice Regent; Mrs. James E. Wallace, Acting Chaplain; Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, State Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., State Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Organizing Secretary. Miss Jean Elliott, State Treasurer, then had distributed copies of the budget and Treasurer's report and reviewed her report with the assembly.

Mrs. Robert Hollandsworth, State Finance Committee Chairman, reviewed the proposed budget. Mrs. Rumberg gave thanks to Mrs. Hollandsworth and her committee who were: Mrs. Richard A. Bromley, Mrs. James Meadows, Mrs. Loring Vance and Mrs. Walter Crane.

The Secretary, Mrs. Terry Kornegay read the recommendation: "That The Finance Committee Report as presented be adopted." The recommendation was adopted.

Further officer's reports were given by: Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, State Registrar; and Mrs. Ross Hart, State Historian.

Mrs. Rumberg then called for reports of State Chairmen. The following presented reports:

Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough, American Heritage and Josephine C. Peters Cottage Committee;
Miss Camille Keller; American History;
Miss Barbara Maxwell; American Indians;
Mrs. Dorothy Harshbarger; Americanism & DAR Manual for citizenship;
Miss Kathleen E. Morton, Children of the American Revolution;
Mrs. John Smith, DAR Museum;
Mrs. Gary Greenfield, DAR Scholarship;
Mrs. Vernon Dunn, DAR Schools;

Mrs. Robert Belcher, DAR Service for Veterans Patients;
Mrs. Andrew J. Wallen, III, Flag of the United States;
Mrs. C. M. Myers, Jr., Lineage Research;
Mrs. Donald L. Hale, Motion Picture, Radio & Television;
Mrs. W. S. Prince, Program;
Mrs. Arthur Roberts, Public Relations.

Mrs. Rumberg reminded the assembly the bunker tour would take place immediately following lunch and to be sure to wear comfortable shoes.

The Conference was recessed until 8:30 P.M. this evening.

Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

SATURDAY EVENING BUSINESS SESSION **November 2, 1996**

The Saturday evening Business Session of the 91st State Conference West Virginia State Society National Society Daughters of the American Revolution convened at 8:30 P.M. in the Eisenhower Rooms of The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. The State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, presided.

The reports of the Chapter Regents were given by the District Directors. Reports were given for Southern District by Mrs. James T. Farris; for Western District by Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, for Central District by the District Treasurer, Miss Frankie Cline; Eastern District by Miss Jean Ann Elliott; and Northern District by Mrs. John A. Davis.

The assembly was then entertained with musical selections performed by The Strawberry Wine Barbershop Quartet.

Mrs. Rumberg then recognized those chapters who had a 100% participation in the President General's Project. She requested Mrs. Kemper come forward to present those chapters a certificate in recognition of that completion. Those chapters receiving recognition were: William Morris, Blackwater, Captain James Allen, John Young, and Phoebe Tucker Cunningham.

Mrs. Rumberg then called for the Teller's Report. Mrs. Nancy Largent came forth to report Mrs. James E. Wallace had been elected State Chaplain. She also reported the nominating committee for the next term will consist of Mrs. Shirley Gilkeson, Western District, Chairman, Mrs. Carmen Silliman, Eastern District, Mrs. Dorcas Harbert, Central District; Mrs. Edna Foster, Northern District, and Mrs. Lucille Walthall, Southern District.

Mrs. Rumberg then declared Mrs. Wallace elected for the Office of State Chaplain. She declared the Nominating Committee to be Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, Western District, elected as Chairman, Mrs. Dorcas Harbert, Central District, Mrs. Carmen Silliman from the Eastern District, Mrs. Edna Foster from the Northern District, and Mrs. Lucille Walthall from the Southern District to select a slate of officers for the 1998-2000 term. Mrs. Rumberg gave thanks to Mrs. Largent and her committee who consisted of Dina Braniff, Alicia Vincent, Kathleen Bledsoe and Betty Heffner.

Mrs. Rumberg explained the duties to the newly elected nominating committee.

Mrs. Rumberg called for Mrs. Wallace to come forward and requested the President General to install Mrs. Wallace. Whereupon, Mrs. Kemper came forward and installed Mrs. James E. Wallace to the office of State Chaplain.

Mrs. Rumberg then called for Mrs. Betty Roberts to announce the Press Book awards. Mrs. Roberts came forward and thanked Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Ward for judging the Press Books. First place - Westmoreland; Second place - Anne Royall; Third place - Buford; and Honorable Mention - South Branch.

Mrs. Robertson, State Conference Chairman, then requested chapters pick up their press books as they leave the meeting; she also requested that all voting delegate ribbons and alternate ribbons be returned at Sunday's meeting in order that they can be used again.

Frankie Cline gave instructions for Chapter Regents and District Directors for the Memorial Service on Sunday morning.

Whereupon at 10:00 P.M. Mrs. Rumberg recessed the meeting until Sunday morning.

Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

CLOSING SESSION SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 3, 1996

The Closing Business Session of the 91st State Conference of the West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution was convened in the Eisenhower Room of The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, November 3, 1996, following the memorial service. The State Regent, Mrs. Jimelle Rumberg, presided.

The invocation was given by Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Cora P. Teel, National Chairman Member at Large Committee and State Parliamentarian. The American's Creed was led by Miss Kathleen Morton, State Vice Regent. West Virginia Hills was led by Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, National Chairman of Insignia.

The minutes of the previous day's meetings were read by Mrs. Terry Kornegay, State Recording Secretary. The minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Robert Belcher gave the final credentials report for Mrs. Hezekiah Marcum. The final report is as follows:

National Officers	2
Past National Officers	1
National Chairmen	2
National Vice Chairmen	10
Honored Conference Guests	4

State Officers	9
Honorary State Regents	4
District Directors	4
State Chairmen (National & State recognition)	37
Chapter Regents	25
Delegates	57
Alternates	19
Members	12
Pages	9
Guests	5
 Total	 200
-Duplicate registration	<u>40</u>
Total Registration	160
Voting Strength	101

Mrs. Belcher moved for the adoption of the report of Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The remainder of the State Chairmen reports were given. These reports will be filed in their entirety in the proceedings.

Courtesy Resolutions were given by Miss Kathleen E. Morton, State Chairman, and State Vice Regent. Miss Morton recommended the adoption of the resolutions. The resolutions were adopted.

Mrs. Charles Kemper then came forward to say goodbye to the group and express her appreciation and her thanks for the hospitality and gifts given to her.

Mrs. Rumberg gave thanks to Kathy Robertson for serving as conference chairman and to Kathy and Frankie Cline for seeing the conference ran smoothly. She also extended thanks to Mrs. Wanda Farris and the Southern District and all those persons involved in the planning and hard work involved in bringing those plans together to make this an enjoyable and successful conference.

Mrs. Rumberg informed the group they were to pick up any photographs from photographer at his office. She reminded those responsible to pick up all chapter awards at the awards table so we would not have to incur mailing expense.

Invitation was given to the 1999 State Conference by Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Eastern District Director.

The meeting was then recessed until noon when we will again assemble for the WV DAR Providing Education Luncheon.

The Colors were retired.

Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

STATE OFFICERS REPORTS

REPORT OF THE STATE REGENT AT THE 91st STATE CONFERENCE THE GREENBRIER HOTEL, WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WV

With the indulgence of the West Virginia Daughters, the State Regent would like to whisk you back through time to visit a year of unforgettable events that only happen once in a lifetime. To share the events you have made possible will hopefully give you a sense of being there.

As we begin, know that through the efforts of the West Virginia Executive Committee, Board of Management, and membership, we have achieved a spirit of team work and have assumed the responsibility of the State Society's ownership. By delegating duties, the business of our society has become an effective cooperation, one that is dedicated to the ideals of the National Society by providing service to West Virginia. For service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living here on this earth, and as a State Society, we must serve our chapters, communities, and nation by example, work, and deed.

The first weekend following State Conference in Parkersburg, a multi-chapter luncheon was held in South Charleston. William Morris, Anne Bailey, and Charleston Chapters were exceptional hostesses. The State Regent reviewed the administration goals and we revisited the previous weekend's events of the Conference.

The following Saturday, we joined the day-long genealogy workshop hosted by the Kanawha Valley Chapter. As a DAR Volunteer Genealogist, the State Regent had only a few opportunities to reference materials for prospective members on that Veteran's Day.

November 18 saw the State Regent as the Chief Transportation Officer and doting mother as the Westmoreland Chapter had a lovely meeting in Kenova with the C.A.R. State President, Miss Paige Rumberg, as their speaker.

With two weeks off, the next event was on December 9 at Huntington Woman's Club for a joint Christmas luncheon hosted by Buford and Westmoreland Chapters. The Midland Trail High School String Quartet entertained the large group and awards were presented by the DAR Veterans Patient State Chairman, Mrs. Robert Belcher, by the State SAR President, Dr. John Smith, and the local SAR Chapter President in Huntington.

Following her own chapter's Christmas meeting in Mid-December, the State Regent enjoyed a six week hiatus before departing by train for the February National Board meeting and blizzard. She found not even knee deep snow slowed the DAR. Even when the U.S. Mail refused to deliver the mail, the DAR, fortified by Mocha Cappuccino from the Capital Hilton, were present at the Headquarters and ready to tackle the business of the National Society that Saturday.

Mid-March saw us at the Virginia State Society Centennial Conference in Roanoke, Virginia, Mrs. Stephen R. Hunter, State Regent. Many friends from C.A.R. days and DAR made it a special weekend to visit. With 600 Daughters attending, Roanoke will always remember that the Virginia Daughters hosted President Johnson's granddaughter as the keynote speaker. Miss Robb works for the National Archives and

has a wealth of knowledge of our historical documents for such a young lady.

With one week off, the State Regent packed her bags and drove to Lexington as a guest for the Kentucky State Conference Centennial, Mrs. Larry J. Douglas, State Regent. We were transported to the historic Dunkin Tavern, the Headquarters of the Kentucky State Society. The antiques, tavern restoration and formal tea reception were exquisitely done. The State Regent was presented the Honorable Order of the Kentucky Colonel by Governor Paul Patton and returned home eating homemade Kentucky Bourbon Balls to prepare Easter Eggs and pack for Continental Congress.

Congress week was exceptional. Mrs. Charles K. Kemper, President General, presided most effectively, expediting the business of the Congress flawlessly. Miss Virginia B. Johnson honored all West Virginians as she was elected to the position of Honorary Vice President General.

One week post-Congress found the State Regent in Point Pleasant for the SAR State Convention. She was delighted to receive from President Smith a lovely leather box filled with a silver plated flatware service for 12, complete with lovely serving pieces. Dr. Smith's generous gift was given for the Cottage at Tamasee, however, after securing his permission, it was felt the NSDAR Banquet Hall would be a more suitable place for its use for special events at the Headquarters.

May 3 found us flying to Baton Rouge, LA, to participate in the Mississippi Centennial celebration and gala in Natchez, MS, Mrs. Erwin C. Ward, State Regent. We can't begin to describe the thrill of seeing Rosalie, the historic ante-bellum home and now Mississippi State Society Headquarters, which sits atop a bluff overlooking the mighty Mississippi. The gala dinner party began with a candlelight tour of Rosalie. We walked out on the bluff to 58 round tables, shrouded by a hugh DAR blue and white striped tent top. White roses and variegated ivy cascaded down the formal centerpieces as we dined by candlelight. The light breeze from the river stirred the thick humidity of southern air. One of the most spectacular events was seeing Mrs. Kemper and Mrs. Ward cut the lovely centennial cake, which had a cascade of fresh white magnolias descending down unto the serving tray. We had a champagne toast and were entertained royally by the Mississippi Symphony. The South truly rose to great heights for the Mississippi Centennial.

It was back to reality for a few days of work in West Virginia when we had the distinct pleasure to be hosted by the Buford, Barboursville, and Westmoreland Regents for lunch. A joint meeting at the wonderful Buford Cabin in Ritter Park was standing room only. We welcomed Eva Mitchell, who at 96 was a new DAR member. Mrs. Belcher, State Chairman of DAR Veterans Patient Committee co-presented an award to the outstanding VA Volunteer with the State Regent. A lovely reception followed and a warm sense of the cabin's service to the Buford Daughters was evident.

May 13 found us in Clarksburg at a luncheon hosted by the Daniel Davisson Daughters, who are small in number but have devoted many years of service to their Clarksburg community, DAR cemetery, and VA Hospital. Three days later we drove to Lewisburg and met several officers of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter for lunch at the historic General Lewis Inn. We attended an afternoon chapter meeting and State Conference planning session. It was a delightful day and the kind hospitality of Nancy Hayes and several DAR friends made for a relaxing trip to southern West Virginia.

June 1 marked a visit to the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter in Point Pleasant for their annual luncheon event that's known statewide. The food, friends, and

decoration announced that Flag Day was approaching. Betty Kauff and her committee entertained several prospective members, southern Ohio Daughters, and West Virginia State Officers and Chairmen. The day concluded with a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Barnett to relax and chat before the drive home to Charleston.

By mid-week, we were off to Elkins to visit with the Daughters of the John Hart and Elizabeth Zane chapters. Their outdoor garden party luncheon was only outdone by a charming fashion show of vintage clothing modeled by their chapter notables. What fun to see friends don long taffeta skirts, hats with feather plumes and look like Gibson Girls in the name of DAR.

From Elkins, she drove to Washington, D.C., for the June National Board meeting on Saturday and by Wednesday, was hosted in the lively historic home of Betty Heavenor, Regent of the Trans-Allegheny Chapter. The chapter hosted a lovely outdoor garden luncheon, where the State Regent presented a Community Service Award to member, Joy Gilchrist, a well-known local genealogist with the Hackers Creek Genealogical Society who is also well-known on the internet for her genealogy expertise. Following the meeting, the State Regent was treated to a tour of the Heavenor House antiques and Mr. Heavenor's antique clock collection. The house sits on the old road north to Morgantown and was passed many times on her way to college before the interstate days.

Saturday, June 15, Morgantown's Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter and the Elizabeth Luddington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter hosted a luncheon with Dr. Joe Gluck, former Dean of Students at West Virginia University as speaker. Dr. Gluck put us all on notice following his address that his church had an annual bear roast picnic and one could not pass through the gates of heaven unless one had tasted bear meat. Knowing the Daughters would turn up their noses, he presented the State Regent with some bear jerky to sample, so heaven would be alerted to open the gates should she arrive. She left Morgantown for the Eastern Panhandle knowing St. Peter would let her in simply for the fact that she was a DAR but didn't have the heart to inform Dean Gluck.

The State Regent drove to Shepherdstown to join the Bee Line Chapter for a pot luck dinner meeting. Honorary State Regent, Florence Moore came and we had a wonderful visit with her daughter and granddaughter. Remembering that John Brown was literally hung in Florence Moore's side yard reminded the State Regent to keep her remarks brief that evening. Following the meeting, Beth Printz gave a lovely tour of her residence, Aspen Pool Farm, which dates to the 1770 period.

District meetings signaled the start of a new DAR year for all chapters with our State Registrar presenting genealogy workshop ideas for chapters. Family Bibles, genealogy and old photographs were scanned by the WV Archives at the meetings for the State Regent's Project. This involved transporting several computers and scanners to five different sites to gather our WV Genealogy to preserve our WV heritage. They are here today to once again capture your historical information for preservation purposes. The State Regent extends her appreciation to those that have participated in the State Regent's Project through family genealogy or financial support to get the WV Archives "on line" on interview for accessible genealogy services via computer.

On August 13, the State Regent joined Barbara Rutledge, Buford Chapter Regent, at the Flag presentation at the new Huntington High School. Congressman Nick Joe Rahall dedicated a Flag which had been flown over the United States Capitol.

On August 24, the State Regent was most honored to present a memorial

tribute at the gravesite of Carman Ireland Hall, a DAR friend who shared my Colonel William Lowther ancestry. She was the Aunt of our State Registrar, Carmen Silliman, her namesake.

Saturday, September 7, found us intact after driving through Hurricane Fran in the Cumberland Pass the previous day. Eastern District Chapters hosted a delightful buffet luncheon in Martinsburg. The State Regent was lavishly hosted and enjoyed her day with the Shenandoah Valley, Pack Horse Ford, William Henshaw, and Ye Towne of Bath Chapters. The lovely fruit basket with ivy patterned basket liner was a lovely gift and was taken to the WV Cottage at Tamassee for all to enjoy since the ivy pattern matched our new kitchen dishes and towels. This was a gift from Dorothy Myers and Sally Greenfield. We left Dorothy with shingles and Dorrene Hale without electricity and water. Shopping at the Martinsburg Outlet was rewarded with a 10% hurricane discount, so the visit to the panhandle was most eventful and cost effective.

On the 15th, James Wood, Blennerhassett, Ohio Valley, Anne Royall, and Colonel William Lowther Chapters hosted a lovely Sunday afternoon tea at the Blennerhassett Museum. The sunny afternoon was only surpassed by Estelle Pomoroy's iced mocha, the lovely yellow mums and beautiful tea table filled with delectable delights. It was a most perfect day and got to see the 1894 organizing regent's papers of Miss Kimmie Smith for a Parkersburg chapter. The State Regent presented a certificate acknowledging the James Wood Chapter as having won first place nationally for a program entitled "The Illnesses of the Presidents of the United States." The large crowd enjoyed the museum offerings and vintage clothing collection which surrounded the afternoon tea.

That Saturday the Southern District Director accompanied the State Regent to Princeton where they were hosted in the home of Elizabeth Eskridge for lunch by the Peter Mountain and Matthew French Chapters. Following the State Regent's address, the members viewed the educational toy box which will tour area schools and show a variety of toys which were prevalent during the revolutionary period. This hands on exhibit was spearheaded by Miss Margaret Ann Scott of the Matthew French Chapter. Elizabeth's home is so lovely and her antiques are breathtaking. She graciously gave several bags of school supplies and gifts for Tamassee children.

October found us once again driving to Washington for the National Board and Forum at the Headquarters. We celebrated NSDAR's 106th birthday with a Founder's Monument Tribute, sang happy birthday and ate birthday cake on the west portico. We also attended the dedication of the lovely new conference room on the second floor. After a late arrival home to Charleston, we were on the road again by 10:30 A.M. for a luncheon and Battle Park Tribute and Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Battery at Tu-Endie-Wei commemorating the Battle of Point Pleasant, the first land battle of the Revolutionary War. The Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter hosted an outstanding reception in the mansion House, complete with 2,000 home baked cookies. It was awesome to see the SAR color guard, dressed in Colonial General costumes, escorting the State Regent to the Battery for the Wreath Laying. The Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter is to be commended for commemorating the Battle's fallen heroes since 1902, an honor this State Regent continued with her tribute during the ceremony. Just think, for 94 years the DAR has been there to remember the Battle and to keep the memory alive. What better legacy can there be of service to one's community?

Last weekend, we drove to Tamassee Founder's Day and Board of Trustees' meeting. The WV Cottage looked so pristine as we arrived. The Tamassee plaque shown at the district meetings was hung by the fireplace for all to see the 17 - \$100

contributors who have donated funds this past year. The plaque is now half full and it is hoped the brass name plates will be filled prior to this State Regent leaving office in the spring of 98. We all marveled at the new bathroom and were astonished to see Mrs. Hale and Mrs. McCullough putting the finishing touches on the wallpaper border they hung, standing on a chair in the new bathtub. The excitement could only be paralleled by the ribbon cutting ceremony witnessed by the Organizing Secretary General, State Organizing Secretary and State Treasurer, as the State Regent, dressed in her pajamas and the State Chairman, tastefully dressed in slacks to hang wallpaper, cut the lavender ribbon. A champagne toast collimated the "Wonderful West Virginia Slumber Party at Tamasee for 1996, as 7 DARs proudly went to bed at 1:00 A.M. after chatting around the new kitchen table all evening. We recalled all the progress we saw at the cottage. Even Dean Bare commented it was looking more like a home than a motel room. So the West Virginia Daughters and friends in SAR and C.A.R. were toasted with affection for a tremendous starting effort.

It has been a busy year, filled with a sense of great accomplishment and pride. As a proud mother looks upon her children with adoration and pride, this State Regent feels those same emotions when looking at her Daughters.

Know our service for you is one of total commitment and dedication. To have a chance to represent WV at national and out of state functions gives one a sense of having 2500 WV Daughters with us as we are introduced or shake hands in a receiving line. You are here, with me always, for all that we touch truly becomes a part of us in DAR and in life.

Yes, you committed to preserving your WV heritage an genealogy for future generations; you said yes to continuing the commitment to Tamasee for the Josephine C. Peters/West Virginia Cottage and you have been most kind to be supportive of new ideas for the WV Period Room at the DAR Museum and for changes in the Conference programs. Thank you, WV Daughters for being committed, supportive, and loyal to this State Regent and our State Society. You're the BEST!!!

Jimelle Farris Rumberg
State Regent

REPORT OF THE STATE VICE REGENT

This officer attended Continental Congress this past April. During Continental Congress she was elected the President of the State Vice Regents Club. This is the second time a West Virginian has been an officer of the club and the first time a West Virginian has been President. She attended the Central, Southern, Northern, and Western District meetings this August but was unable to make the Eastern District meeting due to work obligations. This officer represents West Virginia on the Tamasee DAR School Advisory Committee and attended their spring meeting. She also attended the Tamasee graduation ceremonies this May and the Tamasee Board meeting in the absence of the State Regent.

This officer was unable to attend most of State Conference last October due to the death of her mother. She wants to extend her sincere thanks and gratitude to all of the West Virginia Daughters who supported her at that time and throughout the past year. - you have truly been family to her.

She is available as a Chapter speaker and has already been approached by some chapters. Since the duties of this office are as called upon by the State Regent and the State Society, please feel free to contact me regarding what she can do to help you.

Kathleen E. Morton
State Vice Regent

REPORT OF ACTING STATE CHAPLAIN

I assumed the office of Acting Chaplain on August 10, 1996, at the Central District meeting in Fairmont.

The Trans-Allegheny Chapter of Weston invited me to be present for the marking of three deceased members graves on September 4th. These members were extraordinary; the youngest, 94 at her demise, the oldest 105. One had been a DAR member for 72 years.

The necrology for the year 1995-96 is 78 deaths, 5 past regents, two 70 year members, two 60 years members, and five 50 year members.

I have organized the memorial service for the 91st State Conference.

Cecelia W. Wallace
Acting State Chaplain

REPORT OF STATE RECORDING SECRETARY

This State Officer attended all five district meetings as well as the Board of Management and Executive Committee Meetings.

In June I attended the 9th Anniversary Celebration of the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter in Point Pleasant.

In July I attended the grave marking ceremony for American Patriot John Handley at the Green Hill Cemetery in Union, West Virginia, sponsored by the Wharton Chapter DAR, Covington, Louisiana, with the assistance of the Peters Mountain Chapter.

In September I attended the Constitution Week Luncheon sponsored by the John Young Chapter in Charleston.

In October I presented a program on Tamasee to the Captain James Allen Chapter in Beckley.

I have made two trips to Tamasee since our last State Meeting delivering school supplies, thrift shop items, and socks.

In addition, I have been instrumental in the compilation, publication, and distribution of the DAR School Committee Cookbook.

Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

REPORT OF STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

It has been my pleasure to work with our wonderful State Regent this past year and be of assistance to her whenever needed.

The Master Questionnaire for Chapters (Regent's Pad) was received from 44 chapters in January and the appropriate portion distributed to the State Chairman of each committee.

I attended Continental Congress in April for the fifth consecutive year and found it as exciting as the first time.

In attending the grave marking ceremony for Patriot John Handley at Green Hill Cemetery Union, in July, I experienced two things for the first time in my DAR life; a grave marking ceremony of a Revolutionary Patriot and a catered reception in a cemetery.

It was my pleasure this summer to attend all district meetings with our State Regent. I thoroughly enjoyed each meeting and congratulate each District Director and the Chapters for an outstanding job.

Welcome letters were sent to 58 new members for the months of December, February, April, and June. A supplement to the State Directors was produced and distributed to the chapters at district meetings.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve with our State Regent and look forward to the next year and one-half. Thank you.

Carol Linger
State Recording Secretary

REPORT OF STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

The Organizing Secretary attended the following: Continental Congress in April, the grave marking of John Handley, American Patriot, at Union in July, the five district meetings in July and August and Tamassee Founder's Day in October. I also attended the Flag dedication at the new Huntington High School that was sponsored by the Buford Chapter.

West Virginia has not lost any Chapters nor have any Chapters been formed. Information was sent to the Ravenswood Chapter in reference to reinstatement of members-at-large. It was great to see Ravenswood members at West District. Correspondence with the Princess Aracoma Chapter was urging them to be active.

Congratulations to chapters who met the challenge and added the three and one-third new members. One Chapter has already exceeded the 10 new member challenger.

With education as a key, emphasize to the prospective member, not just the

DAR schools but the many contests and scholarships in the school system sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Thank you Chapters for your support.

Anne R. Cummings
State Organizing Secretary

REPORT OF STATE REGISTRAR

This officer attended Continental Congress in April and in August held a forum for chapters on "How to Hold a Genealogy Workshop" at each district meeting of our West Virginia chapters. What a delightful time I had traveling through our beautiful state and meeting more of the West Virginia daughters. The increased attendance at the district meetings was a show of appreciation to our State Regent and I was thankful for the numbers that received the information from the workshop.

Congratulations are extended to the 29 chapters in West Virginia who had at least one new member this year. Those chapters admitting more than three new members were: John Young, 13; Kanawha Valley, 6; Pack Horse Ford, 6; John Hart, 5; Buford, 5; Colonel Charles Lewis, Captain James Allen, Blennerhassett, Wheeling, each 4; Shenandoah Valley, Anne Bailey, Westmoreland, and James Barbour, 3.

The following are the tabulated results from printouts received from the Office of the Registrar General covering October, 1995, through October, 1996, not to include new members accepted at the October Board of Management meeting:

Deceased members - 71; members resigned - 56; members transferred out - 26; members dropped - 31; new members - 85; members transferred in - 16; members reinstated - 22. We still have 46 chapters with a total membership as of March 13, 1996, of 2,481, the last report received from the Registrar General's Office.

We cannot afford to lose members every year. We are averaging in the deficit. We gained 101 members but lost 185 through deaths, transfers, or resignations or dropped because of unpaid dues.

As my predecessor said, "We cannot go to our final resting place until we find our replacement in DAR."

It was to my own enjoyment that I served with you this year, I wish to thank our State Regent for her personal attention and I wish to thank each chapter Registrar for the cooperation given this officer.

Carmen G. Silliman
State Registrar

REPORT OF STATE HISTORIAN

The worst first--there were no participants reported in the Outstanding Teacher of American History.

You were still great - 44 chapters responded with 21 chapters giving a report on restoration projects, historical programs, the preservation of Historical artifacts and markers and locating DAR markers.

A very impressive grave marking dedication ceremony of John Handley joined daughters from Louisiana, Michigan, the Organizing Secretary General, WV State Regent, State Officers, U. S. Daughters 1812, the American Legion Post 100 and members of Peters Mountain, the host chapter. A reception followed.

The Trans Allegheny Chapter placed three grave markers on the graves of three sisters all devoted DAR members of Trans Allegheny. Ruth Lightburn Bailey, Catherine Lightburn La Penotiere and Grace Lightburn.

James Barbour Chapter was the donor of four lovely historical DAR items. Two of these items (1) insignia envelope from Mrs. Horace Martin Farnham, Librarian General, to Miss Audra A. Gall, Regent, postmarked 1927. Contains a brief two paragraph typed report of the James Barbour Chapter and officers and (2) Daughters of the American Revolution Ritual compiled by Mrs. Raymond G. Kimbell; copyright 1934, were accepted by the Americana Collection for the National Archives. The Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; adopted by the Twenty-eighth Continental Congress 1919, Capital Publishers, Inc., Washington, D.C., and (2) Ritual of the Daughters of the American Revolution; prepared by Mrs. Emma Waite Avery, Bellevue Chapter, St. Albans, VT, distributed by Mrs. Lean Gray Knapp, William McKinley Chapter, Middletown Spring, VT, The Fort Hill Press, Samuel Usher, Boston, MA, 1903 were placed at Marshall University in our DAR locked repository.

May we at this time remind all DAR members that all DAR material such as old minutes, treasurer books, file material, programs, scrapbooks, etc., should go to the DAR repository at Marshall University. It is not for display purposes in other museums. This is our heritage.

This State Officer received 256 names of DAR members with markers from several chapters. The state file has none of these names. We are checking with national to see if the markers were reported.

We have answered many requests for help and information regarding marking graves. Each chapter in WV received from this officer information and forms in the summer packet on presenting DAR History Medals, the outstanding teacher of American History Contest, placing DAR markers for graves and/or historical and commemorative sites, the list of companies approved to manufacture and distribute DAR insignia markers, the new essay contest on Christopher Columbus, and the American History Essay Contest.

Several chapters have taken advantage of receiving permission to buy and place DAR markers for their complete membership. This saves family members the task when the member is deceased.

This officer attended Continental Congress, State Conference, State Executive Board meeting, three district meetings, a combined chapters meeting and was guest at another chapter meeting.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve as State Historian during this administration.

Christine Hart
State Historian

1996 Awards: FIRST: General Andrew Lewis, Ohio Valley. SECOND: Park Horse Ford, Fort Ashby. THIRD: Mound, Black Water.

REPORT OF STATE LIBRARIAN

During the past year I attended Continental Congress and the Northern District meeting. I organized the grave marking ceremony for Mrs. Edith Cooper Davis, member of the Cooch's Bridge Chapter in Delaware who is buried in Ritchie County at Auburn. Rain and floods caused rescheduling by one day so that Mrs. Davis' family could attend. Due to a prior commitment, I could not attend. The Anne Royall Chapter members held the ceremony.

I completed the indexing of the Book Manuscript Scotland to Virginia 1730 which was returned to the NSDAR Library in June. I am currently retyping the book West Virginia DAR Genealogical Records. I will index the book following the retyping. This gives me a winter project to keep me busy and will earn me bookworm credit.

Contributions to the NSDAR Library have increased. A total of 13 books and 8 periodicals were donated by fifteen chapters. Last year we had nine books and four periodicals given by ten chapters. State Librarian awards are in the packets.

Recipients include Anne Royall, Bee Line Buford, Captain James Allen, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans, General Andrew Lewis, James Wood, John Young, Kanawha Valley, Ohio Valley, Pack Horse Ford, Shenandoah Valley, Westmoreland, William Morris, and Ye Town of Bathe.

Current Library needs and informational packets have been placed in the regent packets.

Mrs. Alton G. Watson
State Librarian

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

October 19, 1995 - October 15, 1996

RECEIPTS

Conference Dues	\$ 1,302.00	
Conference Funds	7,322.44	
State Dues	3,982.75	
Contingent Fund	598.75	
WV DAR News	3,385.70	
State CAR	274.03	
Proceedings/postage/etc.	595.85	
Award Winners	476.00	
DAR Magazine Co-Op	1,358.00	
DAR Good Citizens Fund	100.00	
DAR Good Citizens Pins	214.50	
State Regent's Project	1,454.00	
4-Star Reception	992.00	
WV DAR Room Museum	2,077.00	
WV Cottage at Tamassee	2,758.66	
Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship	947.00	
DAR Cookbooks	7,500.00	
Miscellaneous	401.00	
Interest on account in Jefferson Security Bank	423.37	\$34,563.30

NATIONAL PROJECTS

President General's Project	2,674.47	
Investment Trust Fund	91.00	
NSDAR American History Scholarship	68.00	
Occupational Therapy	55.00	
Caroline E. Holt Education Scholarship	50.00	
Junior Membership	472.00	
NSDAR Museum General Trust	263.00	
Seimes Microfilm	101.00	
Americana Room	52.00	
NSDAR Library Centennial	92.00	
NSDAR Property Maintenance	328.00	
National CAR	126.00	
American Indians Scholarship	64.00	
Bacone College	651.26	
Chemawa Indian School	603.25	
JAC National Prize Fund	77.00	
ROTC	66.00	
National Defense	26.00	4,894.98

Kate Duncan Smith	352.67	
Tamassee	1,067.50	
Berry College	67.00	
Crossnore	91.00	
Hillside School	64.00	
Hindman Settlement School	75.00	
Genealogical Records	2.00	
Friends of the Library	201.00	
Give a book fund	5.00	
Adopt an object fund	5.00	
National Award recipient travel	10.00	
Archives	15.00	
Collection (Museum)	5.00	
NSDAR 2nd Century	2.00	
Chairs in Constitution Hall	1,500.00	3,152.17

Total Receipts 42,610.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Officers Expenses		
State Regent	1,062.50	
Officers & Chairmen	169.68	
Printing & postage	1,876.80	3,108.98

Conference expenses		
Meals	5,584.99	
Entertainment	200.00	
Hotel	60.00	
Flowers	266.43	
Printing	350.00	
Miscellaneous	279.88	6,741.30

State		
State Regent's Project	1,000.00	
Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship	500.00	
WV DAR News	3,782.92	
DAR Magazine CO-OP	940.00	
State CAR	30.00	
WV DAR Room Museum	270.00	
WV Cottage at Tamassee	1,880.00	
4-Star Reception	1,076.54	
DAR Good Citizen Award	250.00	
DAR Good Citizen pins	432.50	
DAR Cookbooks	6,666.02	
Miscellaneous	401.00	17,228.98

National Projects		
President General's Project	1,902.47	
Investment Trust Fund	99.00	
NSDAR American History Scholarship	79.00	
Occupational Therapy	66.00	
Caroline E. Holt Educational Scholarship	69.00	
Junior Membership	487.00	
NSDAR Museum General Trust	82.00	

Seimes Microfilm	104.00	
americana Room	100.00	
NSDAR Library Centennial	92.00	
NSDAR Property Maintenance	328.00	
National CAR	126.00	
American Indians Scholarship	67.00	
Bacone College	676.26	
Chemawa Indian School	603.25	
JAC National Prize Fund	87.00	
ROTC	86.00	
National Defense	26.00	5,079.98

Kate Duncan Smith	362.67	
Tamassee	1,205.47	
Berry College	107.00	
Crossnore	92.00	
Hillside School	68.00	
Hindman Settlement School	91.00	
Genealogical Records	23.00	
Friends of the Library	1.00	
Friends of the Museum	10.00	
Give A book fund	5.00	
Adopt an object fund	5.00	
National award recipient travel	10.00	
Archives	15.00	1,995.14

Chairs in Constitution Hall 2,000.00

Total Disbursements \$36,154.38

Previous Balance	11,089.55
Receipts	42,610.45
Disbursements	36,154.38
Current Balance on account	17,545.62

WV Money Market Account (formerly Anna Jarvis)

One Valley Bank		
Balance on Hand		12,305.43
Receipts		
Interest	219.39	
Disbursements		
Transferred	1,000.00	
Balance on hand		7,846.08

Special Account

Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund

Balance on hand		
Receipts		
Interest	344.68	
Disbursements		
Transferred	895.00	
Balance on hand		1,426.59

Blanche L. Reymann Fund
(CD in Huntington Bank 4.25% due 9/24/97)
Balance on hand \$3,777.00

Eleanor H. Smith Scholarship Fund
Balance on hand
Receipts
Interest
Balance on hand \$2,236.47

WV Room Account
(closed out the Eleanor H. Smith account added to this CD)
CD \$28,977.58 6.00% due 9/30/97)

To Whom It May Concern:

I have compared the records of receipts and disbursements with the bank statements at the Jefferson Security Bank, Shepherdstown, WV, and the One Valley Bank, Shepherdstown, WV, and have found them to be in agreement.

Dennis Barron

Jean Ann Elliott, Treasurer

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Friday, October 24, 1997

The West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, State Board of Management meeting was held on Friday, October 24, 1997, at 2:00 P.M. in the Conference Center Room E of the Gateway Hotel, Barboursville, West Virginia. The State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, presided. The State Recording Secretary was present.

The State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Miss Jean Ann Elliott, State Treasurer.

Mrs. Rumberg made the following introductions: Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General; Miss Kathleen E. Morton, State Vice Regent; Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain; Mrs. Terry Kornegay, State Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., State Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Organizing Secretary; Miss Jean Ann Elliott, State Treasurer; Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, State Registrar; Mrs. Ross Hart, State Historian; Mrs. Alton G. Watson, State Librarian; and Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Parliamentarian.

Mrs. Terry Kornegay, State Recording Secretary proceeded with roll call of State Officers, District Directors, and Chapter Regents. Present were one (1) National Officer; ten (10) State Officers; five (5) District Directors; and twenty-two (22) Chapter Regents.

Mrs. Rumberg then requested and received verification that a quorum was present to conduct the business of the State Board of Management.

The minutes of the November 1, 1996, meeting were read by Mrs. Kornegay. They were approved as read.

Mrs. Robert L. Hollandsworth, State Chairman, then gave the report of the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, State Recording Secretary, read the recommendation from the State Board of Management: "That the 1996-1997 budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved." Mrs. Kornegay then moved for the adoption for the recommendation from the Executive Committee to accept the budget as presented by Finance Committee. The motion carried and the recommendation was adopted.

Mrs. Rumberg proceed with State Officers' reports. Mrs. Rumberg gave a summary of her report but deferred the entirety of her report until Saturday's general meeting. Other officers reporting were: Miss Kathleen E. Morton, State Vice Regent; Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain; Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, State Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., State Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Organizing Secretary; Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Treasurer; Mrs Charles L. Silliman, State Registrar; Mrs. Ross Hart, State Historian; Mrs. Alton G. Watson, State Librarian.

Mrs. Silliman did report on her book "West Virginia Daughters and Their

Revolutionary Patriot Ancestors". She also gave a report on the web site on the internet.

Mrs. Rumberg then proceeded with unfinished business.

Mrs. Rumberg reported that the West Virginia Period Room antiques had been recovered. Mrs. Rumberg went to Marion County to secure these items from the Marion County Historical Society. The antiques were in very good condition. The Marion County Historical Society was given the pink lusterware plate as a way of thanks for housing the antiques for the past several years. The five (5) piece pewter tea set has been returned to the Pack Horse Ford Chapter. The remainder of the antiques will be appraised by a certified appraiser in Charleston. These items include an 1890 rug, it is in excellent condition and we also have the pressed horse hair padding that goes under the rug. Should anyone be interested in any of these items, please contact Mrs. Rumberg.

The West Virginia Period Room flower arrangements per season have not at this time been prepared. The proper personnel will be contacted in an effort to correct this. The mass dried flower arrangement ordered last year has been greatly damaged and must be replaced.

Tamassee Founder's Day was last week. The West Virginia Josephine C. Peters Cottage now has had the kitchen rewired and remodeled. There are pictures of the new kitchen displayed in the hall for all to see. The walls have been painted white with the ivy pattern wallpaper border, there is new tile, new countertops, stainless steel sink, and faucets, all costing less than \$1,000.00. We also have postcards of the cottage available for sale. Additionally, we have available pins of the cottage for sale. Profit from the sale of these pins will go toward the upkeep of the cottage. The walnut contributor's plaque we started last year for \$100.00 contributors is hanging in the living room at the cottage. We have only six (6) remaining spaces for contributors. The wooden antique insignia that hung at Jackson's Mill has been broken very badly. Carol Linger's husband, Ottis, repaired the insignia. It has been repainted and is now hanging in the living room at the Cottage at Tamassee. The cookbook sales have gone wonderfully well. The proceeds will be divided equally between Tamassee and Kate Duncan Smith. However, until Kate Duncan Smith agrees to comply with the stipulations of the National Board of Management and fully discloses their financial holdings to the DAR we are withholding all State monies except those for honor roll requirement to Kate Duncan Smith. That money will be eventually divided equally.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Parliamentarian, read the Standing Rules of the 92nd State Conference. Mrs. Teel made a motion that the Standing Rules be adopted as presented; the motion was seconded and adopted.

Mrs. Rumberg then proceed with information from the National Board. NSDAR has hired a human resources director and a development director. Interior signs have been completed in the building so you can easily tell where you are within the building.

There is a new pin called "Friends of the American Indian Fund". That is available with a \$200.00 donation.

In 1994 a Centennial issue of the new Patriot Index was issued. It is the only Patriot Index now accepted for patriot verification listing on application papers. All

old editions of the DAR Patriot Indexes should be discarded. The information inside is no longer current. These, unfortunately, do have to be purchased.

The return address labels received last spring with the DAR Insignia can be corrected if your labels were incorrect, either name or address. Please call Jan Fitzgerald at the President General's Office. Her number can be found in the national directory - or write a note to her. They are going to do this project again. This project alone netted \$250,000.00. The Calendars realized \$160,000.00 last year.

The chair project in Constitution Hall netted \$850,000.00 in donations. The new seats are in place, new carpeting is in place and the Hall looks lovely. There are two chairs remaining in the West Virginia box that have not yet been purchased.

The Corresponding Secretary General's office made \$77,000.00 last year, just during conference. They now have a toll free number for credit card orders; this number can be found in the DAR Magazine.

The Registrar General's Report: papers received - 2,346; papers approved - 2,373; papers pending - 1,237; supplementals received - 1,205; supplementals verified - 913; new ancestors approved - 250; last national number 781,503.

The Organizing Secretary General reported that 255 members have been reinstated; 1,576 deaths; 1,212 new life members; and 2,230 members dropped as of June 1, 1997. Membership certificates for 25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, and 75 members may be ordered in advance of the official membership date so long as the members are in good standing. However, they must not be presented before the date of their official membership date.

The Librarian General, (^{Grundset}Eric Brunsit) last year during the centennial, did a wonderful book on how to research genealogy in libraries, especially in the DAR library. There are only 500 books remaining and the books are \$25.00 per book. This gentleman comes to the Charleston archives at least once a year to do a genealogical forum. These books can be ordered from the Corresponding Secretary General's office.

^{Smelle Rumberg} West Virginia now has a new Centennial Pin. This design was developed by ~~Anne Cummings and Marion McCullough~~. This pin displays the capitol with the gold dome, the pin done in white, gold, and navy blue. The cost is \$45.00 and can be worn on the ribbon below the West Virginia State pin.

Continental Congress is April 19 - 24, 1997. Pre-registration is \$15.00. Box tickets will be scheduled through Kathy Morton. Marion McCullough is organizing a bus tour at a cost of \$520.00. The banquet table is #40. The price of the banquet has not yet been released but last year's price was \$48.00. These tickets are non-refundable. The four star buffet will most likely be \$32.00. Those tickets will be available through Carol Linger, send her a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Floor seating this year is on the main floor, Section 8.

Mrs. Rumberg again reminded the assembly about the book "WV Daughters and Their Patriot Ancestors". She encouraged everyone to purchase their copy before leaving the meeting.

A West Virginia Flag was presented in Washington two weeks ago at the Women in Military Service Memorial dedication. Presley Wagoner represented the DAR at this dedication and was on the platform with Vice President Gore.

Upcoming National Board dates are December 6, 1997; February 7, 1998; April 18, 1998; and April 24, 1998. Application papers must be received six (6) weeks prior to these dates for processing.

We have a shortage of pages for this state conference, therefore, Board members will be escorting our guests throughout the conference. Please be courteous to our guests, introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome. We will have Mrs. Zuverink, State Regent of Indiana; Mrs. James Quarles, State Regent of Tennessee, and Mrs. J. Pollard Sealy, Jr., State Regent of Louisiana, she is on the National ticket for the Love Associates as Reporter General.

We have no recommendations from the Executive Committee to be acted on.

Mrs. Teel announced that Western District members were serving as hostesses for the Conference, their name tags indicate they are from Western District, feel free to see them if you need assistance.

Mrs. Rumberg also informed the assembly that we have the assistance this weekend of Alicia Benson, a Colonel Morgan Morgan daughter. She and her finance, Bob Hogsett, are professional meeting planners and are here at no cost to the DAR. Their pay comes through the hotel, based upon the number of rooms booked.

Mrs. Rumberg then explained to the Chapter Regents how reports were to be given on Saturday night. Each Regent will be presented with a rose after their chapter report is given.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was duly adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

OPENING SESSION **Friday, October 24, 1997**

The 92nd Annual State Conference of the West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution was called to order at 8:30 P.M. on Friday, October 24, 1997, in the Conference Center of the Gateway Hotel, Barboursville, West Virginia.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, Conference Guests, State Officers, and Hostess Regents of the Western District entered in procession escorted by the West Virginia Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard and pages.

Music was furnished by the Barboursville Middle School.

The invocation was given by Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of American was led by Mrs. Alton G. Watson; the American's Creed was led by Mrs. Charles L. Silliman; and the National Anthem was led by Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr.

The Colors were posted.

Mrs. Cora P. Teel, General Conference Chairman, welcomed the group and introduced the Western District Director and Hostess Chapter Regents.

Mrs. Rumberg shared greetings from Governor Cecil Underwood and our President General, Mrs. Charles K. Kemper.

A message of welcome was brought by The Honorable Nancy Cartmill, Mayor of the City of Barboursville.

Ms. Sharon Smith, Assistant Manager, brought a welcome from the staff of the Gateway Hotel.

Miss Kathleen E. Morton, State Vice Regent, gave the official response.

Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR, brought greetings from the National Society.

Greetings from the Children of the American Revolution were brought by Miss Kathleen E. Morton, Senior State President, West Virginia CAR, and by Miss Amy Whitaker, State President, West Virginia CAR.

Mrs. Rumberg recognized those members of the Sons of the American Revolution present.

Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General, brought greetings from the Honorary State Regents.

Mrs. Rumberg then introduced conference guests: Miss Virginia Bondurant Johnson, Honorary State Regent, Honorary Vice President General; Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General; Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, Honorary State Regent.

She continued with our visiting guests: Mrs. Robert D. Zuverink, State Regent of Indiana; Mrs. J. Pollard Sealy, State Regent of Louisiana; Mrs. James R. Quarles, State Regent of Tennessee; Mr. Mike Mullins, Executive Director, Hindman Settlement School, Hindman, Kentucky; Mr. Joe Mitchell, Executive Director, Crossnore School, Inc., Crossnore, North Carolina. Mrs. Rumberg expressed her wishes for their enjoyment of our Southern West Virginia hospitality.

Mr. Rumberg recognized the attendance of other patriotic societies: Mrs. C. M. Meyers, Jr., State President, United States Daughters of 1812; Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield, State Regent Daughters of the American Colonies; and Mrs. John Smith, State President Colonial Dames 17th Century of West Virginia.

Mrs. Rumberg then presented her own Executive Board: State Vice Regent Miss Kathleen E. Morton; State Chaplain Mrs. James E. Wallace; State Recording Secretary Mrs. Terry Kornegay; State Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Otis Linger, Jr.; State Organizing Secretary Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings; State Treasurer Miss Jean Ann Elliott, State Registrar Mrs. Charles L. Silliman; State Historian Mrs. Ross Hart, and Librarian Mrs. Alton G. Watson. Mrs. Rumberg then presented the State Parliamentarian Mrs. Cora P. Teel.

Mrs. Rumberg informed the group we had with us two (2) national chairman and thirteen (13) national vice chairmen: Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson National Chairman of Insignia, Mrs. Cora P. Teel National Chairman Members at Large Committee, Mrs. R.

H. Walls National Vice Chairman of the American Heritage Music Category, Mrs. Robert Hollandsworth National Vice Chairman Constitution Week, Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., National Vice Chairman DAR Good Citizen, Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings National Vice Chairman DAR Magazine Advertising, Miss Kathleen E. Morton National Vice Chairman DAR Scholarships, Mrs. Robert Belcher National Vice Chairman Achievement Awards, Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield National Vice Chairman Junior American Citizen, Mrs. James T. Farris National Vice Chairman Motion Picture, Radio and Television, Mrs. Walter L. Spearman National Vice President Seims Microfilm Center, Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough National Vice Chairman Commemorative Events, Mrs. Warren Campbell National Vice Chairman Literacy Challenge, Mrs. John R. Henderson National Vice Chairman Volunteer Community Service Committee, Mrs. Robert L. Waters National Vice Chairman Americanism and DAR Manual for Citizenship.

Mrs. Rumberg then introduced West Virginia's own Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR, as our featured speaker for the evening. Mrs. Wagoner delivered to our Society a challenge to keep our society and its goals alive for the future.

Mrs. Rumberg expressed her thanks to Mrs. Wagoner for taking time from her very busy schedule to share with us. She then presented to Mrs. Wagoner a certificate of appreciation for 25 years of dedicated service to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Rumberg introduced to the membership our District Directors: Mrs. Charles Joseph Levelle, Central District; Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Eastern District; Mrs.

John A. Davis Northern District; Mrs. James T. Farris, Southern District, Mrs. Roy A Gilkeson, Western District.

Mrs. Rumberg then requested all State Chairmen stand and be recognized. They will be individually recognized when giving their formal reports during Saturday's meeting.

Mrs. Rumberg proceeded by recognizing all 50 year members. Additionally, she recognized those members attending their first State Conference.

Mrs. Rumberg then presented Miss Charla Nutter, State Chairman, Pro Tem who introduced pages for the conference. They were Mrs. Carolyn Loeffler, Frances Lowe, Bonnie Thuma-Hawley, Ashley Wallace, and Hannah Swecker. Mrs. Rumberg presented each page with an angel halo as she expressed her thanks to each of them. Additionally, Mrs. Rumberg thanked her personal page of three years, Carolyn Loeffler, and recognized her mother who was traveling with her.

Mrs. Rumberg then introduced her family, her mother and Southern District Director, Mrs. James T. Farris; her sister and new DAR member, Karen Lilly; her husband, Randy, and her daughter, Anne Randal.

Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning.

The colors were retired.

Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, October 25, 1997

The Saturday, October 25, 1997, Morning Business Session of the 92nd State Conference West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution was convened in the Conference Center of the Gateway Hotel, Barboursville, West Virginia, at 9:00 A.M.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, State Officers, and conference guests entered in procession, being escorted by the color bearers and pages.

The meeting was called to order by the State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg. The invocation was given by Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain; the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of American was led by Mrs. Ross Hart, State Historian; the American's Creed was led by Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Organizing Secretary; America the Beautiful was led by Miss Kathleen E. Morton, State Vice Regent. The Colors were posted.

Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, State Recording Secretary, established that a quorum has been established. Mrs. Kornegay then read the minutes of the Friday evening Opening Session. Those minutes were approved as read.

The Chairman of Credentials, Mrs. Hezekiah Marcum, gave her preliminary report:

National Officers	2
Past National Officers	1
National Chairmen	2
National Vice Chairmen	9
Honored Conference Guests	6
State Officers	10
Honorary State Regents	3
District Directors	5
State Chairmen	
(Nat'l & State Recognition)	35
Chapter Regents	23
Delegates	37
Alternates	1
Members	4
Pages	3
Guests	2
Subtotal	143
TOTAL REGISTRATION	92
Voting Strength	74

By the direction of the Credentials Committee, Mrs. Rumberg then moved that the roll of the delegates hereby submitted to the official role of voting members of the Conference be as submitted by Mrs. Marcum. There being no questions about the

report, the vote was given, the credentials report was adopted with a voting strength of 74.

Mrs. Rumberg informed the assembly the State Parliamentarian, Mrs. Cora P. Teel, had read the Standing Rules of the 92nd State Conference at the Board of Management Meeting on Friday. Those Rules were approved as printed in the Conference Program on Page 15. In the interest of time, they would not be read again. Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, Recording Secretary, moved for the adoption of the Standing Rules of the 92nd Conference as printed. There being no debate or amendment, the vote was given; the Standing Rules were adopted.

Mrs. W. S. Prince presented the Conference Program, noting one correction on page 14. Mrs. John A. Davis, Northern District Director will extend the invitation to the 200th State Conference. The program as corrected was adopted.

As no official business will be transacted at the evening sessions of this Conference Mrs. Rumberg appointed Mrs. Rutledge, Miss Elliott and Mrs. Belcher to approve the minutes of the two evening sessions and the last session of the Conference.

Mrs. Rumberg then introduced our distinguished guests and allowed them to bring greetings to the assembly. Greetings were brought by Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, from the National Society; Mrs. Robert D. Zuverink, State Regent of Indiana; Mrs. J. Pollard Sealy, Jr., State Regent of Louisiana; Mrs. James R. Quarles, State Regent of Tennessee.

Mrs. Rumberg once again recognized our esteemed Honorary State Regent Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General; Miss Virginia Bondurant Johnson, Honorary State Regent, Honorary Vice President General.

Mrs. Rumberg relayed warm wishes for a successful conference from Mrs. C. William Moore, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General and Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent.

Mrs. Rumberg then recognized our National Chairmen and Vice Chairmen whose work is invaluable to the National Society.

Mrs. Robert Fish, State Chairman of Resolutions then distributed and read the resolutions for the State Conference. Those Resolutions read as follows:

“Whereas, The First, and only, resolution of the first DAR Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1892, was to honor and respect the Flag of the United States of America and to promote the national song, “The Star Spangled Banner” and,

Whereas, The Flag of the United States of America Committee, established in 1909, was designed to encourage a strong patriotic feeling and respect for the Flag of the United States of America, and

Whereas, To support this objective DAR members are encouraged to correct misuse or improper display of the Flag and suggest the purchase of a new Flag when the Flag is badly worn or soiled and, to present Flag Certificates to institutions, businesses, and individuals for proper display of the Flag, and

Whereas, The DAR Theme for 1997-1998 is *Promoting Patriotism*, and

Whereas, We, the West Virginia State Society, are proud of the West Virginia Flag because it serves as a symbol that *Montani Semper Liberi*, Mountaineers are always free, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the WVSDAR encourage its individual chapters to wholeheartedly engage in a positive statewide campaign to educate the general public in respect for the Flag of the United States of America and the flag of West Virginia, and, to promote patriotism in the West Virginia hills by devoting time and resources to actively look for those individuals and organizations that show proper effective use and display of the Flag, and, to recognize those who demonstrate the aforementioned objectives, and, that the successes of this campaign be reported at the ninety-third State Conference."

The second resolution read as follows:

Whereas, West Virginia is a state comprised of individuals and groups from diverse ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds and benefits from this rich diversity, and;

Whereas, a language common to all citizens of the State preserves unity and prevents division along linguistic lines. Winston Churchill once said, "The gift of a common language is a priceless inheritance," and

Whereas, Twenty-three states have already adopted English as their official language of government, and

Whereas, Senate Bill No. 147 was introduced in the Senate on January 25, 1996, and was referred to the Senate Education Committee, and remained in committee at the end of session with no action being taken, and

Whereas, there was no bill addressing this subject in the Senate during the 1997 Regular Session, and

Whereas, West Virginia Daughters have historically worked diligently to preserve all aspects of our West Virginia and American heritage; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the West Virginia Society Daughters of the American Revolution encourage its members to promote our State's proud heritage by asking the Governor to request legislation that will establish English as the official language of our State and by asking members of the West Virginia Legislature to enact such legislation.

Mrs. Fish presented these proposed resolutions on behalf of the Resolutions Committee comprised of Mrs. Edleman, Mrs. Baughmann, Mrs. Ryder, and Mrs. Fish.

Mrs. Rumberg thanked Mrs. Fish and her committee and informed the assembly the proposed resolutions would be presented for voting on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Rumberg then called for Mrs. Kornegay, State Recording Secretary, to give the recommendations from the State Board of Management. Mrs. Kornegay reported the Board of Management had no recommendations.

Mrs. Wallace, State Chairman of the Bylaws Committee distributed the bylaws adopted at the 1997 Continental Congress. Article XVI, Section 3 States that any amendment adopted by the National Society affecting the work of the State Society shall become law of the Society without notice of the amended. For this purpose updated the West Virginia bylaws to the newly adopted National Society bylaws were distributed to the voting delegates and have previously been mailed to chapter regents.

Mrs. Rumberg then called for the State Recording Secretary to read from the Bylaws, Article VI, Sections 1 and 2. Mrs. Kornegay read as follows: "The officers of this Society shall be elected by ballot at the annual State Conference every third year. A majority vote shall constitute an election. Section 2: A nominating committee shall be elected at the state conference preceding the conference at which the state officers are to be elected. This committee shall consist of one member from each of the five districts. The candidate for State Regent shall have the privilege of suggesting the name of a member for the Office of State Corresponding Secretary. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent out with the Call to the Conference.

Mrs. Rumberg then appointed the following to serve as tellers: Mrs. Frederick Valentine, Jr., Chairman of tellers, Mrs. James Barnett, Miss Charla Nutter, and Mrs. Kathy Robertson. Mrs. Rumberg then called for the report of Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The following are nominated to serve as officers of the West Virginia State Society National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for the term 1998 - 2001: **State Regent**, Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Pack Horse Ford Chapter, Eastern District; **Vice Regent**, Mrs. Carmen Silliman, South Branch Valley Chapter, Eastern District; **Chaplain**, Mrs. Wanda Levelle, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, Central District; **Recording Secretary**, Mrs. Barbara Rutledge, Buford Chapter, Western District; **Corresponding Secretary**, Mrs. Dorrene Hale, Pack Horse Ford Chapter, Eastern District; **Organizing Secretary**, Mrs. Betty Belcher, Westmoreland Chapter, Western District; **Treasurer**, Mrs. Barbara Fish, James Wood Chapter, Northern District; **Registrar**, Mrs. Virginia Nalley, Ohio Valley Chapter, Northern District; **Historian**, Mrs. Nancy Edwards, Ye Town of Bathe Chapter, Eastern District; **Librarian**, Mrs. Kathryn Waters, Blennerhassett Chapter, Northern District.

Mrs. Rumberg then called for further nominations. Mrs. Dorcas Harbert nominated Miss Kathleen E. Morton for the Office of State Regent.

Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner moved that the 92nd State Conference of the West Virginia State Society endorse Jimelle Rumberg as a candidate for the Office of the Vice President General for Election at the 1998 Continental Congress.

Vice Regent, Miss Kathleen Morton, assumed the chair and requested a second to the nomination; receiving same the vote was given and passed to place Mrs. Rumberg's name on the ballot for endorsement for the Office of Vice President General.

The State Regent then assumed the chair and declared the nominations closed. She informed the assembly voting would begin promptly at 4:00 in the Conference Center Board Room. The poll will close at 4:45 P.M.

This having become a challenged election by virtue of nominations received from the floor Mrs. Rumberg requested each of the nominees for the Office of State Regent select a member to represent their interest at the voting polls this afternoon; Kathleen Morton selected Becky Davis; Jean Elliott selected Ruby Browning. These

two individuals were instructed to appear at the polls at 4:00 P.M. along with the tellers to serve as teller representatives for Kathleen Morton and Jean Elliott.

Mrs. Rumberg introduced Mr. Bob Hogsett and Miss Alicia Vincent, a member of the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, who are professional meeting planners assisting with the Conference.

Mrs. Rumberg then called on Mrs. Cora P. Teel, Conference Chairman, to introduce the members of her committee and the hostess chapters. Mrs. Teel recognized each chapter and introduced the regent of each chapter. Mrs. Teel also informed the assembly Press Books would be judged by our conference guests at 11:15 A.M. but also requested those books be removed from the room before time for voting at 4:00 P.M. Mrs. Rumberg gave thanks to Mrs. Teel and her committee.

Mrs. Rumberg requested the timekeepers prepare to assume their duties. The Vice Regent assumed the Chair and the State Regent, Mrs. Rumberg proceeded with her report in its entirety.

Mrs. Rumberg report was followed by those of her State Officers, Vice Regent, Miss Kathleen Morton; State Chaplain, Mrs. James Wallace; State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Terry Kornegay; State Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr.; State Organizing Secretary, Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings; and State Treasurer, Miss Jean Ann Elliott along with the Finance Chairman, Mrs. Robert Hollandsworth.

State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Terry Kornegay, gave the recommendation of the Finance Committee: "That the Finance Committee Report as presented be adopted" and moved for the adoption of that recommendation. There being no discussion, the recommendation was adopted.

Mrs. Rumberg expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Hollandsworth and her committee consisting of Mrs. Richard Bromley, Mrs. Loring Vance, and Mrs. Walter Crane.

Reports of the State Officers were continued by State Registrar, Mrs. Charles L. Silliman; State Historian, Mrs. Ross Hart; State Librarian, Mrs. Alton G. Watson.

Mrs. Rumberg expressed her thanks for the work of her State Officers and for their dedication and service to the society. The Officers were honored by a standing ovation.

The meeting continued with reports of State Chairmen.

Mrs. Rumberg reminded the assembly the WVDAR chorus will meet at 3:30 in the Auditorium and of the voting polls which would open at 4:00 P.M., and conference photographs beginning at 5:30.

At 11:45 A.M. the meeting recessed and to be reconvened at 2:15 P.M.

Mrs. Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, October 25, 1997

The Saturday, October 25, 1997, Afternoon Business Session of the 92nd State Conference West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution was convened at 2:15 P.M. in the Conference Center of the Gateway Hotel, Barboursville, West Virginia.

The meeting continued from the morning session with the remainder of the Committee Reports. Those giving report were: Mrs. Anna Barnett, Chairman of Administrative Awards; Mrs. Patricia Marx, Blanche Raymond Scholarship; Mrs. Cora P. Teel, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Barbara Fish, Resolutions Committee; Mrs. Frankie Cline, Protocol; Mrs. Anne Cummings, Josephine C. Petters Cottage Committee; Mrs. Shirley Gilkeson, DAR News; Mrs. James McClain, West Virginia 50 year Club; Mrs. Cora P. Teel, West Virginia Room; Mrs. Cora P. Teel, West Virginia Reception at Continental Congress; Mrs. Anne Cummings, West Virginia Bus Trip to Continental Congress.

Mrs. Rumberg gave thanks to her Committee Chairman for their work. She then reminded the assembly of the many activities remaining for the afternoon. The meeting was recessed at 3:15 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

EVENING BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, October 25, 1997

The Saturday, October 25, 1997, Evening Business Session of the 92nd State Conference West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution was convened at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Center of the Gateway Hotel, Barboursville, West Virginia.

The State Regent, National Officers, Honorary State Regents, State Officers, and conference guests entered in procession, being escorted by the color bearers and pages.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Charles J. Levelle, Central District Director. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. James T. Farris, Southern District Director; the National Anthem was led by Mrs. John A. Davis, Northern District Director. The colors were posted.

Following dinner, Mrs. Rumberg introduced those seated at the head table, Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General; Miss Virginia Bondurant Johnson, Honorary Vice President General, Honorary State Regent; Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General; Mrs. Robert D. Zuverink, State Regent of Indiana; Mrs. J. Pollard Sealey, Jr., State Regent of Louisiana and candidate for the office of Reporter General with the Love Associates; and Mrs. James R. Quarles, State Regent of Tennessee. Mrs. Rumberg continued by introducing her State Officers, Miss Kathleen E. Morton, State Vice Regent; Mrs. James E. Wallace, State Chaplain; Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, State Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., State Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Organizing Secretary;

Miss Jean Ann Elliott, State Treasurer/Eastern District Director; Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, State Registrar; Mrs. Ross Hart, State Historian; Mrs. Alton G. Watson, State Librarian.

Mrs. Rumberg continued by introducing those daughters serving as National Chairmen or National Vice Chairmen of the East Central Division of the National Society: Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, National Chairman of Insignia/Western District Director; Mrs. Cora P. Teel, National Chairman Members-at-Large Committee; Mrs. R. H. Walls, National Vice Chairman of American Heritage-Music Category; Mrs. Robert Hollandsworth, National Vice Chairman Constitution Week; Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., National Vice Chairman-DAR Good Citizens; Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, National Vice Chairman-DAR Magazine Advertising; Miss Kathleen E. Morton, National Vice Chairman-DAR Scholarship; Mrs. Robert Belcher, National Vice Chairman-Achievement Awards; Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield, Junior American Citizens; Mrs. James T. Farris, National Vice Chairman-Motion Picture, Radio and Television/Southern District Director; Mrs. Walter L. Spearman-National Vice Chairman Seimes Microfilm Center; Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough, National Vice Chairman Commemorative Events; Mrs. Warren Campbell, National Vice Chairman Literacy Challenge; Mrs. John R. Hendrickson, National Vice Chairman Volunteer Community Service Committee; and Mrs. Robert L. Waters, National Vice Chairman Americanism and DAR Manual for Citizenship.

Mrs. Rumberg continued the business meeting by calling for reports of districts and chapters. Reports were given by Mrs. Shirley Gilkeson, Western District Director; Mrs. Charles J. Leville, Central District Director; Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Eastern District Director; and Mrs. James T. Farris, Southern District Director. Each Director reported for her district and each of her chapters. Each chapter regent was recognized for their chapter's accomplishments. Mrs. Rumberg expressed thanks to each Director and Chapter Regent for their work during the past three years.

The assembly was then entertained by the newly formed WV DAR Chorus, under the leadership of Mrs. Loring Vance.

Mrs. Rumberg then announced the awards given to press books. First Place Scrapbook - Barboursville Chapter; First Place Press Book - Westmoreland Chapter; Second Place Anne Royall Chapter; Third Place - Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter; Honorable Mention - Buford Chapter and Pack Horse Ford Chapter.

Mrs. Rumberg then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Cora P. Teel, Conference Chairman, who made pertinent announcements and then turned the meeting over to the State Vice Regent, Miss Kathleen E. Morton, and the State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Nancy Kornegay. Miss Morton thanked Mrs. Rumberg for her work and expressed appreciation for her work. She presented her with a gold charm bracelet from her Executive Committee, Board Members and Chapter Regents. The bracelet contained a charm commemorating each achievement Mrs. Rumberg has accomplished on the national level. Mrs. Kornegay then presented Mrs. Rumberg with a scrapbook containing fun mementos marking her three-year administration.

The meeting was recessed until 9:00 A.M. on Sunday morning when we will resume with a Memorial Service, followed by a business session at 10:00 A.M.

The benediction was given by Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Eastern District Director, following which the Colors were retired.

Mrs. Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

Sunday, October 26, 1997

The Sunday, October 25, 1997, Morning Business Session of the 92nd State Conference West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution was convened at 10:00 A.M. in the Conference Center of the Gateway Hotel, Barboursville, West Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by the State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg. The invocation was given by the State Chaplain, Mrs. James E. Wallace. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Organizing Secretary; the American's Creed was led by Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, State Registrar; West Virginia Hills was led by Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, State Recording Secretary.

The Colors were posted.

Mrs. Hezekiah Marcum, Chairman of the Credentials Committee gave the revised report of her committee. That report is as follows:

National Officers	2
Past National Officers	1
National Chairmen	2
National Vice Chairmen	9
Honored Conference Guests	6
State Officers	10
Honorary State Regents	3
District Directors	5
State Chairmen	
(Nat'l & State Recognition)	37
Chapter Regents	33
Delegates	61
Alternates	6
Members	9
Pages	5
Guests	4
Subtotal	183
TOTAL REGISTRATION	132
Voting Strength	98

Mrs. Rumberg called for a vote to accept the report of the Credentials Committee. That report was accepted.

Mrs. Marcum then presented Mrs. Rumberg with a Miniature State Regent Doll."

Mrs. Rumberg then called for the report of the Teller's Committee. Mrs. Frederick Valentine, Jr., Chairman, came forward to report the following:

Votes cast:		85
State Regent	Jean Elliott	48
	Kathy Morton	31
Chaplain	Wanda Levelle	79
Recording Secretary	Barbara Rutledge	77
Corresponding Secretary	Dorrene Hale	77
Organizing Secretary	Betty Belcher	77
Treasurer	Barbara Fish	78
Registrar	Virginia Nalley	77
Historian	Nancy Edwards	77
Librarian	Katy Waters	79
V. President General	Jimelle Rumberg	74

The Chair declared the following elected: State Regent Jean Elliott; Chaplain Wanda Levelle; Recording Secretary Barbara Rutledge; Corresponding Secretary Dorrene Hale; Organizing Secretary Betty Belcher; Treasurer Barbara Fish; Registrar Virginia Nalley; Historian Nancy Edwards; Librarian Katy Waters. Mrs. Rumberg then asked each newly elected officer to stand and be recognized. She also gave thanks to Mrs. Valentine and her committee for the efficient manner in which the election was conducted. Mrs. Rumberg called for a motion that the ballots be destroyed after thirty (30) days. Miss Virginia Johnson moved that the ballots be held for a thirty (30) day period after which those ballots be destroy. The motion was seconded. The motion was put to a vote and was passed.

Mrs. Robert Fish then came forward to present the resolutions of her Committee and moved for their adoption. Those resolutions being as recorded in the minutes of the Saturday morning meeting. The first resolution brought before the assembly was that dealing with respect for the flag. The vote was given and the resolution was adopted. The second resolution brought before the assembly was that of English being adopted as the official language of government for the State of West Virginia. The vote was given and the resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Fish then presented the Courtesy Resolution and moved for its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. John A. Davis, Northern District Director, gave the invitation for the 95th State Conference.

The Chair then recognized Mrs. Frances Bonar, Chapter Regent of the Mound Chapter. Mrs. Bonar presented Mrs. Rumberg with a State Regent's Scrapbook.

Mrs. Rumberg then recognized Mrs. Presley Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General. Mrs. Wagoner expressed her thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Rumberg who

has contributed much to the State of West Virginia. She then nominated Mrs. Rumberg to the high office of Honorary State Regent of the West Virginia DAR. Miss Kathleen Morton, State Vice Regent assumed the Chair. The motion was seconded and carried. Mrs. Rumberg was then presented with an Honorary State Regent's pin.

Mrs. Rumberg, State Regent, assumed the chair.

The hour having arrived, Mrs. Rumberg then called for the newly elected officers for 1998-2001 to come forward. The Regent and Vice Regent will be confirmed April at Continental Congress. At this time Mrs. James Wallace, State Chaplain, proceeded with the installation of officers.

The assembly joined in the singing of Bless Be The Tie That Binds. The benediction was given by Mrs. Wallace, State Chaplain, following which Mrs. Rumberg adjourned the final meeting of the 92nd West Virginia State Conference.

The Colors were retired.

Mrs. Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

STATE OFFICERS REPORTS

REPORT OF THE STATE REGENT AT THE 92nd STATE CONFERENCE THE GATEWAY BEST WESTERN HOTEL BARBOURSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

The last year of this administration has been busy but most productive. The sharing of all the trips, meetings, and experiences that you have made possible by electing me as State Regent will always be a most special time in my life as I have so enjoyed representing you with much pride and affection.

Once again, through the efforts of the Executive Committee, Board of Management, and Chapters, we have achieved a spirit of cooperation team work and accomplished so much. The maitre that you have often heard me say these past three years is, *Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living here on this earth*, and it has indeed been my privilege to serve you as State Regent.

This past year has seen much change for me, as I began a new job, full-time with the West Virginia Health Care Association. While the balancing act is never easy between DAR commitments, family, and work, my family pulled together to assure my commitment to you as State Regent. When one is committed to an obligation through oath, duties must be assumed with integrity and without reservation.

Following a most successful State Conference at The Greenbrier Hotel last October, a two month respite through the holidays was most enjoyed by me and my family. The State Regent attended her own chapter's meetings in December and January and in February, it was off to Washington to the National Board of Management meeting. There was much work to be done before Congress. She attended the Mississippi Centennial State Conference in Jackson, Mississippi. She had a private tour of the Governor's Mansion and saw many DAR friends from her platform work days during Congress. In March, she flew to Jacksonville, Florida, to attend the Georgia State Conference at Jekyll Island, Georgia. The 90 minute drive from Florida to the Georgia Island was a far cry from the gloomy winter mountains of West Virginia, complete with snow. The following week, she was off to Florida State Conference where she toured NASA and was treated royally by the Florida Daughters. The return from 70° weather to home was much harder, as the sleet and 30° temperature was not a welcome sight. April saw much activity on the calendar. A DAR tea on the 5th of April and leaving for a nine day congress stay on the 11th was greatly appreciated. The 106th Continental Congress was most enjoyable and left our members with renewed enthusiasm to continue the commitment to the Kemper Administration. A visit from the girls at Indiana All States II to Peterstown, WV, had the Peters Mountain Chapter hosting a covered dish dinner for the girls and several chapters. The girls were adorable and sang their way into our hearts. Miss Pat Spring, the house parent at All States II gave us an overview of the background of some of the girls in her charge. Miss Pat acknowledged that the students had benefitted greatly through the generosity of WV Daughters, and especially by social experiences such as pizza in town or an outing at the movies.

May saw a grave marking ceremony in Huntington and my own chapter's National Defense luncheon. It was also a family milestone, as my oldest daughter graduated from high school. June found me celebrating not only Flag Day but my wedding anniversary in Wheeling. A lovely miniature Oglebay punch bowl was a gift to the State Regent and one that she will always cherish. July found District meetings

beginning at Peterstown, where the State Regent received a lovely counted cross stitched sampler announcing DAR is FUN! She also received a lovely china Victorian clock, which was an all too real reminder that her time as State Regent was quickly coming to a close. Western District was a real eye opener, as the members were rather alarmed by the performance of the "not so good" baton routine of the Magic Wand. A check was presented to the DAR Good Citizen winner and two American History Essay winners took top billing. The gift to the State Regent's project was a wonderful surprise but we left the hotel knowing that much work had to be accomplished with the management prior to State Conference.

In August, she attended Central District at Blackwater Falls State Park and received a lovely hand blown glass paperweight from the District Director, Mrs. Levelle. The magic fairy dust was sprinkled once again the next day as she traveled to Wheeling to Stratford Springs for a lovely luncheon and the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship winner. August ended with us taking our oldest daughter to college in Richmond and a realization that our family unit was changing, with one birdie out of the nest and only one remaining.

September found the State Regent at her chapter meeting to hear Dr. Eugene Harper form the University of Charleston and at John Young's annual Constitution Week luncheon with Honorary President General, Mrs. Raymond F. Fleck and The First Lady of West Virginia, Hova Underwood. The next day, she met with Superior Hospitality Group from Fairmont and the Gateway owner to site visit the hotel property and explain the expectations and needs of the WV Daughters for October. The following Thursday, the State Regent flew to Indiana to be the guest of the Indiana State Society Mrs. Robert D. Zuverink, State Regent. She had a wonderful visit and was most impressed by the efficiency and presiding capabilities of such a new State Regent. She returned home to prepare to attend the Mountain State Forest Festival to see Princess Paige Rumberg and visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace in Elkins. The John Hart Daughters were so gracious, complete with a welcome basket and personal attendance at the home of the Davis and Elkins President for brunch. Sunday found me home from Elkins, but driving to Point Pleasant for the wreath laying at the Battle Park Battery at Two-end-u-wei. The unveiling of the new granite marker was very nice, complete with the President's own Fife and Drum Corp and Color Guard. Later in the week, she drove to Washington with the National Chairman, Member-at-Large Committee to attend the National Board and numerous events. She participated in the Dedication of State Flags held in Arlington Cemetery at the Women in the Military Memorial, which was to be officially dedicated the following week. She also was transported to Fort McNair to the Officer's Club for a most enjoyable dinner and had lunch and dinner the following day at the University Club in Washington. On October 15, the State Regent flew to Tamassee for the annual Founder's Day and Board of Trustees meeting. As the Annuity on the Josephine C. Peters' estate comes due every October, it has given this State Regent a true sense of accomplishment in completing the kitchen, wiring, and landscaping this year, all through donations from SAR or through dividend money from the Josephine C. Peters Annuity. A pin project to complete the wiring upgrade and possibly purchase new furniture for the living room was an idea pursued with the Garney Company in California. The pins, which are a rendering of the cottage in Cloisonne of green and white will hopefully nest egg the WV account, which is separate from the account held at Tamassee with the Annuity.

Another greatly awaiting project has come to fruition as of yesterday with the release of the Registrar's project "West Virginia Daughters and their Patriot Ancestors." We commend those who have worked very hard to complete promised projects and have worked to accomplish the goals of this administration. It can never be said that ours

was a "do-nothing" administration. However, one cannot take credit for these accomplishments alone, as these projects and goals were a team effort of planning and a desire to complete tasks. I was once asked to write my own epitaph in graduate school and here's what I came up with on that day. "I was here and left my mark. Can you find it?" And so it is with DAR, we join, work, and leave our marks on the scholarships, the children in the DAR schools and approved schools, in nursing, occupational therapy, in history, through Good Citizens and through our Veterans Patient committee. All of us indeed touch many lives, and all that we touch truly become a part of us and our lives.

In closing, know that I have enjoyed each and every moment of being State Regent. It has been a challenge of faith and hope but mostly of love. It was wonderful getting to know all the chapter's leadership and Daughters alike. We have done many things together, but most of all, we have had FUN! Thank you for this marvelous opportunity and much success in your continued DAR endeavors. May God bless each of you and keep you safe.

Jimelle Farris Rumberg, State Regent

REPORT OF THE STATE VICE REGENT

This State Officer attended Continental Congress this past April. During Congress she presided over the State vice Regents' Club Luncheon Meeting as President of the Club. This is the second time a West Virginia Daughter has been an officer of the club and the first time a West Virginian has served as President. She also attended the Eastern, Northern, and Western District meetings.

This officer represents West Virginia on the Tamassee DAR School Advisory Committee and attended their spring meeting. She also attended the Tamassee graduation ceremonies this May and the Tamassee Board meeting in the absence of the State Regent.

This officer attended the Battle Days Celebration this October in Point Pleasant. This officer was pleased to attend the John Young Constitution Week Luncheon again this year. She has also attended meetings of the Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Elizabeth Ludington Hagens-Colonel John Evans and James Wood Chapters. This officer is available as a Chapter speaker and would enjoy coming to your chapter.

This officer attended the Patriots Ball in Maryland this past December and was presented as the West Virginia State Vice Regent. She was pleased to be seated at the DAR table with honored Daughters from Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, including Mrs. Mildred M. Yochim, Honorary President General; Mrs. Charles A. Bloedorn, Honorary Vice President General; and Mrs. Roger Wren Carroll, Past Curator General.

Since the duties of this office are as called upon by the State Regent and the State Society please feel free to contact her regarding what she can do to help you.

Kathleen E. Morton

REPORT OF STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

It has been my pleasure to serve as a member of your Executive Committee and, as Corresponding Secretary, I am proud to have been of assistance to you.

The appropriate portions of the Master Questionnaire for Chapters (Regent's Pad) mailed to me by the chapters in January were distributed to the State Chairmen of each committee. I am happy to report that welcome letters were sent to 75 new members for October, 1996, through June, 1997, which included 12 junior members. A supplement of changes to the State Director was prepared for distribution to the chapters at District Meetings.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend Continental Congress or District Meetings this year but did miss seeing my many DAR friends.

Madam State Regent, I am most grateful for our association these past three years and wish you the very best in your future DAR endeavors.

Carol Linger
State Recording Secretary

REPORT OF STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

The Organizing Secretary attended the five District Meetings in July and August and Founders Day at Tamassee DAR School in October.

A challenge was given in 1995 at State Conference to add ten new members in three years or three and one-third members per year. Congratulations to Anne Royall, John Hart, John Young, Kanawha Valley, and Wheeling Chapters. Western District had the greatest district gain in membership.

A letter was received from National Organizing Secretary General's office concerning the organization of a new DAR Chapter.

The State Organizing Secretary has compiled a notebook of current Chapters, organizing date, charter date, and organizing Regent.

The past three years have proved "DAR IS FUN" .

Anne R. Cummings
State Organizing Secretary

REPORT OF STATE REGISTRAR

As your State Registrar, I attended Continental Congress, all five district meetings, and spent a major portion of my time this year putting together our new edition of the Book West Virginia Daughters and their Revolutionary Patriot Ancestors as a state project.

Seventy-Five new members have joined our society but 72 were deceased and 24 resigned. Ten members were reinstated, while seven transferred out. In total we

State Vice Regent

REPORT OF STATE CHAPLAIN

As Chaplain of the West Virginia Society, NSDAR, I participated in four of the five District meetings. It was my pleasure to present a program to the Allegheny Regional Genealogical Society about the organization of DAR. I was also able to recommend a Davis & Elkins College Graduate for the Occupational Therapy Scholarship offered by the National Society.

Forty-two chapters reported in the Regent's Pad. Sixteen of those chapters had no 90 year members, hopefully, showing the renewal of interest of younger women in our Society. Those chapters having the 90 year old members were very vocal to honor these women by visits and cards.

Fifty percent of the chapters held a meeting using National Defense as the subject. They expressed appreciation to a person who had represented our country through service in the military.

Other activities of note included:

- 1) A memorial tribute to the soldiers who fought at the Battle of Point Pleasant.
- 2) Many members making contributions of time to the church of their choice.

The necrology for West Virginia for the year 1997-98 is 79 deaths; 1 former State Officer, 5 past Chapter Regents.

Cecelia W. Wallace
State Chaplain

REPORT OF STATE RECORDING SECRETARY

This State Officer attended four district meetings as well as the Board of Management and Executive Committee meetings. I was instrumental in arranging for Tamassee children to visit Southern District.

In September I presented a program on Tamassee to the Captain James Allen Chapter in Beckley.

I participated in the Bell Ringing celebration of Constitution Week sponsored by the Matthew French Chapter in Princeton. I also attended the Constitution Week Luncheon sponsored by the John Young Chapter in Charleston.

Additionally, I have stayed very busy pushing the sale of the DAR School Committee Cookbook and have made arrangements for the printing of the proceedings for this administration.

Nancy R. Kornegay
State Recording Secretary

gained 93 new members but lost 104. Thirty-Five Chapters received at least one new member. You are all trying but we need you to gain more members.

The following chapters have been recognized with an achievement award:

First Place - John Young - 11 new members

Second Place - John Chapman - 6 new members; John Hart - 6 new members; Anne Royall - 6 new members

Third Place- Kanawha Valley - 5 new members; Blennerhassett - 4 new members; Mound - 4 new members.

Carmen G. Silliman
State Registrar

REPORT OF STATE HISTORIAN

This State Officer continues to encourage each members and chapter to help bring our state DAR Grave Marker file up-to-date.

This officer received many requests for information regarding marking graves of DAR members, patriots, soldiers and historical markers. All requests were answered.

We assisted others in finding grave sites and family information upon request.

Seven DAR members graves were marked, also two patriot and the rededication of a Historical Marker with very impressive ceremonies.

From 42 reports 23 did not give a report - 19 reported:

Anne Bailey - Restoration of "Scary Creeke Battle";

Barboursville - Toll House history given genealogical society;

Buford - new roof on a historical log cabin;

Colonel Charles Lewis - paid for painting Mansion House at Point Pleasant State Park;

Colonel Morgan Morgan - honored an American History teacher with a pin and certificate;

Colonel Zackquill Morgan - protected a Revolutionary War soldier's grave;

Daniel Davisson - maintained the historical Daniel Davisson cemetery;

Fort Ashby - opened Washington's Fort after 18 months of repairs;

Hagan-Evans - ongoing project to refurbish markers;

John Chapman - upkeep on first log cabin;

John Hart - maintain DAR markers;

Kanawha Valley - cleaned and landscaped Daniel Boone marker and WWI Memorial;

Matthew French - assisted people searching for family roots;

Major William Haymond - considering new projects;

Mound - restoration of cemetery;

Ohio Valley - continues to locate DAR markers, collecting obituaries, visit local historical sites, this year's project was to records and preserve chapter's history, collecting information for the State Archives, guides were provided to local funeral homes in regard to the DAR insignia. Programs: Family History, Our Flag, and Family Heirlooms Show and Tell;

Shenandoah Valley - continue restoration of Belle Boyde House;

William Morris - gave funds for historical Virginia Chapel upkeep;

Ye Towne of Bath - marked patriot grave.

This officer attended State Conference, three district meetings, and guest day at two other chapters.

Christine Hart
State Historian

1997 State Conference Awards: FIRST: Colonel Charles Lewis, Buford, Ohio Valley; SECOND: Mound, Matthew French; THIRD: Daniel Davisson, Anne Bailey, Colonel Zackquill Morgan

REPORT OF STATE LIBRARIAN

During the past year I have spent time in seclusion with my computer. I used my spare time and more to retype and index books for the NSDAR Library. During January I completed and returned the retyped, indexed book titled "Burial Places of Over 150 Soldiers of the American Revolution of the Pentagon Area" (Viz; Ohio, Virginia (West), Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland). The original was dated 1961 by the Chairman of John Young Chapter Genealogical Records Committee.

In February I finished the retyping and indexing of a book titled "West Virginia Northern Panhandle Cemetery Records" originally compiled in 1949 and 1952 by the Wheeling chapter. Both books were copied and returned on acid free paper.

I am currently working on a book titled "Register of Morgan's Chapel, Bunker Hill, W.Va." A 1949 project of the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, and will retype and index the book titled Manuscript Scotland to Virginia 1730 a Kanawha Chapter 1925 project.

Through these endeavors I have earned my second Book Worm Pin Bar and am well on the way to my third.

Six Chapters supported the NSDAR Library by contributing a total of 13 books since my last report.

Mrs. Alton G. Watson
State Librarian

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

October 16, 1996 - October 15, 1997

RECEIPTS

Conference dues	\$1,195.00	
Conference funds	8,732.16	
State Dues	2,903.75	
Contingent fund	580.00	
WV DAR News	3,577.65	
State CAR	168.55	
Proceeding/postage, etc.	727.60	
Award winners	463.60	
DAR Magazine CO-OP Advertising	1,811.00	
DAR Good Citizen Fund	250.00	
DAR Good Citizen pins	42.50	
State Regent's Project	1,108.50	
4-Star Reception	544.00	
WV DAR Museum Room	81.00	
WV Cottage at Tamassee	3,132.41	
Peters Cottage Pin	795.00	
Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship	49.00	
DAR Cookbooks	8,926.75	
DAR Patriot Ancestors Book	388.00	
Banquet	784.00	36,261.77
Interest on checking account Jefferson Security Bank		453.36
National Projects:		
President General's Project	4,226.20	
Investment Trust fund	89.00	
NSDAR American History Scholarship	62.00	
Occupational Therapy	60.00	
Caroline E. Holt Educational Scholarship	53.00	
Junior Membership		485.00
NSDAR Museum General Fund	70.00	
Seimes Microfilm	309.00	
American Room	51.00	
NSDAR Library Centennial	89.00	
NSDAR Property Maintenance	180.00	
Good Citizen	26.00	
National CAR	47.00	5,747.20

American Indian Scholarships	93.00	
Bacone College	660.00	
Chemawa Indian School	631.00	1,384.00
JAC National Prize Fund	70.00	
ROTC	70.00	
National Defense	37.00	177.00
Kate Duncan Smith School	281.00	
Tamassee School	656.00	
Berry College	52.00	
Crossnore	75.00	
Hillside School	40.00	
Hindman Settlement School	61.00	1,165.00
Chairs in Constitution Hall	1,500.00	
WIMSA	50.00	1,550.00
TOTALS		\$46,735.33

DISBURSEMENTS:

State Expenses		
State Regent's fee	1,033.75	
State Officers & Chairmen	102.84	
Printing & Postage	895.85	
State Registration	10.00	
West Virginia Flag	50.00	
Slide Rental	8.00	2,100.44

Conference expenses:

Meals, tours, hotel, etc.,	10,571.25	
Music	310.00	10,881.25

State Projects:

State Regent's Project (Explorer Timeline)	1,000.00	
Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship	500.00	
DAR Magazine Coop Advertising	1,150.00	
WV Dar News	3,496.15	
WV DAR Museum Room	90.00	
WV Cottage at Tamassee	1,986.67	
Peters Cottage Pins	2,500.00	
4-Star Reception	805.75	
DAR Good Citizen Award	350.00	
DAR Good Citizen pins	87.50	
DAR Cookbook		
Tamassee Matching Fund	2,000.00	
Indiana AllStates Cottage (windows)	500.00	
DAR Patriot Ancestors Book	7,263.26	
NSDAR Banquet	648.00	22,377.33

National Projects:

President General's Projects	\$4,226.20	
Investment Trust Fund	89.00	
NSDAR American History Scholarship	62.00	
Occupational Therapy	60.00	
Caroline E. Holt Educational Scholarship	53.00	
Junior Membership	485.00	
NSDAR Museum general trust fund	70.00	
Seimes Microfilm	309.00	
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NSDAR Library Centennial	89.00	
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Chemawa Indian School	631.00	
JAC National Prize Fund	70.00	
R.O.T.C.	70.00	
National Defense	37.00	1,561.00

Kate Duncan Smith School	281.00	
Tamassee School	656.00	
Berry College	52.00	
Crossnore	75.00	
Hillside School	40.00	
Hindman Settlement School	61.00	1,165.00

WIMSA	50.00	
Chairs in Constitutional Hall	1,500.00	1,550.00

Miscellaneous	1,440.76	1,440.76
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TOTALS **\$46,822.98**

Previous Balance	\$17,545.62
Receipts	46,735.33
Disbursements	45,822.98
Current Balance	\$17,458.97

Separate accounts

Cameo Club	
Beginning balance	\$1,415.34
Deposits	1,288.00
Disbursements	35.00
Ending balance	\$2,668.34

WV Money Market Account (Anna Jarvis)

One Valley Bank	
Beginning Balance	\$7,846.08
Interest	185.79
Ending Balance	\$8,031.87

Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship Fund

One Valley Bank	
Beginning Balance	\$1,426.59
Interest	328.31
Ending Balance	\$1,754.90

Certificate of Deposits:

Blanche L. Reymann Fund	
Huntington Bank	\$3,777.00

Blanche L. Reymann Fund	
One Valley Bank	5,000.00

WV Room Account	
Beginning Balance	\$28,977.58
Interest	1,791.73
Ending Balance	\$30,769.31

Total Assets:

Checking Account:	\$17,458.97
Money Market:	9,786.77
Certificates:	39,546.91

TOTALS: \$66,792.65

Jean A. Elliott, State Treasurer

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have compared the records of receipts and disbursements with the bank statements at the Jefferson Security Bank, Shepherdstown, WV, and the One Valley Bank, Shepherdstown, WV, and have found them to be in agreement.

Dennis Barron
Senior Vice President of Accounts

REPORT OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS

CENTRAL DISTRICT

1995

The Central District meeting was held August 4, 1995, in Weston and was very successful. We were very pleased that so many of the chapter regents were present and participated in the meeting.

This director has visited only one chapter to date, James Barbour, where we celebrated one member's 75 year membership as a DAR member.

We are looking forward to the next three years.

1997

The Central District held its annual meeting August 10, 1997, at the Field Club in Fairmont with the West Augusta Chapter as hostesses. There were 56 in attendance with representation from every chapter except Elk River. There were ten regents in attending with nine of them participating in the program.

Annual reports were received from all but one chapter. The reports were well written and very interesting. All seem to have followed the guidelines and although the extreme weather interfered, most had regular meetings.

Mrs. Wanda Levelle, Director

EASTERN DISTRICT

1995

What a meeting we had at the 48th Eastern District of August 19, 1995 at the Cliffside Motel in Harpers Ferry. We had a 100% chapter representation, eight of ten state officers with a total of 42 daughters.

Bee Line Chapter, led by Mrs. Lyle Tabb, Regent, had the meeting room decorated with their Minute Men all in a line. The meeting started with delicious food and a friendly get-together in the pool area.

We listened to Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, State Regent and Mrs. Ottis Linger, State Corresponding Secretary, as they conducted workshops for chapter regents and treasurers.

The American History winners, Miss Karen Amber Breitlow, first place-seventh grade and Miss Emmy Brooke Grinnan, second place-fifth grade, read their essays to the delight of the group.

Mrs. Rumberg, State Regent, told us of her state project and all the latest news and changes from National Headquarters.

Our meeting closed with a memorial service for seven deceased members. Eastern District will visit Shepherdstown in 1996.

1996

The 49th Eastern District meeting was held on July 27, 1996, at the New Street Methodist Church in Shepherdstown, WV, with a total of 33 daughters in attendance and Pack Horse Ford Chapter as hostess.

The seven chapters in this district were very busy with many activities to learn about their community and spread the word of the DAR's work. William Henshaw, West Virginia's oldest chapter, gave the first West Virginia chair for Constitutional Hall.

Fort Ashby members have been cleaning up after the Fort caught fire on January 21, 1995. They cleaned, packed, and labeled each antique item before it was taken out of the Fort. Their goal was reached when they were able to hold their September meeting at home in the old Fort. Our 50th District meeting will be held in this Fort where our first meeting was held.

1997

Eastern District held its 50th Annual meeting on Saturday, August 9, 1997, at the Trinity Methodist Church in Fort Ashby with the Fort Ashby Chapter being our hostess.

Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, was elected Director and Mrs. Michael Ishman, Beeline Chapter, was elected Secretary/Treasurer for the next administration.

The District voted to give \$50.00, being one dollar for each year of our existence, toward the State Regent's project.

Following the business meeting we dismissed for a birthday party at Fort Ashby complete with a birthday cake with a real insignia marker. Tours of the newly restored Fort were proudly given.

Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Director

NORTHERN DISTRICT

1995

The Northern District held its 48th District Meeting on August 5, 1995, at Moundsville Country Club, Moundsville, West Virginia. The hostesses chapter was the Mound Chapter and its Regent, Mrs. Francis Bonar. A registration and coffee hour began at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Director, Mrs. John A. Davis. The ritual was followed. After the business meeting a memorial tribute was given in honor of those members who are no longer with us. Workshops were conducted by the State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, and Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., State Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Rumberg presented changes and new ideas for completing the required paperwork for the chapter.

The speaker for the luncheon was Mrs. Andrew Wallen, III, (Cindy), State Chairman for the Flag of the United States of America. She presented a program on the Flag and some interesting facts regarding the Flag. Also during the luncheon American History Essay Certificates were presented. The Northern District had three of four first place winners in West Virginia. Mrs. Rumberg made presentations to Alexcia Voyiatt, first place-fifth grade, sponsored by the Wheeling Chapter, and to Anna Halley

Zivkovich first place-eighth grade, sponsored by James Wood Chapter. Jessica Paige Goodson, first place-sixth grade winner was unable to attend.

Ohio Valley Chapter will host the 49th Northern District meeting.

1996

The Northern District held its 49th District Meeting on August 9, 1996, at the First Baptist Church, St. Marys, West Virginia. The hostess was Ohio Valley Chapter and its Regent, Mrs. John A. Davis and Vice Regent, Mrs. Ross D. Hart. A registration and coffee hour began at 9:00 A.M.

The business hour began with the call to order by the Director, Mrs. John A. Davis. The ritual was followed with all attending chapter regents participating. Distinguished guests were introduced. Mrs. Argil E. Sams, District Secretary, read the minutes of the 48th District Meeting and the Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Walter C. Crane, District Treasurer. A roll call of chapters was taken for registration. A nominating committee was elected, they are: Barbara Fish, Chairman, Charla Nutter, and Dina Braniff. A memorial tribute was given in honor of those members no longer with us.

The State Registrar, Carmen Silliman, and member of the South Branch Valley, presented the workshop for the group. Mrs. Silliman presented a workshop on genealogy. A luncheon was served with entertainment by Marsha Parsons.

Following lunch, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg made the following presentations: to Jennifer Branham, State winner for the DAR Good Citizen, she was sponsored by the Blennerhassett Chapter and to Megan Raquel Griffith, first place winner for the American History Essay-fifth grade, sponsored by the Anne Royall Chapter. Eleni Alexcia Voyiatt, first place winner for the American History Essay-sixth grade was unable to attend. She was sponsored by the Wheeling Chapter.

Wheeling Chapter will host the 59th Northern District meeting.

1997

The 50th Northern District meeting was held on Saturday, August 2, 1997, at Stratford Springs, Wheeling, West Virginia. The hostess chapter was Wheeling Chapter.

Newly elected district officers are: District Director-Mrs. Argil E. Sams (Jean); District Secretary-Mrs. Arthur Bonar (Frances); and District Treasurer-Mrs. James H. Carr (Pat).

The Northern District contributed \$100.00 to the State Regent's project.

Mrs. Mindy Davis, Director

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

1995

The 50th Anniversary Southern District meeting was held Friday, August 11, 1995, at Twin Falls State Park, Saulsville, West Virginia, with the John Cooke Chapter and Mrs. Leonard Lusk, Regent, serving as hostesses.

Six chapters were represented and 44 members and three guests were present. State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, National Organizing Secretary General, Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, along with four State Officers, three District Officers, seven State Chairmen, and five National Chairmen and Vice Chairmen attended.

Workshops were conducted by Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, State Regent, and Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., State Corresponding Secretary .

Mrs. Becky Leach presented a musical program after lunch featuring "Molly Pitchers Tavern".

Mrs. Rumberg spoke about items of interest to all chapters and Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, National Organizing Secretary General, gave a brief report on Continental Hall and extended her thanks for the support of the members.

A memorial service for deceased Daughters was conducted by Miss Katherine Kerrigan.

Mrs. William Luppold, Regent, Matthew French Chapter, extended the invitation to 1996 district meeting.

1997

The 52nd annual meeting of the Southern District was held July 25, 1997, at the Peterstown, Christian Church with Peters Mountain Chapter as hostess.

Five chapters were represented with 43 members and six guests present. State Regent, Mrs. Randall Rumberg, Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, National Organizing Secretary General, six State Officers, one National Chairman, two National Vice Chairmen, six State Chairmen, and two District Directors present.

State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg addressed the group on Continental Congress and showed a film of the 106th Congress. She informed the group of the State Conference October 24-26 at Barboursville, WV.

Mrs. Carmen Silliman, State Registrar, reported on the new directory on current members and their ancestors which is being published. Mrs. Dorothy Myers reported on the Cameo Club.

Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, gave a talk on our beautiful DAR buildings and her appreciation to us for being able to serve in her capacity.

New by-laws were adopted and a gift of \$100.00 was given to Mrs. Rumberg for the State Regent's project. Peters Mountain chapter presented her with a lovely porcelain clock and a cross-stitched plaque.

Madeline Eels, first place winner -sixth grade American History Contest, sponsored by Borderland Chapter read her winning essay and Mrs. Rumberg congratulated her and presented her with a certificate and a pin.

Mrs. Rumberg gave a short slide program on First Ladies of the DAR.

New officers were elected; they are: Mrs. Terry Kornegay, District Director; Mrs. Kathy Robertson, Secretary; and Miss Barbara Maxwell, Treasurer. They were installed by Mrs. Rumberg.

Mrs. Julia Ann Casey, Captain James Allen Chapter, gave a memorial for our deceased members after which she extended an invitation to the 1997 meeting from the Captain James Allen Chapter.

Mrs. Wanda Farris, Director

WESTERN DISTRICT

1995

The 48th annual meeting of the Western District was held at the Women's Club of Charleston on August 12, 1995, with the John Young Chapter serving as hostess.

85 members, including seven State Officers, one National Officer, three Honorary State Regents, two Past Vice Presidents General, one District Director, one National Chairman, five National Vice Chairmen, 21 State Chairmen, the President and Senior President of the West Virginia Society Children of the American Revolution and the State President of the Sons of the American Revolution were in attendance.

Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General brought greetings from the National Society and thanked Western District Daughters for their support of the Kemper Associates. Miss Paige Rumberg, State President of the West Virginia Society Children of the American Revolution greeted the assembly on behalf of her organization.

Workshops were conducted by Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, State Regent, and Mrs. Ottis Linger, State Corresponding Secretary.

Guests and members were entertained during the luncheon with patriotic music provided by Mrs. Melinda Crothers, Assistant Director of Music, Christ Church United Methodist Church. The keynote speaker at the luncheon was Mr. Fred H. Armstrong, Director, West Virginia Archives and History.

Mrs. Rumberg presented the State Good Citizenship Award to Miss Amy Boyer, sponsored by the Buford Chapter. Mrs. Rumberg also announced State and Chapter awards which had been presented to Chapters and State Chairmen from the Western District at Continental Congress. Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson, Western District Director, presented Mrs. Rumberg with a \$50.00 money corsage to be used for her State Project on behalf of the Western District.

The Western District is composed of eleven chapters and 710 members.

1996

The 49th annual meeting of the Western District was held at the Ramada Inn, South Charleston, on Friday, August 2, 1996, with the Kanawha Valley Chapter serving as hostess.

93 members, including eight State Officers, three District Directors, nine

Chapter Regents, 22 State Chairmen, two National Chairmen and nine National Vice Chairmen were in attendance. Ten of 11 chapters in the Western District were represented.

Mr. Stan Bumgardner from the WV Department of Archives and History scanned family Bible records in conjunction with the State Regent's project of preserving family history during the registration and reception. Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, State Registrar conducted a morning workshop on genealogy.

Mrs. Becky Leach of Beckley presented the luncheon program of song and verse entitled "Our Heritage in Patriotic Music". Door prizes, hand-crafted or baked by members of the Kanawha Valley Chapter, were awarded after the entertainment. Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, State Regent presented a certificate and pin to Melissa Ann Johnson, First Place winner for the seventh grade American History Essay.

Mrs. Rumberg was the keynote speaker for the afternoon session. Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson presented Mrs. Rumberg with a check for \$50.00 on behalf of the Western District for her State Project and a "DAR Is Fun" bear made by Mrs. Joan Collins, Registrar of Kanawha Valley Chapter.

The 50th annual meeting of the Western District will be hosted by the Westmoreland Chapter at the Gateway Holiday Inn in Barboursville on Saturday, July 26, 1997.

1997

The 50th Annual meeting of the Western District of the West Virginia Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held at the Gateway Inn on July 26, 1997. Westmoreland Chapter, Mrs. Robert Belcher, Regent, hosted the meeting. Seventy-nine members and guests attended including: six State Officers, two Honorary State Regents, one Honorary Vice President General, two District Directors, and 21 State Chairmen. Nine of the 11 chapters in the Western District were represented.

The Huntington VA Choir entertained at the luncheon meeting. A check for \$50.00 was given by the Western District to the Huntington Veteran Medical Center Chaplain's Fund. The Western District also contributed \$50.00 again this year to the State Regent's Project.

Western District Officers elected to serve for the next term are: Mrs. Cora P. Teel, Charles Lewis Chapter, Director; Mrs. John R. Henderickson, William Morris Chapter, Recording Secretary; and Miss Sally O. Cyrus, Buford Chapter, Treasurer.

Mrs. Shirley M. Gilkeson, Director

ANNE BAILEY CHAPTER, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

Anne Bailey Chapter, NSDAR has strived for the past 39 years to be of service to the community and its educational system. In 1995 we were privileged to present two ROTC medals, one to WV State College and one to the newly organized Junior ROTC at Capitol High School in Charleston.

We were honored to have W. Ross Young and his wife, Betty, as our guests at the November Veteran's Day Luncheon. Mr. Young is a survivor of the "Invasion of Normandy" and was presented a medal of thanks by the government of France in the May, 1994, reunion of World War II servicemen.

Anne Bailey Chapter presented two "American History Essay" contest certificates and three Good Citizenship Essay contest pins and certificates in 1995.

Our members have given service to both the April and September 1995 naturalization ceremonies by serving refreshments and distributing DAR Bookmarks and Constitution pamphlets.

"Bells Across America" was celebrated in five Kanawha County communities and Constitution Week was acknowledged at St. Albans library with a display and proclamation by Governor Caperton. Churches in Charleston, St. Albans, Cross Lanes Winfield, and Hurricane rang bells in commemoration of the signing of the Constitution at 4:00 P.M. on September 23rd.

1996

Anne Bailey Chapter has been very active this year. In October, 1995, we were privileged to have Noel Barton of the Genealogical Society of Utah present a program entitled "West Virginia's Appalachian Music Heritage. Our State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, presented "Focus on Change" at the joint meeting of William Morris, Charleston, and Ann Bailey Chapters in November. The Christmas season brought a program by George B. Warner entitled "Fourth Wiseman".

American History Contest winner for Anne Bailey, Whitney Spauling from Cedar Grove Community School was honored at a luncheon. She was accompanied by her parents and grandparents and presented her essay. Ruth Cornell and Counselor Rose McCune gave an impromptu program of banter and facts on the personalities and lives of the signers of the Constitution entitled "Can You Top This?"

In March a luncheon was given for our Good Citizen Essay Contest winners at the St. Albans Women's Club. Those honored were: Shannon Matulis of St. Albans High School, Aletha Jane Lee of Nitro High School, and Craig Allyn Toney of East Bank High School. They were accompanied by their parents and counselors.

April's program was given by Dorothy Harshbarger about DAR supported Indian Schools. June brought along Flag Day observance. Ruth Cornell gave a program on the History of the Flags in America from the Back Jack of England to the Stars and Stripes. Irene Brand, from Winfield, spoke to us in September on "The Impossible Dream" citing the formers of the Constitution. She has published 4 non-fictional and 11 fictional books, both historical and inspirational.

Our Constitution Week Chairman and her committee send 10 letters to television and radio stations in Kanawha and Putnam Counties urging them to recognize Constitution Week. Each member contacted her own church to ring bells or chimes on September 17th at 4:00 P.M. Mrs. Harris was invited to the Governor's press conference to receive a proclamation from the Governor. We also had a display for Constitution Week at the St. Albans Library. We attended the' naturalization ceremonies on September 25, 1995, and April 22, 1996. We passed out booklet, bookmarks, and cards with the Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag, What the Constitution means to You, Citizen's Responsibility, and the American's Creed. Throughout the year we provided the Clerk's office with the DAR Manual for Citizenship. We have passed out over 100 this year.

We sent school supplies and educational games, including 13 puzzle maps of the' original 13 colonies to Tamassee. 100 or more labels were sent to the schools.

Veterans at Riverside Nursing Home in St. Albans were remembered with personal care gifts at a dessert tea.

Our conservation project for this year is to restore the garden and clean the markers at Scary Creek-Putnam County, sight of Civil War battle on July 17, 1861. The garden was cleaned in early September and awaits new plants and cleaning of the markers.

Our chapter purchased a chair in Constitution Hall to honor our chapter organizing regent, Nina Somerville Hall.

1997

Anne Bailey Chapter enjoyed some outstanding speakers during the 1996-97 year.

Our own Barbara Bacon presented in vivid detail "Saving the Chilton House of Saint Albans." She personally stood in front of a bulldozer to prevent the devastation and is fondly known to her friends as the lady in her fur and tennis shoes" shouting "NO, NO, NO!" "Story of the Chilton Family" was presented with original deeds to farms and houses for shared viewing.

Veterans Day in November was emphasized with speakers Sgt. Mrs. J. W. Spits of St. Albans recalling her experiences in World War II as a WAC. Mr. Bill Wintz of St. Albans, author of three manuscripts on Kanawha County history, reviewed his works for the Chapter in February. "The Adena Indians in West Virginia" was presented by picture and indian artifacts by Dorothy Harshbarger. June's program was an outstanding presentation and display of "Flags of America" by Ruth Cornell. The flags' origin, reason for coloring, years of use and locality of use was presented. September brought a book review by George B. Warner on George Washington's War.

Anne Bailey honored two History Essay Contest winners and their families at the February "Founders Day" tea. They were Whitney Spaulding of Cedar Grove Community School and Scott Kautz of South Charleston Junior High. They were presented with pins and certificates.

The Good Citizenship essay winners were honored in March with a luncheon and presented with pins and certificates. They were Lori Ferrell of St. Albans High School and Erin Winter of Nitro High School.

The Constitution Week Committee sent letters to local radio and TV stations with spot announcements for their use. Spot announcements were also sent to area schools. Letters were sent to churches with requests to "ring their bells" on September 17 for "Bells Across America" and to place announcements in their bulletins. A proclamation was issued by Governor Cecil Underwood.

Two naturalization ceremonies were attended by Anne Bailey Committee members who passed out patriotic literature. Mary Alice Johnson also places 100 or more Americanism books at the federal court each year for study reference.

Tamassee and Bacone Schools each received 100 Campbells Soup labels.

Fifteen veterans at Riverside Nursing Home in St. Albans were furnished with shirts and socks at Christmas.

Our Conservation Committee's efforts to maintain the Scary Creek Battle Monument in Putnam County are ongoing.

Anna S. Stalnaker, Regent

ANNE ROYALL CHAPTER HARRISVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

Activities of the chapter are limited due to the number of local active members. We have selected a few Committees in which we devote our time and funds.

We donated one book to the National Library titled "Ritchie County, West Virginia Cemeteries - Through 1993" by the Ritchie County Historical Society.

We continue to provide support and leadership for the Elizabeth Zane Society CAR whose members have served as pages and aids for State Conferences.

Mrs. Alton G. Watson serves as State Librarian. Two Chapter members are serving as State Committee Chairmen, Mrs. Walter C. Crane, Seimes Microfilm, and Mrs. Kevin J. Phillips, Junior American Citizens. Mrs. Crane also serves as a member of the Finance Committee and is the Treasurer of the Northern District.

We received two East Central Division awards for Constitution Week activities. We are working on our fourth volume of obituaries copied on acid free paper for Genealogical Records. We contributed 100% to the President General's Project.

We save Campbell labels and Kroger receipts for Tamassee. We will in the near future purchase \$350.00 worth of school supplies to be taken to Tamassee along with our thrift store items and new gifts to be used for birthdays, etc.

Our Genealogy workshop was as one on one this year. We chose one local prospective member and worked only on her paper. After that initial workshop one member was able to finalize this one new member. Her papers are now pending. Our theory is one new member is better than none. We have lost three members due to death. Current membership totals 41.

We actively sponsor the Junior American Citizens Committee and had several entries in the contest. The two national Honorable Mention winners from West Virginia were sponsored by the Anne Royall Chapter.

We recognized a DAR Good Citizen, Mendy Walker. We support the Junior Member Committee by selling Innsbrook paper.

1996

The Anne Royall Chapter NSDAR reports the following activities:

Purchased one periodical for the NSDAR library, provided leadership and support for the Elizabeth Zane Society CAR, had a first place winner fifth grade American History Essay contest winner, had state, division, and national winners in the JAC contest, Chapter Regent attended Continental Congress, members attended Northern District meeting, was represented at the 1995 State Conference, participated in the joint chapter tea for the State Regent, recognized a DAR Good Citizen, mailed over \$250.00 worth of school supplies and personal items to Tamassee, mailed 300 labels to Tamassee, mailed Christmas cards to each Tamassee student, donated \$92.00 to the Seimes Microfilm Center, sold Innsbrook paper products for the Junior membership committee, purchased 24 flags for the Harrisville Volunteer Fire Department to fly on holidays on Main Street, bought and sold cookbooks for the School Committee, continued saving and copying obituaries for the Genealogical Records Committee, took large box of books, personal items and games to the Clarksburg VA Hospital, participated in the grave marking of Mrs. Edith Cooper Davis, former member of the Cooch's Bridge Chapter in Delaware at the Baptist Cemetery in Auburn, and participated in the State Regent's project.

1997

Highlights of the 1996-1997 year:

Sponsored the Elizabeth Zane Society CAR, only chapter in WV to have State/Division/National JAC winners, chapter was represented at Northern District meeting, recognized a DAR Good Citizen, mailed labels and packages to Tamassee, purchased 24 flags to be flown on Main Street of Harrisville, promoted Constitution Week and copied obituaries for the Genealogical Records Committee.

Randa Watson, Regent

BARBOURSVILLE CHAPTER BARBOURSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

96

The Chapter honored WWII women veterans during the annual Octoberfest in the City of Barboursville. Open House was 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. the first Saturday of the month and was open to the public. On display were pictures taken of women veterans during the war from the different uniformed services. Flag Codes, Constitutions, and Know the DAR books were available for distribution.

Our Chapter's Christmas luncheon was held at the Gateway in Barboursville, WV. The Cabell Midland High School Strings Quartet performed under the direction of Mr. Robert Brooks. American Christmas in Music was our theme. Mr. Brooks was honored with a hand painted mug for Preserving History in Music Today.

The Chapter was presented a program by Dr. Collins regarding American Indian Culture along with education of today. Of course, NSDAR schools were included in this program.

A picture and brief sketch of the Barboursville Toll House history was presented to KYOP VA Genealogical Society to be included into the book of Cabell County History.

The Chapter had a combined meeting with Buford and Westmoreland chapters for the State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg. The regents took Mrs. Rumberg out for lunch. Mrs. Miller presented the State Regent with a hand painted mug of the Toll House during the luncheon. The Chapter included a check for the State Regent's project.

We had a memorial service for deceased members and participated in the Memorial Day Services at the Woodmiere Cemetery with the laying of the Chapter wreath.

The Chapter presented six citizenship medals to the area schools: Two to Cabell Midland High School, two to Barboursville Middle School, and two to Milton Middle School. They were presented by Mrs. Mary Collins and Mrs. Dee Ball during school programs.

The Chapter is proud to volunteer for veterans at the Huntington VA medical Center. We have been identified having served 156 hours this year at the VAMC. Mrs. Dobbins was awarded the 500 Hour Volunteer Pin from the Hospital Director Phil Elkins.

A tea was given to the recipients of the citizenship medals and to one new member of our chapter with prospective members in attendance. The program was on the United States Flag.

The Chapter sponsored a genealogical workshop advertised to the public. The workshop was conducted by our registrar. We had a good turn out and distributed "Know the DAR" booklets.

We have one new member and one pending with two supplementals.

1997

The Chapter presented a living history program for open house during Octoberfest at the Toll House. There were reenactors from the Revolutionary War period and Civil War period. A display of the copy of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence along with an encampment of tents and display of artifacts from each period. The soldiers were in full dress uniforms. Visitors were treated with shooting of muskets and rifles. Flag codes, constitution booklets, and Know the DAR booklets were distributed.

Mrs. Martha Miller, State Chairman Correspondent Docents, gave a program on being a correspondent docent.

Our Christmas luncheon was held at the Gateway in Barboursville and was enjoyed by members and their families.

Our programs included: First Ladies of the White House and Mr. Dotson DNT

presented a slide program of Our State Wildlife.

We participated in the Memorial Day services at Woodmiere Cemetery by laying our Chapter's new wreath and additionally had a memorial service in our chapter meeting in May. We gave a tour and history of Chapter Toll House to the first grade class of Barboursville Elementary School and presented them with American pins, Constitution booklets and flag codes.

The Chapter honored the Citizenship medal winners and their families of Cable Midland High School, Barboursville Middle School, and Milton Middle School with a tea.

Martha E. Miller, Regent

BEE LINE CHAPTER CHARLES TOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

Bee Line's activities included: Our Flag Chairman distributed books to our members on the use of the flag; our veteran program include 1000 magazines, candy for parties, and canceled stamps for the wounded; our monetary gifts for schools were made in December; toilet articles and Campbells labels were collected; 75 Years of Mountain Magic was purchased and read by our members; our \$1,000 scholarship and the Good Citizenship medal were presented to two seniors; American History essays numbered 150, treasury bonds were presented to each grade participating; collecting old obituaries of those born before 1900; we had programs on the FBI, customs work in wildlife conversation, Women in Aviation in WWI, a local Indian writer of children's books, purchased books for the local libraries, Show and Tell of the 19th Century, DAR Schools, a Woman's travel aboard ship in 1860 and a tour of the Belle Boyd house.

We continue to mark our deceased members graves and support our local CAR chapter.

1996

Bee Line's activities for the year included: Our Constitution Chairman presented to each member the Constitution along with some explanation to why the legislature conducts business as they do; Veterans received candy and valentines, and stamps for the wounded amounted to 18.3 oz.; our monetary gifts for schools were made in December along with school supplies and Campbells labels; 27 members received the Educator certificate; completed papers for four children now accepted into the local chapter CAR; placed markers on graves of two deceased members; a Good Citizenship medal was given to a senior at the local high school; United States Savings Bonds were given to the winners of the American History essay contest; presented the book Into the Valley by C. F. Printz to the national library and our local library, the author being the husband of one of our members; our \$1,000 scholarship helped a young girl, the last of 11 children in the family, to receive her legal assistant degree; collecting obituaries of those 95 and older for the state. Our most interesting programs were: the reading of the vignette of our Revolutionary ancestor. These are being compiled for our Chapter's history. Pottery of the valley, period furniture, a visit to our Jefferson County Museum, local historian told of beginning of our country, picture slides of Revisiting D Day in WWII and Show and Tell of the 19th Century.

1997

Bee Line's activities for the year included: Two new members have been added to our declining roll. 14.2 ounces of stamps were collected for the wounded; five lap robes for the Veterans Hospital, toilet articles, candy, valentines and Christmas cards; Sold DAR Cookbooks for the DAR School funds, sent 900 Campbells soup labels and gifts at Christmas; presented a Good Citizenship medal to a high school senior; gave a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving student; U. S. Savings bonds to three winners of the essay contest which had 42 entries; a member of our chapter presented the compiled family genealogy of James McIntosh to the DAR Library; sent 40 obituaries of persons born before 1900; a member was given the Shenandoah University President's Award for Outstanding Service in Community History for her work in genealogy and the Jefferson County Tombstone Inscription book underwritten by our Chapter; members dressed in colonial costumes, served as hostesses to the descendants attending the birthday party honoring the founder of Charles Town, Charles Washington; our Show and Tell program of the 18th and 19th century artifacts has produced many outstanding historical articles. Other programs of great interest have been the Board of Education activities, Indian Education, Hospice and History of Jefferson County.

Mrs. Lyle C. Tabb, Regent

BLACKWATER CHAPTER PARSONS, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The Blackwater Chapter was organized with all new officers in April. We have 38 members and one new members. We have two prospective members pending, have lost two in death and one transfer.

All programs were based on the National Theme as required by NSDAR historical, Educational and Patriotic with ten meetings held on the second Saturday of each month.

DAR markers were given to family members to be placed within the stones. A memorial services was held in the Parson cemetery with several members attending. A flag was placed near a Revolutionary soldier's tomb, Mr. Thomas Hebb, a forefather of many of our members.

Flags were waved at different homes for the appropriate holidays; a program was given in conjunction with the use of flags, and relating the history of the many different American flags.

A program was given explaining Constitution Hall and the President General's project, the importance of preserving our Constitutional Amendments for our american way of life. National Defense reports were given at each meeting.

A program was planned on our DAR schools. Donations were sent; stamps and labels were collected by all members; school supplies were collected to take to our State Convention for the schools.

Citizenship medals and certificates were given to two high school students. Thirty plus student participated in the program.

Donations were given and stamps collected for the Veterans, we also volunteered time and transportation for medical check-ups.

We sponsored a genealogy workshop and have assisted five people with their lineage. Our Lineage Chairman opened her house and shared her collection of genealogy histories, court records, grave listings, etc., as well as her knowledge. Ancestor bars were also traced.

The Courtesy Chairman sent cards and flowers to ill members and to families. A news letter was sent from the Chapter Regent to encourage unity, fellowship and being part of the Chapter.

An award was given to a fifty year member with flower and picture.

Our chapter was represented at the State meeting.

1996

We have at this time 36 members, one new member, one prospective member, and two prospective members working on their lineage.

A 50-year pin was given to Mrs. Alice Smith. Program sheets were given and cards sent to shut-ins and hospitalized members. A memorial service and program were held and a Flag was placed on a revolutionary soldier's grave.

Flags were flown at appropriate holidays and a program was given on the use of flags. The United States and DAR flag are displayed at each meeting.

We had a program on the Constitution and participated in Constitution week celebrations including issuing proclamations and ringing church bells. We had a national defense report at each meeting.

We have one new member and one pending member.

The Blackwater Chapter also participated in the following: Attended the naturalization ceremony in Elkins where Mary Mahoney gave a recitation "I Am the Nation; representing, preserving history past and present as an Arnold descendant, hosting the Jonathan Arnold house during the Beverly Heritage Days on July 20, 1996; had a display at the library in Parsons; presented to the library a book on the Preston County History and the Monongahela County History; was represented at Continental Congress and district meeting; had a program and display on the American Indians; sold cookbooks for the DAR School Committee; collected soup labels and postage stamps; cleaned the island intersection at Nestorville and planted trees and flowers.

1997

The Blackwater chapter has worked toward their goal of being a unit responsible for leadership in promoting programs and displays and accomplished committees for education, patriotism and historical. Newsletters were mailed twice this year to members not attending or able to attend. Response has been encouraging. Deadlines were stressed for dues, and magazine subscriptions were encouraged. The DAR magazine was used at all chapter meetings. Sunshine and sympathy cards were sent as well as thank you notes for outstanding programs.

Membership has been rewarding with five members pending and two members working for ancestor bars. We have 39 members, losing one member in death. We

sponsored a genealogical workshop.

We celebrated Constitution Week with a proclamation by the Mayor and newspaper coverage. We had a special program on the Constitution and preserving our Constitutional Amendments for our American Way of Life. National Defense Reports were given at each meeting. Letters were sent to our representative in congress.

Conservation week was observed by planting flowers near roadways and parks.

The citizenship medals and certificates were given to two high school students. Donations of time and transportation were given to the veterans.

Louise Righman, Regent

BLENNERSHASSETT CHAPTER PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

Blennerhassett Chapter received the Honorable Mention, 100% participation in President General's project, Constitution Minutes, and other awards. We have 96 members including three new members and seven prospective members. We have had three deaths. The Chapter was represented at Continental Congress, State and District meetings. Awards were given this year for ROTC Medal, Good Citizenship, and the American History Essay Contest.

The Chapter collected soup labels, needed school supplies were given to a local school, VA donations in Wv, and the Veterans Administration in Chillicothe, OH, sent our Chapter a letter of thanks for all the magazines that were delivered to them. This year our chapter had 28 members and two prospective members volunteer at Henderson Hall. The Docents spend almost 800 hours in service.

We had many varied and interesting programs. Emily Brighton, a 6th grader, won second place in the State Social Studies contest presented her project on the DAR.

1996

Blennerhassett Chapter has 90 members including three new members. We have had four deaths. The Chapter was represented at Continental Congress, State and District meetings. Awards were given to Jennifer Branan, the State winner for Good Citizens. The ROTC medal was presented to one of the students at our local high school.

Letters of appreciation were received for donations made to Veterans Hospitals in WV and Ohio, school supplies were given to a local school, and five books were donated to the Vienna Library. We collected soup labels and volunteered our time at Henderson Hall.

We had many varied and interesting programs. Our Historian managed to get all members in our Chapter approved for grave markers.

1997

The Blennerhassett Chapter enthusiastically reports on a great year for WVDAR. We lost our Regent, Janie Decker, as she moved with her retiring husband to South Carolina. We have added four new members, two of which are Juniors! We were awarded Achievement Award Level #3 - the highest at Continental Congress. Now we must strive to maintain this level of participation.

One outstanding speaker this year was Cher Shaffer, a Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Historian and Artist. The topic of her presentation was "Today's Contemporary Indian Woman." We also saw the performance of a play ordered from National "The NSDAR - Its Origins and Organization".

Our members are working on their church records for the archives and are searching for a candidate for the American History Teacher Award.

Dina J. Braniff, Regent

BORDERLAND CHAPTER MOUNT HOPE, WEST VIRGINIA

Borderland Chapter has met all requirements. The Chapter has 19 members, six of whom are out of town and four of advanced age.

We participated in the American History essay contest and Constitution Week.

We had three meetings with the National Defense, President General's message read, and a program at each meeting.

In between meetings a newsletter is sent to all members.

Mrs. J. C. Gwinn, Corresponding Secretary

1997

Borderland Chapter is a small chapter consisting of 18 members; seven out of state, most elderly, but we try to carry on and do the best we are able. We have one prospective new member which is encouraging. We participated in the American History Essay Contest and were very proud to have our 6th grade entrant win the State award. We also participated in Constitution Week programs.

Since we are such a small chapter, we have only four meetings a years but at each meeting we have National Defense, President General's message and interesting programs. One especially interesting program was a book review on George Washing's life as a surveyor, taken from "Washington Writings" by John Rhodehamel.

Mrs. Wayne M. Plymale, Jr., Regent

BUFORD CHAPTER HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

Buford Chapter was honored to have our Good Citizens candidate win the State

Contest. Her award was presented at the Western District meeting. Our 7th grade first place American History winner won second place in the State contest.

In September, we were invited to be in the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II parade in Huntington. We had seven participants and two HODARS in three patriotically decorated cares, one tram, and the equipment carrier they brought the tank in on. What fun it was throwing candy and waiving. At our September meeting, we invited Ona's Boy Scout Troop 92 with their Scout Master, to help us dedicate a tree to the Oklahoma Bombing victims. We also honored them for their community service in helping fight fires around Milton with a Community Service Award and pin.

At our October meeting we honored a lady, who could, after 50 years tell us that she had helped break the codes of the enemy, bringing a quicker end to World War II and had as our speaker Marshall University's Battalion Commander of the Cadets and Cadre of ROTC.

We are looking forward to learning about the Battle of Point Pleasant and possibly honoring a WWII soldier. We plan to dedicate a recognition NSDAR sign along the Hal Green Exit which is the exit closest to our cabin.

Our December meeting is a shared social event with Westmoreland DAR and General Andrew Lewis SAR chapters and their guests. The Cabell Midland String Ensemble will entertain us.

In January we will learn about the NSDAR Museum rooms. We look forward to hearing the students read their American History essays in February. March brings information on the Southwestern Community Action program and April a local Archeologist will tell us about "The Original People."

In May in honor of our State Regent's visit we will have a shared meeting with Westmoreland and Barboursville DAR Chapters. We will end our year in June with Officer's reports and Ghost stories.

1996

One of goals for the year was to make Buford Chapter and the National Society more visible in our area.

We presented and dedicated a United States Flag to the West Huntington Library on Flag Day and dedicated a Flag at the Gazebo in Central City. In August we dedicated the Flag that Representative Nick Joe Rahall presented that had flown over the Capitol to the New Huntington High School. We were please to have our State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg present along with Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Organizing Secretary and 18 Buford members and guests. This event was a cooperative affair with the SAR and the American Legion Post 16's Honor Guard.

We presented three (3) Community Service Awards: one to a WWII WAVE who served her country by helping break the enemy codes and helped bring WWII to an early end; one to a Cabell Countian decorated WWII service man; and one to a HODAR for all his service to the veteran's hospital, church and our chapter.

Our Christmas luncheon was shared with Westmoreland DAR and Col. Andrew Lewis SAR Chapter and guests. Mr. Haron Brown, husband of our member Lorena Brown, was presented with a HODAR pin for all his faithful service to Buford Chapter. WV State SAR President presented the Martha Washington Medal to the Regents of the

Barboursville, Buford and Westmoreland DAR Chapters. Mrs. Cora P. Teel, Member-at-Large National Chairman, presented Ms. Rebecca Baldwin, a new member-at-large, with a DAR insignia pin.

Our February meeting was celebrated with the reading of 3 first place winners of the American History essay contest. Melissa Ann Johnson, 7th grade student at Enclow Elementary School won first place in the State contest.

We have had very interesting programs: The ROTC Battalion Commander spoke on national defense; the President of the Pt. Pleasant WV SAR told us about the Battle of Pt. Pleasant; a local archeologist displayed his collection of artifacts collected in and around the Huntington/Cabell county area, telling us about the "original people"; and Mrs. Rumberg spoke to us about preserving history and providing for education; additionally, we heard West Virginia ghost stories.

For Constitution Week we received proclamations from the Honorable Governor Gaston Caperton and Huntington Mayor Jean Dean. Signs were placed in stores and informational letters were sent to local churches, radio stations, television stations, to Senators Robert C. Byrd and John D. Rockefeller, IV, and to the Huntington Herald Dispatch; all members were requested to reflect on our freedoms and we had a high school senior tell us what the constitutional freedoms meant to him.

We presented a 65 year certificate of membership to two of our 90+ members. Additionally, we have a 50 year certificate to mail to an out of state member.

Our chapter has been very supportive of Veteran's hospital and Tamassee DAR School.

1997

This year our chapter heard about the female soldier in the field of battle; experienced working and living with the indians; learned more about the Sons of the American REvolution; listened to stories of West Virginia's past, heard an 85 year old veteran tell of his Pearl Harbor experiences, and planned a slide presentation on the NSDAR Museum.

The chapter met its financial obligations and was awarded second level achievement awards; was represented at three cemeteries for Memorial Day services; presented the book "Garberson and Allied Families" by Mary Brocklesby to NSDAR Library; monetary donation was given to the Huntington Veterans Hospital as well as magazines and books; won chapter and state VAVS Award; sent a monetary donation to Tamassee; collected Campbells soup labels for Tamassee and Hindman Settlement School; DAR Good citizenship awards were given at three middle schools; presented two ROTC medals and was represented at the ROTC military ball .

Our Good citizen winner was honored at the Christmas Luncheon with a certificate. She was presented the State award at the Western District meeting by our State Regent, Mrs. Jimelle Rumberg.

One of our members donated a collection of papers to a middle school, among them was West Virginia first ballad, "Ballad of Sergeant Champs."

A NC Chapter asked Buford Chapter to hold a grave marker dedication for one of their deceased daughters buried in Spring Hill Cemetery. Following the dedication a

open house was held at our Cabin for family, friends and daughters. Our State Regent, Mrs. Jimelle Rumberg and Mrs. Cora P. Teel, State Parliamentarian were in attendance.

American History Essay Contest had 46 entries from 6th, 7th, and 8th grades of two schools. The chapter presented bronze medals to three first place winners and certificate to all participants. We honored the winners, their parents, family members and teachers at our February meeting where the winners read their essays.

Our historical restoration project this year was repairing flooring, plumbing and replacing the roof at our historic log cabin.

Our Constitution chairman located and mailed invitations to eight new citizens in our are, inviting them to our meeting to present "Welcome to America" certificates that she had made. She also requested proclamations, sent Constitution Week information to 4 radio stations; 5 tv stations and 9 churches, had letters published in two newspapers; put a display in the downtown public library, and posters in 4 other libraries. Buford chapter won a Continental Congress award for Constitution Week Bells and Sidelights.

We were represented at Western, Central and Norther districts, State and National meetings.

We gained an associate member, two new members, had three transfers in; one transfer out, one resignation, and lost three by death.

Barbara Rutledge, Regent

CAPTAIN JAMES ALLEN CHAPTER BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

We are very proud of our own member Presley Wagoner, Outgoing State Regent, who was elected to the National Office of Organizing Secretary General. Our Chapter purchased a whole page ad in the DAR Magazine honoring Presley.

We are also very proud of our new State Regent, Jimelle Rumberg, who is an associate member of our chapter.

We took in two new members this past year. We purchased a book "History of West Virginia" written by Jim Wood and donated this to the National Library. We also purchased some books to be sent to the Indian School in Oregon. We also had a report on the American Indians.

We revised our By-Laws this past year and are trying some new things, such as having a night meeting.

We recognized four American History Essay Winners and presented them with pins and certificates. We also recognized six Good Citizens from each of the high schools in the County and presented them with pins and certificates. We presented an ROTC medal to a recipient at the High School Awards Program as well as having an ROTC Program given by Colonel Whit Campbell, head of the ROTC program.

We had a very successful Bazaar at our December meeting.

We also had programs on Constitution Week, the American Flag, and volunteering at the VA Hospital. We collected labels for Tamassee and sent them money.

1996

Captain James Allen Chapter has met all requirements.

A program was presented on American Indians by Dr. John R. Maestas and Dr. Maestas give the Chapter a copy of his book on his Indian tribe. This book was in turn given to the Chemawa Indian School.

Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner gave a review of protocol and pins.

We entertained with a luncheon for students and parents and American History essays were read.

Good Citizens and their parents were entertained at a meeting and awards were given.

An ROTC medal was awarded at Awards Day at Woodrow Wilson High School. We contributed \$100.00 to the West Virginia Cottage at Tamassee and \$500.00 to NSDAR to buy a chair for the West Virginia box in honor of Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner and Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg. \$25.00 was give to NSDAR for microfilm. We renewed a magazine subscription for the Charleston Cultural Center. We contributed 700 Campbells labels to Tamassee and helped with two parties at the Beckley Veterans Hospital and supplied gifts for the patients.

We received five new members and endorsed Virginia B. Johnson for Honorary Vice President General. Our annual Christmas Bazaar was a great success.

1997

The Captain James Allen Chapter is pleased to report the following: Good Citizens Awards; ROTC Medal; report on VA from Sandy Shrewsberry and gave toilet articles for patients; highlights on Tamassee by Nancy Kornegay; 10 members attended the State Convention; sold cookbooks; contributed \$100.00 to the State Regent's Project; a literacy program by Mrs. Lucy Acord; attended Peters Mountain Chapter carry-in-luncheon to meet Miss Pat and her girls from Tamassee; later sent "goodies" to the girls; Indian artifacts program; checked on the sick; many attended Southern District Meeting. Sponsored annual bazaar. Welcomed Karen Farris Lilly, our newest member. Collected soup labels.

Julia Ellison Casey, Regent

CHARLESTON CHAPTER CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

Charleston Chapter followed all National and State rules in ritual, order of business and programs.

In observance of Constitution Week, posters were placed in various churches and a window display with patriotic symbols and DAR material was in Stone & Thomas Department Store.

Charleston Chapter continues to provide the VA Hospital in Huntington with monetary gifts for patients each Christmas. On one trip, fruit was distributed to the patients.

National Defense awards were presented to three students at South Charleston Junior High School. A Good Citizenship award was presented to a Senior at DuPont High School. Jr. ROTC medals were presented to students at DuPont and East Bank High Schools. This chapter continues to turn in soup labels to Tamassee and to turn in "can money" obtained from recycling.

The most interesting and profitable money making project has been the memorial Day roadside stand at an interstate rest stop. We averaged about \$200.00 a day in donations.

The Charleston Chapter meets for lunch at noon the first Saturday in each month at the Rose City Cafeteria in South Charleston and welcomes any Daughter to come visit.

1997

Charleston Chapter followed all National and State rules in ritual, order of business and programs.

We continue to provide the VA Hospital in Huntington with monetary and personal gifts as well as visits and fruit at Christmas.

A Good Citizenship Award was presented to a Senior at DuPont High School. ROTC medals were presented to students at DuPont and East Bank High Schools. This chapter continues to turn in soup labels to Tamassee and to turn in "can money" obtained from recycling.

For a fund raiser this chapter participated in supplying hot dogs and refreshments at an area Interstate rest area during the Memorial Day Weekend.

The Chapter has had many interesting programs, one being a presentation by Dr. Armstrong from the Cultural Center on genealogy. Three members were inducted into the Chapter and one inactive member reactivated her membership.

Mrs. Harriet Brown, Regent

COLONEL CHARLES LEWIS CHAPTER POINT PLEASANT, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter met all of its financial obligations to the National Society this year and earned an Honor Roll certificate at Continental Congress. It continues to work with the schools in sponsoring American History and Good Citizens awards, and hopes to revive its JAC activity.

A highlight of the year was the program given by Miss Rose Ann Adams, past state chairman of the Commemorative Events Committee. Rose Ann was the speaker at our annual anniversary luncheon in June and spoke about life on the home front during the second world war. Members reminisced about the effect of the war on their lives and one guest described her life in Britain during the German bombing raids.

The chapter also participated in the Memorial Service for the soldiers who died at the Battle of Point Pleasant sponsored by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

1996

The highlight of the 1995-1996 year was the chapter's participation in the October Battle Days celebration in Point Pleasant which commemorates the anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant on October 10, 1774.

Our immediate past regent, Lois Bumgardner baked 1500 cookies for our open house and chapter members in colonial costume served as hostesses. Our regent and chaplain participated in the memorial service for the fallen soldiers, sponsored by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, and our chapter's wreath was placed with those laid by representatives from Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Over 8,000 people attended the four-day celebration.

One of our more interesting programs was presented by a woman U. S. Army veteran of Operation Desert Storm. Part of our observance of Constitution Week included a flag-burning ceremony led by our Flag Chairman, Mrs. Carroll Adams, in conjunction with the local SAR Chapter. 100 Flags were disposed of in an appropriate manner.

Our Chapter achieved Gold Honor Roll and was pleased to be able to donate \$100 to the Josephine C. Peters-West Virginia Cottage at Tamasee. We were honored to have the State Regent, Mrs. Rumberg, as the speaker at our 95th anniversary luncheon in June.

Mrs. Cora P. Teel, Regent

COLONEL MORGAN MORGAN CHAPTER FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA

995

During the past year, this chapter has lost one member and gained two. We presently have five working on application papers. We have donated lap robes, comfort items and money for canteen books to the VA hospital in Clarksburg. In conjunction with the other local chapter, we erected a DAR sign at the city limits and also together had a week-long pictorial display entitled "A Grateful Nation Remembers" at the Middletown Mall. Mrs. West Virginia performed. The student we sponsored to Girls' State was elected governor and spoke at our first meeting this fall. We also honored an American History Teacher of the Year, Brian Cole from Fairmont Senior High, and presented him with a pin and a certificate at the Board of Education meeting. We had bulletin boards at several schools and the Board office among other activities during American History month and Constitution week. We also held a memorial

service at a local cemetery during Memorial Day weekend honoring particularly the veterans interred there.

Our chapter has planned interesting and varied programs and activities for this year and look forward with anticipation to the coming holiday season and the months ahead.

1996

Our Chapter has had a good year although we have lost four members and gained only one. We have several working on their papers and are optimistic about increasing our membership. Our programs followed National guidelines and were well received by the members. Each year we sponsor a graduating senior to Girl' State and she was our speaker at our first meeting. During Constitution week we had bulletin boards in several schools, displays, and spot announcements on the radio and TV. We recently learned that one of our members is a World War II veteran and she was the speaker at our November meeting. Participation in the American History essay contest was good and three local chapters had a tea where the first, second, and third place winners were chose for the County. Our chapter is responsible for the maintenance of the David Morgan cemetery and we are presently making plans to purchase fencing and to renovate this neglected historical place. Our goal is to involve as many of our members who are physically able in all the activities of our chapter and we have a wonderful time doing this. We also gave a Good Citizens medal to a graduating senior girl and had a ROTC medal to present at WVU but were told there was no one deserving of receiving it this year.

1997

Our Chapter had a good year in spite of losing three members through death and three more for nonpayment of dues. But we will have several working on their papers at the present time. All programs met National guidelines and were both informative and entertaining. For Veterans Day, we planted a magnolia tree at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and held a dedication. We awarded certificates and medals to participants in the History essay contest. We have had declining participation in the Essay contest although all schools were notified through the County Board of Education Office. We showed two filmstrips from National, had a teacher speak for National Education week, honored our secretary for National Secretary's Day and had a Flag Day Tea at which we showed a filmstrip about the history of our flag.

Our Chapter sponsored a student to Girl's state and a boy to Conservation camp. We presented a Good Citizenship medal to a deserving senior at a local high school and a HODAR pin to a deserving husband of a DAR members. We subscribed to the DAR magazine for the local library and made a memorial donation to Prickett's Ford for our oldest members who was very active at the Ford. We also held a memorial service during visiting hours for one of our deceased members. Our most difficult project was to renovate the David Morgan cemetery. Brush was cut, a new fence was erected and the monuments that had been vandalized were reset. WE plan to plant spring flowers at the appropriate time. This renovation make this historic spot available to the public. We plan to have a dedication service and to install a DAR plaque. Our biggest project was to organize and conduct a tour of the Courthouse for the sixth grade at one of our middle schools. The purpose of the tour was to educate the students about our judicial process from the sheriff's office and the jail, where they were locked in a cell, then to the courtroom, the prosecuting attorney's office, and the juvenile probation office where each person explained the working of their office. On the landing between floors there is a painting of David Morgan's fight with the Indians.

The children sat on the stairway while a DAR member told the story. They also visited the tax office, the County Clerk's office and the records room. The tour ended with a visit to the museum where refreshments were served. We sent approximately fifty pounds of clothing to Crossnore School and last but not least, presented a DAR community service award to a deserving local historian.

Wanda Levelle, Regent

COLONEL WILLIAM LOWTHER CHAPTER SALEM, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The Colonel William Lowther Chapter held ten meetings and a planning session for the year with the themes following the requirements of the NSDAR. One highlight of the year was the essays on American History. Jessie Goodson, 6th grade student of the Salem Middle School won first place with her essay on "Living in America in the Colonial Days from 1607-1776". The entrants were presented certificates and money from the Chapter.

The Christmas program consisted of a covered dish dinner and \$50.00 was presented to the Veterans Administration Hospital for comfort gifts.

The 50th anniversary to commemorate the end of World War II was given by Dorothy B. Davis before a very captive audience, titled "How it Effected the Home Front." A Conservation program was given by Susan McCloud, Environmental Coordinator from the Office of Conservation, Education and Litter Control. Recycling was Susan's topic and we were given many reasons for recycling.

Our annual picnic was held in June at the Greathouse Pavilion at which time the Chapter presented two good citizenship awards to students from Doddridge and Harrison Counties and were entertained by the Salem WVCAR.

Three members attended the Northern District meeting in Moundsville.

1996

The Colonel William Lowther Chapter of the NSDAR held nine meetings and a planning session for the year with themes following the requirements of the NSDAR. Everyone enjoyed a very special program presented by the Doddridge County Historical Society and all members brought along beautiful family heirlooms and gave a short description of each item.

The Christmas program consisted of a dinner at a local restaurant and \$40.00 was presented to the Veterans Administration Hospital for comfort gifts.

The American History program was presented by Mrs. Dorothy B. Davis, a local retired English teacher, and impressive speaker. "Preserving History" was given by Mrs. Betty Dakan of the Daniel Davisson Chapter, Clarksburg.

A National Defense program was given by Chief Warrant Officer Blair Nutter with the National Guard Service. Blair received an award from National Defenders Magazine for his presentation to our chapter.

Our annual picnic was held in June at the Greathouse Pavilion at which time the Chapter presented two good citizenship awards to student from Doddridge and Harrison counties. We also welcomed two prospective members and will be assisting them with any genealogical research needed.

The Chapter purchased three DAR signs and the City of Salem placed them at the city limits early in the summer.

Eight members of our chapter attended the district meeting. We were presented an Honorable Mention certificate for the Chapter Achievement Award-A.

September 15, 1996, our chapter along with four other chapters in the Northern District held a reception for the State Regent, Mrs. Jimelle Rumberg, at the Blennerhassett Museum in Parkersburg.

1997

The Colonel William Lowther Chapter held ten meetings and a planni. session.

The Salem Apple Butter Festival is held in October and we rode in the parade to indicate how proud we are of NSDAR.

A very impressive program on the American Indian was presented by the Vice Regent of our chapter at which time she presented a lock that had secured the gates of the blockades. This very heavy and unusual lock had been in her husband's family for a number of years.

The Christmas program consisted of a dinner at a local restaurant and \$50.00 was presented to the Veterans Administration Hospital to purchase comfort gifts for the patients.

The National Defense program was a presented on the Pentagon and a number of items were brought to our attention and gave everyone something to think about.

Our Genealogical Research program was another very important evening. We not only had outside response to our program but we now have three new members and one associate member.

The annual picnic was held at the Greathouse Pavilion and the Chapter presented two good citizenship awards to students from Doddridge and Harrison counties. A very unusual program "therapy Dogs" was presented. These therapy dogs help with healing by providing love, understanding, and acceptance with no strings attached. They visit the hospitals and nursing homes in the area. A memorial service was given by the Chaplain for one of our deceased members.

Nine members attended the District meeting in Wheeling. We received the Chapter Achievement Award-Level 2.

Constitution week was remembered in churches and schools of the area and was proclaimed by the Mayor as a time of remembrance and reflection.

Mrs. Frances Davis, Regent

COLONEL ZACKQUILL MORGAN CHAPTER MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter remains a relatively small chapter but is active and characterized by cooperation and teamwork among its members. We lost one member in death.

The National and State requirements were met with regard to financial obligations and programs. The following programs were presented to meet requirements: The History of DAR Constitution Hall-Historical; Quilts-American Heritage; The Book of Virtues/Bill Bennett's Book-Educational; Revolutionary War Women Patriots-Patriotic.

The Chapter held a joint meeting with the Monongahela Valley Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists as guest speaker National Defense discussions. The Chapter participated in joint meetings with the Elizabeth Luddington Hagans-Colonel John/Evans Chapter for Flag Day. Constitution Day and the annual sing-along. The Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter was the hostess for the Flag Day luncheon with singers commemorating the Flag in song.

The Chapter participated in the July 4 parade held in Morgantown.

The Chapter sent information on Constitution Week and American History Month observances to WVPB TV station and to both local radio stations as well as the local newspaper. Information regarding DAR Scholarships, American History Month essay contests were mailed to the area schools. The Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter again awarded the Good Citizen at University High School with a pin and certificate. University High's winner, Angela Renzi, and we had a tie at Morgantown High and awarded both a pin and certificate, Adriana Hochberg and Angela Hollandsworth. American Flag pins were handed out at one local church for both Memorial Day and Veteran's day.

The Chapter presented the ROTC medal to a high school female ROTC senior. Members visited VA patients at local nursing homes and hospitals. Lap robes were sent to the VA Hospital.

We sent clothing to Kate Duncan Smith and Tamasee. Monetary contribution was made to Bacone College.

The Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter was awarded \$100.00 by National for Greatest Number of DAR Magazine subscriptions.

The regent and members of the chapter attended Continental Congress, WV State Congress, Central District meeting and Summer State meeting. Members serve district, State and National Society. Two members serve as Central Committee with National Recognition and two serve as chairmen of committees with state recognition. We are fortunate to have Kathleen Morton as one of our members.

We have one new Associate member and several working on applications.

1996

The Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter has 17 members and gained an

associate member this year. The chapter has met all financial assessments and obligations for the district, state and National requirements. The Regent and three members attended the State Conference in Parkersburg and the Central District Meeting. The chapter regent attended Continental Congress.

The Chapter had programs on: Outcome Based Education, Historical Homes of the Cheat Area of Monongalia County, American Indians, the American's Breed, and held a joint National Defense meeting with the Monongahela Valley Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists. The Chapter collected supplies for Tamassee at the December meeting and at the April meeting. Labels (20 Campbells and 36 Betty Crocker) were also sent to Tamassee. The chapter purchased and distributed small United States of America Flag label pins at Memorial Day, July 4, and Flag Day at two local churches. The chapter participated in the July 4 parade, Veteran's Day and Memorial Day Observances in Morgantown. The chapter sent recipes for the DAR School Committee Cookbook and has sold all of their chapter allotment of books. The chapter presented an ROTC medal to a Junior ROTC group at Parkersburg. Information on Good Citizenship, the DAR Good Citizen programs, DAR Scholarships, and the American History essay contest was sent to local high and middle schools. Material for readings on the school intercom was sent to Friendship Hill Elementary School and was read to approximately 450 students.

The chapter planted a redbud tree at the new home of the present Chapter Regent in memory of chapter associate member, Betty Morton. A gravemarker and memorial carnation was presented to the family of deceased members Mary Edwards and the family of Mary Thorne.

The chapter won Honorable Mention on the Achievement award from National and won \$120. award for having the highest percentage of subscriptions for a chapter in the East Central Division from the DAR magazine. The Chapter also won a state award for the DAR magazine percentage subscriptions. Chapter members fly the Flag of the United States daily, weather permitting.

The Chapter regent worked with Patriot Mining, the Department of Natural Resources and several local residents of the Laurel Pain Area to preserve a small family cemetery in danger of being eroded by strip mining.

The Chapter participated with the Elizabeth Ludington Hagens-Colonel John Evans chapter for a Flag Day luncheon, a February sing along at Friendship Manor and served as hostess for the Constitution Day luncheon for both chapters. A member of the chapter, Mildred Hancock assisted the Elizabeth Ludington Hagens Chapter with a genealogy workshop.

Members of the chapter serve as Central District Treasurer, two are state chairmen of three committees, one is vice regent and also is National President of the NDS DAR State Vice Regents Club.

1997

All our dues and financial obligations have been met. We won national recognition for magazine subscriptions and received a check for \$120. Received an Achievement Award at Continental Congress. Gave ROTC Award to Cadet Christopher Nixon at Special Ceremony held at WVU. Hosted Flag Day luncheon for Hagens/Evans Chapter as well as Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter, with speaker L. Co. Peggy Bahnsen. Marched in July 4 parade and lead the crown in Pledge of Allegiance. Had

recognition in the program and allowed to sit on the stage at the courthouse. Sold 16 cookbooks. Submitted Amber Davis for Occupation Therapy Scholarship; sent 17 pounds of clothes to Crossnore; sent 515 labels to Hillside school; Tamassee was sent a box of school supplies; 510 labels were sent to Berry College and Hildman Settlement was sent 30 labels; have had spot announcements for Constitution Week read at two schools; about 950 students and teachers heard these announcements on the PA system; have handed out scholarship material to two high schools and one junior high school; have handed out two gross American Flag Pins and Flag Key Chains at parades and at church on all appropriate holidays, July 4, memorial Day, and Veterans Day; have members working on literacy program and Volunteer drivers for meals on wheels; one member of our chapter is a state officer; two members serve as state chairmen; one members assisted a person to become a naturalized citizen; assisted in the preservation of a cemetery which contained a revolutionary war soldier's grave from being destroyed by a strip mine operation; we have several prospective members and have lost two members; have copied photographs to send to State Archives for preservation project; had a programs on Women in the American Revolution; the American Indian; historical homes in the Cheat Area and toured two homes; Ken Carvell spoke on History of Cheat Neck Area and we had a slide program on the Holy Land.

Dorcas K. Harbert, Regent

DANIEL DAVISSON CHAPTER CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

We have had many interesting programs this past year given by many education and capable chapter members and look forward to more in the coming year. We look forward to the State Regent's visit in May, 1996. In planning our programs, National guidelines are followed. The President General's message and a National Defense report is read at each meeting.

For Constitution Week, Dr. Eric Faust, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church gave a talk on the Constitution, including a test. We had a display at the local library, local book store, and at James and Law. The Mayor, Tom Flinn, signed a proclamation denoting Constitution week and we had an article in the local newspaper, radio announcements and announcements were placed in local church bulletins, and some churches rang their bells at 4:00 P.M.

The Daniel Davisson Cemetery, for which the chapter is serving as Trustees, has been cleaned, the sign painted and the flagpole repaired. The U. S. Flag will be flown on special occasions and flowers have been planted around the sign. Our chapter won a certificate for outstanding participation in Constitution minutes at the 104th Continental Congress in Washington.

We had a tea and memorial service to honor one deceased member. We have 62 members with one transfer pending. Three members attended the 48th Central District Meeting.

1996

We currently have 58 members.

Our activities for the year included: Columbus Day was commemorated with

our Vice Regent, Mrs. Betty Dakan, as speaker; Peter Taylor, Senior Instructor of the ROTC program at Washington Irving High School, told us about his program with the assistance of five members of the color guard; two of our teachers gave talks on history and education; in May we hosted our State Regent, Mrs. Jimelle Rumberg; in June, we had a memorial for a deceased member, Mrs. Beryl B. Griffin; presented to Captain Amber Lee Mosby, member of RPTC of Robert C. Byrd High School DAR Medal and certificate for her performance of the year 1995-96; three members attended the Central District Meeting, one who played the piano; the Daniel Davisson cemetery has been mowed, cleaned and flowers planted; an offering was taken, \$25., for the gentleman who has been doing the work; many thanks to our State Regent who provided us with a lawn mower; programs met National guidelines, the President General's message is read and National Defense Report is given at each meeting.

We plan to place a marker on the Patriot Grave of Samuel Boggus in the near future.

1997

We lost two members this year bringing us to 56 members. We have informative programs planned and have several prospective members working on papers.

Our programs for the year included: Mr. Jack Sandy Anderson spoke on John W. Davis, the only West Virginian to run for the President of the United States, his only daughter Julia, a noted writer, was born in Clarksburg, and the program centered on her life; Mr. Arthur L. Bennett spoke on National Defense; Mr. Rex Gardner, employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, National Resources Conservation Service, presented slides on Wind and Water Erosion, recycling land, etc.; Elinor Tonelli, gave an Oratorical Biography of Doly Madison, wife of Jaesm Madison; Attorney Peter J. Conley, President of the Board of Education for Harrison County, gave a talk on "Changes in Harrison County"; we again sponsored Family Heirlooms; we had a program on Mary Todd Lincoln; dedicated a DAR Marker for Samuel Boggess; presented an ROTC award to Valerie Smith; E. R. Kallay, Jr., Director of the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library spoke on the Constitution.

Anna Jeanne Summers, Regent

ELIZABETH CUMMINS JACKSON CHAPTER GRAFTON, WEST VIRGINIA

1996

The Elizabeth Cummings Jackson Chapter notes the following special events/programs:

Presentation of awards to the Grafton High School participants in the American History contest; the Regent and Chaplain road in the Veteran's Day parade and presented a wreath at Grafton, West Virginia's National Cemetery; local members decorated a float representing the 75th anniversary of the Elizabeth Cummins Jackson DAR chapter for the 129th Annual Memorial Day Parade, those visiting and riding on the float were: Kathleen Morton, State Vice Regent, Janet Blue, Chapter Regent, Katherine Sinsel, Chapter Chaplain, Mrs. James Holbert, Mrs. William Van Voohris, Morgantown Chapter and one associate member, the float received third place and a \$50.00 prize.

Our chapter placed three signs at the main entrance into Grafton along with other organizations; we were represented at our District meeting held in Fairmont. We continue to collect Campbells' Soup Labels for the schools.

1997

This year our chapter has several interesting programs to report: Columbus Day Program; during WV History month we had Joe Shaffer and five students as guests, the presented a program to us on the

State Capitol, Blennerhassett Island, History behind Valley Falls, Brown's Mountain, the history of the Philippi Covered Bridge.

We participated in the Memorial Day parade and presented a wreath at the Gravesite and attended the program which featured Senator Rockefeller as the guest speaker.

Mrs. Janet K. Blue, Regent

ELIZABETH ZANE CHAPTER BUCKHANNON, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

Elizabeth Zane Chapter is alive and well. We accepted three new members and five are presently working on papers. One resignation and one death this year makes our membership 47. Four daughters attended the Central District meeting in Weston and one attended the 89th State Conference in Morgantown. A box of health and beauty aids were taken to Crossnore this summer by the Regent. We sponsored a girl to Conservation Camp this past summer.

1996

Elizabeth Zane is alive and moving forward. We gained two new members, lost one by death and one by resignation make a total membership of 47. Eighteen are non-resident members. One daughter attended State Conference in October; four attended Central District meeting in August. We find members like programs given by their own and most programs are given that way. Next year Elizabeth Zane celebrates its 95th birthday. Our chapter combined with John Hart to entertain the State Regent at a lovely "Garden Party" luncheon in June.

1997

Elizabeth Zane continues to be active and fulfilling obligations. We received two new members as well as an associate member this year. Our chapter, along with John Hart, Blackwater, and James Barbour, hosted the Naturalization Ceremony on June 20, West Virginia Day, held at the Elkins Federal Building. We continue to have programs given by the members. Two members attended the Central District meeting at Blackwater Falls. Two awards were received from National: Chapter Achievement Award - Level I and Constitution Week - Bells and Sidelights.

Mrs. Frederick F. Valentine, Regent

**ELK RIVER CHAPTER
GASSAWAY, WEST VIRGINIA**

1996

We have eighteen members of which six are active. We have had two programs this year, one on DAR schools, the other on Pioneer Mothers. We have one member, Paula Shuman, that was responsible for getting a literacy program started in Braxton County.

1997

We have five active members, four of whom are elderly. We have marked and dedicated two of our deceased members' graves. We gave the library in Gassaway a bundle of flag codes.

Mary Dennison, Regent

**FORT ASHBY CHAPTER
FORT ASHBY, WEST VIRGINIA**

1996

The Fort Ashby Chapter has been very busy since our Fort caught fire January, 21, 1995. We just got all the contents back the first week in August. Every piece was cleaned, packed, and labeled before it was taken out of the Fort. It was like Christmas when we started unpacking. We were able to have our September meeting there and it was great to be back and have saved as much as we did. This was our basic goal for the year and we succeeded very well. We have had little time for group activities but three of our members visited Philadelphia and saw the Liberty Bell and went on the guided tour of the historical buildings. One member visited Colonial Williamsburg. At each meeting this year our members have been bringing family heirlooms for a look at our historical past. It was very rewarding because some of the items dated back to the Revolutionary War. Our chapter has been active in our churches, our schools, and other organizations. Being a small chapter, we do not have a lot to get involved with, especially since our money making source (recycling glass) stopped by the closing of our local glass plant.

Patricia R. Streett, Regent

**GENERAL ANDREW LEWIS CHAPTER
LEWISBURG, WEST VIRGINIA**

1995

The General Andrew Lewis Chapter, a Gold Honor Roll chapter, strives to make our meetings interesting with varied programs and activities. Outstanding programs have included presentations including: JROTC, Christmas memories, "Our History -- the Patriots of our Chapter Members", winners of the American History essay contest, and a program entitled "They Signed for Us", an excellent program on the signers of the Declaration of Independence. One of our most outstanding and delicious activities was a silent edible auction; proceeds benefitted the General Andrew Lewis Park in our town. We support our local public libraries with monetary donations, supported our library in Washington, D.C. with two book donations, and we supplied the DAR magazine and National Defender to local school and public libraries.

We, like other chapters, strive to increase our membership and are encouraging active membership. With our 62 members, we continue to be a strong, active chapter.

1996

The General Andrew Lewis Chapter continues to be strong with 60 members and are pleased to welcome two new members since last State Conference. The introduction of the Cameo Club will also increase our junior membership - two mothers are in the process of preparing their daughters' papers.

Our Chapter supports National and State projects. One of our "pet" projects is the DAR Schools project. We support the schools through memorial contributions, saving of labels, and saving of school supplies. To date, we have sold 38 cookbooks. We continue to support the Veteran's Hospital in Beckley with the donation of toiletries.

General Andrew Lewis is an active Chapter. On July 7, 1996, three members traveled to the Green Hill Cemetery in Union for the grave marking dedication ceremony of John Handley. In August we met with the Greenbrier Chapter of the SAR for a delicious meal and time of fellowship.

Our meetings offer interesting programs and time to reflect on our patriotism. Each month our Constitution chairman presents "Minutes from the Constitution". From that past comes our future.

Mrs. C. M. Hayes, Regent

1997

The General Andrew Lewis Chapter is comprised of 56 members. We try to have interesting programs and to promote historical awareness and patriotism in our schools and community.

In November, our Chapter was hostess for the State meeting at the Greenbrier Hotel. Our Past Regent and State National Defense Chairman, Linda Walls, was Chairman for the National Defense Luncheon. Paul Bugas who as head of the very secret defense bunker, "Project Greek Isles," was our speaker. He was awarded the Golden Key Award by our President General at that time.

Other programs included: Conversation in the Greenbrier Valley, a musical using antique musical instruments, our First Ladies, American History and Good Citizens Winners.

We have made monetary donations to our local libraries and the Eastern Greenbrier Junior High School library. We supply our local library and our two high schools with the DAR magazine. We sponsored a child for an educational week at Carnegie Hall. We awarded the Junior ROTC Medal to one outstanding student at Greenbrier East High School and one at Greenbrier West High School. We sent a box of toiletries to the Veterans Hospital and had a Constitution Week window in a local downtown store. We have had a very busy and eventful year.

Sally A. Ford, Regent

JAMES BARBOUR CHAPTER BELINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

Our Chapter has enjoyed the following interesting programs: Indians of the Southeast United States, Revolutionary People and Places, Period Rooms from the DAR Museum, Battle of Guadalcanal, Turning Point for the U.S. Navy in World War II, a National Defense Program on Education, Hospice, The First Amendment, and NSDAR Insignia.

Additionally, we prepared Eastern baskets for our elderly members who can no longer attend our meetings, accepted three new members, participated in the Memorial Day service at the Belington Fraternal Cemetery along with members of the VFW Auxiliary 410 to honor veterans and deceased DAR members; held a dinner honoring Good Citizen and essay winners and their parents, dedicated a marker at the grave of Helen Boyles Marsh, held a reception honoring Audra Lambert a 75 year member, was represented at the Central District meeting, celebrated Constitution Week with a proclamation signed by the Mayor.

We have completed all requirements for the National Achievement Award.

1996

Our programs this year were The Insignia, Lineage Research, Our Heritage Flag Protocol, Changes in the Teaching of History in the Schools, Citizenship, National and State Elections, Conservation and a tree planting dedication, Continental Congress Report, Recognition of Essay Winners, Nationalization and The Constitution. Five of our members attended the Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Building in Elkins in July. The Chapter presented a set of The DAR Patriot Index to the Philippi and Belington Libraries along with a subscription to the DAR Magazine for both libraries. We have had our Annual Memorial Day Program at Belington Fraternal Cemetery honoring deceased members and veterans. We also donated to the Veterans' Hospital in Clarksburg. The Chapter presented an American flag at Jackson's Mill. Six schools in the county participated in the DAR essay contest, certificates were presented to 216 students. Five metals were given to county essay and history winners. We honored our Good Citizen from Philip Barbour High School. We donated money to the Philippi Library for the purchase of a book on Colonial America. Four members attended the Central District meeting in August. We celebrated Constitution Week in September with a display of information on the Constitution at the Philippi Library and requested the ringing of bells in the county on Tuesday, September 17th to commemorate the signing of the Constitution.

1997

Our programs this year were Legislative Issues, Music Heritage, International Awareness of Mission Service, Historic Trails, Researching American Indians by Internet, Local Civil War History, Report on Continental Congress, Past History of the James Barbour Chapter, a Tour of the Anna Jarvis Home and The Constitution. The regent attended a meeting of the John Hart Chapter for a program given by Marian McCullough, State Chairman of the West Virginia Cottage.

We honored our essay winners and good citizens with metals, certificates and a covered dish dinner.

We presented a program on The History of the Flag and donated miniature flags

for a group of children at the Philippi Library.

We held our annual Memorial Day Program at Belington Fraternal Cemetery, honoring deceased members and veterans.

We renewed a subscription to the DAR Magazine for both the Belington and Philippi libraries.

Members of the chapter helped with a reception at the Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Building in Elkins.

The Chapter dedicated a grave marker at the graves of Glenna Hershman Stalnaker and Wanda Boyles Humphreys. We were represented at the Central District Meeting. We gained one member by transfer and one associate member.

Carol Corley Holbert, Regent

JAMES WOOD CHAPTER PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The reporting period of October 1, 1994 through October 1, 1995 was a roller coaster year for the James Wood Daughters.

Our monthly programs were interesting and informative and focused on the 50th Anniversary Celebration of World War II. We were proud to honor our own daughter Blanch Grueser who is a Marine Corps Veteran of World War II.

We sponsored outstanding DAR Good Citizens from three of our county high schools and were able to present each with a \$500 cash award. WE are fortunate to be able to present these awards and five college scholarships because of income earned from the Besse O. Stewart Trust for the James Wood DAR. In addition, because of the Palmer and Galbraith legacies we were able to donate substantially to the Indian and DAR Schools.

The high point of our year occurred when our entrant, 8th grader Anna Zivokovich, was presented the State Award for the American History Essay Contest.

In March we hit a valley so low that the heart and soul was pulled out of our chapter. Our Regent, Judy Cowan was killed in a tragic automobile accident. Judy served three terms as Regent of James Wood. We all appreciate the amount of unselfish giving of time, talent and resources that nine years of leading a chapter encompasses. We miss Judy terribly. This past spring we honored her dedication and commitment to DAR by providing the money to purchase an artifact for the Blennerhassett Museum in Parkersburg. The presentation of the gift received front page coverage in the Parkersburg Sentinel and raised the awareness of DAR activity in our community.

Because of an incredibly capable vice-regent and very supportive Board of Directors the James Wood Chapter has been able to rise again to meet its commitments to the National Society, the State Society and its own membership. Choosing as our theme, *Membership Satisfaction is the Key to Chapter Success*, we will focus internally

on the individual and corporate needs of our membership. We have started our new year on a high note with a new Board of Directors, the introduction of a quarterly newsletter, a successful dues tea and the celebration of Constitution Week. We have a positive outlook of what we can accomplish this year. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Rumberg and her new Board of Management as well as all West Virginia Daughters to Parkersburg for the 90th State Conference.

1997

During the past year James Wood daughters have again focused on a mini-theme "membership recruitment is the key to chapter growth." This these coordinates with the key theme of our President General, Mrs. Kemper.

Members were encouraged to follow the Registrar General's project of "each one gain one." We participated in a genealogy fair sponsored by the West August Historical Society. Many attendees became interested in the DAR when we explained that our activities included much more than hunting dead people and attending tea parties. Twelve participants indicated interest in joining us.

We experienced, again, the loss of several members including the passing of two of our finest past regents, Margie Jones and Mary Riggs. Since we have averaged four to six deaths a year we realize that our very survival as a chapter necessitates taking in new members. Since our chapter registrar has been very ill it became the individual responsibility of each member to find interested women and help them with research and application procedures.

Membership satisfaction has continued to grow with the aide of our quarterly newsletter *James Wood news*, and, attendance at meetings has increased because of variety in program, times, and places. Of great success was our Heritage Dinner to which members were invited to bring two important items: a favorite dish to share and a "show and tell" heirloom or story that related to their family's history.

Our membership recruitment tools were enhanced by the addition of a chapter banner. It is an attention-getter. At our dues tea it attracted the attention of a gentleman who said he had DAR memorabilia in his attic and would be glad to give it to us. We are happy to share these real treasures with the State Society.

This regent was pleased to attend the West Virginia State Conference, Continental Congress and the Northern District meeting on behalf of her chapter. All chapter officers agree that our State Regent, Mrs. Rumberg, has done an exceptional job of managing all State Society activities. However, her hard work and leadership ability were most evident in the success of her State Regent's project. We congratulate her and thank her for time well served.

Each year the James Wood chapter is privileged to award monetary gifts to individuals through the generous legacy of Ellen Scott Stewart that she established for the chapter in memory of her mother Besse O. Stewart. This year we awarded \$1500 to DAR Good Citizens, sponsored participants in Girls' State and Boys' State, donated \$200 to ROTC units, and awarded \$7500 in academic scholarships.

In the coming year we will continue our efforts to gain new members while we endeavor to involve more of our members in all aspects of DAR membership as we focus on our new mini-theme "membership involvements is the key to chapter service."

Mrs. Robert B. Fish, Jr., Regent

JOHN CHAPMAN CHAPTER BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The John Chapman Chapter has 94 members. Our Chapter has had a very busy year with good attendance and participation as well as excellent programs.

Our September and October meetings 1994 honored those who served in World War II (50th Anniversary) and the sacrifices made by all to maintain our freedom. Our September luncheon featured a veteran who served in dangerous areas during the war and his story brought tears to our eyes. We also honored a deceased member of our chapter who served during the war. At the October meeting members shared memories of their contribution and sacrifices during the war.

A member was presented her 50-Year Membership Pin. She shared with members her memories of half a century of service to our DAR. Our Chapter has five 50 Year Members. We also have a life member who is 101.

Our Chapter had memorial services for three deceased members, including a former regent. Their combined active services to DAR added up to 113 years.

Soup labels and donations were sent to four DAR schools. The Chapter sponsored the American History Essay Contest in six schools and presented certificates and medals to the winners. Over 200 students entered the contest. The Mayor proclaimed February as American History Month.

A favorite program "Archaeological Discoveries In Our Area" gave us the history of our area with slides as well as several on view finds.

Constitution Month 1995 was celebrated with a luncheon. A college professor presented a moving story of "The History of Our Constitution." Each member was presented with a copy of our United States Constitution.

At our local library our DAR Chapter supplies a section with books for historical research and helps people who want to find their ancestors.

Our Chapter was represented at District and State Meetings.

1996

The John Chapman Chapter observed Constitution Week with a special Patriotic luncheon honoring the 209th anniversary of the signing of our Constitution with a well known speaker, publicity and public displays. The Chapter concentrates its efforts on The American History essay contest in the 5th, 6th, and 7th grades with special awards and recognition of winners in all of our schools. Our chapter also presented Good Citizen Awards.

One member made memories of our ancestors come alive with her research for her program on the history of our area. Members later too a field trip to our historical Crab Orchard Museum. Our Chapter provides a special bookcase at our library where people can trace their ancestors, it is provided with new research books each year. memorial gifts were sent to our DAR schools for departed members as well as soup labels. One program told the history of famous West Virginia women including our own deceased member Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee who served many years in Congress.

Members visit nursing homes and take gifts to the residents.

Our Chapter was represented at both the Southern District meeting and the State Conference. Our Chapter is looking forward to celebrating its 90th anniversary in 1997.

1997

The John Chapman Chapter NSDAR, Bluefield, West Virginia, celebrated its 90th Birthday in February with a luncheon which took members down memory lane. There were 13 charter members in 1907 at the home of Mrs. Kate Baldwin who organized the chapter and served as regent for eight years. Our members dressed in clothes like the women wore then and reviewed their lives. The Chapter provided our library with a special book case 75 years ago where people can trace their ancestors. There is a book there with pictures as well as the story of the 13 founders of our Chapter.

The Chapter sponsors The American History Essay contest for our 5th, 6th, and 7th grades and had a second place State winner. All programs promoted "Education is the Key to our Future." One program, "the ABCs of West Virginia gave us the history and deeds of our ancestors who settled here.

This fall our year started Constitution Week luncheon with a special speaker who is a well known historian who educated us on the men and events that gave us our wonderful Constitution. Our members volunteer for many local projects, visit nursing homes and carry on the challenge given to members by the women who established our Chapter in 1907.

Miss Mary Lou Taylor, Regent

JOHN COOKE CHAPTER OCEANA, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The John Cooke Chapter took in one new member in 1995, also five applications have been submitted for five sisters. Their mother, who was a member of the John Cooke Chapter, passed away in March, 1995. There are also a couple of ladies working on their papers.

Fifty-five (55) gifts were delivered to the VA Hospital in Beckley for Christmas distribution.

A senior from each of the County high schools was honored as the DAR Good Citizen Winner. A reception was held for them and their parents. Certificates were given to them at graduation.

The John Cooke Chapter is working with the local library and are planning to set up an informational table and have a member of the Chapter present to answer any questions anyone may have.

Also plans are being made to work with the area Chamber of Commerce with some community projects and some projects for the schools. Possibly a coloring contest from kindergarten ages.

This summer a couple came to Oceana from Alexandria, Virginia, to view the gravesite of John Cooke, who was the first settler in Wyoming County. Anita Lusk and her husband met with them and took them to see the site and also some other historical places. Both Mrs. Lusk and her husband were glad to help someone out. They are descendants of John Cooke.

1997

We took in seven (7) new members. We have couple more who have been working on their papers.

We took 66 gifts to the VA hospital in Beckley. We recognized a senior from each of our four high schools. We had a reception on Sunday afternoon with a program and presentation of pins for the winners. Their parents and other guests were invited to attend this event. In 1998 this will have a very special meaning to two of our winners as their high schools will be closed after the 1998 year.

We set up an information table at the Oceana Library. We placed several pamphlets for public information at this table. We also had posters about DAR and had red and white mints as a gift for visitors to our table.

In November we are planning a small ceremony to place a wreath on the grave of John Cooke, for whom our chapter was named. We hope to invite the Town officers.

As a chapter we receive many inquiries about families which go back to John Cooke. We have one member who has really been able to help with these inquiries. We also plan to have a display in one of the store fronts about the DAR and possibly John Cooke in the coming year.

Anita C. Lusk, Regent

JOHN HART CHAPTER ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA

1996

John Hart Chapter officers and members entered the 1995-1996 year with lots of renewed vigor and participation for chapter activities and programs in the American Heritage, History, Education, Veterans and genealogical areas. With lots of inclement weather several meetings had to be canceled or rescheduled. All was coped with by telephone and a newsletter by the regent to the chapter members.

Our program chairman included programs that all members could participate in. Our December program, "Your DAR Family Holiday Traditions", had each attending member recall memories of their own favorite family tradition and how it came about. This brought lots of smiles, laughter and tears to all present.

Our chapter registrar has been active in all genealogical areas, has updated chapter records, and works with the community through the Allegheny Regional Historical Society. With her help we have four new members, three with applications pending, one member reinstatement, one transfer member pending, and several potential members working on applications. There have been four deaths. A genealogical workshop is being planned for this year. We are purchasing a Patriots Index.

Our chapter continues to support our DAR schools with labels, programs and chapter donations. The DAR Good Citizens Committee presented a program with three high school students receiving awards. The awards were presented by chapter members at graduation ceremonies of each high school. The American History Committee had very good results in having the American History teachers getting their students to write essays and enter our contest. There were over 180 entries.

National Defense reports were given at all meetings. Veterans were recognized and incorporated into two programs. Videos for Veterans in local care facilities were presented at Christmas and during the Memorial Service in May poems to our Veterans were recited.

The Constitution Week Committee had an enlightening program with guest speaker Dr. David Turner, an American History professor from Davis & Elkins College. Committee members, chapter members, the local ministerial association and other community members helped to distribute and display Constitution Week fliers. A Constitution Minute was read at each meeting.

Several chapter members volunteer at Davis Memorial Hospital One chapter member is currently serving on the Board. Other volunteer in their churches, the Literacy Challenge program and other community service programs such as meals on wheels, the food pantry drive, and walk-a-thons.

In July, our chapter sponsored the Naturalization program held at the Jennings Randolph Federal Building in Elkins. This year 65 new American citizens were sworn by the Honorable Robert Maxwell, Judge. Other DAR Chapters were invited to attend. James Barbour and Blackwater Chapters were represented making a total of 20 DAR members attending. Mary Mahoney recited a spirited patriotic monologue "I AM THE NATION".

Plans are being made by the chapter Conservation Committee to have another program and continue working with the area 4-H groups in their recycling programs and to plan a tree for Arbor Day.

1997

John Hart Chapter has had participation in the American Heritage, History, Naturalization, Educational, Veterans, Conservation, and Genealogy areas. We have had many members participating in various community projects and volunteer activities.

Our programs in History and American Heritage included a meeting held in one of the oldest historic churches in our area, the Tygart Valley Pres. Church, in Huttonsville, WV. We had an afternoon tea and tour of the historical Hutton House and a luncheon meeting and tour of the historic Graceland Mansion on the D & E Campus. American Heritage programs included music, History of the WV Dulcimer and family arts & crafts, Heritage Crafts-Your Homemade Crafts with chapter members participating.

We had four deaths and received four new members. We held a genealogy workshop program for our chapter.

For Constitution Week we had a guest speaker, Dr. Jane Woods, from Davis & Elkins College. Constitutional minutes and National Defense reports were read at each meeting.

Our chapter is receiving excellent cooperation from county schools in both American History and Good Citizens programs. Certificates and awards were presented to winning students. We also gave a \$500 scholarship awarding an outstanding nursing student at Randolph Vo-Tech Center. Our Chapter has again collected Campbell's labels, gave donations and had a program, with guest speaker, Mrs. Lyle McCullough, on Josephine C. Peters Cottage at Tamassee.

The Conservation Committee included a program with the WV Dairy Princess, Kimberly Fike, who spoke about the importance of including dairy products in our diet. Mrs. Jeanie Smith with the Department of Agriculture spoke on how to set up a West Virginia small business featuring homemade products. We continue to be active with our 4-H children.

Our chapter is also receiving cooperation of the American Legion, VFW, local 4-H and scout troops in presenting National Defense and Naturalization programs. Lap robes and videos were given to local veterans in local nursing facilities.

In October John Hart Chapter will be celebrating our 90th year. Celebration is being planned and incorporated in the October 17th meeting. The program will include reading the chapter's first meeting minutes and highlights of Chapter activities from 1907 to 1997.

Future plans for the Chapter include presentation of American Flags and having more chapter workshops for recruitment of new members.

Anita Claypoole, Regent

JOHN YOUNG CHAPTER CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

AWARDS:

- First - Constitution week activities
- First - Constitution Minute at each meeting
- First - in East Central Division - Membership
(105 members plus 8 in process)
- Second - American Heritage
- Gold Honor Roll -- THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The Chapter presented Orton Jones' book, "John Young, Lieutenant at Elk" plus other genealogical material to the DAR Library.

We recognized 19 fifth grade students for their participation in the American History Essay Contest. Good Citizens awards were presented to students.

We hosted the 48th Annual Western District Meeting.

On September 15th our Honorary President General, Mrs. Raymond F. Fleck, having accepting our invitation to share John Young Chapter's Constitution Weekend with us, joined our annual Veteran's party at Morris Memorial Nursing Home. She and

her husband wore colorful Minute Men's costumes. Ann put on a real show with her drums and stores. The Earl of Elkview joint her with his songs, patter, and musical saw (Lawyer George Daugherty). What with punch, cookies, and other goodies, . . . presents for all the veterans made a by a chapter member, gift bibs made by Virginia Johnson as she has done for the past three years, all enjoyed a fun afternoon.

On Saturday the 16th, Mrs. Fleck had her HODAR, Raymond Fleck, the County Commissioner, Gary King, and John Young members gathered at the Courthouse early in the morning in a mist to unveil two dogwood trees on each side of the monument John Young Chapter had dedicated 65 years previously in its first year as a DAR Chapter . . . dedicated to the founders of Kanawha County, now rededicated in 1995 with the help of a member present at the original ceremony as a small girl, Virginia Johnson, daughter of the organizer of our chapter.

A luncheon at the Kanawha Country Club followed with Mrs. Fleck as both Speaker and Soloist on her drums of several kinds, old and new, with demonstrations in teaching of one of our pages, much to the joy of all. HODAR Fleck presented a HODAR OF THE YEAR AWARD to the hardworking husband of a member, Charles Wooddell. The bazaar in the anteroom was pretty and lucrative as well.

We took part in the Veterans Day parade, some of us riding in Classic Cars, some marching dress in top hats banded in red, white and blue carrying banners and Commemorative flags, all enjoying the dedication of the memorial at the Capitol grounds, disbanding in Virginia's dining room for a lunch break.

1996

This year brought us our Fourth consecutive GOLD HONOR ROLL. Our membership continues to grow with 13 previously admitted this reporting year and 6 new members and 2 reinstatements at the October Board anticipated. We purchased a commemorative chair in the WV box to honor our new Honorary Vice President General, Virginia Johnson.

John Young Chapter made WV the first state in the nation to complete the indexing of the unindexed genealogical materials in the DAR Library Archives Washington, DC. The chapter submitted 1106 pages of the index, bound and ready for use, with bound copies furnished to our WV Archives and Marshall University Library. We exceeded our assessment in sending a \$500 contribution to the President General's Project.

We will again march by invitation in John Brawley Post No. 20 Veteran's Day Parade on foot with our banners and in our member's classic cars as we did last year.

For our third consecutive year we have celebrated Constitution Week with a "Bib Party" for the resident veterans at Morris memorial Nursing Home with a contest violinist, a guitarist, and the Earl of Elkview with his program of Irish songs and musical saw, and for the second consecutive years, the inspiring drumming program of Honorary President General, Ann Fleck entertained the veterans, guests, and families. All this took place on a beautiful sunny afternoon under a large awning followed by a refreshment buffet on the lawn. Morris Memorial gladly accepted this year's 125 bibs made and given by our members.

The luncheon at the Kanawha Country Club on the following day featured Honorary President General Ann Fleck, speaker, and her husband, Raymond Franklin Fleck, a veteran who has served in many war theaters and has much to tell of it, made a

dramatic entrance in Revolutionary Day costumes to the rolling of drums, posting the Flag. Rebecca Robbins sang a medley of songs honoring all the services. Awards were given and the members adjourned to check out our Christmas Bazaar.

Our Constitution Week Chairman, Mrs. Hiram King, decorated windows in the Charleston and South Charleston public libraries.

1997

We are particularly proud of our Achievement Award, Level 3 with over 500 points and our fifth consecutive year Gold Honor Roll status, along with 11 other awards. We have seven new members with 11 applications pending and one reinstatement. Seven members attended State Conference at the Greenbrier, four went to Continental Congress. We joined with the Woman's Club of Charleston to provide the reception following the May naturalization Ceremony with cookies, coffee, and punch and found it to be a wonderful experience for ourselves as well as for the new citizens. Our eight grade winner of the DAR American History Essay Contest was honored at Western District meeting which she attended with her family to receive her award and medal.

Constitution Week found us again with the veterans at Morris Memorial Nursing Home for our annual party and bib presentation. For the third consecutive year our Honorary President General Ann Fleck came to entertain the men with her drums and fun during the buffet on the lawn. She and her HODAR Ray joined in distributing the bibs (125 of them) which John Young members had made. Saturday's luncheon at the Kanawha Country Club with Honorary President General Ann Fleck as speaker and entertaining on her marimba was an unforgettable experience. Mrs. Cecil Underwood was present and read the Governor's Constitution Week Proclamation before presenting it to the chapter. We were also honored by greetings from our State Regent. We had constitution week displays in two libraries and in schools.

Our DAR library accepted five books plus abstractions of the 1850 and 1860 census of Monroe County. 713 pages of genealogical records have been submitted. We marched and drove our classic cars in the Veterans' Day Parade and presented an American Flag to the Little League.

Cleo Sears, Regent

KANAWHA VALLEY CHAPTER, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The Kanawha Valley Chapter is especially proud to claim as our the new State Regent, Jimelle Farris Rumberg. We also claim Shirley Gilkeson, who serves with many hats as Western District Director, Editor of the WV DAR News, and is on a national committee.

We had nine meetings last year and have nine planned for 1995. In February we had as our guests the American History Essay contest winners, and in April we had our Good Citizen Essay contest winners. Our Historic meeting was in March with Mr. Richard Andre showing his video "Spring Hill Cemetery-An Historical View". In May we had our National Defense program and our new officers were installed by our new State Regent. September brought our celebration of the Constitution. The Kanawha

Valley Regent had Mayor Andy Dolan of Madison proclaim Constitution Week and a copy was placed in the Boone-Madison Library. Both local newspapers ran an article for us. In October we had a very interesting heritage program in the lovely home of Phoebe Johnkoski. Our hostess also gave the program and displayed her beautiful handmade quilts.

The Kanawha Valley Chapter reports one new members with four sets of papers in Washington.

Our local newspapers have been very kind to run our articles and the next one will be about a Genealogy Workshop to be given at the Trinity Lutheran Church on the boulevard in Charleston on November 11, 1995. It will be free and open to the public.

1996

The Kanawha Valley Chapter, organized September 19, 1914, and chartered January 12, 1915, completed its 81st years of service to God, Home and Country with many accomplishments, including the Gold Honor Roll. We were represented at Continental Congress, the WVDAR State Conference and district meetings.

Programs and projects for the year included an award winning program an publicity for Constitution Week activities, which included a luncheon meeting with Dr. Eugene Harper, Chairman of the History Department at the University of Charleston as speaker. Other outstanding programs included: "Quilts in America" written and presented by Chapter vice Regent Mrs. Phoebe Johnkoski and entered in the American Heritage Contest; a presentation on the WV Room in the DAR Museum by Mrs. Walter L. Spearman, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent; "Historical Charleston Yesterday and Today" presented by local author Richard Andre; a National Defense program by Senator J. R. Buckalew; and a providing education luncheon with speakers Mrs. Cheryle Hall, a member of the Kanawha County Board of Education and Good Citizen winner John Riccardi. Additionally, members were generous in donating money, materials and time to the DAR schools, veterans and community service. Our Chapter always contributes 10% to the President General's Project.

The Chapter sponsored a genealogy workshop in November open to the public. We had good attendance and attracted several prospective members. Participants included representatives from the Daughters of the American Colonists, Dames of the Court of Honor, Colonial Dames, United Daughters of the Confederacy and several Historical Societies. Another workshop will be held in the spring of 1997.

The Kanawha Valley Chapter is committed to providing education and citizenship training to our youth by sponsoring the Kanawha Salines Society, Children of the American Revolution; sponsoring the Good Citizen programs in three area high schools; promoting the American History Essay Contest in several local schools and honoring the winners, teachers and parents at a luncheon; contributing to scholarship funds; providing DAR Manuals for new citizens; making contributions of clothing, school supplies and money to the DAR Schools; and providing flags, bookmarks and posters to local schools.

In August, the Kanawha Valley Chapter hosted the Western District meeting in Charleston. The Kanawha Valley Chapter is proud to have State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg and the Western District Director, Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson as members. At the District meeting the chapter presented Mrs. Rumberg with a lovely "DAR Is Fun" bear made by Mrs. Joan Collins, Registrar of the Kanawha Valley Chapter.

The Kanawha Valley Chapter welcomed eight new members, six by application and two by transfer, this year. We look forward to many more years of dedication to the objectives of our great organization.

Mrs. Betty Cox Jarrell, Regent

1997

106 members: Awarded NSDAR Achievement Award Level 3, Highest: 100%
President General's Project; contributed \$100.00 Josephine C. Peters Cottage at Tamassee; sponsored the sixth grade winner in the American History Essay Contest; sponsored three schools in the Good Citizen Contest; awarded ROTC medal to cadet at Sissonville High School; contributed clothing and Campbell's labels to all DAR Schools; donated time, money, and comfort items to both the VA Medical Center in Huntington and the Barboursville Veteran's Home; sponsored registration of Spanish American War Nurse for the Women in the Military Service Memorial; presented American Flags to ten classrooms; donated large outdoor American Flag to Cabell Academy and conducted Flag Dedication Ceremony. The Chapter had an outstanding Constitution Week celebration commencing with luncheon speaker Dr. Eugene Harper, a Fullbright Professor, who had recently returned from a government sponsored teaching assignment on Constitutional Law in Croatia; had three month long displays on the Constitution; distributed literature on the Constitution to several schools; wrote letters to area church and had articles in several church bulletins; had Proclamations from the Governor and two mayors and a picture and write-up in a local newspaper. Outstanding programs: Judge Charles McCarty, Our Judicial System; Lawyer Gerrett Jeter portraying Dr. Henry Ruffner; our Christmas Craft Workshop and Bazaar netted over \$300.00 for DAR Projects; WV Delegate Peggy Miller spoke on the Role of Women in Government and Retired Colonel Joe Copenhaver was our National Defense speaker. We gained six new members and lost three to death.

Mary Ellen McCarty, Regent

MAJOR WILLIAM HAYMOND CHAPTER FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

Our chapter scheduled meetings this last year with programs covering conservation (presentation of National DAR award), What Women did in World War II, Native Americans in the Southwest, D-Day at Normandy commemoration celebration, Christmas for Veterans where representatives of 21 military organizations were guests.

Our regent participated in special Julian Pierpont recognition at Memorial Day ceremonies at the Marion County Museum and Woodland Cemetery, including television coverage. She covered the dedication of the Anna Jarvis home place ceremony at Webster. She presented a Commemorative Community Flag in ceremony Veterans Day at Veterans Square in Fairmont.

Exhibits of World War II material were displayed in downtown Fairmont, and a week long display occupying a complete business location at Middletown Mall was conducted with Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter with accompanying video display and ended with refreshments and an appearance of Mrs. Senior West Virginia singing World War II era songs on Saturday night.

Citizenship manuals were purchased for our chapter, Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter, the Mannington and Fairview Libraries. We cooperated with Colonel Morgan Morgan in the purchase of our DAR Insignia which was erected at the entrance of our city line.

We made donations to the Veterans Square project, the Marion County Historical Society in honor of Betty Harr Koontz, Girls State, we donated Dunnington's History of Marion County to the National DAR Library, and placed a copy in the Mannington Library. We purchased a large brick with our Chapter name which has been installed in front of the Marion County Courthouse.

We made a contribution covering all members in completing our Chapter donation to the President General's Project. Our By-laws were amended as requested.

Our new year has gone forward with the preparation of our yearbook with interesting programs. Constitution Week Luncheon was celebrated in cooperation with Chapters Colonel Morgan Morgan and West Augusta with the presence of our State Regent as speaker. Newspaper coverage asked for flying of flags, churches were asked to publicize this week and ring bells, a display was placed in our County Library glass case, and announcements were made on television. We look forward to a year geared toward adding new members.

1996

Early in our year snow and ice kept causing our chapter to cancel programs which were scheduled. Mrs. Arthur Prichard was to speak on events which she remembered from having four brothers in World War II. Our Christmas party for veterans and our program on Native Americans were canceled. However, we had two Native American ladies who displayed dresses, jewelry, drums, and other items they had made.

For Constitution Week our churches were asked to publish the fact in the bulletins asking everyone to fly the Flags. A display was arranged in the case at the public library.

In June a Good Citizen award was presented to a female senior at Fairmont Senior High School.

1997

In October, 1996, Jack Anderson spoke to our chapter on Marion County history. Our December meeting included "Christmas Memories from our Childhood" and sending a monetary gift to the Veterans' Hospital. We had a first place winner in the state from our chapter in the American History Essay Contest in February.

A representative from the Anna Jarvis House gave a program in April. Our chapter made three important contributions during the year; to Prickett's Ford for outdoor lighting, to the Marion County Museum for porch furniture, and to the Veteran's Memorial Fund for a concrete bench to be installed on the plaza at the new building.

We sent a representative to Girl's State at Jackson's Mill and a Good Citizenship Award was given to a female senior on award's day.

Our Chapter hosted the Constitution Day luncheon in September at which time

the major signed a formal proclamation declaring the 17th to the 23rd a time to be observed in Fairmont.

Mrs. Betty Facemire, Regent

MATTHEW FRENCH CHAPTER PRINCETON, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The activities of the Matthew French Chapter have centered around program groups; patriotic education, public relations, and DAR schools. Our goal for next year is to concentrate on youth and adult education with the theme Preservation of History.

We patriotically acknowledged our Beckley Hospital Veterans by donating \$30.00 toward their Valentine's party and contributing 150 place cards. We have collected from our membership and distributed books and magazines as well as lotion and powder. We distributed 265 flags to area first graders. We contributed one JROTC award. During Constitution Week, we invited Peters Mountain DAR Chapter to our Constitution Week fund raising luncheon. We invited the public to ring the bell at the courthouse as well as appealed for help to find the courthouse bell clapper with a picture and article in the newspaper. We rang a bell at the ex-mayor of Princeton's house and had a tea for the 16 present. We contacted TV Channel 13, the radio station, 31 school principals, and area churches about Constitution Week. We had a window display at the library and contacted First Century Bank to indicate it was Constitution Week on the marquis. We secured a proclamation from City Council designating Constitution Week. Finally, we flew Flags during Constitution Week and encouraged our neighbors to do the same.

Our Public relations included hostessing a tea for World War II veterans at a local bank on December 7th. We had 8 members journey to the founder of our chapter in Wytheville. We acknowledged Mr. William Saunders with a DAR History Award. We recognize three high school seniors with good citizen pins.

DAR Schools are close to our heart. We collected items for the bird cage and school supplies. We had Nancy Kornegay talk on Tamassee schools.

Focusing on our year theme of Preserving History, we tailored our programs toward accomplishing this task. With the National theme of our heritage is the key to our future we felt we needed to gear one aspect toward providing hands on education of history to our future . . . the children. We are in the process of making two Heritage Trunks that will circulate the area schools and then permanently reside in a log cabin located next to the Princeton Chamber of Commerce. One trunk will be filled with toys and games geared for Kindergarten to 4th grade and the other trunk with hands on historical items geared for 5th and 6th graders. The items will be made, donated, or purchased by our members. Lists of books to read on related topics will be included. Education of adults will include our program on genealogical research methods, a slide show on items in the DAR museum and a program on a local museum.

1996

The Matthew French Chapter of the DAR designed our programs for 1995-1996 based on the National Theme of "Our Heritage is the Key to our Future" with all programs emphasizing preservation of history. As members of the National Society,

Daughters of the American Revolution our programs and activities were focused on preserving history, providing education, and promoting patriotism.

PRESERVING HISTORY - In October, Patty Booth gave a program on how to do genealogical research and Elizabeth Eskridge distributed materials on the Bill of Rights to our members. Our Chapter sponsored an American History Essay contest for grades 5-8. Our essay winner Laura Terry placed second in the state with her essay "Middle New River Explorers." We presented her with a \$50 savings bond for her efforts. Three programs were given with particular emphasis on preserving history. Wanda Hughes gave a National Defense program on the meaning of the 4th of July. Marguerite Miller presented a program on the ABC's of WV and Elizabeth Eskridge presented a slide show on the DAR Museum. In July, our chapter made an outing to the Crab Orchard Museum to view its exhibits.

PROVIDING EDUCATION - The Matthew French Chapter of the DAR provided \$100 scholarship to Lori Williams to attend Concord College. We donated education supplies to the DAR schools in September. We recycled aluminum to help finance our promotion of education and patriotism in the schools. Lyda Winfrey presented a program on Pocahontas complete with a grade school child, Sara Branson portraying Pocahontas. For American History month our chapter had a Martha Washington luncheon and sent letters to all area schools asking them to promote American History Month. Letters were also sent to area churches asking them to observe American History month. We

had a speaker to give us a program on General Mercer for whom Mercer County is named.

PROMOTING PATRIOTISM - Our chapter donated \$30 to the Veterans Hospital to be used for a Valentine's party. We also sent canceled stamps to be used by Veterans. We recognized three high school Good Citizens, William Monahan, Jeff Kanode, and Katrina Brown by inviting them to one of our meetings and presenting them with pins. We gave one JROTC medal this year. We gave Flags to all Princeton, Athens, and Spanishburg first graders to recognize American History Month. On Memorial Day we conducted a Memorial Service to recognize all Daughters and especially one of our founders, Mr. I. M. Smith. In September, 1996, to recognize Constitution Week we had a combined luncheon with Peters Mountain Chapter and invited State Regent, Mrs. Jimelle Rumberg, to be our speaker. We had a proclamation made at City Council meeting complete with a picture and article in the newspaper. We advertised Constitution Week via a bank marquis, radio spots, window display, church announcements, and word of mouth. We participated in the Bells Across America program and had a Constitution tea following our bell ringing at 4:00 P.M.

Our special project for this year was a heritage trunk, chaired by Margaret Ann Scott. Our main emphasis was to preserve historical toys and games in such a manner that they will be shared with generations to come in a hands-on-learning approach. The antique toys will be demonstrated in local elementary schools by our members. The trunk will be permanently displayed at the Mercer County Historical Society's Log Cabin Museum. This is an ongoing project. This project not only preserves history, but provides education and promotes patriotism. It perhaps is our best example of fulfilling our commitment to the organization, Daughters of the American Revolution.

1997

Throughout the year, the Matthew French Chapter had programs and projects supporting this year's theme of providing education. We focused on three areas of providing and recognizing education; youth, our own chapter members and adult

citizens of our community. Our chapter has tried to acknowledge and promote patriotic activities with our area youth in hopes of inspiring a lifelong love for our country. Programs particularly successful and delightful in this regard included inviting a high school brass quintet and two soloists to one of our meetings and one program on teaching the proper care and display of the Flag to our youth and our members. Elizabeth Eskridge gave a program on Crossnore and Tamasee which reaffirmed our need to support these schools. At this meeting, we collected clothes and items which we took to Crossnore for the school to profit from their sale. Throughout the year we also supported the schools by collecting labels and buying cookbooks.

Our chapter realizes the importance of recognizing our youth and their accomplishments. We acknowledge these students in the following ways: 1) We sponsored three different high schools Good Citizens; 2) We sponsored both the elementary essay contest: Trails West-The Oregon Trail, as well as the 10th grade essay contest on Christopher Columbus. The 10th grader who won our Chapter contest was also the WV State winner; 3) We gave out 81 ribbons to straight A American History students at Princeton High School, 9 ribbons at Pike View High School, and 7 ribbons at Montcalm High School; 4) We gave a \$100 college scholarship to outstanding senior Noel Kade; 5) Misty Goodwin was given the DAR JROTC award by our chapter.

One way our chapter has helped educate youth and adults has been through the assembly of trunks full of historical items. Last year, our chapter assembled a trunk full of historical games and toys. This year we have continued to give presentations using this trunk. Because of its success, we have assembled another trunk full of games, books and hands-on items to help teach West Virginia history to the Mercer County 8th grade students. Our chapter is also donating historical books to our public library to honor two of our 50 year members, Elizabeth Eskridge and Marguerite Miller.

Programs to help educate our members included a genealogical program, a National Defense program, an informative program on George Washington, and a program on the founders of Matthew French which was given at our 75th anniversary party for the founding of our chapter. At this party both Bluefield and Peters Mountain had chapter members in attendance. We hoped the genealogical program would enable our members to help prospective members complete their applications with the required genealogical information.

Our chapter completed three major projects, Constitution Week, a Genealogical workshop and American History Month, to help educate the public, to help the DAR celebrate historical events. During Constitution Week we had a tea and bell ringing event at a local historical house in Princeton, Peters Mountain Chapter attended. Six Boy Scouts and their parents were invited to put up the Flag and help ring the large dinner bell. The teachers and principal present helped the Boy Scouts complete a requirement for first class scout by discussing the Constitution with them. Three youth read from the pamphlet "What the Constitution Means to Me." Bags containing patriotic reading material, a Flag, a Flag pin, and Flag memo pad were given to each of the youth in attendance. Radio announcements were made to inform the public about Constitution Week and encourage the public's participation in the bell ringing event at 4:00 P.M. on September 17th. Two proclamations were made at City Council meeting. The first to designate Constitution Week and the second to acknowledge the international accomplishments of a Princeton native, William N. Eskridge in Constitutional law. A display on Constitution Week was placed in the City Hall. Bookmarks were placed in the library to be given away, proclaiming Constitution Week. The DAR pamphlets "The Constitution" by Mary Erb and "What the Constitution Means to Me" were left at the entrance of the Public Library to be picked

up by its patrons. An advertisement of Constitution Week and notice to ring bells was placed on a homepage of one of our members with 71 visitors to this site. Two articles and a picture in the newspaper helped us advertise Constitution Week. The Princeton High School Tiger TV and high school display advertised Constitution Week. Announcements were made in churches. At this tea, we collected books to be sold by the Princeton Learning Center to help finance the students who are studying to take their GED. There were 35-40 people in attendance. Last year our chapter received first place nationally for our Constitution Week celebration.

The second project was a genealogical workshop held at our local library. We advertised at the library, by posters, through other historical societies and by word of mouth. We did not have a good attendance, however, we felt this may have been due to snowy conditions. We learned a lot about how to organize the workshop and had good participation by our chapter members; hence, we hope to organize another workshop. We feel this is a way to find potential members.

The third project consisted of our Chapter celebrating American History month by giving 364 Flag pins to first graders in nine area elementary schools. We wrote to area schools to encourage participating in celebrating American History Month. We received three letters from area schools about activities they were doing to help celebrate American History Month. We had a broadcast made on Tiger TV at the local high school. We set up a library display at a local elementary library. The Chapter had a Martha Washington luncheon with a program on George Washington. We donated \$30 for a Veterans party at the local Veterans hospital. (In September we

donated bags of personal care items to veterans.) We made a proclamation at City Council for American History month.

The Matthew French Chapter has made plans for each monthly program for the coming year to have this year's theme of Promoting Patriotism. We plan to continue our support of our veteran's programs, our Flag pin programs for first graders, DAR JROTC recognition, Good Citizens, essay contests and promotion of patriotic holidays. We strongly feel that programs aimed at our youth have the most benefits for our efforts in promoting patriotism.

Mrs. Jennifer Luppold, Regent

MOUND CHAPTER MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The Mound Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution continued celebration of the 50th Commemorative year.

We had the following programs: Mr. Gary Rider, a teacher at John Marshall high School presented a program on the life of Jonathan Lockwood, a river boat captain and historical figure of the Moundsville area; Mr. William Harris, a Navy veteran and office in local, state and national American Legion, presented a program relating to our country's veterans; Ms. Naomi Lowe gave a book review on "A Christmas Tree full of bulbs: by Davis Grubb, Moundsville's noted author whose book "Fools Parade" was filmed in Moundsville; Mr. Stanley Stewart, Director of Northern Panhandles REAS

program spoke and answered many questions relating to various areas of this educational division; Dorothy Sedosky, National Defense Chairman presented a National Defense program; a patriotic program commemorating the World War II 50th Anniversary; the Marine Detachment located at Moundsville did a reenactment of the American Flag raising on Iwo Jima which was so impressive those in attendance were overwhelmed with the patriotic significance of this event. It was difficult for the minister to give the benediction; posters were distributed by our Commemorative committee throughout the county to our schools and veterans organizations; Mr. James Altmeyer, a local businessman who served as a Major in the Army spoke for Constitution Week program. Mr. Altmeyer earned a Silver Star of Heroism, three bronze stars, six air medals, the Army Commemorative Medal for Valor and the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry. He impressed upon the group the importance of our American rights and the importance and honor we give to our Country and Flag by the Pledge of Allegiance in our meetings.

Additionally, our chapter signed a petition requesting the pledge of Allegiance be given in all schools and all public Veterans meetings; we sent a collection of gifts to our Veteran's Hospital; were represented at a Veteran's Day Service and placed flowers on the Commemorative Wreath; sent a monetary gift to Tamassee DAR School; and were involved in activities related to our conservation program.

1996

The Mound Chapter had a successful year, we acquired three new members and have five more working on their papers.

In October Mr. William L. Burrall, a computer science instructor at Moundsville Junior High School, presented a program on the American Indians. He brought Indian information on the Internet and made pictures for us which we used at the State Meeting School Breakfast. He has won the Christie McAllif Chapter Award for Education.

Our Regent and Vice Regent attended Veteran's Day services at the Marshall County courthouse. The Regent placed the flower on the wreath. The speaker for our meeting was a veteran who served in the European Theater of War.

In lieu of Christmas gift exchange each member donated \$5.00 toward the Tamassee School and exchanged Christmas stories.

We had the following programs and representations: Education by Dr. Mary E. Komorowski, Professor at Bethany College; members brought family heirlooms and gave its history; a health program was given by Marshall County Health Department with information on different programs available to senior citizens; a National Defense program was given by Marine Department of National Guard. A community service award was given to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wood for restoring the Terrel Cemetery with Veterans of War of 1812; in May we had our annual dinner; our Regent and Vice Regent attended a memorial service at the St. Francis Catholic Church and a service at the courthouse where the Regent placed a flower in the wreath; our Chapter was also represented at a program at the Moundsville Baptist Church to honor all veterans; our Constitution Week program was presented by Judge Mark Karl, and placed Constitution Week posters in the schools, library and senior citizens apartments; a Marshall County American History Contest entrant placed third in the state; and we were represented at District Meeting.

Mrs. Frances Bonar, Regent

OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER ST. MARYS, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The Ohio Valley Chapter held its regular scheduled meetings and at each meeting the ritual was followed. All programs were informative and educational. Our Chapter is pleased to have two daughters serving during this administration's in the State Society. Mrs. Ross D., Hart is serving as the State Historian and Mrs. John A. Davis as Northern District Director. Members of the Ohio Valley Chapter continue to work on saving labels, collecting items, and donations for the DAR sponsored schools, members also donated funds to the State Regent's project. Members donate time to transporting of veterans to the VA Hospital in Clarksburg, items of need for the patients, and a listening ear in times of a veteran needing someone to talk with during the course of the day.

Members in the past year held a gigantic rummage sale and members donated items for the sale and the Chapter was able to collect a healthy sum of money for the two-day effort.

A continued goal is gaining new members.

In planning the schedule for the 95/96 meetings, the executive board voted to try a few money and time saving techniques. Instead of a luncheon each meeting, meetings are now being held in the library with a few refreshments with luncheon meetings being held only three times a year and the speakers for our meetings are being recruited from our own members and their experiences, such as genealogical research.

Throughout the year a DAR Good Citizen is presented with a certificate and pin at St. Marys High School. The Chapter sponsors the Middle Island Society CAR. Members attended Continental Congress, the WV State Conference, and the Northern District meeting. The Ohio Valley Chapter was pleased to have 86 students participate in the American History Essay contest from the Pleasant County Middle School.

Members continue with the observation of Constitution Week, flying of their Flag on every occasion, and subscribing to the DAR Magazine. Members participated in the Pause for the Pledge. members presented programs to other local organizations on The Flag of the United States of America.

1996

The Ohio Valley Chapter participated in many activities during the past year. We held all regularly scheduled meetings and at each meeting the members were followed. Members attended Continental Congress, State Conference, and district meetings. We were honored to host this year's Northern District meetings. We have two daughters serving on the State level - Mrs. Ross D. Hart is serving as State Historian, and Mrs. John A. Davis is serving as Northern District Director.

Throughout the past year we have had interesting programs and we have been using our own members as speakers. Programs included collecting and preserving history in genealogy, a show and tell of family heirlooms, a book review regarding West Virginia history, and the history of CAR. Members continue to collect labels and items to be donated to the DAR Schools. Many members enjoyed purchasing the new

cookbook. Members enjoyed donating items to the State Regent's project at the archives as well as donating money. Members continued their work with the local veterans, such as providing transportation.

We are proud to present a certificate and pin to the local DAR Good Citizen at St. Marys High School. We are currently working with the local CAR, Middle Island Society to increase their membership. We are also proud of the work with the local middle school and the participation in the American History Essay Contest. The School is the Pleasants County Middle School.

Members worked together to gather the history of the Ohio Valley Chapter., they began a card file for grave markers and we had all members approved for grave markers. We were able to donate once book to the National Library thanks to the hard work of one members and her genealogy research. Members also started a card file on themselves in which we placed dated of acceptance, all offices held on the local, district, or state level and all chairmanships held.

Members were active with or the organizations in the area such as the veterans, the Historical Society and the CAR to present programs to other organizations. Members continue to observe Constitution Week, subscribing to DAR Magazine, and flying their Flags. Members participated in the Pause for the Pledge and ringing of bells on September 17, 1996.

Members also attended the joint meeting with chapters of the District to host the State Regent for her chapter visit. All those attending enjoyed hearing about the State Regent's project and having the opportunity to visit with Mrs. Rumberg.

1997

The Ohio Valley Chapter held all regular scheduled meetings along with one program/planning board meeting, with all requirements being met. All rituals were followed. Member attended Continental Congress, State Conference, district meetings, and other chapter's meetings. We have two daughters serving on a State Level - Mrs. Ross D. Hart, State Historian, and Mrs. John A. Davis, Northern District Director. Our chapter lost six members this year due to death and non-payment of dues.

Throughout the year we have had many interesting programs: Mr. Michael Rolsten of Henderson Farms spoke about the history of the Hendersons, Henderson Hall, and how to become a docent; we had a "show and tell" of family heirlooms, the archives in Charleston, Antiques, the Flag of the United States of America, National Defense, and Conservation. In February, we enjoyed having as our guest the local essay winners for the 5th and 6th grades from Pleasants County Middle School. Each child discussed his essay on the Trail West. Each winner received a certificate and a pin.

Members continue collecting labels land items for donation to the DAR Schools and items for the Veterans Hospital in Clarksburg. Our work continued with the local veterans organization and members provided transportation for veterans. member continued collecting items to be donated to the State Regent's project.

Our chapter continued with its ongoing project of collecting and gathering the history of our chapter and maintaining a card file on the membership. We are currently working on a listing of deaths in Pleasant County and preparing these listings to be presented in book form and then donating these books, once we complete the indexing to the National Library.

Our membership is active in working with other organizations in the area such as veterans groups, historical societies, and CAR. Our members enjoy working with these organizations and are proud to represent our chapter and State DAR when asked to present programs. members continue to subscribe to the DAR magazine, fly their flags, and work to increase our membership. We are currently working on four sets of papers for approval.

Our Chapter began the 1997-98 DAR year in the observance of Constitution Week. Our Chapter Chairman had displays at two local libraries, St. Marys and Sisterville, and presented a program on the Constitution at our dues luncheon.

Our members were pleased to represent our chapter at the 50th Northern District meeting held at Stratford Springs, Wheeling.

We are proud to present a certificate and pin to a senior at St. Marys High School for being the local DAR Good Citizen winner. We continue our work with the CAR and are working on increasing the membership of the Middle Island Society CAR, as well as our own chapter membership.

Mrs. Mindy Davis, Regent

PACK HORSE FORD CHAPTER SHEPHERDSTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The following programs were presented to our Chapter this past reporting period: Remembering D-Day and the Landing at Normandy given by Dr. Howard Malin, Air Force Reserve Officer, Martinsburg Veterans Administration Center; The Current Status of Our National Defense, by Dr. Robert Wilgoos, Professor at Shepherd College; The Proper Wearing of NSDAR Insignias and Ribbons, given by our Vice Regent, Jean Elliott; Dr. James Price, local Shepherdstown historian, gave an in-depth program on Thomas Shepherd, the founder of Shepherdstown, and his family.

For Constitution Week we had a display at the Shepherdstown Elementary School Library and also the Mayor signed a proclamation.

We honored our essay winners and their families and teacher at our April meeting. The members of the John Augustine Washington Society, CAR were the guests of honor at our June picnic. They gave a program on American Indians. After the program the society was presented a donation.

We had two successful fund raisers to support our Archive Room at the Entler Hotel. We had a flea market table at the Shepherdstown Fire Department's Applebutter Festival and also had a house on tour during the Shepherdstown Old Tyme Christmas.

With the help of the Mayor and Town Council, we now have tow DAR Insignia signs posted as you enter the town from Maryland and Martinsburg. The town has been very helpful to the Chapter. We do have a little pull with the Mayor as his mother is a member of the John Hart Chapter.

The Chapter had its proudest moment in May when one of our members placed a marker on the grave of her Revolutionary Ancestor. The special guests attending the

dedication were members of the Atietam Chapter, NSDAR; the John Augustine Washington Society, DAR; many descendants of the patriot; and Chapter members. Following the very moving remembrance and dedication, all attendees were invited to a reception. It was a very wonderful day of celebration, fellowship, and making new friends.

1996

The following programs were presented to our Chapter this reporting period: Mrs. Jean Crolius Ehman, an expert in the field, to us the "Procedures of How to Have Your House Put on the Historic Register". Our members had two tours this year, we visited the Bell Boyd House which houses records and documents collected by the Berkeley County Historical Society with Don Wood, local genealogist and President of the Society as our guest speaker and tour guide. We also visited the Belle Grove Plantation near Strasburg, Va. The mansion once owned by the Isaac Hite family is now owned by the National Trust of Historic Homes.

On February 22, 1996, we celebrated our 80th birthday with a program and reception at the Entler Hotel. Guests enjoyed visiting our Archive Room at the hotel after our program. Guests in attendance were from Shepherd College, the two other ancestral societies and DAR daughters from other Chapters.

We continue to honor our essay winners and give financial support to local CAR Society.

1997

We traveled to Frederick, MD, for a private tour of the Barbara Fritchie House. Barbara greeted us at the door and gave us an informative history of the house and herself. We also traveled to Nation Headquarters by means of a slide projector and toured the Period Rooms at the Museum. Our Vice Regent, Jean Elliott, conducted a memorial service in memory of three deceased members. We were represented at the State Conference at the Greenbrier and Continental Congress. We held our annual National Defense Luncheon with Dr. Robert Wilgoos, Professor at Shepherd College, as our guest speaker. The Chapter also honored our essay winners. Over 30 people were present including students, parents, teachers, and chapter members. Mrs. Ruby Browning presented a book entitled "The World of George Washington: to the Shepherdstown Elementary School Library in memory of her mother, Bonnie Kate Fleisher Williams, who was the great-great granddaughter of Henry Fleisher, Revolutionary War Soldier. The Mayor of Shepherdstown signed a proclamation designating Constitution Week and also displays were placed in two schools. At our September, 1997, meeting, West Virginia Delegate John Overington spoke on the U. S. Constitution. Dr. Jim Price, local historian, was guest speaker at one of our meetings. He spoke on men who fought in the Revolutionary War from Shepherdstown and the Bee Line march to Boston. We supported the schools with labels and clothing, gave financial support to the local CAR, sent stamps to the veterans, rang church bells and placed flags at the cemetery gates in Shepherdstown on July 4th, had a display at Shepherdstown Elementary School celebrating American History Month. We continue to emphasize membership and to put numerous articles in local newspapers.

Mrs. Dorrene Hale, Regent

PETERS MOUNTAIN CHAPTER PETERSTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

Peters Mountain Chapter observed Constitution Week with a dinner and a speaker on the Constitution, the mayor declared observation of Constitution Week and posters were displayed in store windows. We also had a Constitution Week dinner and special program on the Constitution. Additionally, we attended a Constitution Week meeting with the Matthew French Chapter.

Our Chapter purchased the "DAR Patriot Index, Centennial Edition. The Chapter also displayed posters for National Bible Week. We have added two new members.

Chapter members donated \$30.00 to CAR. We honored our DAR Good Citizen with a special luncheon, a bond, and special recognition before her peer group on Awards Day at her school. National Defense reports were given at each meeting.

We had a special project for our local Veterans Hospital collecting socks, books, games, puzzles and toiletries for them. Our special project has been Tamassee School. Each month members contribute to a love gift for the school. The student names were divided among our chapter members so we might send them cards, letters, and gifts; 259 pairs of socks were taken to them along with school supplies valued at \$48.00. Three members attended the Founders Day proceedings at Tamassee.

Flags were placed in three local cemeteries for the Memorial Day weekend or Veterans graves.

We have two state committee chairmen and one state officer from our chapter.

1996

Peters Mountain Chapter has met all financial obligations and was represented at all State and District meetings. One member is now serving as a State officer and two members are serving as committee chairmen on the state level.

The Chapter observed National Bible Week, History Month, and Constitution Week with displays in local store windows and the town library. For Constitution Week we also celebrated with a dinner, special program and a proclamation from the mayor.

Five chapter members are now members of the new Cameo Club. We have added one new junior member this year.

The Chapter continues a long term project of marking Revolutionary War Soldier's graves and assisted an out of state chapter in doing so for one such grave in July. We have also applied to place a DAR marker on the grave of a recently deceased member.

Chapter members placed 258 Flags on veteran's graves in three local cemeteries during Memorial Day Weekend. The Chapter continues to remember veterans at Beckley Veterans Hospital with razors, comfort items, clothing, magazines, diddy bags, bibs, wheelchair bags, lap robes, and wallets.

We have a member who is a member of an American Indian Tribe who has

graciously given programs on native Americans to our chapter and school groups wearing typical indian dress. She has presented programs displaying artifacts, children's stories, tribal customs, songs, and the life of Native Americans both yesterday and today.

The Chapter honored our DAR Good Citizen with a special dinner, a bond, pin, and recognition for her before her peer group on Awards Day at her school.

Chapter members continue to keep in touch with Tamassee students with birthday cards, valentines, Christmas Cards, and letters. Each month we have a sock shower for the students and also collect a love gift for Tamassee. We also sent dictionaries, thesauruses, and colored pencils for their learning lab. Our Chapter has taken an active part in selling cookbooks for the benefit of Tamassee and Kate Duncan Smith Schools.

1997

All financial obligations of the Peters Mountain Chapter have been met for 1996-1997. A visit was made to the Veteran's Hospital in Beckley taking gifts in excess of \$300.00.

We have one member serving as a State Officer and another who served as State Conference Chairman at the Greenbrier as well as two State Committee Chairmen. Additionally, our Chapter assisted in hosting the State Conference at the Greenbrier.

Holiday cards were sent to all such-in members.

A highlight to our year was entertaining seven students from Tamassee along with one house parent and an additional chaperon for the weekend. We were joined for a carry-in dinner following which we were entertained by the students and their house mother.

A high school senior was selected as our Good Citizen recipient. She was honored with a dinner, a pin, and a \$100.00 savings bond. She was joined at our meeting by her mother, her sponsor, and a foreign exchange student from Brazil.

On Memorial Day weekend we placed 272 Flags on veteran graves in three local cemeteries.

Our group took a historical tour of Lewisburg.

Posters were displayed in prominent places in town for Constitution Week and Bible Week. Constitution Week was also celebrated by having a Constitution Week dinner. Additionally, members joined in the bell ringing sponsored by the Matthew French Chapter.

Tamassee has been a favored charity throughout the year. We have four members who belong to their Sunshine Club and send monthly contributions. We have sent monetary gifts of \$245.00 in addition to a microwave oven, 630 soup labels, 200 pounds of used clothing for the thrift shop, and individual gifts to the cottages.

We lost one member through transfer and gained one new member.

Mrs. Wanza Spangler, Regent

PHOEBE CUNNINGHAM CHAPTER GRANTSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

Our chapter is down to 19 members from a high of 33. Average attendance at meetings is 6. We meet monthly March through October.

We held a memorial service for our deceased members. We had a videotape presentation commemorating Flag Day. We toured Prickett's Fort and Fort New Salem. We awarded one Good Citizen Pin to a high school senior. We placed an advertisement in the DAR Magazine that is to appear in the November issue.

During Constitution Week we had an article printed in our local newspaper and had window displays in three areas of Calhoun County. School supplies were brought to State Conference for the DAR Schools. We are also collecting labels for schools.

In October we placed markers on the graves of two deceased members and had a World War II veteran speak about his experiences.

We participated 100% in the President General's Project and in the State Regent's project.

1996

Our most interesting speaker was an instructor from the Calhoun-Gilme Career Center who is an Environmental Science teacher. He discussed ways to use and conserve our resources. He displayed articles made from recycled materials, the most popular being floor mats made from recycled tires.

For our American Heritage program we learned how to make attractive gift boxes and bags by folding wallpaper.

We were caught-up by a report in the May issue of the DAR Magazine encouraging Daughters to recruit "bell ringers". We had 17 people participating throughout the county.

We made a visit to the battleground and mansion at Point Pleasant and a visit with members of the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter.

Our observance of Constitution Week was probably our best project. Posters of the Preamble to the Constitution were displayed at the high school and public library, and 1200 copies of DAR leaflets on the Constitution were distributed to the students; over 100 more to patrons of the library.

We have focused on making the DAR more visible in the county, and recruiting more members. This will continue to be our main focus next year.

During the year notices have been placed in the county paper recognizing and honoring veterans of World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Desert Store.

1997

We had the following programs/meeting: an organizational meeting for 1997;

a genealogy workshop; American Indian-WV History, History for Beginners; sent memorial gifts for Veterans; sent a gift to the Veterans Hospital; placed grave markers; displayed a butter paddle and a shoehook as part of American Heritage; had a guest speaker on literacy; sent monetary gift to Veterans Hospital; celebrated Constitution Week by publishing article in our local newspaper, a proclamation signed by the County Sheriff and a newspaper article urging bell ringing on September 17th.

Our primary goal is to gain new members.

Mrs. Lelia Hathaway Rose, Regent

SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

We had the following programs: DAR Schools, with emphasis on Tamasee and Kate Duncan Smith; a slide show on Constitution Hall; for Christmas members sent gifts and money to the veterans at the nearby Veterans Administration Center; Mrs. Donald Hale presented a video of her visits to the graves of all the United States Presidents; we honored the winners of the American History essay contest, more than 50 parents, relatives, and friends joined to hear the young people read their entries and be awarded medals; also Dr. Howard Gerald Malin was presented the prestigious NSDAR Metal of Honor. Dr. Malin is stationed at the local VA Center but his activities reach far and wide into many service categories. Awarding this medal was recognition of the valuable service Dr. Malin has contributed to his profession, his community and the veterans. Our conservation Chairman rounded out an artistic term with a program on birds presented by an officer of the local Audubon Society. Mrs. Brown has kept the chapter informed and aware of the depth and our duty to conserve the natural resources of our world.

The new year began in September when the young people of John Augustine Washington Society, CAR welcomed four new members into the chapter. They called the members the locks and the CAR the keys to the future. We are proud to support this active group. We continue to support the John Augustine Washington Society with finances and leadership.

We had a large lobby display in the Martinsburg/Berkeley County Public Library in celebration of Constitution Week. We rang our bells and took part in church Service. We also hosted a reception for newly naturalized citizens in June.

The Chapter has tried to meet all requirements. We have donated \$25.00 in cash and school supplies to Tamasee and Kate Duncan Smith as well as labels to various schools.

The student sponsored by the Chapter, Larua Ellen Lopley, has been selected as a winner of the Caroline E. Holt Nursing Scholarship.

Our membership stands at 49 with 6 new members added and one paper pending this year. We are working diligently to enlist new members.

1996

We began the 1995-96 year with John Augustine Washington CAR presenting

a program of welcome for four new members to the chapter. The young people used keys in their program to conform to the President General's slogan "Our Heritage is the Key to our Future."

Constitution Week was observed with a display in the Martinsburg/Berkeley County Public Library, ringing of bells in churches and homes, and spot announcements in schools and radio.

Names and addresses of members over age 90 were sent to the Chaplain General.

We had the following programs: We had a program on genealogy at the public library. Keith Hammersla, librarian, genealogist, and curator of the Adam Stephen House presented a program on using the facilities of the library and how to trace your ancestry; a program of Christmas music, prose and poetry, gifts were brought for veterans, labels for schools, and money for library books at Tamasee; in February members reported on the recipes they sent for the new DAR Cookbook; we had a 6th grade second place winner in the American History essay contest and a first place State winner in the 8th grade, we had a public meeting to hear the winners read their essays and receive their awards; we helped the John Augustine Washington CAR Society celebrate the Centennial of the CAR with a program at the library. Items were placed in a handmade box to be opened in 25 years. Most interesting was a program entitled "Westward the Women" presented by Doris Brown. She used hand-painted posters detailing the furnishings and comforts while traveling across the country in a prairie schooner or conestoga wagon. Women had to be adaptable and provide their own skills at medicine, cooking without wood, and guarding the safety of their families.

Those who attended Continental Congress brought back glowing reports of the bronze sculpture of an American eagle sheltering her eaglets which has been done by Donald Turner for the Society. Several small models will be sold with profit going to the President General's project.

We took part in the Naturalization ceremony June 27, 1996, at the courthouse with 16 persons became citizens. We furnished Flags and Flag Codes with CAR members helping in the distribution.

The Eastern District meeting was held in July with Pack Horse Ford Chapter as hostess. The annual business meeting took place in May and we were pleased that no memorial service was necessary.

We were presented a video called "A Step in Time" which featured types of women's footwear from the Middle Ages through the Colonial period.

Two new members names were presented for membership in September, 1996. Flowers were sent to Mrs. Flodia Hitt in September who was 100 years old and has been a DAR member for 40 years.

The Constitution Week display was put in the library lobby windows. Bells were rung in churches and homes. Spot announcements were made in schools and libraries and on the radio. The Constitution was mentioned in church services and in the church bulletins.

Cameo Society Charter applications will be accepted until October 1, 1996, as well as being able to include a deceased mother or daughter.

We are making every effort to attract new members for our chapter has under 50 members for the first time in many years. Our chapter is getting older but there is a dedicated core that carries on in the best tradition of DAR.

Dorothy C. Myers, Regent

SOUTH BRANCH VALLEY CHAPTER PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The current membership of our chapter is 69 including five junior members, we lost three members in death this year. The Chapter has placed a book in memory of each one of these deceased members in the library of her home community.

The South Branch Valley Chapter had the honor of marking the grave of Revolutionary Patriot Blaze Robertson in July. This Regent, assisted by chapter members, had the privilege of conducting the dedication ceremony which was attended by relatives from Indiana and Texas.

Another highlight of the year was the visit by our State Regent, Mrs. Joel Wagner in November.

Two members attended and actively participated in Continental Congress. They proudly cast their votes for West Virginia's own Presley Wagoner for Organizing Secretary General.

In May, our guest speaker was Miss Emily Larrivee, the granddaughter of a member of our Chapter. Miss Larrivee is a native of New Zealand and gave us a first hand account of life in her native country.

Constitution Week was emphasized with displays, proclamations, and radio spots. We also urged support of "Bells Across America" and had a guest speaker for our September program.

The Chapter had 46 entries in the history essay contest and had the local winners and their parents as invited guests of the March meeting.

For the second year, the Chapter awarded a Community Service Award and presented a Junior ROTC medal. We continue to take magazines and gifts to the VA Hospital and to contribute to the "Stamps for Veterans" project.

Other ongoing activities include the presentation of a Flag to a community organization, books to the DAR library, promotion of the Good Citizen award, and promoting DAR through news media.

The Chapter was awarded the National Gold Honor Roll and it had 100% participation in the President General's Project.

The Regent and members of South Branch Valley Chapter remain committed to the task of serving "God, Home, and Country."

1996

Dr. Charles Boggs (SAR) was our guest and speaker in November, 1995. He detailed the formation of the counties of our area. We celebrated the heritage of our area with a program by Dr. Carmen Rexrode who explained and demonstrated the music of the mountain dulcimer.

We had 56 entries in the American History Essay Contest. The winners were lunch guests of the chapter at which time they read their winning essays.

The Chapter presented a Junior ROTC award and Good Citizen Awards to graduating seniors in our counties.

A Century of Service - the Story of DAR was presented to the Grant County Library and Anchor of Liberty was presented to the Hampshire County Library in memory of deceased members.

Magazines and Christmas gifts were taken to the VA Hospital in Martinsburg for the patients there.

To celebrate Constitution Week, the Chapter sponsored displays and had spots on the radio.

Two members attended Continental Congress.

1997

We have a current membership of 64.

We are fortunate to have Carmen Silliman, a member of our Chapter, serve as State Registrar for the past three years.

The Chapter was the proud sponsor of Cassandra Sions Bradshaw who was recognized as the Honorable Mention winner of the Christopher Columbus essay contest. We also sponsored Wells Morgan Warner the third place winner of the American History essay contest for the 7th grade.

The Chapter is a 100% participant in the President General's Project.

We remember our veterans by sending gifts to patients in the VA Hospital at Martinsburg at Christmas.

In July we were honored to have our State Regent visit us, she shared with us about her State Project. The chapter has supported this project with a donation. We continue to have interesting programs at each meeting. Some of our most interesting ones have been by our own members including "Our DAR Buildings" by Morgan Dahmer and "The Flag of the USA" by Maggie Williams.

In March we hosted the local American History essay winners and their parents at our luncheon. Winners read their essays at this meeting.

Our Chapter Regent and State Registrar attended Continental Congress in April as Chapter delegates and reported to the Chapter at the May meeting.

In September we had guest speaker Lucy West, a Moorefield native, speak to the Chapter on "American's Founding Document-The Constitution, the Bill of Rights.

and the Declaration of Independent. Prior to this meeting members were involved in other activities highlighting Constitution Week. Displays were put in schools in our four county area and in local libraries. Spot announcements were made on radio station WELD and articles were placed in local newspapers. Citizens were encouraged to participate in "Ringing the Bells" and ministers were encouraged to include prayers for our nation during Constitution Week.

Members continue to collect labels for the schools and stamps for veterans.

Good Citizens were recognized at five schools and presented with pins and certificates.

Members learn interesting "tid-bits" about our Constitution with the presentation of the Constitution Minute at each of our meetings.

Five members attended our district meeting.

In response to several inquiries concerning membership in CAR, the Regent has assisted in obtaining the necessary papers and information for those interested. Further, she has encouraged active pursuit of membership in CAR of those eligible persons. At this time, plans remain on-going to mark a Revolutionary Patriot grave in the future.

Annabelle F. Vance, Regent

TRANS-ALLEGHENY CHAPTER WESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

996

In the past year we have had several interesting and informative programs. Among the most interesting topics covered were health, genealogy, local history, a visit and program by our Central District Director, a tribute to the blue, white and red, and a visit from our State Regent.

During the past year we presented one of our members with the Certificate of Excellence in Community Service Award. We place three DAR markers on graves for three deceased members, and had our Acting State Chaplain attended the ceremony.

Instead of a Christmas gift exchange we donated money and purchased food and gifts for a needy veteran's family. We are now in the process of planning a lunch to be held in conjunction with our genealogy workshop to raise money. We gained one new member this past year.

1997

In the past year we have had several interesting and informative programs. One of the most interesting was the genealogy workshop that was open to the public. Before the workshop was held a list of all members, past and present, was published in our county paper allowing the public to know if they had ancestors in the NSDAR. The workshop was quite successful and brought in future members. Another interesting program was given by a disabled veteran on the proper folding and care of the Flag.

We presented the NSDAR Conservation Medal and Certificate to Joseph Thomas Carney, State Conservation Chairman, for his work and expertise in

environmental issues in many areas and for his time and help to our local chapter.

Instead of Christmas gift exchange we donated money, food, and gifts to a needy veteran's family.

Mrs. Betty Heavner, Regent

WEST AUGUSTA CHAPTER MANNINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

West Augusta Chapter had a very good year. Members attended District Meeting and State Conference. Two went to Continental Congress on the bus with other West Virginia members. We especially enjoyed the election night celebration as our slate won.

We received a number of awards, including Silver Honor Roll Ribbon.

To students at North Marion High School, we gave three highest honors, two Good Citizens, One Good Citizenship, three American History Awards and scholarships to two girls to attend Rhododendron Girls' State.

We gave nine awards to winners of the American History Essay Contest at Mannington Middle School. One of them won second place in the county and another third place in the State. Awards were given to all county winners at a tea held for them and their parents by all three chapters. Our Chapter was in charge this year.

We presented Maxine Pruittee with the Volunteer Community Service Award.

We sponsored Jennifer Mills when she applied for a scholarship at attend WVU Medical School. She was successful in receiving a \$20,000.00 grant from NSDAR's Irene and Daisy MacGregor's Medical Scholarship Fund.

We had excellent programs - music, poetry, art, National Defense and four commemorative events, three on World War II and one on Julia Pierpont, the Mother of Memorial Day.

Members of the three chapters especially enjoyed the Constitution luncheon when Jimelle Rumberg, our State Regent, was the speaker. We are looking forward to another good year.

Rosemary Hess, Regent

WESTMORELAND CHAPTER HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The Westmoreland Chapter gained two members, one being Junior member, promoted the American History Essay Contest, gave Good citizen certificate and pin to five Wayne County Seniors, placed two DAR Insignia Community Signs, and published volume V, Wayne County Cemetery Book. The Cemetery Books are an ongoing project of the Chapter.

Bells Across America were joined by members celebrating Constitution Week. Displays, Proclamations and newsletters led the celebration. The report of this celebration has been sent to the State Chairman.

The Chapter met the requirements and received the Gold Honor Roll and the Continental Congress Award for 100% participation in the President General's project.

One member participated in a local parade for VJ Day and the 50th Anniversary signing of World War II Peace Accords.

Members participated in events and made contributions to the Huntington VA Medical Center. Two youths served as volunteers and gave the Chapter their hours during the summer months.

The Chapter provided leadership for Savage Grant Chapter, CAR and gave support to the SAR in locating graves of our Revolutionary Ancestors.

1996

Westmoreland Chapter gained three new members, one being a junior member, made all contributions and received the Gold Honor Roll/Chapter Achievement award.

Our ongoing project of locating graves in Wayne County and printing Cemetery Books has been most impressive and productive. Volume six was printed this year with 119 books sold.

American History was sponsored with 77 students participating.

Good Citizen pins and certificates were presented by members to seniors of all five Wayne County High Schools at graduation.

Four volunteers keep busy serving the Huntington VA Medical Center. Many members help to supply the needs of our Veterans. The VAVS Representative received Continental Congress Award for 100% attendance at the VAVS meetings. We had one Youth Volunteer. We sponsored the State winner for Outstanding Veteran Patient and State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, presented the award.

We presented three community service awards at the joint Christmas luncheon of Buford and Westmoreland Chapters and the Colonel Andrew Lewis Chapter SAR. Two members received the Martha Washington Award and one member received the Daughter of Liberty Award and the Medal of Appreciation Award from the SAR.

Members participated in a genealogical workshop at Marshall University.

The Westmoreland, Buford, and Barboursville Chapters had a combined Chapter meeting with the State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, being our guest speaker. Much was learned on preserving history and providing education.

In preserving history, members gathered the Chapter records from basements of various members homes and placed them in locked fire proof cabinet in the Ceredo Historical Society Museum. These records are non-accessible to the public and remain the property of DAR.

The Chapter gave support to the State Regent's project and the CAR. The State President of CAR, Paige Rumberg, gave a program at our chapter meeting on DAR membership.

Constitution Week was celebrated with "Bells Across America." Our September program was presented by a new Junior member. She gave an up-date of computer technology to view documents on the computer. A large display was placed in the Marshall University Library. Our strong team is the Key to the future.

1997

Westmoreland Chapter made all contributions and received the Chapter Achievement Award, Level three (the highest).

Our ongoing project of locating graves in Wayne County and printing cemetery books has been very productive. Volume seven is now 95% in the computer and will be published this year.

American History was sponsored with 87 students in seven schools participating. We had the 6th grade second place state winner and the 8th grade third place state winner.

One member serves as a volunteer for the American Red Cross and five volunteers keep very busy serving the Huntington VA Medical Center. Two members received Congress Awards for their participation in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the VAVS. We were one of the sponsoring Chapters for the registration of the Spanish American War Nurses, for the Women in Military Service for America Memorial. Members joined in the Veterans Day Parade riding in antique cars with our WV DAR License Plate.

Good Citizens pins and certificates were presented by members to seniors of all five high schools at graduation.

Outstanding programs in education were most enjoyable. Members learned the status of school consolidation and school to work program in Wayne County. A video program of Tamassee DAR School was presented by the Chapter Chairman, Maxine Mattill, and a Veteran spoke of his memories of Pearl Harbor at the joint Christmas luncheon of the Buford and Westmoreland Chapters. The NSDAR Insignia program was presented by Shirley Gilkeson, the National Chairman of Insignia.

Contributions were given to the Credo Historical Museum, a school group's educational trip to help sponsor a college student in the study of English. Members sold 56 cookbooks and sent 460 labels for Tamassee DAR School.

The Chapter gave support to the State Regent's project and was the hostess Chapter for the Western District Meeting.

The Chapter's outstanding junior member, Monica Brooks, received a Congress award for her participation in the Web Page of the DAR Magazine from the VIS Committee. She served as a page at the WV State Conference and at the Western District meeting. As our Constitution Week Chairman, Monica posted world wide Web sign on personal homepage announcing Constitution Week and Bells Across America. She gave a most educational program at the September Chapter meeting and also spoke to the Buford Chapter on Constitution Week.

Our members are a strong team and this is the KEY to the future.

Betty A. Belcher, Regent

WHEELING CHAPTER WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

Wheeling Chapter held ten meetings in the past year, skipping July and August due to members vacationing.

Our October meeting was entered around the NSDAR Insignia. Members were instructed on proper placement of pins on their ribbons, times to display them, meaning, and how to place orders.

The November meeting informed members of the past State Conference - the five members who attended gave varying reports and the members were fully informed of all phases of the conference. Our speaker, a Navy Wave, who was to speak on Women in the Navy was ill and unable to attend.

Our December meeting is always well attended and we had our book sale with proceeds used for lighting the Madonna of the Trail, this was followed by a book review on "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". Fun was had by all.

January brought along a tea and our program was given on postcards from the past. We have a member who has been written in the Goldenseal Magazine. The postcard collection contains over 5,000. Postcards presented at our meeting all concerned West Virginia historical sights.

February as always is devoted to our American History Essay Contest. Students, parents, and teachers were in attendance and essays were read, medals presented, and pictures taken. We were honored to have a first place state winner in the 6th grade.

March gave our members a special outing to the Ohio County Public Library. The library has a "Wheeling Room" which contains much of Wheeling's history. Several of our members had much to do with its beginning and it is staffed by DAR members. The library is located across from our City County Building, so many people use this room to trace information on family lines. Wheeling DAR members were brought up to date on this room.

April brought a lovely day and a book review was give on "Suitcases" on how the DAR helps children.

May was a covered dish luncheon and a report from Continental Congress and the election of officers.

June, our closing meeting for the year, was election of officers followed by a book review on "The Agenda".

Together again in September, we devoted our program to Constitution Week and also Naturalization. We in Wheeling are fortunate that the Naturalization Ceremony

is held here in October. We are privileged to participate in this ceremony. Wheeling Chapter furnishes the Federal Court with the DAR Manual for Citizenship, which is given to all who are in need of it, and we also give one of the welcoming addresses. We refreshed our members at this meeting of the history of DAR's participation of Ellis Island.

The big activity of our Chapter is the National Pike Festival which in Wheeling is in May. We are fortunate to have the second Madonna of the Trail in our City. This year we held a church service for the Wagon Train as it passed through. already a committee is working on the program for next year. Costumes, actors, and historical research is ever ongoing.

We are gaining new members and are working with out junior members to keep DAR moving forward.

Mrs. Robert Weiler, Regent

WILLIAM HENSHAW CHAPTER MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

William Henshaw Chapter joined the other four chapters in June for dinner at Bodine Restaurant. State Regent, Mrs. Presley Wagoner gave a talk on Constitution Week.

Mrs. Margaret Reese gave a talk on World War II. Mrs. Ruth DeHaven spoke on American Indian; Mr. Donald Dirting spoke on Conservation; Mr. David R. Deuell, Principal of Martinsburg high School, on the programs for education; Mrs. Ruth Martin, a new member, spoke on how you find your background.

American History essays received 119; we had one first place state winner and one third place state winner. All received pins and certificates.

One member attended the ROTC dinner and presented one cadet with a bronze medal. Three students received Good Citizenship medals and certificates.

We assisted with the naturalization ceremony and handed out Flags to 32 immigrants.

Campbells' labels were sent to Tamassee School

A wreath was placed on the tomb of Adam Stephen, founder of Martinsburg and a Revolutionary War hero. Our Regent placed the wreath. The Chapter toured the Belle Boyd Museum.

1996

Highlights of our year include: Seven members and friends took a bus trip to Washington, D.C.; Mr. James Smith, County Commission, talked on Martinsburg and about the changes; Mr. Max W. Grove spoke on "Remember Ancestors"; Mr. William Sonnik spoke on education in Berkeley County; we presented DAR Good Citizens Award; American History essay winners - we had two girls and one boy. A good crowd came to hear the children read their essays. We had 200 essays submitted; four first

place; four second place; and five third place winners. Mrs. Dottie Hough talked about the VA hospital and the changes there; SPC Paul G. Pressy, Sr., spoke to us on why we are supporting Bosnia; we contributed \$1,000 to purchase two chairs for Constitution Hall; we gave Shepherd College \$400 for nursing scholarships; we served refreshments to 25 immigrants when they took their citizenship oath; ROTC was given a Bronze Metal and a dinner to present the awards; 466 Campbell's labels were sent to Tamassee School; we joined with three other chapters for a luncheon for Mrs. Rumberg, she spoke on the Constitution.

Wylia Belle Keesecker, Regent

WILLIAM MORRIS CHAPTER CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

The William Morris Chapter met regularly during the year. Among the programs enjoyed this year were: A program on Native American Art, given by Mrs. Marry Riddle of South Charleston; a World War II Commemorative program featuring Mr. Kelly Goddard of the VFW; a program by a foreign exchange student from Denmark; a luncheon at the Wren's News in St. Albans, during which our two representative at Continental Congress informally described their experiences there. This was followed by a tour of the historic Chilton House in St. Albans; a program on Conservation by Pam VanHorn of the State Department of Natural Resources.

The Chapter continues to be committed to education and sponsors two scholarships. We also contribute money to the DAR Schools and took gifts for Tamassee of clothing, toiletries, school supplies and 967 Campbells' soup labels. This year we will sponsor an American History Essay contest.

We began the year with 58 members. We added one new member but regret to report one transfer to a chapter in Virginia and four resignations. In February we mourned the death of Mrs. Dorothy D. Crocker, one of our two remaining Charter members. At this time three sets of papers are ready to be submitted and two more sets have been sent to interested persons.

1996

The William Morris Chapter scheduled its usual 10 monthly meetings but canceled January and February due to snow.

We enjoyed a number of outstanding programs during the year: a slide and lecture program on Native American History; a joint meeting with Anne Bailey and Charleston chapters at which Jimelle Rumberg, State Regent, was the speaker and honored guest; a program on Colonial Christmases; a program by Richard Andre, Charleston historian; a visit to the historic Virginia Chapel in Cedar Grove; a program by Jamie Lynch of the Cultural Center on William Morris, Sr.; a Constitution celebration with a discussion of "Miracle at Philadelphia - the Story of the Constitutional Convention".

The chapter continues its commitment to education. We sponsor two scholarships. We also contribute to the DAR Schools and took gifts of school supplies and Campbell's labels to the 1995 State Conference. We hope to sponsor an American History essay contest this year, approaching a different group of schools.

Our Chapter began the year with 53 members, added one member but lost one to resignation, and lost four in death. We are currently working with two prospective new members.

1997

The William Morris Chapter scheduled its usual 10 meetings. Interesting programs included: A representative of Kanawha Valley Senior Services talking about helps and services available to senior citizens in our area; "Andrew Wyeth, American Painter"; "Pearl Harbor Day, by a representative of the American Legion; a round-table discussion in which each member presented shared information about her Revolutionary ancestor; information shared about a visit to countries behind the iron curtain, eastern Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, and Austria; a reception at the South Charleston public library honoring our American History Essay Contest winners; a book review, "Brave Companion, a Biography"; a volunteer at the local Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints Library shared information about the library as well as the main Mormon Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, she is a prospective member; a program on the Constitution.

The Chapter continues its commitment to education. We sponsor a scholarship which this year is helping a student at WVU School of Medicine. We also contribute money to the DAR Schools and save Campbell's soup labels for Tamassee. We are again sponsoring an American History essay contest.

We lost three members in death and had one resignation.

Nellie Lou Edelman, Chapter Regent

YE TOWNE OF BATH BERKELEY SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA

1995

Ye Towne of Bath Chapter has 48 members, five new members, one resignation, and one prospective member.

Lap robes and other gifts for Veteran Patients were distributed through the VA Hospital in Martinsburg.

A tour of the historical Belle Boyd House and a video of other historic sites in Berkeley County were presented by Mr. Don Woods, curator, with the assistance of Mrs. Dorothy Myers.

The DAR Good Citizen essay winner read her essay and was the guest of honor at the Christmas dinner meeting.

Past Regent pins were presented to two past regents. Our most immediate past regent, Mrs. Mary Nicholas, requested a donation be made to Tamassee in lieu of her past regent's pin. All past regents pins have been presented.

"Pillars of Patriotism" was presented to the American History essay winner and teacher.

On Memorial Day, a wreath was placed on the War Memorial Monument in Berkeley Springs and red silk carnations were placed on 20 graves of deceased daughters.

Our Chapter participated in a program commemorating the 175th anniversary of Morgan County. Local newspaper and radio media cooperated with Ye Towne of Bath Chapter by announcing Constitution Week and urged ringing of bells as directed.

1996

Chapter members-47; new members-2; transferred-1; resigned-1; death-1.

Gifts for veterans collected, delivered, acknowledgement received. John Augustine Washington Chapter CAR presented "Being Indian Is", CAR Senior President, State Chaplain, CAR State Chairman, and Shenandoah Valley Chapter officers attended. Wreaths were placed on the Berkeley Springs War memorial Veterans Day and memorial Day. Kristen Comps, Good Citizen winner read her essay at our December meeting. She was presented a pin, certificate, and gift. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Edwards attended John Augustine Washington Chapter CAR Centennial celebration in Martinsburg. Several members attended Pack Horse Ford's 80th anniversary celebration in Shepherdstown. Chapter Chaplain Kathern Ruppenthal Allemong co-authored Obituaries of all buried in Morgan county 1980-1995. Chapter members participated in the dedication of the restoration of the Old English Cemetery dating from 1795. DAR Excellence in Community Service Award was presented to Leonard H. Davis for Historical Preservation. Constitution Week and Flag Day were commemorated by the Chapter. Slide programs of the renovation of Constitution Hall and the State's rooms were outstanding. The Regent was able to make a presentation on DAR at a genealogy workshop for Keyser area homemakers district meeting on April 27, an opportunity to encourage new members.

1997

47 members, 2 new members, 2 resignations, and 2 associate members.

Programs: Piano recital/American Composers; representative from Disabled American Veterans and gifts to Veterans, Martinsburg VA Hospital; Good Citizen Essay Winner, dinner guest, certificate and pin; speaker on National defense; conservation award; sent labels, clothing, and miscellaneous items to Tamasee and KDS Schools.

We participated in Veterans Day program, placed wreath-rededication tablet chapter had refurbished honoring George Washington; placed carnations on deceased daughters' graves on Memorial Day; Chapter represented at Eastern District meeting, State Conference, and Continental Congress; sent cards and notes to infirmed, ill or members suffering personal loss and also to service men and women; researched, gained permission from Historian General, obtained grave marker, had dedication ceremony for Revolutionary Patriot Nicholas Orrick.

Mrs. Nancy Edwards, Regent

STATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

AMERICAN HERITAGE

1995

One award is to be presented on "American Heritage" from October 1, 1994, to October 1, 1995. This award is a division award under "Art" and it goes to Cleo Sears, second place, "Watercolors" and certificate of appreciation to John Young Chapter. In June, 1995, I mailed to each Regent a letter asking they have one program pertaining to American Heritage. This, I trust, you have fulfilled. If you find one of your programs has been canceled ask your members to bring something they cherish of "Grandmothers" and tell something about it. This can be a fun meeting and many interesting stories on local history are heard.

The contest on American Heritage can only be entered by DAR members.

Field of Art: Pastels, watercolor, photographs, drawing or sculpture

Field of Crafts: Basketry and Quilting

Field of Literature/Drama: Original unpublished entries may be submitted in poetry, narrative, short story, play or drama

Field of Music: Write "Which American Song Should be Preserved for Future Generations and Why"

All entries must be submitted before February 1, 1996. Please consider the programs and contests.

Marion E. McCullough
Chairman

1996

American Heritage has four categories, music, arts, crafts, and drama and literature, from which chapters can pull a program. Twenty-Seven chapters had programs from these categories, and each chapter reported something different. Programs are to be interesting and entertaining to keep members returning. The reporting chapters not only thought of their members but some got their community involved, thus creating a good relationship to encourage new members for DAR.

Four Chapters receiving awards are:

Matthew French - Heritage Trunk Project

Wheeling Chapter - Pike Road Festival

Colonel Charles Lewis - Battle Days, Living History for 7 Schools

Colonel Morgan Morgan - Quilts, members made one quilt, voiced and made \$387

Your July 1996 DAR Magazine lists the American Heritage Contest. The deadline is January 15. You still have time to enter. Please read all instructions.

Marion E. McCullough, Chairman
Anabella Vance, Vice Chairman, Art
Connie Gibson, Vice Chairman, Crafts
Rita Sharpes, Vice Chairman, Music
Harriet Brown, Vice Chairman, Drama and Literature

1997

The American Heritage Committee would like to thank the chapters for including the four categories of art, crafts, music, drama and literature in your programs. With these categories we know your programs encouraged members to attend. With well planned programs members will attend and encourage new membership.

Our call for chapters to enter the American National Heritage Contest was answered by the Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter of Morgantown. Member, Mrs. Kay Bailey made a beautiful red, white and blue laprobe for the craft contest. Your appreciation award is on the table, and, not only does the State thank you for your beautiful workmanship, we know the veteran who received it is very appreciative.

Letters have been given to each regent with instructions on the 1998 American Heritage contests. Please encourage your members to enter these contests for the State. We know the West Virginia daughters are very talented in art, crafts, music, drama and literature. Its just a matter of taking the time.

Thank you, Madam Regent for allow me to serve on this Committee, it has been very rewarding.

Marion E. McCullough, Chairman

AMERICAN HISTORY COMMITTEE

995

The American History Committee once again participated in the American History Month Essay Contest. Statewide, 2,854 students participated. From these, 70 were submitted for the final judging. Upon completion of the judging, essays from the four winners were sent to the East Central Division for judging at that level. Letters of congratulations and recognition were sent to all twelve (12) first, second, and third place winners. Press releases were sent to local newspapers and boards of education of the first place winners.

Chapters reported having 78 programs on American History. Some of the topics included: World War II, History of the Flag, The Thirteen Colonies, and numerous local histories. Twenty-eight chapters arranged for proclamations of American History month. governor Gaston Caperton issued a proclamation for the State of West Virginia.

American History was promoted through 37 displays, 28 feature stories, 630 inches of press and 799 minutes on radio and television.

Chapters receiving certificates:

First Place:	Captain James Allen Colonel Morgan Morgan
Second Place:	General Andrew Lewis

Third Place: West Augusta
Wheeling
Ye Towne of Bath

This chairman is pleased to announce the following winners of the American History Essay Contest:

First Place:

Fifth Grade: Eleni Alexcia Voyiatt, 106 Windermere Drive, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950 (Wheeling Chapter)

Sixth Grade: Jessica Paige Goodson, 104 W. High St., Salem, WV 26426 (Colonel William Lowther Chapter)

Seventh Grade: Karen Amber Breitlow, 2017 North Ridge Dr., Martinsburg, WV 25401-9624 (Shenandoah Valley Chapter)

Eighth Grade: Anna Halley Zivkovich, #26 Willowbrook Acres, Parkersburg, WV 26101 (James Wood Chapter)

These essays have been sent to the East Central Chairman for judging at the division level.

Following are the names and sponsoring chapters of the second and third place winners (recognition at the chapter/district level):

Second Place:

Fifth Grade: Emmy Brooke Grinnan, 4400 Waterway, Martinsburg, WV 25401 (William Henshaw Chapter)

Sixth Grade: Rebecca Ann Orr, Rt.1, Box 223X, Martinsburg, WV 2540 (Shenandoah Valley Chapter)

Seventh Grade: David James Daniels, 2775 Collis Ave., Huntington, WV 2570 (Buford Chapter)

Eighth Grade: Lewis Will Gravely, 30 Oriole Place, Beckley, WV 25801 (Captain James Allen)

Third Place:

Fifth Grade: Eric William Losh, Rt. 4, 106 Manor Drive, Martinsburg, WV 25401 (Shenandoah Valley Chapter)

Sixth Grade: Andrea Paigemarie Doubek, 213 N. Furbee Avenue, Mannington, WV 26582 (West Augusta Chapter)

Seventh Grade: Rachel Barbara Eells, 222 Woods Avenue, Oak Hill, WV 25901 (Borderland Chapter)

Eighth Grade: Johnna Mischele Beasley, Rt. 1, Box 696, Bunker Hill, WV 25413 (William Henshaw Chapter)

Mrs. John R. Hendrickson, Chairman

1995

The American History Committee once again participated in the American History Month Essay Contest. Statewide, 1,779 students participated. From these, 59 were submitted from 21 chapters for final judging. Upon completion of the judging, essays from the four winners were sent to the East Central Division for judging at that level. Letters of congratulations and recognition were sent to all twelve (12) first, second, and third place winners. Press releases were sent to local newspapers and boards of education of the first place winners.

Chapters reported having 84 programs on American History. Some of the topics included: The Declaration of Independence, World War II, The Flag That Made America Great, and What America Means to Me. Sixteen chapters arranged for proclamations of American History Month. Governor Gaston Caperton issued a proclamation for the State of West Virginia.

American History was promoted through broadcasts on television and radio stations, announcements at public schools and libraries, newspapers, and chapter newsletters. Mrs. America appeared at a mall in Fairmont to promote American History. 398 certificates were presented for outstanding work in American History.

Chapter receiving certificates:

First Place: General Andrew Lewis
Colonel Morgan Morgan
Second Place: Colonel Charles Lewis
James Barbour
John Chapman
Third Place: John Hart
Shenandoah Valley
William Henshaw

This chairman is pleased to announce the following winners of the American History Essay Contest:

First Place:
Fifth Grade: Megan Raquel Griffith, Rt. 1, Box 57, Harrisville, WV 26362
(Anne Royall Chapter)
Sixth Grade: Eleni Alexcia Voyiatt, 105 Windermere Drive, St. Clairsville, Ohio
43950 (Wheeling Chapter)
Seventh Grade: Melissa Ann Johnson, 2608 Fourth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25702
(Buford Chapter)
Eighth Grade: Karen Amber Breitlow, 2017 North Ridge Drive, Martinsburg, WV
25401 (Shenandoah Valley Chapter)

These essays have been sent to the East Central Chairman for judging at the division level.

Following are the names and sponsoring chapters of the second and third place winners (recognition at the chapter/district level):

Second Place:
Fifth Grade: Laura Rebecca Terry, RR 03, Box 154, Princeton, WV 24740
(Matthew French Chapter)
Sixth Grade: Clarissa Marie Westmeyer, 908 Clohan Avenue, Martinsburg, WV
25401 (Shenandoah Valley Chapter)
Seventh Grade: Zachary Dale Hedrick, HC 81, Box 81, Seneca Rocks, West Virginia
26884 (South Branch Valley Chapter)
Eighth Grade: Cassandra Sions Bradshaw, P.O. Box 33, Cabins, WV 26885
(South Branch Valley Chapter)

Third Place:
Fifth Grade: Jessica Ashley Bowman, Rt 1, Box 233B, Hedgesville, WV 25427
(William Henshaw Chapter)

- Sixth Grade: John Victor Danford, One Stephanie Lane, St. Albans, WV 25177
(Kanawha Valley Chapter)
- Seventh Grade: Ashley Nichole Musick, Rt 4, Box 429, Bluefield, WV 24701
(John Chapman Chapter)
- Eighth Grade: Rebekah Jo Newell, 1510 Fourth Street, Moundsville, WV 26041
(Mound Chapter)

N. Camille Keller, Chairman

1997

The American History Committee once again participated in the American History Month Essay Contest. Statewide, 1,688 students participated. From these, 57 essays were submitted from 21 chapters for final judging. Upon completion of the judging, essays from the four winners were sent to the East Central Division for judging at that level. Letters of congratulations and recognition were sent to all twelve first, second, and third place winners. This year a new contest was held named the Columbus Essay Contest. Statewide, 22 students participated from three chapters. They represented ten schools. Two essays were submitted to the judges for final judging. A winner and honorable mention category were named. The winning essay was sent to the East Central Division for judging at that level. Letters of congratulations and recognition were sent to the winner and runner-up. A press release was sent to the local newspaper and board of education of the first place winner.

Chapters reported having 75 programs on American History. Some of the topics included: programs on local history, members discussing their own Revolutionary ancestor, preserving old pictures, and a Martha Washington luncheon. Seventeen chapters arranged for a proclamation of American History month. Governor Cecil Underwood issued a proclamation for the State of West Virginia.

American History was promoted through broadcasts on television and radio stations, announcements at public schools and libraries, newspapers, and chapter newsletters. 128 certificates were presented for outstanding work in American History.

Chapters receiving certificates were:

- First Place: Matthew French
Colonel Morgan Morgan
- Second Place: Kanawha Valley
- Third Place: John Hart
Mount
Westmoreland

This chairman is pleased to announce the following winners of the American History Essay Contest:

FIRST PLACE:

- Fifth Grade: Brent David Dudash, Rt. 1, Box 416-B, Farmington, WV 26571
(William Haymond Chapter)
- Sixth Grade: Madeline Adams Eells, 222 Woods Avenue, Oak Hill, WV 25901
(Borderland Chapter)
- Seventh Grade: John Victor Danford, One Stephanie Lane, St. Albans, WV
25177
(Kanawha Valley Chapter)

Eighth Grade: Alysha Lauren Wood, 1422 Ravinia Road, Charleston, WV 25301

(John Young Chapter)

These essays have been sent to the East Central Chairman for judging at the division level.

Following are the names and sponsoring chapters of the second and third place winners (recognition at the chapter/district level):

SECOND PLACE:

Fifth Grade: Cassie Ann Cline, 2513 Clovis Street, Bluefield, WV 24701
(John Chapman Chapter)

Sixth Grade: James Seth Caudill, Route 2, Box 595-C, Ft. Gay, WV 25514
(Westmoreland Chapter)

Seventh Grade: Laura Ashley Phlegar, 1000 Longview Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701
(John Chapman Chapter)

Eighth Grade: Arthur Benjamin Arant, 508 Cara Cout, Martinsburg, WV 25401
(Shenandoah Valley Chapter)

THIRD PLACE:

Fifth Grade: Amanda Faith Shanholtz, P.O.Box 121, Glengary, WV 25421
(Shenandoah Valley Chapter)

Sixth Grade: Wesley Edward Cook, Rt 4, Box 520-G, Hedgesville, WV 25427
(William Henshaw Chapter)

Seventh Grade: Wells Morgan Warner, Box 681, Franklin, WV 26807
(South Branch Valley Chapter)

Eighth Grade: Darrah Elizabeth Wilcox, 261 Indiana St., Huntington, WV 25704
(Westmoreland Chapter)

AMERICAN INDIANS COMMITTEE

1995

NSDAR supports two schools, Bacone College in Oklahoma and Chemawa Secondary boarding school in Oregon. There are other projects and activities worthy of your support-the Old Indian Meeting House on Cape Cod, American Indian Scholarship Fund, American Indian Books to donate and book binding.

4 of 46 chapters reported on American Indians. 10 reported no contributions; 5 had programs; 14 soup labels or clothing donations; 1 had Native American at meeting; 1 donated 6 books; 1 collected donations at Christmas; 1 gave \$50 to American Indian Scholarship Fund, \$50 to Chemawa School Fund, and \$100 to Bacone Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Maetos, Vice-President for Instructional Administration of the College of WV was speaker at the American Indian Luncheon at the state meeting.

American Indian Scholarship	\$108.00
Bacone Scholarship Fund	67.00
Bacone General Fund	460.63
Chemawa School Fund	48.00
Old Meeting House Fund	8.00
Book Binding Fund	
1.00	

6 books donated, 3136 Food Labels, and 112.42 pounds of clothing sent to Indians. Let's not forget our objective -- "build a bridge between DAR and the Native American." Next year plan an Indian program.

1996	
American Indians Scholarship Fund	\$62.00
Bacone College	678.26
Chemawa School Fund	81.00
Indian Youth of America Summer Camp	2.00
Number of Food Labels given	800
Pounds of Clothing	100

Six chapters had Indian programs; one chapter donated S&H green stamps and gold bond stamps; one had Native American as speaker; one had young girl dressed as Pocahontas with program at Mall during National Education Week; one sent school supplies; one collected Christmas and offerings for Indian Scholarship. 44 out of 45 chapters reported.

First Place:	Captain James Allen
Second Place:	Colonel Charles Lewis Daniel Davisson
Third Place	Bee Line
Honorable Mention	Hagans-Evans

Barbara Maxwell, American Indians Chairman

AMERICANISM AND DAR MANUAL FOR CITIZENSHIP

1995

The goal for this committee is to develop better citizenship training for all persons residing in the United States.

DAR Manual for Citizenship is a study guide given to each Naturalization applicant. 88 of these were supplied by several chapters and given to the Clerk of the District Court. The Medal of Honor was given by Shenandoah Valley Chapter to Dr. Howard G. Malin. 44 chapters reported.

I attended the naturalization ceremonies at the United States District court of West Virginia with the Honorable John T. Copenhaver, Judge, presiding. Judge

Copenhaver introduced the DAR members from Anne Bailey Chapter and gave them time at the end of the ceremony to hand out "Pledge of Allegiance" and "What the Constitution Means To You" and to congratulate each new citizen.

1996

This chairman attended two naturalization ceremonies in Charleston with the Honorable John T. Copenhaver, Jr., Judge, presiding. Judge Copenhaver recognized two other members of Anne Bailey Chapter who distributed "Pledge of Allegiance" bookmarks and the leaflet "What The Constitution Means to You" to the newly naturalized citizens.

44 of 45 chapters reported. 204 manuals for citizenship were distributed to naturalization applicants. Also, 27 manuals went to schools and 51 to others. Two chapters submitted entries for display in the "Americanism Contest." Colonel Charles Lewis was the state winner. Other regents and chapter members attended and took part in naturalization ceremonies in Elkins and Wheeling. There were flag, flag codes, bookmarks, and leaflets distributed to new naturalized citizens.

1997

This chairman attended two naturalization ceremonies in Charleston at the United States District Court of West Virginia with the Honorable John T. Copenhaver presiding.

Nine chapters in the State attended naturalization ceremonies and participated in various ways - planning the program, speaking, providing refreshments, giving out flags, flag codes, pamphlets on "Constitution" bookmarks with "Pledge of Allegiance" to the new citizens and to congratulate each one. 42 chapters reported. The State winner of the public display contest was Matthew French Chapter.

399 Manuals for Citizenship were distributed to naturalization applicants; 60 to schools and 10 to other, making a total of 409 manuals distributed.

Dorothy B. Harshbarger, State Chairman

AWARDS COMMITTEE

1995

This chairman processed 116 certificates from 11 chairmen and 1 state officer. The five colors of stars on the chart and on your awards represent the five districts in the WV society. As the chart shows, there are 28 blue stars for first; 25 red stars for second; 28 silver stars for third; and 12 green stars for honorable mention.

It was very disappointing that more chairmen did not report. The first year of a new administration is difficult, hopefully, there will be more awards given next year.

1996

The Awards Committee processed 179 certificates. 157 from chairmen and 22 from State Officers. 67 first place, 58 second place, 35 third place, and 19 honorable mention. 16 chairmen and 3 state officers sent a list of awards. 42 chapters received awards. Some chairmen gave awards according to chapter membership, this seems fair to this committee for larger chapters are able to do more than chapters with fewer members. All reports were sent to the State Regent. 4 National awards for American Heritage were sent directly to this committee, they are not reflected on the chart.

1997

This committee has processed 119 award certificates from 13 state chairmen and one state officer. 38 chapters received awards. 49-first place/blue awards; 42 second place/red awards; 28 third place/silver awards; and 11 honorable mention/green awards.

Anna Barnett, Chairman

BY-LAWS

1995

The by-laws committee of the West Virginia State Society, NSDAR has found that the current by-laws of the State of West Virginia are currently in compliance with the by-laws of the National Society.

1996

The by-laws committee has found that the by-laws of the West Virginia State Society comply with those of the National Society.

1997

During the 1997 State Conference the by-laws were changed as follows:

ARTICLE VI, Election of Officers, Section 7 was changed to read as follows:

"Should the office of State Regent become vacant, the State Vice Regent shall accede to that office for the remainder of that term. Other vacancies occurring in office shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next meeting of the State Board of Managements, when the Board shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Any member having served in a vacancy for more than one-half of a term in any office shall be deemed to have served a term."

RATIONALE: To clarify procedure and conform with National Society Bylaws.

The by-laws were also amended by adding a new Article XVII, Dissolution to read as follows:

"Although the period of duration of the State Society is perpetual, if for any reason the Society is to be dissolved or otherwise terminated, no part of the property of the Society or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any of the directors or members of the Society. Upon the dissolution of the Society, assets shall be distributed by the State Board of Management and/or the Executive Committee of the State Society for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code,

and consistent with the purposes and objectives of the Society. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the United States District Court of the State of West Virginia, exclusively to such organization and operated within the meaning of section 501(c)(3), with purposes and objections consistent with those of the State Society."

Cecelia W. Wallace, Chairman

CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

1995

This Chairman has been very active since assuming this chairmanship this past April. Since she is also serving as the West Virginia Senior State President, she attended the Senior National Board meetings in April and October for NSCAR. She has also attended the Mid-Southern Regional Meeting where she became familiar with the current year's objectives of CAR.

1995 is the Centennial year of the Children of the American Revolution and the theme for this year is "The Dawn of a New Day". In conjunction with the WV CAR State President, Paige Rumberg, this chairman is trying to make sure the new day dawns for West Virginia CAR but this is going to take the help of each and every DAR member in the state. CAR is the life blood of DAR, it provides a source on knowledgeable, enthusiastic, new members for DAR. But to do that it takes senior leadership from adults such as you and DAR members. Several of you have accepted some role in senior leadership and to you goes my thanks and appreciation. Others of you will be asked in the future to assume a senior leadership role. As you are asked to provide senior leadership, please say yes. How terrible it would be to lose a CAR society due to lack of senior leadership, but that is the situation in some areas.

You are also a good source of the CAR members, from your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews but also from children who you know are eligible because they have a relative who is either in or eligible for DAR or SAR membership. Please look around your town and see who could be a CAR member and is not. Contact them and their parents and ask them to join. West Virginia CAR is in desperate need of members, with some Societies on the brink of disbandment due to lack of membership.

The West Virginia State President and Senior State President are ready and willing to act as speakers for your DAR chapter if you would like either of them to talk to you about CAR. Together we can see "The Dawn of a New Day" but alone the dawn will not happen. Let's make sure that the new day does dawn for us all.

1996

This Chairman has been very active this past year. In addition to serving as State Chairman of CAR she is also serving as the WV Senior State President. She attended the Senior National Board meetings in October, December, February, and April for NSCAR. She also attended the Mid-Southern Regional Meeting in Roanoke, Virginia, where she became familiar with the current year's objections of CAR.

The theme for this year is "Sour To The Summit". This chairman is trying to make sure that the West Virginia CAR soars but this is going to take the help of each and every DAR member in the state. CAR is the life blood of DAR, it provides a source

of knowledgeable, enthusiastic new members for DAR. But to do that it takes senior leadership from adults such as you and CAR members. Several of you have accepted some role in senior leadership and to you goes my thanks and appreciation. Others of you will be asked in the future to assume a senior leadership role. As you are asked to provide senior leadership please say yes. How terrible it is to lose a CAR Society due to lack of senior leadership as happened this past year with the Savage Grant Society in Huntington, WV.

Last year I presented a program on CAR to the Blennerhassett Chapter and it appears that the Little Kanawha Society will gain several new members from this. If your chapter would like a program on CAR this chairman is ready and willing to speak to your DAR chapter.

1997

This Chairman has been very active with this chairmanship during the past year. Since she is also serving as the WV Senior State President, she attended the Senior National Board meetings in December, February, July, and October for NSCAR. She also attended the Mid-Southern Regional meeting in Nashville, TN, where she became familiar with the current year's objectives for CAR. This Chairman has also attended the Maryland State Society Christmas party, the Maryland State conference, the DC-Maryland-Virginia Volleyball Challenge, and membership picnic, and the Patriots Ball in Maryland where she was presented as Senior State President of WV CAR and as State Vice Regent WVDAR.

The National Theme for this year is "A Time to Act" and the WV theme is "Its Time to Act and Meet the Handicapped" building upon the National theme. The state project is to send a camper to Camp ECHO - every child has opportunities in July of 1998. The project is being financed through the sale of pins in the shape of West Virginia with the sign language symbol for "I Love You" on them. The cost of the pins to the CAR was \$2.00 and they are being sold for \$2.00 plus whatever donation you would like to make. I have the pins with me this weekend in addition to some of the blue enamel pins in the shape of West Virginia with CAR on them which the State Society has been selling in the past years.

If your chapter would like a program on CAR this chairman is ready and available. I would love to have the opportunity to talk to your chapter about the Children of the American Revolution.

The 1998 Mid-Southern Regional Meeting will be held in West Virginia on July 24th and 25th. The probable location for the meeting is Parkersburg. I would encourage you to attend the meeting and see our youth in action. They are our future and the Children of the American Revolution is our opportunity to provide them the training they need to become responsible citizens.

Kathleen E. Morton
State Chairman

CONSERVATION

No reports received.

CONSTITUTION WEEK

1995

This Chairman received Mrs. Robert Belcher's report on her activities from October, 1994, until August, 1995. At Continental Congress West Virginia received 15 awards for outstanding work during Constitution week. 40 chapters received certificates of award for their work. All 46 chapters reported with 37 chapters having proclamations plus the Governor's proclamation. A total of 679 inches were in the papers plus displays and 967 broadcast minutes. The Chairman received chapter reports by January 15, 1995. 19 Chapters participated in "Bells Across America" with 335 participating. A congress award was received for this.

West Virginia Daughters again celebrated Constitution Week September 17-23, 1995, and reports will be received by this Chairman by January 15, 1996, of Chapter activities.

1996

42 chapters reported Constitution Week Observances in 1995 for the Celebration of the 208th birthday of our Constitution. many chapters had their mayors issue a proclamation honoring Constitution Week. The governor of our State signed an official Proclamation. Many chapters had displays and exhibits in schools, libraries, store windows with public service announcements on local radio and television stations. Many churches across our State as well as public buildings with bells rang those bells on September 17th at 4:00 P.M. 25 chapters had Constitution sidelights at every meeting and distributed pieces of patriotic literature and Constitution Bookmarks. Chapters hosted Constitution luncheons, brunches, and had speakers who presented programs on the Constitution and the Amendments.

Awards presented:

Chapters with members 1-50: 1) Barboursville & Shenandoah Valley; 2) Major William Haymond; 3) Ye Town of Bath.

Chapters with members 51-99: 1) Colonel Morgan Morgan; 2) Matthew French; 3) South Branch Valley

Chapters with members 100 or over: 1) Buford and John Young; 2) Kanawha Valley; 3) John Hart.

Mary Lou Taylor, Chairman

DAR GOOD CITIZEN

1995

As the office of State Chairman Good Citizen is quite new for this member, I am just now getting informed as to what will be required of me.

I have a large box of certificates, wallet cards, and pins for your chapter use. Additionally, I have extra instructions for those chapters in need of them.

1996

The Good Citizen Contest during October 1, 1995, and through the early part of the year 1996 was conducted through the participation of 35 chapters, 18 of which

submitted essay papers for consideration. The balance of the chapters did not participate in the Scholarship part but did conduct quite successfully the contest within the local range. We hope more will venture into the essay area during this school year.

Jennifer M. Branham of Parkersburg South High School, entering through Blennerhassett Chapter, was the WV Essay Winner, received her pin, certificate, wallet card, and a \$50 savings bond from the Chapter, plus her State Pin and Certificate and State check. Dina J. Braniff was Good Citizen Chairman conducting the Blennerhassett contest.

We have received supplies of certificates, pins, and some wallet cards. Individual packets will be available for those who wish to obtain their material at the State Conference.

1997

The Good Citizen Contest during October 1, 1996 through the early part of the year 1997 was conducted through the participation of 34 chapters, contacting 82 high schools and receiving participation of 74 schools. 14 chapters sent entries for evaluation of the scholarship part of the contest; the balance of chapters conducting only Part 1 of the contest. An increase over last year of essay papers submitted was obtained (23 received this year/18 last year). Although one less chapter participated, three more schools participated than before.

Value in pins presented was \$200, savings bonds of \$150, and money given was \$1,625, exclusive of \$250 National prize. Other gifts included books, flags, corsages, and luncheons.

Katherine Franklin of Huntington High School, sponsored by Buford Chapters, was the state winner. Mrs. Robert Marshall conducted the Good Citizen contest for the chapter. Shannon was to receive her state pin and cash award of \$250 at a special presentation.

Other papers receiving high marks were from Kanawha Valley and Petersburg.

This State Chairman had the honor of presenting the Major William Haymond Chapter pin and certificate during Awards Ceremony at Fairmont Senior High School, Fairmont, to Shannon Summers this spring.

Orders for certificate and pin sets are \$2.50 plus 50¢ postage. Entries for essays should be received by January 5.

Florence Stalder, State Chairman.

DAR MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

1995

It has been an honor to assume the chairmanship of such a vital and informational committee. The transition of the role of chairman has been made much easier with the helpfulness of the previous chairman, Anne Cummings.

It is the hope of this chairman that all chapters will strive to increase subscriptions to the magazine and that all chapters in the state of West Virginia will

have at least one subscription. Even if chapter individual members cannot utilize the material contained in the magazine, it can be passed on to family, friends, or neighbors. Children and grandchildren often express appreciation for having access to the material for school reports and projects. If a chapter does not have any individual members who wish to subscribe, then the chapter can subscribe collectively and have the magazine sent to a school, church, library, newspaper, or office of county government. This might be an easy method for small chapters to fulfill honor roll requirements.

1996

It was an honor for a WV chapter, the Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter to be awarded the East Central first place award for Chapter with the highest percentage of subscriptions per chapter members.

All but two of the chapters in the state have at least one subscription to the magazine. It is the goal of this chairman to have 100% chapter participation. Many chapters have magazines sent to schools, libraries, nursing homes, and other places of public access. These facilities are vital links in sharing the work of the National Society as well as possibly sparking interest in American history and heritage.

The chapters with the highest percentages of subscriptions are as follows: Colonel Zackquill Morgan 63%, General Andrew Lewis 46%, Backwater and Wheeling 28%. Working together, we can increase subscriptions, share worthwhile reading information, and possibly have an acknowledgement as having a state with 100% participation.

1997

Again it was an honor for Colonel Zackquill Morgan Chapter to be awarded the East Central Division first place award for the chapter with the highest number of subscriptions per number of members.

The goal of this chairman to have 100% chapter participation was not attained. All but one WV chapter has at least one subscription. It is a worthwhile idea to send a subscription to a local nursing home in which a member or former member is now living.

Chapters with the highest percentages of subscriptions for this year are: Colonel Zackquill Morgan 51%, Blackwater 41%, General Andrew Lewis 29%, and Wheeling 28%.

Frankie Cline, State Magazine Chairman

DAR MAGAZINE ADVERTISING

1996

The June/July issue of the DAR Magazine is sent to all DAR members worldwide and West Virginia's advertisements, assigned for those months, could not be timed more perfectly. Now, all daughters are even more aware of our state and its many activities. Let's try to make the 1996 June/July issue another year to win the "excellent" award.

In the Regent's envelope are advertising notes for the June/July issue only.

Ads must be in by April 5. In 1996, I hope to deliver a more detailed report and hope to announce that 100% of the chapters reported and paid their \$30 to State.

Nancy B. Hayes, Chairman

DAR MUSEUM

The following chapters reported museum programs and a collective total of \$27.00 donated to the National Museum Funds: Hagans/Evans, Colonel Charles Lewis, Kanawha Valley.

Three other chapters scheduled programs and donated a sum total of \$8.00 to the National Museum Funds: Westmoreland, John Hart, Buford.

Other chapters had a program or discuss group concerning the National Museum. Their collective donation was \$2.00 to the National Museum Fund: Pack Horse Ford, Blackwater, Shenandoah Valley, Colonel Zackquill Morgan, Barboursville, and John Cooke.

44 Chapters made reports to the State Chairman. The State Chairman was asked and gave three presentations. "A Walk Through The DAR Rooms" was given to Blennerhassett, Buford, and Westmoreland Chapters. Blennerhassett has a pending donation by one of their members to the West Virginia Room in Washington, D.C.

1997

In compliance with the NSDAR theme "Preservation of History" the following goals were established:

1. Education - with an emphasis upon those women who traveled westward.
2. Dissemination of information - emphasis upon those artifacts which have been acquired and preserved in our National Museum.
3. Possible acquisition of artifacts which meet the correct standards and quality with the presentation of those same artifacts to the National's theme.

These goals may be made possible through lectures, films, filmstrips, and pamphlets. Donations of articles such as diaries, letters, and photographs may be made possible through the generosity of the West Virginia Daughters.

Any available information concerning the NSDAR museum will be given upon request. Program presentation will be taken under consideration, keeping in mind weather conditions, travel time, and calendar conflicts.

Mrs. John E. Smith, Chairman Museum Committee

NSDAR MUSEUM CORRESPONDENT DOCENTS

1997

42 Chapters reporting; total member of Docents active as Correspondent Docents - 1, Kanawha Valley/102 members; Docents-in-Training working on first of 12 programs 1, Barboursville Chapter; this chairman contacted 42 chapter chairmen; this chairman attended the 91st State Conference; this chairman is glad to report a donated gift Accession lot id:96.57 to NSDAR Museum by Joan M. Garner or the Elizabeth

Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter; this state chairman provided NSDAR Museum Correspondent application forms and reported to the National Vice Chairman on the annual NSDAR Museum Correspondent report February 15, 1997.; received information packet from NSDAR National Chairman Mrs. John W. Smith for 92nd State Conference.

Martha E. Miller, State Chairman

DAR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

1995

43 chapters made DAR scholarship reports. 23 chapters have a scholarship chairman. 9 chapters have scholarship money available. These chapters are Bee Line, James Wood, John Hart, Matthew French, Wheeling, and William Morris.

The State Society has the Blanche L. Reymann Funds for a nursing student.

Donations reported:

Caroline Holt Nursing Scholarship	\$74.00
Occupational Therapy Scholarship	\$66.00
American History Scholarship	\$73.00

These chapters are to be commended for their efforts. This year let's make certain that DAR scholarship information is sent to all schools in your area. Provide a name, address, and telephone number for your chairman or chapter regent. Please provide a sponsoring chapter letter for applicants.

Please follow application guidelines exactly. Only the American History Scholarship is sent to the State Chairman by February 1. All others are sent to the address on the fact sheet. Let's have 100% participation in sharing scholarship information during the next year.

1996

44 of West Virginia's 45 chapters reported. West Virginia had no applicants for the American History Scholarship. Six chapters reported giving chapter scholarships. Bee Line, James Wood, John Hart, Matthew French, Wheeling, William Morris.

Two chapters reported donating scholarship monies that were administered by college/university scholarship programs; Anne Bailey-WV University Foundation Fund and William Henshaw-\$400 to Nurses Scholarship at Shepherd College.

One chapter, Elizabeth Ludington Hagans-Colonel John Evans Chapter reported one Rhododendron Scholarship for Girls' State and two Conservation Camp recipients.

This chairman encourages chapters to make energetic contact to local guidance departments to provide publicity about DAR Scholarships and to contribute to the DAR Scholarship Fund.

1997

42 chapters reported. Reports have not been received from Borderland, Princess Aracoma, West Augusta, and Wheeling.

This chairman encouraged participation at four of five district meetings and at State Conference. Local chapters tell her they are distributing DAR Scholarship information. This chairman has provided information directly to approximately 6-8 individuals.

West Virginia had three applicants for the American History Scholarship. The State Winner is: Leanne Nicole Dolin, Madison, West Virginia. She was sponsored by Kanawha Valley Chapter.

Eight chapters report giving chapter scholarships:

1. Bee Line - \$1,000/year for 4 years. Average B in high school and college.
2. Hagans-Evans report scholarship, no information given.
3. James Wood - Sarah Mallory \$1,500. All students are chapter members' grandchildren.
4. John Hart - \$500 grant/scholarship to Randolph County Vo-Tech student in practical nursing.
5. Major William Haymond - Girls State-Stephanie Ann Mercer-Garrett
6. Matthew French - \$100 scholarship to Princeton High School student nominated by a Committee.
7. William Henshaw - \$400 to Shepherd College who awards nurses scholarship.
8. William Morris (past 4 years)
2 scholarships of \$500, one paid from interest income of chapter, second paid from a bequest of Mrs. Thelma Rollins, the first will continue, the second ended in the spring '96 semester. - recipient of each Chris Goode, WVU, Cabin Creek, WV

It is a pleasure and privilege to serve as WV's DAR Scholarship chairman.

Mrs. Sally Ann Greenfield, Chairman

DAR SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

1995

The WV Society has 46 chapters and all but two reported on their participation in DAR School projects. Statistics from the annual report showed an increase in contributions and labels. Soup labels were divided between the two schools unless otherwise designated by the Chapter. Tamassee used their labels toward the purchase of a 15 passenger van. Kate Duncan Smith used their labels to purchase computers and software for their elementary school computer lab.

Awards presented for last year were:

Labels: First Place	Blackwater Chapter
Second Place	Bee Line Chapter
Third Place	William Morris Chapter
Honorable Mention	Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter

Contributions:

First Place	Peters Mountain Chapter
Second Place	Bee Line Chapter
Third Place	Mound Chapter

Clothing:

First Place	Mound Chapter
Second Place	Peters Mountain Chapter
Third Place	Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Special Project for Tamassee: Peters Mountain Chapter

Chapters were urged to have a special school project. This year 24 chapters participated. Our latest request is for school supplies and we would like to have 100% participation next year. WV was well represented at Tamassee's Founder's Day and their 76th Anniversary in October. Those attending were Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, State Regent, Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, State Organizing Secretary, Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough, American Heritage, Mrs. Vernon Dunn, DAR Schools, Mrs. Finley Simms, Commemorative Events, and one HODAR, Mr. Vernon Dunn.

1996

WV Society had 45 chapters report participation in DAR School projects. Our state project for 1995-1997 is the sale of DAR cookbooks with all proceeds to be used to help our two DAR schools.

As Chairman I attended all five district meetings with three members of my Committee at one meeting and two members at the other four. At these meetings we distributed and promoted the sale of the DAR cookbook. 23 chapters had school programs and we supplied material for programs at the district meetings. 9,996 labels were collected which was an increase over last year. Kate Duncan Smith purchased equipment for their elementary school computer lab. Tamassee was able to obtain a 15 passenger van.

General Andrew Lewis gave the most generous donations of school supplies for our special project last year. \$283.00 was contributed to our four approved schools; 514 pounds of clothing was contributed to the thrift shop; two trees were planted and a donation was made to Tamassee in memory of Presley Wagoner's mother.

The School Committee has pledged \$500.00 from the cookbook sales for the renovation of Indiana-Allstates Building at Tamassee. To date, profit from the cookbook sales is \$3,003.98.

WV was represented at the 195 Tamassee Founder's Day by Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, State Regent, Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, Organizing Secretary, Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough, American Heritage, Mrs. Vernon Dunn, DAR Schools, Mrs. Finley Simms, Commemorative Events, and one HODAR, Mr. Vernon Dunn.

Best overall support for contributions and participation are awarded to:

Chapters 0-50 First- Peters Mountain; Second-Shenandoah Valley; Third -Ohio Valley

Chapter 50-100 First-Bee Line; Second-Mound; Third-James Wood; Honorable
Mention- Captain James Allen
Chapters 100+ First-Wheeling; Second-Col. Charles Lewis; Third-Hagans Evans;
Honorable Mention -John Hart
Special Award to Peters Mountain for most outstanding contributions to Tamassee.

1997

WV has 45 chapters and all but three reported on their participation in DAR School projects. As chairman, I attended two district meetings. The DAR School Committee was represented at all district meetings and promoted the sale of the DAR School cookbooks.

13,631 labels were collected which was an increase over last year. Kate Duncan Smith redeemed enough labels to purchase a Macintosh 5400 computer for their elementary school computer lab. Tamassee kept their labels this year hoping to get enough for a 15 passenger van next year. John Chapman Chapter sent Tamassee Memorial gifts in honor of deceased members or their husbands. Daniel Davisson Chapter sent a free will offering to an Indian School.

WV was represented at the 1996 Founder's Day by Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, State Regent, Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, Organizing Secretary, Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough, American History, Miss Jean Elliott, State Treasurer, and Mrs. Donald L. Hale, Regent, Pack Horse Ford Chapter.

Our DAR School cookbook project has been a great success. To date, there is a profit of \$8,448.23 which will be equally divided between Tamassee and Kate Duncan Smith. The money will be placed into their general fund. Peters Mountain Chapter with 19 members made an outstanding contribution to the cookbook project. They sold 389 cookbooks.

Best overall support for contributions and participation are awarded to:

Labels: First Place-John Young; Second Place-Peters Mountain; Third Place-Blennerhassett; Honorable Mention-Bee Line.

Contributions: First Place-Bee Line; Second Place-Peters Mountain; Third Place-James Wood.

Clothing: First Place-Kanawha Valley; Second Place-Pack Horse Ford; Third Place-Hagans-Evans; Honorable Mention-Mound.

Special Projects: West Virginia Cottage donations-Kanawha Valley; Project for Three Schools-Kanawha Valley; Project for Tamassee-Peters Mountain

Mrs. Vernon Dunn, Chairman DAR School Committee

DAR SERVICE TO VETERAN PATIENTS

1995

This State Chairman attended the 104th Continental Congress, Washington, DC, the 89th State Conference in Morgantown, and the 94th anniversary luncheon of the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, the Central district meeting in Weston, the Western district meeting in Charleston, the Kanawha Valley chapter reception and luncheon for Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, State Regent, the State CAR Summer Packet meeting in

Charleston, and participated in the Huntington Parade September 2, 1995, for VJ Day and the 50th anniversary signing of World War II Peace Accords.

WV Daughters reported: 252 visits with 1,194 hours; 21 parties with 74 hours; total volunteers 77. Given were \$580 cash/canteen books; \$1,752 in comfort items; and 2,278 magazines and books. \$1,376.22 in gifts were given; \$82.85 party food/favors were donated and 10,093 miles were traveled. \$741.10 were donated to hospitals to use where most needed. We had 44 of 46 chapter reporting.

Facilities served: Riverside Nursing Home, South Charleston; Louis A. Johnson VAMC, Clarksburg; Barboursville State Veterans Home; Newton D. Baker VAMC, Martinsburg; Huntington VAMC; Mon Pointe Continuous Care, Morgantown; VAMC, Richmond, Virginia; VAMC, Beckley; Morris Memorial Nursing Home, Milton; Barbiton Veterans Home, Moundsville, Jane Lew Board and Care, Jane Lew.

The West Virginia State Society had a two page ad in the June/July 1994 DAR National Magazine, pages 458-459 honoring our VA hospitals. This Chairman had articles in the WV DAR News.

Chapters receiving awards: 1st place-Buford; 2nd place-John Young; 3rd place-Colonel Morgan Morgan.

1996

This State Chairman attended the 90th WV State Conference in Parkersburg, the 95th Anniversary Luncheon of the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, the 105th Continental Congress, the Western District meeting in Charleston, the Southern District meeting in Princeton, and the Memorial Service in Point Pleasant.

She participated in the joint chapter Christmas luncheon of Buford and Westmoreland with the General Andrew Lewis Chapter SAR and the combined chapter meeting of Barboursville, Buford, and Westmoreland with the State Regent, Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg as the guest speaker.

She received Continental Congress Award for 100% attendance of the VAVS meetings, VA Medical Center in Huntington, and the Martha Washington Award from the State President, John Smith, of the SAR. She sent material for the 50th Anniversary VAVS scrapbook to Mrs. Irvine Shelton in Lexington, Ky, and participated in genealogy workshops at Marshall University and KYOWVA Genealogical Society. She attended the 50th Anniversary of VAVS celebration at the Huntington VA Medical Center, presented an award to Haron Brown for Outstanding Service to Veteran Patients and gave two youth volunteers a Community Service Award.

Thanks to our WV Daughters we have a gain over last year's report. WV Daughters reported: 3434 visits with 1723 hours; 22 parties with 798 hours; 254 volunteers; \$1,037.20 for canteen books; \$1771.65 for comfort items; \$4,200.89 for magazines/books; \$1500.65 for gifts; \$98.58 for party food favors; 12 facilities were served with 10,765 miles traveled. \$122.00 was given in donations for National Award Recipients' travel expenses. 20 ounces of stamps were donated to a local veteran patient facility. 84.3 ounces of stamps were mailed to Stamps for the Wounded.

Westmoreland sponsored the State contest Winner for Outstanding Veteran Patient. The recipient was Lorena Brown. This year's contest entries are due to me by November 15, 1996.

1997

This State Chairman attended the 91st WV State Conference at the Greenbrier, the 96th anniversary luncheon of the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter, the 106th Continental Congress, the Western district meeting in Huntington, the Central District meeting in Davis and the Northern District meeting in Wheeling. She participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Ceredo and had 100% attendance in the VAVS meetings at the Huntington VA Medical Center.

Five chapters made contributions for Women in Military Service Memorial to register two army nurses from WV who served in the DAR Hospital Corp. during the Spanish-American War. The sponsoring chapters were: James Wood, Blennerhassett, Mound, Kanawha Valley and Westmoreland.

WV Daughters reported: 424 visits with 1000 hours; 25 parties with 70.5 hours; 596 volunteers with 1703 hours; Dollar value donations: Cash/canteen books-\$1191.21; comfort items-\$3,611.28; magazines/books-\$2,829.01; gifts-\$1,184.00; party food/favors-\$409.49; National Award Recipients Travel expenses - \$15.00; Women In Service Memorial (WIMSA) - \$110.00; 129 ounces of stamps were sent for the wounded; 13 facilities were served with 8,480 miles traveled. WV received three National Awards and 5 VAVS members received six National Awards at Continental Congress, April 1997.

Betty A. Belcher, State Chairman

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No reports received.

WEST VIRGINIA MUSEUM

Three years ago goals for the 94-97 years were established by the Museum Committee Chairman. These goals were (1) dissemination of information about the Museum, (2) education about the Museum, and (3) obtaining a conation for the Museum. The West Virginia Chapters accepted the challenge and made our goals a reality.

42 chapters reported with the largest chapters, I.e., Hagan-Evans, Blennerhassett, and Kanawha Valley making donations which can be placed in the following categories (these are total sums): Museum General Fund-\$31.00; Give a Book - \$5.00; Friends of the Museum Fund - \$305.00; Adopt an Object - \$10.00; To a local museum - \$25.00; 8 presentations in the form of slides, videos, and/or brochures; a donation of two prints to the DAR National Museum.

Large chapters which included Ye Town of Bath, South Branch, Captain James Allen, and Pack Horse Ford Chapters made these donations: Museum General Fund - \$13.00; Give a Book - \$12.00; 6 presentations.

The smaller chapters which were Charleston, Colonel William Lowther, Ohio Valley, and Phoebe Tucker Cunningham made a total donation of \$4.00 to the Museum General Fund. It should be noted that Hagan-Evans Chapter member, Mrs. Joan M. Garner of Morgantown, donated two lovely prints to the DAR National Museum.

The West Virginia State Museum Chairman wishes to thank all of the chapters for their splendid work. It was through their efforts that the 1994 museum goals were achieved. The State Chairman takes absolutely no credit for this accomplishment, but instead lauds the Chapter Museum Chairmen for their wonderful achievements.

Mrs. Tennie S. Smith, West Virginia Museum Committee Chairman

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

No report received.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Achievement Award serves as a guide to the chapter regent and the executive board of your chapter when you are planning chapter activities, the contributions in money, time, personal service and volunteerism your chapter will give back to your community in the upcoming year. I have been asked what a chapter needs to do to achieve the highest possible level of achievement. I will try to tell you some, but again the selections your chapter makes will represent the needs of your chapter and your community.

The payment of State and National dues, postmarked on or before December 1, 1997, will award your chapter 40 points. Seeking and obtaining new members is a great way to make points. For each new member admitted by application or reinstatement your chapter will receive 30 points. You can add an additional 15 points or 45 points for each junior member admitted through application. Those junior membership points add up very quickly. At each of your chapter meetings if at least 15 minutes is given to National Defense (reading from the National Defender sent to each Chapter Regent each month will award your chapter 20 points.

Does your chapter donate \$30.00 each year to the West Virginia Co-Op page for the July issue of the DAR Magazine? That will award your chapter 25 points. Subscribing to the DAR Magazine is another good way to get Achievement points. If 15% of your membership, or subscriptions totalling 15% of your membership receive the DAR Magazine that is an additional 15 points. When you are completing your report for National and State dues, and you have all the needed information right in front of you, (and have no membership papers pending at the National Board of Management) and before December 1, 1997, deadline, please take an addition 15 minutes and fill out this report and send it along with your State Dues to Jean Elliott. You or your chapter treasurer has received a copy of this form but should your need an additional one, please let me know, or you may contact the Treasurer General. You as chapter treasurer will keep your records the last copy and all other copies go to the State Treasurer, Jean Elliott.

You may want to take note that this year, level 1 will be the highest possible level to be achieved. Please remember, all dues are to be paid on time (December 1, 1997) and all contributions you as a Chapter have made must be made through the State Treasurer. As State Chairman I must have your report by February 1, 1998, and your copy of the new Achievement Award Contribution Form.

INSIGNIA

1995

Please refer to Page 11 of the insert found in the July issue of the DAR Magazine for very important and enlightening information about the Insignia Committee. The wearing of our pins is an honor and each daughter is urged to own her own and wear with pride. Report to me any jewelry that is bought. If anyone needs order forms and/or brochures, please see me. Last year 43 chapters reports so let's make it 100% this year. West Virginia sales April 1995-September 1995 was \$3,196.00; National Sales - \$380,050.00.

1996

New information concerning the Insignia is found on page 20 of the insert in the July DAR Magazine. Please refer to this. Each chapter is urged to have a program on Insignia during this administration and this chairman is available for programs. All purchases must be reported to this chairman and let us have 100% reporting. Revised order for placement of DAR pins has been mailed to each Chapter.

Patricia S. Valentine, Insignia Chairman

JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS

1995

The West Virginia Society received one National First Place Award for State Sponsoring Most JAC Groups; Category A:(States with 50 or fewer chapters). This is the second consecutive year West Virginia has won this award. In addition to this honor, West Virginia students received the following: nine first place State entries were forwarded to the East Central Division. West Virginia students had two first place, two second place, with five others not placing at the division level. The two first place division winners from West Virginia won honorable mention for their contest entries.

Statistics reported on the 1994-1995 National Report were vague as figures from the largest chapter participating were not available. I will not repeat those figures as the report was filed with the State Regent's annual report. West Virginia Chapters supported the National JAC Price fund contributing a total of \$90.00. Awards given this year were: JAC State Awards-Best Overall - First Place Anne Royall; Second Place Captain James Allen.

1996

Participation in the JAC Contest has again brought recognition to WVDAR. West Virginia received two National Awards during Continental Congress. First Place for the largest number of clubs and Second place for the most JAC Contest participants.

The only WV chapter participating in the JAC contest (Anne Royall) won two National awards. First Place for Largest Number of JAC Clubs and Second Place Largest Number of JAC Members. From the Anne Royall entries there were 13 State winners, 3 East Central Division winners and 2 National winners. National winners included First Place Banner Third Grade and Third Place Third Grade Poem. Monetary awards totalled \$30.00 to the two students. Your JAC award fund donations were appreciated and sometimes returned to WV.

Statistics reported on the 1995-96 National Report reflect the following: There were a total of 155 clubs statewide, 1950 members, a total of \$54.00 donated to the National Prize Fund, 1950 membership cards and pins were distributed as well as 25 handbooks and fact sheets. A total of 82 students from three Ritchie County Schools and the Elizabeth Zane Society CAR participated in the contest.

Awards given this year were: 1st place-Anne Royall; 2nd place-Barboursville.

The 1996-97 State JAC Contest deadline information is in the Chapter packets. Please read it and good luck with this year's contest entries on the theme "Special Teachers Past and Present".

1997

West Virginia JAC awards received by the West Virginia Society during Continental Congress included First Place-Largest Number of JAC Clubs, Second Place-Largest Number of JAC Members and Third Place-Most JAC Contest Participants.

The Anne Royall Chapter sponsored the 10 State winners, 6 East Central Division winners, and 4 National winners. National winners included 1 second place and 3 third place. Monetary awards totalled \$45.00 for these students.

The 1996-97 report statistics reflect the following: 154 clubs, 1861 members, a total of \$47.00 to the National Prize fund and \$15.00 to the State Prize fund. 1835 member pins and cards were distributed. A total of 28 students from three Ritchie County Schools participated in the JAC contest.

Mrs. Kevin J. Phillips, State Chairman

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

No report received.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

On April 1, 1996, the DAR Library instituted new policies designed to assist our mail order patrons. The following options supersede all previously mail order policies, including those listed on the DAR Library Policies and Information Sheet. The Basic Search -- answers requests for photocopying from books within the limits of copyright law.

Finding and photo copying documentation files -- NSDAR members pay a flat fee of \$5.00. Please include your membership number in the correspondence. Non-members pay a flat fee of \$10.00.

The first 5 pages of photocopying are included in the fee. For more than 5 pages of photocopies, the rate is \$1.25 for the first page and \$.30 per page thereafter. Please send the fee with your inquiry, they will bill you for photocopying over 5 pages in order to comply with state laws, the library research staff cannot photocopy any vital records from state health departments contained in the membership documentation files, including birth and death records and divorce records.

The research service -- many of the letters received post questions that require in-depth research. To answer these inquiries, the Library recently added a genealogical researcher to the staff for requests such as locating historical and genealogical information on individuals and families. NSDAR members pay a fee of \$20.00 per hour of research. Please include your membership number in the correspondence.

Non-members pay \$25.00 per hour of research. The first 5 pages of photocopying are included in the fee. For more than 5 pages of photocopying the rate is \$1.25 for the first page and \$.30 per page thereafter. There is a maximum of 4 hours of research per request.

Please send the fee with your inquiry, you will be billed for any photocopying, you will be sent a report and informed if additional hours of research are necessary. All checks should be made payable to "Treasurer General, NSDAR".

One member of the Society has become a Life Member of the Library, Jane B. Decker, Blennerhassett Chapter-Parkersburg. A book, "Into the Valley" was contributed to the National Library by Charles F. Printz through Bee Line Chapter in Charles Town. This book is a History of the Printz/Prince Family of the Shenandoah Valley.

Bethel H. Printz, Chairman, Friends of the Library

LINEAGE RESEARCH

1995

I hope we can grow together as we try to know more about how to trace our lineage and find our roots. Each year older our nation grows makes it harder to locate the documents we need to establish identity. Start now to speak to your older relatives. Encourage them to talk about daily life when they were young. Ask about neighbors, schools, and churches in the community of your native homeplace. Sometimes insignificant items can lead to uncovering a treasure trove of forgotten information.

Try to be well-informed about your own family and impress it upon your children to be proud of their lineage. Be a good record keeper - today we have so many technical means to do this that it seems a shame not to take advantage of it. Join a historical society and question the members on their research sources. Volunteer, if you have time, and you will soon be bit by the genealogy bug.

In the near future there may be some workshops developed in your area. Car pool a group of members and attend. In addition to spending a day with congenial friends, you may gain new insight or find a new way to unlock the past. Keep me informed of your activities, especially any ideas we may use to help prospective members find the lineage facts they need to swell the ranks of the DAR. If we work together, we are bound to achieve success.

1996

This chairman has received no reports of activity from any other chapter. Shenandoah Valley Chapter had a research meeting at the Martinsburg/Berkeley County Public Library in February 1996 when the Librarian, Keith Hammersla explained the facilities of the library and the genealogical section and illustrated how to use them. There were two non-DAR members present.

This chairman has attended two district meetings and viewed the workshop presented by Mrs. Carmen Silliman. One has asked for assistance which was given.

We plan to hold a public workshop in January or February 1996 depending on the weather when several genealogists will be present. This chairman realizes the importance of lineage research in helping applicants to prepare application papers for membership and hopes to have better success in the future.

1997

In wish to report as of this meeting I have submitted 62 pages of Church Records of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church South now Trinity United Methodist Church of Martinsburg, WV. These records run from 1866 (the year it was organized) to the early 1920s. Contained therein are birth, baptism, death, and marriage records. It was an interesting experience.

Dorothy C. Myers, Chairman Lineage Research

LITERACY CHALLENGE COMMITTEE

1995

The literacy Challenge Committee is dedicated to the seeking out of those who need our help in developing their reading skills. The United States ranks 49th among 156 nations in its illiteracy rate-a drop of 18 places since 1950. Once in five American adults is functionally illiterate. The number in West Virginia is one in four giving West Virginia a ranking of 40th in levels of literacy proficiency. In addition to the 20% functional illiteracy rate, another 45% of American adults are only marginally literate. 50% of American adults are unable to read an 8th grade book. The number of immigrants to our country continues to grow each year and with it comes the responsibility to teach English as a second language. During Continental Congress our Society reaffirmed its support for English as our National Language therefore making it our goal to be a moving force in the education of language to new citizens.

Why is literacy so important? The level of education among the adult population directly affects economic growth and development. Our basic freedoms are in jeopardy when we are unable to read and understand ideas which are propagated by those who would seek to destroy those ideals which we hold dear. An informed and literate society is a strong one. We must do our part to preserve the rich heritage which has been so trustingly bestowed upon us.

There are 3 excellent agencies who are active in the tutoring of adults in reading. These are Literacy Volunteers of America, West Virginia Laubach Literacy, both of whom may be contacted through your local public library, and Adult Basic Education Program which is administered through the state department and local boards of education. You may now wonder what you can do to help. during a recent visit to the state office of LVA, I discovered the Women;'s Club has literacy tutoring as one of its projects. Therefore, those of you who belong to both organizations may serve both through one volunteer activity. Besides being a literacy tutor other ways to held include: (1) telling anyone who needs or wants reading help where to find it; (2) make a tax-deductible donation to LVA or WV Laubach Literacy (United Way provides an opportunity for you to designate funds for LVA); (3) donate goods such as reading materials or office supplies; (4) donate you time, talent and enthusiasm.

1996

This is the second year of our President General's administration, "Providing Education" is the focus of much of our society's efforts. And when we think of education, we must not limit our attention to children in our public schools. According to a report from the Department of Education in 1993, 40 to 45 million adults were said to be functionally illiterate. Half of our adult population, almost 90 million American adults, possess only the rudimentary reading skills.

There are number of things we as concerned citizens and DAR members can do to help stop this drain on our human resources. We can tutor at schools, the local library, in shelters, at hospitals, and nursing homes. We can also raise money for established Literacy programs and if there isn't one in your area, work on getting one started.

Last year 6 chapters in West Virginia had programs pertaining to Literacy Challenge; 18 chapters were involved in a local literacy program. At least 20 WV Daughters served as tutors. Unfortunately, some chapters were incomplete in reporting the number of members they have serving as literacy volunteers, therefore, the total number is unknown. Please, when completing your report in the questionnaire, enter the number of members who serve as tutors or volunteers in a literacy program.

The following chapters received awards for their participation in Literacy Challenge. First place: Matthew French; Second place: Barboursville; Third place - Mound/Elk River; Honorable Mention: Major William Haymond, John Young, Westmoreland, Wheeling.

1997

West Virginia Regents and Literacy Challenge Committee Chapter Chairmen reported the following statistics, with 42 chapters reporting: (1) 6 had programs pertaining to Literacy Challenge; (2) 8 WV Daughters serve as literacy tutors; (3) several are involved in the literacy programs in their communities; (4) Elk River Chapter helped to get a local literacy program stated in Braxton County; (5) Several members tutor in local schools and VA homes where they are not only tutor in reading but computer skills as well; (6) one chapter reported donating books to a literacy program.

Chapters receiving awards: First place - Elk River Chapter; Second place - Kanawha Valley Chapter; Third place - Barboursville Chapter/Mound Chapter.

Linda B. Hendrickson, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

1995

Chapters 12-49 members:

1st place - Ye Town of Bath

11.36% increase in membership

2nd place - Pack Horse Ford

6.81% increase

3rd place - Barboursville

5.88% increase

Chapters 50-99 members	
1st place - Westmoreland	5.85 %
2nd place - South Branch	5.63%
3rd place - Matthew French	5.55%

Chapters with 100+ members	
1st place - John Young	17.65%
2nd place - Hagans-Evans	3.54%
3rd place - Kanawha Valley	2.83%

Reports from National show that 56 members (7 members at large) have been dropped for non-payment of dues. Welcoming letters have been sent to 53 new West Virginia Daughters along with a WV DAR license plate. Letters have been sent to 6 prospective members and their names have been referred to the chapters in their immediate area so that personal contact can be made.

1996

This chairman sent letter of welcome to 84 new West Virginia Daughters. A WV DAR license plate was also mailed to the new members, as was the "DAR IS FUN" which can be used as a bookmark. Names and addresses of 13 women who have expressed an interest in becoming members of the DAR were referred to the chapter nearest each prospective member for follow-up. A letter was also sent to each of the prospective members, letting them know that they could expect to be hearing from a chapter near them.

The Secretary General reports as follows: New members 83, plus 2 members-at-large; transferred in 9; reinstated 10; transferred out 7, plus 5 members-at-large; resigned 42; deceased 38, plus 1 member-at-large.

Awards are presented to the following:

Chapters 12-49 members
 1st place - James Barbour
 2nd place - John Cooke

Chapters 50-99 members
 1st place - Pack Horse Ford
 2nd place - Captain James Allen and Wheeling
 3rd place - Blennerhassett and Colonel Charles Lewis

Chapters 100+ members
 1st place - John Young
 2nd place - Kanawha Valley
 3rd place - Buford and John Hart

1997

This chairman sent letter of welcome to 75 new WV Daughters (12 juniors). A WV DAR license plate was sent as well as a 'DAR IS FUN' bookmark. Names and addresses of 16 women expressing an interest in becoming members of the Society were referred to the nearest chapter.

The following information was received from the Office of the Organizing Secretary: new members 75; transferred in 10; reinstated 12; transferred out 12; resigned 26; deceased 44.

Awards are presented to the following:

Chapters 12 - 49 members
Blue -- John Cooke
Red -- Anne Royall
Silver -- Colonel William Lowther/Elizabeth Zane

Chapter 50 - 99 members
Blue -- Mound
Red -- John Chapman/Blennerhasset
Silver -- Wheeling

Chapters 100+ members
Blue -- John Young
Red -- John Hart
Silver -- Kanawha Valley

At this State Conference the John Young Chapter will be presented with the National Chairman, Membership Award for the largest increase in membership by application.

Ann Van Voorhis, Chairman

MOTION PICTURE, RADIO AND TELEVISION

1995

You all know how much the media controls and influences our lives every day, especially the young people in our country. We need to write the radio, television and movie industries to encourage them to promote better programs and films. If you hear or see a program or movie that is good, write these shows and tell them what a great program it was. We need to praise as well as criticize.

Please keep me informed of any special activities your chapter is planning for the future.

1996

Approximately one-third of the chapters responded to this Chairman. Letters of praise and criticism were written to the media. There were three nominations for National Award: Rush Limbaugh, "Tuesday's child" on WNPR, and Home Improvement (Tim Allen).

Please use the addresses listed in your July issue of the DAR Magazine and write to the media.

1997

Chapters were encouraged to write letters to the media. Chapters did respond to this Chairman, though most had no report. Those responding had written letters. Three nominations for National Award were received. They were Bill Cosby, Rush Limbaugh, and Tuesday's Child on NPR.

Dorrene G. Hale, State Chairman

NATIONAL DEFENSE

1995

44 chapters reported; 41 chapters reported using five minutes on National Defense; 32 had a full program on National Defense; 26 reported topics of interest; 3 gave gold ROTC medals; 13 gave bronze ROTC medals; 37 gave good citizenship medals; 34 had National Defense material at chapter meetings; 10 had National Defense material at schools; 12 had National Defense material at libraries; 33 reported on NSDAR resolutions; 6 contributed for Defense; 23 contributed to ROTC programs. All 44 reported members vote.

Awards were presented as follows:

First Place: General Andrew Lewis, James Wood, Barboursville

Second Place: John Young, Kanawha Valley, Hagan-Evans

Third Place: Charleston, Colonel Charles Lewis, James Barbour, Matthew French

An informational letter has been mailed by this chairman to each National Defense Chapter Chairman reminding her of the July, 1995 issue of the NSDAR magazine and award guides.

1996

44 chapters reported on National Defense activities prior to January, 1995; 43 spent at least five minutes of each chapter meeting on National Defense; 29 had full programs relating to National Defense; 8 Gold ROTC medals, 12 Bronze ROTC medals, and 34 Good Citizenship medals were presented by 18 chapters; 37 chapters reported that National Defense material was available at chapter meetings. Letters of assistance will be mailed to the 7 chapters not having the information available. 15 chapters supply local libraries and 10 chapters supply local schools with national Defenders. 31 chapters discussed the 1995 NSDAR resolutions. \$4.00 was donated for "Dollars for Defense" and \$250.00 was donated as ROTC cash contributions. The most popular National Defender messages were: Illegal Immigration on Welfare; English as Foreign Language; U.S. Involvement in Foreign Affairs. Articles dealing with education were of great importance to the members.

Awards were presented to:

First Place:	Captain James Allen Charleston Daniel Davisson	Hagans/Evans Ohio Valley South Branch Valley
Second Place:	Anne Bailey Barboursville Blackwater Blennerhassett Buford Colonel Charles Lewis Colonel William Lowther	Colonel Zackquill Morgan James Barbour Kanawha Valley Matthew French Pack Horse Ford Westmoreland William Henshaw
Third Place:	Anne Royall Bee Line General Andrew Lewis	John Chapman Ye Town of Bath John Young

1997

42 chapters reported on National Defense prior to January 1997; 38 spent at least three minutes of each chapter meeting on National Defense; 26 had full programs relating to National Defense; 23 presented medals as follows: 8 Gold ROTC medals, 13 Bronze ROTC medals, 44 Good Citizenship medals. This is a substantial increase from 1996 when on 18 chapters presented 54 medals. 38 chapters reported that National Defense material was available at chapter meetings; 13 supply local libraries and 18 chapters supply local schools with National Defenders. 31 chapters discussed the 1996 NSDAR resolutions. 23 chapters discussed the State resolutions. \$14 was donated for "Dollars for Defense" and \$426 was donated as ROTC cash contributions. A sincere thanks to James Wood Chapter for their \$200 ROTC cash contribution.

The most popular National Defender messages were those relating to education and the state of our National Defense.

Criteria for National Defense Awards:

FIRST PLACE: A chapter must have 3 minutes of National Defense at each regular meeting as well as a full program devoted to National Defense; Chapter must award a medal--Gold ROTC, Bronze ROTC, or Good Citizenship; National Defender material must be available at chapter meetings and available to either a school or public library; resolutions must be discussed; a contribution must be made to either "Dollars for Defense" or "ROTC Cash Contribution".

SECOND PLACE: A chapter must have 3 minutes of National Defense at each regular meeting as well as a full program devoted to National Defense; chapter must award a medal--Gold ROTC, Bronze ROTC, or Good Citizenship OR make a contribution to either "Dollars for Defense" or "ROTC Cash Contribution." National Defender material must be available at chapter meetings and available to either a school or public library.

THIRD PLACE: A chapter must have 3 minutes of National Defense at each regular meeting as well as a full program devoted to National Defense; Chapter must award a medal - Gold ROTC, Bronze ROTC, or Good Citizenship OR make a contribution to either "Dollars for Defense" or "ROTC Cash Contribution."

The following chapters were presented awards:

First Place:	Barboursville Blackwater Buford Colonel Zackquill Morgan	Daniel Davisson James Wood Kanawha Valley
Second Place:	Colonel Charles Lewis Colonel Morgan Morgan Colonel William Lowther General Andrew Lewis John Hart	Matthew French Ohio Valley Shenandoah Valley William Henshaw
Third Place:	Anne Bailey Bee Line Blennerhassett Charleston	James Barbour John Chapman Pack Horse Ford William Morris

Linda Walls, Chairman

PROGRAM

No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1995

I encourage every chapter to obtain a copy of the booklet 'Learning the ABCs of Public Relations' and learn all you can from the book. It will help us all to do a better job.

1996

Did you know that libraries have a book that lists all the newspapers in the state, their addresses, editor, etc.? Quite helpful for a Public Relations Chairman. I have written articles to be sent to other cities and this book has been a great help. I have received many newspaper articles-please do not send them to me. I have returned most of them because I thought you might need them for your scrapbook. The others will go to Mrs. Bonar. If you want articles put in the State Regent's scrapbook send them to Mrs. Arthur Bonar.

My goal for the coming year is to be more in contact with the chapters and the State Regent so I know what is happening throughout the state and what needs to be reported.

Betty Roberts, Chairman

STATE OFFICERS' CLUB

1995

The annual meeting of the West Virginia State Officers' Club was held Friday, October 27, 1995 at noon in the Cartier Room, Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, WV, with Mrs. Randall G. Rumberg, President, presiding.

Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., State Corresponding Secretary, gave the invocation. The Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Miss Jean Ann Elliott, State Treasurer.

Following lunch, Mrs. Rumberg presented distinguished West Virginia daughters: Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR, and Honorary State Regent, Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, Mrs. Samuel M. Davis, Past Vice President General and Honorary State Regent, Mrs. Jack R. Adams, Honorary State Regent.

Mrs. Rumberg introduced Mrs. Stephen R. Hunter, State Regent of Virginia, and Club officers for 1994-1995. Mrs. Jerry W. Cogle, Sr., Vice President, was absent and Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield, Secretary. Members introduced themselves in customary fashion.

Mrs. Clarence Sharpes (Rita) performed several selections on the harp. She spoke briefly about the music that she plays at a wedding chapel in Japan. Mrs. Sharpes

concluded the program by playing a selection in memory of Mrs. Voris M. Morton (Betty) a recently deceased member.

Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield read the minutes of the October 28, 1994, meeting which were approved as read. There was no old business to consider. There were several items of new business.

This club has no by-laws to govern the course of our transactions. Miss Jean Elliott, Past President of the West Virginia Officers Club drafted a set of by-laws. Copies were distributed to the members to review. Members will vote on them at our next meeting in November, 1996, at the Greenbrier Hotel.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Mrs. Roy A. Gilkenson, Chairman, Mrs. John A. Davis, and Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough, members. The slate was: President-Mrs. Jerry W. Cogle, Sr., Vice President-Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield, Secretary-Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough.

With no further nominations from the floor, the secretary was asked to cast a unanimous vote for the nominees as presented by the nominating committee.

Mrs. Rumberg thanked the nominating committee and presented the new officers. Mrs. Greenfield accepted the Club President's pin which she will deliver to Mrs. Cogle. The nominating committee for next year was elected: Mrs. Ottis Linger Jr., Chairman, Mrs. Argil Sams, Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings.

Mrs. Rumberg expressed thanks to Mrs. John A. Davis, Regent and member of the Ohio Valley Chapter, our hostess chapter. Following the benediction by Mrs. Ross D. Hart, State Historical, the meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield, Secretary

1996

The WV State Officers Club held their annual meeting at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, WV, Friday, November 1, 1996, at noon with Mrs. Jerry W. Cogle, Sr., President, presiding.

The invocation was given by Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary Vice President General, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, State Registrar.

Mrs. Cogle asked members to introduce themselves, they included Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR, and Honorary WV State Regent; Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary Vice President General NSDAR and Honorary State Regent; and Mrs. Randall W. Rumberg, State Regent.

Minutes of the October 27, 1995, meeting were read by Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough, Secretary. Minutes were approved as read.

Old business was by-laws which were distributed to members in 1995 for review. By-laws were reviewed and placed before the members for vote. Mrs. Cogle asked for vote from floor to accept. Mrs. Roy A. Gilkeson made a motion to accept the by-laws and it was seconded by Mrs. C. M. Myers, Jr. Discussion was called - Mrs. Rumberg asked for amendment on Article II. Object. It read: "The object of the Club shall be : To increase social intercourse between its members and to promote the

patriotic and historical interest of the Daughters of the "American Revolution." Amended to read: "To increase interaction between its members and to promote educational, historical, and patriotic interest of the Daughters of the American Revolution." Mrs. Cogle, President called for a voice on the amendment and it passed. Approval for by-laws as amended was taken and passed.

Report of the 1996 nomination committee was presented by Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., Chairman, Mrs. Argil Sams, and Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings. President-Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield (Sally); Vice President - Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough (Marion); Secretary-Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay (Nancy); and Historian-Miss Jean Ann Elliott (new office). As there were no nominations from the floor, the secretary was ask to cast a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Cogle thanked the nominating committee and presented the new officers, she then pinned the President's pin on Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield.

The Nominating Committee for 1997 was elected: Mrs. Charles L. Silliman, Chairman, Mrs. Ottis Linger, Jr., and Mrs. Ross D. Hart.

No further business, Miss Kathy Morton, WV State Vice Regent, gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough, Secretary

1997

The West Virginia State Officers Club held their annual meeting at the Gateway Inn, Barboursville, West Virginia, on Friday, October 24, 1997, at noon with Mrs. Gary W. Greenfield, presiding.

The invocation was given by Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Historian, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, Secretary.

Mrs. Greenfield introduced the new officers following which the members were asked to introduce themselves.

Mrs. Greenfield then introduced Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Historian, who, after donning her hat and gloves, took us back in time to 1927 on a history tour. Miss Elliott entitled this tour "Past, Present, and Future of the State Officers Club."

The minutes of the November 1, 1996, meeting were read by Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, Secretary, and were approved as read.

There being no unfinished business, the President then called for new business and asked Mrs. Charles Silliman to give the report of the nominating committee. Mrs. Silliman reported as follows: Mrs. Lyle D. McCullough (Marion), President; Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay (Nancy), Vice President; Mrs. John A. Davis (Mindy), Secretary; Miss Jean Ann Elliott, Historian. As there were no nominations from the floor, the Secretary was asked to cast a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Greenfield thanked the nominating committee for their assistance and stated she would make arrangements to get her President's pin to Mrs. McCullough.

Mrs. Greenfield then opened the nominations for the nominating committee

for the coming term. The following committee was elected: Mrs. Ebb J. Cummings, Chairman, Mrs. James E. Wallace, Mrs. Frederick Valentine.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mrs. James Wallace, State Chaplain, gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Terry A. Kornegay, Secretary

SEIMES MICROFILM COMMITTEE

1995

Our National chairman's project is the completion of the United States Federal Census records for the years 1800 through 1840. There are 1,046 rolls which are available from the National Archives at a cost of \$23.00 per roll. The Center is in need of three new readers and one printer to replace outdated and worn out equipment.

For planning programs, the Center has a twelve minute video program to be rented for \$10.00. The program must be reserved a month before needed. Free pamphlets are available.

Remember that a since donation of \$100.00 entitles the donor to life membership in Seimes Microfilm Center. Donors receive a certificate of appreciation with authorization to purchase a pin from J. E. Caldwell. It would be wonderful if 46 rolls of Census records could be purchased by our West Virginia Chapters. This would require ONLY a \$23.00 expenditure from each of your budgets.

1996

The Anne Royall Chapter donated \$92.00 for four rolls of Federal Census Microfilm. The Captain James Allen Chapter donated \$25.00 for the National Chairman's Project. Jane Decker, a member of the Blennershasset Chapter, became a life member of the Seimes Microfilm Center for her donation of \$100.00. A total of \$67.00 was reported via the master questionnaire to the Seimes Microfilm Center. One roll of film titled Young Family by Henry Young was donated directly to the Center by the John Young Chapter. Donations are still needed toward replacing outdated equipment and purchasing Federal Census records. Donation forms are available by contacting me.

1997

Comparing statistics from the March 1995-96 to the March 1996-97 Nation report verifies an increase of monetary donations by WV chapters. This figure increased from \$67.00 to \$207.00. The only previously unreported donation came from the E. L. Hagans/Colonel John Evans Chapter given by Linda H. Collins in the amount of \$25.00. This Chairman is unaware of any new life members of the Seimes Microfilm Center.

Continued support of this committee is essential for building this valuable resource for genealogical records for DAR members, prospective members and the general public. Thanks for your cooperation and support.

Mrs. Walter C. Crane, State Chairman

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SPECIALIST VIS

1995

V.I.S. - Volunteer Information Specialist Committee is a vehicle for Daughters of the electronic age. It will involve, but is not limited to computer technology. Rapid communication, exchange of accurate information, and educating ourselves is vital to the National Society. This is a new national chairmanship as well as State Chairmanship. We are writing and learning as we go.

This developed from a group of DAR members who used genealogy bbs on computers to do research. Soon these members were looking up ancestors in the Patriot Index, mailing out fact sheets, and discovering new DAR friends across the country. This network has grown to over 400 DAR members nationwide on three computer on-line services. It is now possible through the Internet for the three services and other access points, to communicate with each other via electronic mail-known as e-mail.

NOW, what can VIS do for your chapter? Suggestions from this committee can help you increase your internal communications-such as newsletters. It can possibly provide you with prospective members - definitely good news. At the State level I know of three WV Daughters on line. I am looking for WV Daughters who are willing to volunteer their computer skills (expert of amateur) to assist our State/National Society. This is just the beginning- we can have more efficient sharing of information, following up of new member referrals and better state-wide communication.

Remember, our key words are ACCURATE INFORMATION, VOLUNTEER, INNOVATION.

1996

The Volunteer Information Specialists now have a nickname - CYBER-DAUGHTERS! Nationally, a Web Page is up and running. A printed copy is available if you would like to see it. Mac and Dos versions of the DAR application disc are now available. West Virginia State home page may soon be up and running.

The President General has asked the VIS committee to participate in a very important National Ways and Means project involving entering data. If you would be interested in helping, please contact me. Also, we are still looking for daughters that will draw clip art for a CD ROM. Any subject that a DAR chapter would use. This clip art must be free of copyright.

WV Daughters have used their computers to: do their yearbook or supplement; fill our applications and supplementals; design and print place cards and programs for Christmas lunches; Flag ceremonies; and many other events in the life of a chapter. They keep membership updated; make mailing labels; list and index members or ancestors.

Our State Regent's project is to help the WV Archives. Mr. Frederick Armstrong, Director, has many projects that can be completed without having a computer. Some can even be worked on in your home. There are State militia records that need our attention; newspaper and magazine articles need articles clipped for the vertical files; or material gathered for West Virginia Explorer Timeline CD ROM.

This Chairman is available for computer workshops. This could be very basic instructions, advanced or the DAR Application or membership programs.

1997

The WV Daughters are moving right along into the 21st Century. Our web site; NSDAR clip art disk; the DAR application on disk, the DAR II Membership disk; all make for faster communication and ease of completing the projects.

26 chapters reported out of 43. 44 DAR chapter members are using computers for their chapters. 33 use IBM programs; 6 use MAC. 4 volunteered to enter data for the State Society and 3 volunteered for National.

With the aid of a computer 1106 pages were indexed; a WV ad for the DAR magazine was completed; a booklet was published; labels, luncheon programs, invitations, certificates, place cards, chapter yearbooks, cemetery books, sample of original documents of the US Constitution were made for display, mailing labels, our cookbook, correspondence, chapter dues billing, budgets, newsletters, announcements, etc.

Paige Rumberg was presented with a certificate for her dedication to our web page. Certificates for last year's Best Yearbook contest sponsored by East Central Director, Janet Welty were also presented : **For the best yearbook** - 3rd place - Westmoreland Chapter **tied** with Whetstone Chapter of Columbus, Ohio. **for supplementals** - 2nd place - Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter.

Mrs. E. L. Rutledge, Chairman

VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICES

1996

At the convention last October, I introduced the new Volunteer Community Service Committee. With just 2 months to report on Volunteering in the year 1995, 44 chapters reported 19,994.5 hours.

We learned from the first year and some changes have been made. As the reports come to me from Linda Hendrickson, NSDAR East Central Division Chairman, I sent the information to those needing it. I sent the information to all chapter regents to give to Chapter Chairmen. I sent the last information to the District Directors to pass on to chapter regents in her district. I gave a brief report at the Southern District meeting.

You may use any kind of record keeping form you wish, however, I have slightly changed the suggested record form. I also have a summary of changes on a separate sheet. The National Chairman, Mrs. Albert J. Potter, says, "Let's make this a Million Dollar Year" - if last year was any indication, WV will do its share.

1997

This new Committee has been working for two years. We had to begin from scratch. We printed a form for a guideline, we tried to make clear what Community Service is and what is not, and we simplified the proof of service. It is the report of service that still seems to be not clear. Our hours of service would be greater, but several members and chapters felt we should trust our members to be honest and

eliminate the proof. This is the question that still needs to be understood. However, the second year was better and we more than doubled the first year's hours of Community Service. On February 18, 1997, there were 42 chapters that reported a total of 33,294 hours served by WV NSDAR.

Lucille L. Walthall, Chairman

WV JOSEPHINE C. PETERS COTTAGE

1996

This committee is pleased to report our cottage on the campus of Tamassee is beginning to bloom-thanks to contributions. Six Daughters attended the Founders' Day in October. We were thrilled to see the dead shrubbery had been removed from the front, the window air-conditioner taken from the front and placed to the side, a new full-length glass storm door displayed our new beautiful dark forest green door which matches the shutters.

As we entered, all changes this committee requested had been completed: New ceiling fan with light in living room; new butcher block kitchen table with four green chairs; new white microwave (gift from regent's club), service for 12 coming wear corolle dinnerware, water glasses, juice glasses, juice pitcher, teapot, placemats, coasters, dishtowels, dishcloths, and wall clock. The pattern is white with green ivy. Service for 12 Oneida stainless steel flatware, new white back door, colors for kitchen are white with hunter green. The bathroom was completely renovated: new tub & shower enclosure, toilet, seta, ceiling vent, glass shower doors, lavatory, medicine cabinet, light, towel racks, mini-blind, storage cabinet, new floor with white tile, walls were painted white to with wallpaper border, Pack Horse Chapter bought towels and wash cloths to match our aqua rug.

Each bedroom had a new ceiling fan and a door mirror installed.

Our walnut plaque was placed on the living room wall with 12 names so far. Names are engraved on gold finished plates of those who donated \$100 or more. This can be done in honor or in memory. Chapters can combine donations and sponsor a bedroom or living room to decorate. Names will be printed on a gold filled plate and placed on the door. This is your house and it reflects our state. Visit the cottage, stay overnight, its free to the DAR Daughters. See Tamassee Campus and feel the Sunlight of God.

Marion E. McCullough, Chairman

Anne Cummings

Myrtle Simms

Nancy Kornegay

50 YEAR MEMBERS

1995-1997

Anne Bailey

Anne Royall

Miss Aletha Putney Stanley

Mary Belle Kysor Slevan

Barboursville	Mrs. Myron L. French (Ruth)
Bee Line	Mrs. Samuel McConkey (Lucille) Mrs. Clarence Nelson (Ethel McVey) Mrs. C. William Moore Mrs. Lawrence W. Lloyd Mrs. John A. Ward
Blackwater	Lolita Hillard Pauline Harris Jean Burns Alice Smith
Borderland	Jannes Snyder Graff Thelma Snyder Graney
Buford	Eunice Woodruff Calley (Mrs. F.D.) Jane Adams Dingess (Mrs. J. W.) Virginia Talbott Quay (Mrs. A.H.) Martha Wilson Brandt (Mrs. J. T.) Jessie Fiedler McClain (Mrs. J.C.) Marion Sayer Lady Lou Jenkins Sidney Turnbull (Mrs. Wm.)
Captain James Allen	Margaret Bibb Johnson (Mrs. Morton)
Colonel Charles Lewis	Elizabeth P. Berry Nedra Wilhelm Jones Mrs. John Collins (Anna Lee) Mrs. Howard Price (Margaret S.) Mrs. Marvin McElfrest (Edith J.) Evelyn Foglesong Proffitt Garnette Tillis Stanley Cordelia M. Nibert (Mrs. Forrest)
Colonel Morgan Morgan	Mrs. Hazel Brooks Miss Ruth Hunsaker Miss Irene Prickett
Daniel Davisson	Ruth Nixon Wolverton (Mrs. James N.) Mary Lou Weatherholt (Mrs. Henry S.) Betty Dakan
Elizabeth Cummins Jackson	Mrs. Carl G. Weltman
Eliz. Ludington Hagans- Col. John Evans	Genevieve Hartsaw Edith Howell Love Dorothy Tucker Wotring Eve Claire Lewis Willard Jordan Virginia Gaston Lydia Mae McBee Eleanor Ruland Dora Sheppard Hennon Lucille Madeira Letha Ice
Elizabeth Zane	Mrs. Mary K. Miller Mrs. Marion F. Runt
Ft. Ashby	Grace T. Foster
James Barbour	Audra Lambert
James Wood	Mrs. Louis T. Cruickshank (Dwight) Mrs. Martha N. Goff (Dr. S.W.)

	Mrs. Marjorie d. Hiehle (Forbes)
	Mrs. Katherine O. Stevenson (George)
	Jane McDougale Dils (Mrs. Edwin)
	Phoebe Genevieve Herold Phelps
John Chapman	Mary Sampson Gillis (Mrs. Percy H.)
	Nancy Randolph Cheely Cole (Mrs. W.V.)
	Mary Witten Kahle Morgan (Mrs. S.P.)
	Pauline Watson Fife (Mrs. Clark E.)
	Louise Keesee McLaughlin (Mrs. R. T. Jr.)
	Elise Hume cooper (Mrs. Hufford W.)
	Linkous Connie Hall (Mrs. Otis E. Jr.)
John Hart	Mrs. Nell Adamson Junter
	Miss Margaret C. Baker
	Hazel Turner Kump (Mrs. Cyrus)
	Mrs. Mary Daniels Parmesano
John Young	Marjorie Chambers Davenport (Mrs. Braxton)
	Lydia White Hansbarger (Mrs. Echols A.)
	Lucille Ferguson Alexander (Mrs. Arch J.)
	Virginia Johnson
Kanawha Valley	Phoebe McClure MacAndrews (Mrs. E.J.)
	Gertrude Laing Conley (Mrs. James S.)
	Ruth Mary Thompson Jones (Mrs. E.F.)
	Frances Williamson McIntosh (Mrs. C.L.Jr.)
	Polly Ann Burnell Lynch (Mrs. Earl B.)
Major William Haymond	Ouida Stonestreet McDonald (Mrs. R.T.)
	Mary Hunsaker McCougla (Mrs. E.G.)
	Miss Elizabeth Williams
	Mayo Jolliffe Olsen (Mrs. Ralph E.)
	Miss Alma Hunsaker
Matthew French	Ruth Carper (Mrs. W.G.)
	Madie M. Dyer (Mrs. Price)
	Elizabeth Eskridge (Mrs. W.M.)
	Virginia N. Lively (Mrs. J.)
	Frances Terry
	Mary B. Woods (Mrs. Robert F.)
	Marguerite Miller
	Theresa Brown Clark (Mrs. Andrew)
Mound	Alice Sigafoose Littell
	Margaret Phillips Munden (Mrs. James)
Pack Horse Ford	Lillie Rockenbaugh Moore (Mrs. Donald)
	Jane Elizabeth Fleming Rockenbaugh (Mrs. John)
Ravenswood	Mrs. Sue Proctor Miller
Shenandoah Valley	Janet Hendrix (Mrs. Nevins)
	Ruth Darby Dean (Mrs. George)
	Bessie Van Metre Differderfer (Mrs. Homer)
	Hilda Lingamfelter
	Ruth E. Seibert
	Katherine Van Metre
South Branch Valley	Mary Curry Dyer Dalen (Mrs. Ole B.)
	Rebecca Dyer Browdy (Mrs. Abraham)
Trans-Allegheny	Ruth Barley (Mrs. Jason)
	Ethyle Jarvis (Mrs. Albert)
West Augusta	Phoebe Knott Arnold (Mrs. A.F.)
	Frances Bowers

	Edith Charlton
	Estella Nutter Conaway
	Thelma Huey Phillips (Mrs. Clinton)
	Charlotte Loen
	Mary Gail Koen
	Betty Blake
Westmoreland	Julia Elizabeth Adkins
Wheeling	Mrs. Gore Beall (Louise Carter)
	Mrs. Gloyd B. Fleming (Anna Virginia Stinger)
	Mrs. George H. Seibert, Jr. (Janice Boone)
	Mrs. Donald W. Sell (Eleanor Schaefer)
	Mrs. Edwin M. Steckel (Nina Gooding)
	Mrs. Monroe Worthington (Lena Martin)
	Mrs. Charles F. Bachmann (Elizabeth Bowne)
	Mrs. James D. Ezell (Susan Backmann)
	Mrs. Henry Sulena (Florence Hunter)
William Henshaw	Mrs. Mary Dean Barratt (Mrs. Robert)
	Virginia Newkirk (Mrs. Leslie)
	Katherine Grove Sechrist (Mrs. John)
William Morris	Sally Jane Mille Lewis (Mrs. Forest)
	Nellie Morris Crow (Mrs. Russell)
	Dorothy Morris Smith (Mrs. James)
	Muriel Albright Frincke (Mrs. R. B.)
	Emily McConchay Schlaegel (Mrs. Earl)

Jessie F. McClain, Chairman

Blanche L. Reymann Memorial Scholarship Fund

1995

Christina A. Knight, entering her senior year at the University of Charleston, is the recipient of the Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship for the 1995-96 school year. While maintaining a 3.30 grade point average she is working toward a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education. Christina has worked two outside jobs while in college and been Resident Assistant at the University for a year. Her honors include the National Dean's List at the University and Concert Choir's Scholarship 1992-95. Additionally, she has served as sponsor for Baptist Youth Fellowship and a member of the University of Charleston Concert Choir.

1996

Alderson Broaddus College In Philippi is the school from which our scholarship recipient was chosen for the 1996-97 school year. She is Brandy Sue Huss, her parents are Charles and Linda Huss and they reside in Dunbar, WV. She graduated from South Charleston High School in 1993 with highest honors. Brandy is a senior majoring in the Medical Science (Physician's Assistant) program and is in the upper third of her class with a 3.61 GPA. She also meets another of our requirements with some unmet financial obligations.

The following is a list of her college activities and accomplishments:

Academic Dean's List 93-96, Hugh C. Myers Society Member 93-96, WV Association of Physician Assistants (WVAPA) 93-96, American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) 93-96, Resident Assistant 94-95, Student Association of Alumni Relations

(SAAR) 93-96, Volunteer Lab Assistant 95-96, AB PA Writing Award (The Diary of a Cancer Patient) 96, and Senior Clinical Residency 96-97.

It appears from this list that Brandy Sue hasn't taken much time for social activities and will be a hard working asset to her chosen profession.

1997

The Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship of \$500 was given to Alison Bock of Bethany College. She maintains a 3.6/4.0 GPA and is working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. She plans to become a veterinarian. At present, she works at two animal hospitals in addition to her classes at Bethany. She maintains an active lifestyle in swimming, acting as a lifeguard and coach throughout the school year and summer at a local park.

The Marshall County 4H and FFA Livestock Club has her as a member and a youth group at Limestone Presbyterian Church along with Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and other organizations in her field of science. Several other scholarships have been awarded to her based on activities, leadership, involvement, and GPA. Her parents are Thomas and Pamela Bock and make their home in the Moundsville area along with another daughter and a son. Our State Regent presented her award to her at the Northern District Meeting.

Patricia J. Marx, Chairman, Blanche L. Reymann Scholarship

Pages

1995

This year we have 17 pages and one aide. Prior to this conference this chairman has provided a revised page handbook and conducted page training. This committee is providing personal page services to ten dignitaries and general floor duties. We are happy to participate in this 90th State Conference.

Serving as pages were: Carolyn Matheson, Aimee Zinn, Katie Wallen, Vada Zinn, Tiffany Barnett, Shelly Zinn, Abby Chambers, Elizabeth Decker, Amy Fanta, Micalyn Hylbert, Cindy Frich, Taylor Phillips, Connor Phillips, Rhoni Anne Skoruyepinski, Emily Brighton, Lindsay Trice, and Deanna Chambers.

1997

This chairman regrets that she is unable to attend this conference because she must make a class presentation at Shepherd College. Prior to this meeting, she has contacted each page by mail and personally replied to all questions. She is providing thank you gifts for each page. It has been an honor to serve this administration.

Serving as pages were: Carolyn Matheson Loeffler, Esquire, Charla L. Nutter, page conference chairman, Frances Lowe, Bonnie Thuma-Hawley, Ashley C. Wallace, and Hannah Swecker.

Elizabeth Ann Greenfield, Chairman

WVDAR PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

1995

It has been an interesting learning experience to assume the Chairmanship of this committee. It has been a pleasure to work with the vice-chairman for seating, Cindy Wallen. This chairman will be willing to attempt to answer any questions on DAR protocol chapters or individuals may encounter. I encourage each chapter to maintain a copy of the current DAR handbook and the Official DAR Procedure and Protocol Guide as both prove to be invaluable tools. They can be obtained through the National Society.

1996

This chairmanship has indeed been interesting. In addition to working on Protocol issues at the 1995 WV State Conference and Central District meeting, this chairman has been consulted for a variety of questions on four occasions.

1997

This has been an honor to serve as chairman of this committee and give thanks to my assistant for seating, Cindy Wallen. In addition to working on protocol issues and plans for the WV State Conference, this Chairman attended the Central District meeting and answered several protocol related questions at that event. I have also been contacted on several other occasions to answer protocol questions/concerns.

Frankie K. Cline, State Chairman

RESOLUTIONS

1995

There were no resolutions for consideration at the 90th State Conference with the exception of the Courtesy Resolutions presented at its closing.

1996

There were no resolutions for consideration at the 91st State Conference with the exception of the Courtesy Resolutions presented at its closing.

Kathleen E. Morton, Resolutions Chairman

1997

The Resolutions Committee presented two resolution at the 92nd State Conference, one dealing with promotion of the proper use of the Flag of our United States and the other dealing with endorsing the use of English as the official language of government of the State of West Virginia. They are recorded in their entirety in the minutes of the State Conference.

Members serving this committee were: Mrs. Clyde Edelman, Mrs. Charles F. Bachmann, Miss Sarah Ann Ryder, and Mrs. Robert B. Fish, Jr., Chairman

Mrs Robert B. Fish, Jr., Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA DAR NEWS

1995

The West Virginia DAR News, published twice a year, has a circulation of 2,650. This is the tenth year that every West Virginia Daughter has been mailed a copy of each issue. This Chairman assumed the duties of Editor of the News with the September 1995 issue. Thus far, the assignment has been most enjoyable and rewarding. The response for articles to the State Officers, State Chairmen, and Chapter Regents was tremendous. With the approval of the State Regent, the decision was made to include most of the new submitted, making this a 14 page issue. From the letters of appreciation received from members our decision met with your approval.

Our next issue will be mailed on March 1, 1996. The deadline to submit articles and pictures is February 1, 1996. Let me remind you that all articles must be typed and double spaced. Pictures submitted should be clear and in focus, with all persons identified. Do not send newspaper clippings and pictures. A check for \$10.80 made payable to the WV DAR State Treasurer must accompany each picture.

The WV DAR News reflects the work and accomplishments of WV Daughters. It is hoped that each Chapter will submit at least one item per year. Keep your news timely. For the March issue, articles should be about activities since September or future plans.

Mailing labels for the News are being provided by the Office of the Organizing Secretary General, Membership Department. The Editor will order these labels the first week of February for the March issue. It is the responsibility of each Chapter to send in any changes of membership to the Office of the Organizing Secretary General when they occur; your failure to do so will mean that your member will not receive her copy of the News. Do not send membership changes to me. I look forward to hearing from you with your news and suggestions.

1996

The West Virginia DAR News, published in September and March. If your chapter fails to report deaths, transfers, resignations or address changes, members will not receive the WV DAR News. Items are mailed by bulk mail and are not returned or forwarded. If your members are not receiving their newsletter, your Chapter Registrar is not keeping the Office of the Organizing Secretary informed as changes occur. This deprives your members of important members information issue of the NSDAR Magazine mailed in July as well. Membership changes are not sent to the editor but must go through the Office of the National Organizing Secretary General.

1997

The West Virginia DAR News, published in September and March, has a circulation of 2,650. Copies are mailed to each member of the National Board of Management and to all West Virginia Daughters. Deadlines for getting articles to the editor is August 1 and February 1. Articles must be typed and double spaced. Pictures submitted should be clear and in focus with all persons identified. Keep all membership addresses current with the Office of the National Organizing Secretary General as addressed labels are purchased through National.

The WV DAR News is a available resource for our members and I am hopeful that each chapter and committee will provide news for inclusion in the newsletter at least once a year. It is always nice for members to be kept up to date on the happening of their chapters.

Shirley M. Gilkeson, Chairman

DAR SPEAKERS STAFF REPORT

1995

The West Virginia DAR Speakers Staff is committed to providing interesting, informative, quality programs and/or suggestions for programs to our chapters while, at the same time, communicating the DAR story and mission to the general public in an effort to project a strong, positive image of the DAR.

It is hoped that more chapters and communities will avail themselves of the talent and expertise of the speakers Staff who want to take advantage of its golden opportunity to be a key to positive PR for DAR!

1996

A primary focus of the West Virginia DAR Speakers Staff is on promoting an increase in membership. Members communicate the DAR story and mission to the general public in an effort to project a strong, positive image of the DAR. At the same time and in an effort to retain members, the Speakers Staff strives to provide interesting, informative, quality programs and/or suggestions for programs to our chapters.

It is hoped that more chapters and communities will avail themselves of the talent and expertise of the Speakers Staff who wants to take advantage of its golden opportunity to be a key to positive PR for DAR!

1997

The West Virginia DAR Speakers Staff traveled many miles this year providing interesting, informative, quality programs in an effort to communicate the DAR Story, project a strong, positive image of the DAR to the public and promote an increase in membership. In addition to speaking to local chapters and civic groups, members traveled out of state to Georgia, Ohio, Maine, and Missouri. They have taken advantage of every opportunity to be a key to positive PR for DAR! They have been busy spreading the good word about DAR -- telling the public who we are and what we do.

In the words of the National Chairman, "Let's read, think and speak DAR." It is hoped that more chapters and communities will avail themselves of the talent and expertise of the Speakers Staff.

Presley M. Wagoner, State Chairman

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S PROJECT

1995

Spring cleaning-myth or fact! Many times a symbol of woman. Some people feel it is a way of getting rid of the old and to bring in more new things. As we know the

refurbishing of our Constitutional Hall is not forgetting the past but looking to the future. The President General and her corps of officers are cleaning their officers and our home, Constitution Hall. Yes, there is painting, redecorating and the adding of a little Murphy's Oil to the hall. Yet as one can see, the President General's project has not been official announced. The plan could be that each year the Kemper Association's term will have a special project that will be highlighted to help a certain area. These areas are yet to be named. The President General is asking that each Daughter still contribute \$4.00 to aid her and he team in any worthy endeavor. More information will be given to you after the official project has been announced. I will be contacting each Regent to keep our WV Daughters updated. Just remember -- \$4.00 per Daughter.

1996

This chairman now can give you the name of the President General's Project, "KEYS TO THE COLUMNS" which is a continuation of the renovation and restoration of our complex buildings in Washington.

WV stated in its yearly report that 23 of 46 chapters along with the WV State Society contributed \$2,703.47 and this included three seats in Constitution Hall; therefore, I am proud of our WV Daughters. Each and every member in the State of WV can be a part of the "KEYS TO THE COLUMNS" by: 1) Each chapter contributing \$4.00 per member during this administration; 2) each member sending a contribution for all the new assorted NSDAR Note Cards; 3) a member may purchase the NSDAR afghan for \$50; 4) a member may buy a seat in Constitution Hall and have her name/names affixed to a plaque in honor or memory of anyone she chooses; 5) a member may contribute \$50 directly to the "KEYS TO THE COLUMNS" which enables one to purchase an especially designed pin from J.E. Caldwell to be worn on the official ribbon; 6) a member may contribute \$1,000 to receive the "KEYS TO THE COLUMNS" benefactor pin; 7) a member may contribute \$5,000 or more and receive a pin and have the name placed on a plaque in Constitution Hall; 8) a member may contribute \$25,000 or more and receive a diamond pin with the name placed on the benefactor plaque in Constitution Hall.

Hopefully, according to the words of the National Chairman of the President General's project, Mrs. Henry C. Rilling, "I will connect with you in a personal way, demonstrate your importance to the SOCIETY and awaken YOU the drive to be a part of the KEYS TO THE COLUMNS."

1997

The State Chairman attended State Conference held at the Greenbrier and the Northern District meeting held at the Stafford Inn, Oglebay Park, Wheeling.

Awards for this term have been placed in three categories according to chapter membership. In the 12-29 membership 20 chapters participated and 4 chapters failed to contribute. This category contributed \$1,516. For 50-99 membership category 15 chapters participated, 1 failed to contribute. This category contributed \$3,510.38. In the 100+ membership category 5 chapters contributed at total of \$1,288.42. The grand total for two years has been \$6,314.80.

I would like to thank all participating chapters in WV for their contribution to this worthwhile project and hope those who have not contributed will include this project in their budget for the coming year.

Mrs. Fern Nutter, State Chairman

WEST VIRGINIA ROOM IN MEMORIAL CONTINENTAL HALL

1995

In response to comments about the room that surfaced during the district meetings, this chairman is pleased to report that she met with DAR Museum staff members and continues to exchange letters and telephone calls. The staff is working to enliven the room with the addition of books, writing instruments, and other elements to give it the look of a parlor being used for a schoolroom. She will give details in an article for the next issue of the WV DAR News. We will also investigate sources for purchasing a new State Flag to display beside the door into the room.

A special thanks to Marion McCullough for coordinating the volunteer hostesses at the room during Continental Congress.

1996

A major accomplishment of this committee this year was the purchase of a beautiful arrangement of dried flowers from a WV Floral designer who grows and preserves her own flowers. This chairman, assessed by Mrs. Robert Belcher, transported the arrangement to Washington to be placed in our room during Continental Congress.

Another major accomplishment was updating the slide program about the room which this chairman is pleased to present to the Blennerhassett Chapter of Parkersburg in May.

This Chairman wishes to thank Carmen Silliman and Barbara Rutledge for serving as hostesses at the room during Continental Congress. If any daughters will be attending Continental Congress next April and would like to volunteer an hour or two at the room, please let me know.

1997

The major accomplishment of this committee for this reporting year is the purchase of a new WV State Flag that stands at the entrance to our lovely period room. The Flag was dedicated on Wednesday, April 16, 1997, during Continental Congress, in a ceremony conducted by our State Regent, Mrs. Rumberg. She was assisted by Mrs. Joel M. Wagoner, Organizing Secretary General and Miss Virginia B. Johnson, Honorary Vice President General. About 30 WV Daughters and guests attended. We were also honored by the presence of Mrs. Richard Denny Shelby and Mrs. Raymond Franklin Fleck, Honorary Presidents General. A photograph of Mrs. Wagoner, Mrs. Rumberg and our new State of West Virginia Flag appeared in the September issue of your West Virginia DAR News.

Cora P. Teel, Chairman



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