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Mrs. Sharon A. Braden Iowa State Regent 2014-2016

Promoting Education to Encourage Lifelong Learning

"An intelligent heart acquires knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge"
Proverbs: 18:15

Dear Iowa Daughters,

Our Iowa Chapters have been busy doing the important work requested of us by our National Society. It has been amazing to read the reports of our State Officers, Chapter Regents, and State Chairs. This State Regent is very proud of everyone's accomplishments this past year! You will have an opportunity to hear what has been going on in Iowa at the 2016 Iowa State Conference, May 5-7, 2016.



This year, Iowa has the honor of hosting our President General Lynn Forney Young. Her schedule is planned several years in advance. Each of her state society visits (yes, she does visit each state and oversea societies during her three year term) are planned as part of a group of several state visits when she is travelling to represent NSDAR. Because of this, our State Conference will be later this year as requested by the President General's office. Unfortunately, Iowa State's graduation is the same weekend. A block of rooms was held for us as always. After our block is gone at the Quality Inn & Suites, the rooms for Friday evening will be difficult if not impossible at our conference hotel. Cathy Anderson, Quality Inn & Suites, contacted the Story City Comfort Inn. A block of rooms has been held for us there through April 5th. Please see the hotel information in this newsletter for additional information. This State Regent realizes the situation isn't ideal. But, the opportunity to meet and hear Mrs. Young will be memorable. Ginnie Storage, Virginia State Regent, and Kathy Ocasio, Nebraska State Regent, will also be guests of the Iowa Society at our Iowa State Conference. Please welcome our guests, introduce yourself, and visit with each of them. They look forward to meeting you. The ISDAR State Chorus has been busy preparing to entertain the President General, guests, and Iowa Daughters at the Friday evening dinner. They have worked on a medley of memorable songs from "State Fair" to perform for us.

Please be sure to read the NSDAR flyer, "Help set a world record in Patriotism!" in this newsletter. There are rules to follow for your letter to be accepted by National. If you attend State Conference, but will not be in attendance at Continental Congress, bring your letter (one letter per member) to include in the "most letters to military personnel collected in one month". Your letter will be taken to Continental Congress to be included in the record setting event. Remember to read the NSDAR regulations.

This State Regent has continued her chapter visits with the last visit planned the weekend after State Conference. Thank you for your kindnesses and gracious hospitality during visits. Iowa is such a beautiful state to drive across!

If your chapter is changing officers this spring, current officers please take the time to work with the incoming officers. Share with them the duties of your office. Show them how to find the members' web site for the Iowa and National Society. Offer to help them with questions, forms, etc. to get them started on the right foot. Stress to your chapter officers and members the importance of attending the ISDAR Board of Management meeting, District meeting, and State Conference. The more we become involved in NSDAR, the more ownership we each take in keeping it strong and successful.

Your Executive Board and this State Regent looks forward to seeing each of you in Ames for the 2016 State Conference.

In DAR friendship,
Sharon Braden
ISDAR State Regent 2014-2016



IN MEMORIUM

Abigail Adams Chapter
Priscilla Hart Nicholson Still

Algona Chapter
***Ardis Melton Jones**

Candlestick Chapter
***Helen Jeanette Martin Foss**

Cedar Falls Chapter
*** Dorothy Eleanor Winter**

Council Bluffs Chapter
Belma Berle Lembke Dorsheimer

DeShon Chapter
***Margaret Merrill Grassley**
Naomi Lee Faith Peterson

Elizabeth Ross Chapter
Evelyn Elizabeth Earhart Bear
***Leila Dorothy Carlo**

Grinnell Chapter
Nancy Elizabeth Kochs Shaw
***Ranne M. Sioux**

Hannah Lee Chapter
Marilyn Jean Rose Curnow

Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter
***Laura Ann Warden Bratney**
Cheryl Grace Hutchens Murano
Betty Lou Timberlake Wollsiager
***Nancy Gibson Dingman**
***Mabel Marie Jones Klobnak**

Julien Dubuque Chapter
***Esther Luella Kramer Scott**
***Barbara Ann Long Apel**
***Alda Bevan Kendell**

Lucy Standish-Newcastle Chapter
***Mary Deloris McVicker Simkins**

Mayflower Chapter
Bertha Ione Burlingham Page
Glory Gale Jewell Philp
***Bette Beresford Mayhew**

Mus-Quo-Ta Chapter
Susan Gay Sheetz Gust
***Dorothy Powers Elliott**

Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter
Carla Rae Perks

Nathaniel Fellows Chapter
***Margaret Burdick Morgan**

Onawa Chapter
***Caryl Zediker Smith**

Open Prairie Chapter
Sherry Kaye Anderson Snyder

Pilgrim Chapter
***Gertrude "Trudy" Venable Riley**

Pilot Rock Chapter
Mildred Hyndman
Charlotte Siegel
***Peggy McClintock Luhring**
Dorothy Matilda (Rhoads) Gano
Mary Beth Seggerman
Delores Ann Coil Taylor

Priscilla Alden Chapter
***Jeanne Lundberg**

Shenandoah Chapter
Wilma Jean Noble Hopkins

Spinning Wheel Chapter
***Eleanor Mae Robb**
Karlene Mae Abba Forman

Sun Dial Chapter
***Olive Margaret Batcher**
***Betty Millen Core**
Jeannette Emma Jones Andreae

Washington Chapter
***Dorothy Rankin Helscher**

Member at Large
***Elizabeth Bauman Askew**

** Indicates a 25 Year Member*



WELCOME NEW IOWA MEMBERS!

Abigail Adams Chapter

Catherine Baker
Cynthia Birk
Alice Cronin
Amy Gale
Elizabeth Mack *
Hallie Still-Caris

Artesia Chapter

Francine Lemke

Ashley Chapter

Susan Mollman
Cynthia Price
Janet Wuest

Cedar Falls Chapter

Lisa Swanson

Buena Vista Chapter

Kathryn Fillio
Peggy Fillio

Council Bluffs Chapter

Shala Chevalier
Audrey Haverkamp
Patricia Minnigh

De Shon Chapter

Constance Cross
Katie Holm
Gay Stumbo
Virginnia Tronick

Grinnell Chapter

LeAnn Pedersen
Madonna Sharp

Hannah Caldwell Chapter

Dianna Amhoff
Ann Barker
Cynthia Bender
Treva Davis
Patricia Grimm
Shirley Honey
Linda Pederssen
Karen Ward
Twila Yarolem

Hannah Lee Chapter

Christina Chase *
Janette Chase
Kathryn Chase *
Ellen Post

Henry Knox Chapter

Cydney Corwin *
Janet Ebert
Denise Emal

James Harlan Chapter

Dixie Klopfenstein

Jean Espy Chapter

Lois Delaney
Rae Fedler *
Susan Miller
Cynthia Reppert
Patricia Rodgers
Mary Sokolik

Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter

Karolyn Appenzeller
Naomi Bowler
Virginia Bratney *
September Dale *
Diane Kuhl
Meagan Poe
Cynthia Thompson

Julien Dubuque Chapter

Sarah Ellert-Beck
Allyssa Davison *
Sharon Lason
Cheryl Waters

Ladies of the Lake Chapter

Lauren Boreen *
Patricia Gammon *
Sharon Godfey
Marcia Hill
Janell Holstad
Jillian Olson *
Gina Verdoorn *
Vera Verdoorn *
Kimberly Weaver
Nancy Younie

Martha Washington Chapter

Elfrieda Ludwig
Amy McDonald
Erin Nelson

Marion-Linn Chapter

Sarah Nemmers

Mason City Chapter

Deborah Bosch

Mayflower Chapter

Ruth Bennett *
Virginia Beracasa
Lisa Connell
Eleanor Hitsch
Jennifer Joseph
Linda McDaniel

Mayflower Chapter (cont'd)

Andrea Perry
Peggy Pippitt
Kiersten Ross *
Emily Stout *
Emily Tueting *
Kathie Tueting

Mus-Quo-Ta Chapter

Kristine Conlon
Arlinda La Rose
Janis Paulson

Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter

Mary Adkisson
Jacqueline Beard
Victory Smith

Onawa Chapter

Gabrielle McConeghey *

Open Prairie Chapter

Patricia Foley-Bingham
Lexis Lorenzen *
Pilgrim Chapter
Sarah Gabel *

Revolutionary Dames Chapter

Delsie Erritt
Mary Kern

Solomon Dean Chapter

Lea Lukehart

Spinning Wheel Chapter

Elizabeth Heying *
Emily Heying *
Abigail Hillers

Stars and Stripes Chapter

Nancy Kraft

Sun Dial Chapter

Nancy Franzenburg
Amanda Harris *

Washington Chapter

Jerilyn Klein
Ellen Krueger

Waubonsie Chapter

Florence Brown
Hannah Nothwehr *
Trisha Okamoto

*Indicates Junior Member



THE IOWA ROOM: OUR CORNER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

In lieu of the usual focus on an object or attribute of the Iowa Room, we choose instead to share very exciting news.

“This chairman reports that at this time, the Iowa Room is in robust health! To explain, at the 2015 Iowa state conference in April, Ann Crooks Mack, acting on behalf of the families of her mother, Ruby Crooks, and her aunt, Ruth Curtis, presented a generous check to the Iowa Society. The funds were to be used solely for the Iowa Room in the DAR Museum in memory of the twins. Ruby and Ruth were faithful members of Old Thirteen Chapter in Chariton.

This chairman is pleased to announce that in June 2015, the Iowa Society received, an additional large donation for the Iowa Room, given by Julie Curtis Phelps, daughter of Ruth Curtis. This is also in memory of the twins. Now, prepare for a pinch-yourself moment. Daughters, the combined total of these two gifts is \$5,500! This endows the Iowa Room into the foreseeable future. This memorial ensures the Iowa Society’s ability to meet eventual needs and to consider acquisition of period appropriate items for the room if and when they may become available.

This chairman simply does not have words to express adequately our gratitude to the Crooks-Curtis families. However, those of us who knew the twins, Ruby and Ruth, can picture them laughing and applauding, even as we speak. We are grateful for their long and enthusiastic service to the organization they cherished and for this memorial tribute from their loved ones. We will be careful stewards.”

We thought you would enjoy the attached photos of the twins, Ruby and Ruth, as they are pictured during two of their numerous Continental Congress trips.

Sara Jane Harwood, Iowa Room Chairman



Above Photo ID: Iowa Room dedication at Continental Congress 1993. Left, Ruth Curtis; center, Sara Jane Harwood; unidentified woman; right, Ruby Crooks.
At Left: Washington, DC: Ready for action! Left, Ruby Crooks; right, Ruth Curtis



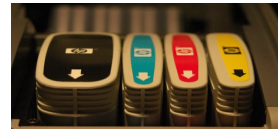
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MEMORIAL SERVICE INVITATION

Members attending the Iowa Society DAR Memorial Service are invited to wear hats in remembrance of our Iowa Daughters who have passed in the last year. Hats are not required when attending this service, but those who wish to wear a hat and gloves to the Memorial Service to honor our departed Daughters are welcome to do so.

Diane Hobson, ISDAR Chaplain

NEED DISPLAY SPACE?

PLEASE BE SURE TO CONTACT CINDI CARTER, IOWA STATE VICE REGENT TO RESERVE TABLE DISPLAY SPACE FOR THE 117TH ANNUAL IOWA STATE CONFERENCE. (SPACE IS LIMITED)

ATTENTION STATE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN & OFFICERS:

As this will be an ISDAR administration change year, all state committee chairman serving in the Braden Administration must turn in their state committee chairman handbooks.

State Chairman handbooks should be turned in before the 3:00 pm Conference recess on Friday, unless other arrangements have been made with Iowa State Vice Regent Cindi Carter.

Any state chairman handbooks that were not turned in during the prior administration change will also be accepted and their return is appreciated.

Choir

IOWA CHORUS LADIES:

DON'T FORGET TO PACK YOUR MUSIC AND VOICES FOR THE IOWA STATE DAR CONFERENCE!

CHOIR PRACTICE WILL BE HELD AT 3:00 PM FRIDAY AFTERNOON DURING CONFERENCE RECESS.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE WILL BE DURING FRIDAY EVENING BANQUET.



2016 IOWA STATE CONFERENCE HONORED GUESTS



President General Lynn F. Young has been a DAR member for 37 years and has a distinguished service background. She was elected to the position of President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution after serving the Society in a variety of national, state and local roles. This includes serving from 2006-2009 as State Regent of Texas, the largest DAR State Society with more than 17,000 members and 195 chapters. She is the first member from Texas in the Society's 123 year history to be elected as President General.

As President General, Mrs. Young heads the women's volunteer service organization which includes more than 177,000 members in nearly 3,000 chapters in the United States and 14 foreign countries.

Mrs. Young assumed the Society's highest office after having served for three years as the Recording Secretary General, a role responsible for overseeing the documentation of the proceedings of the National Society. Her additional leadership includes numerous national chairmanships and vice chairmanships as well as distinguished service at all levels in the Texas State Society.

Known for her outstanding leadership and enthusiasm, Mrs. Young initiated several high profile projects during her time as State Regent. The award winning "Today's DAR" membership recruitment video was celebrated and embraced by the membership and is still being utilized by the organization in promotion efforts. A premier exhibit of DAR Museum quilts was featured at the world renowned International Quilt Festival in Houston. A monument to the patriots of the American Revolution buried in

Texas was erected and more than \$50,000 was raised and donated for the restoration of the historic Texas Governor's Mansion. Mrs. Young's family has lived in Houston, Texas going back 5 generations and she is the fourth of six generations of DAR/SAR/C.A.R members. She and her husband, Steve, own a family cattle ranch outside of Austin where they were recently recognized for the restoration and preservation of a historic cemetery located on the property. She is the mother of one daughter and one son, and grandmother to two grandsons and one granddaughter.



Kathy Knott Ocasio
Nebraska State Regent

Kathy's theme is "Preserving our Nebraska Heritage, Celebrating the Harvest" and her project is to digitize the Nebraska DAR archives. In addition, they will provide financial support to The History Harvest Project at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. At each "harvest," community-members are invited to bring and share their letters, photographs, objects and stories, and participate in a conversation about the significance and meaning of their materials. Each artifact is digitally captured and then shared in this free web-based archive for general educational use and study. Appropriately, her emblem is a sheaf of wheat. Mrs. Ocasio has served in multiple state officer roles and has been married to her husband, Bob, for 32 years. She has a Masters Degree in Leadership, is a needle worker and collects vintage linens. She is interested in the history of first ladies and when her term as State Regent ends will continue her research for a book about American First Ladies as Leaders.

Ginnie Sebastian Storage
Virginia State Regent

A 32-year DAR member, Ginnie is a member of the Washington Lewis Chapter in Fredericksburg. As a Junior member, she served the Washington-Lewis Chapter in various chairmanships, as Second Vice Regent and then as Regent for six years. She served as State Chairman for Junior Membership, Ways and Means and Editor, Virginia View Committees. She has paged at the Virginia State Conference and Continental Congress and was named the 1997 State Outstanding Junior Member. Her National Chairmanships include Junior Membership, DAR Project Patriot and Membership and has served as a National Adviser to both the Junior Membership and Membership Committees.

Ginnie resides in Fredericksburg, where she was born, with her husband Mark and daughter McGowan. In her spare time she serves as the Fredericksburg Academy Parent Faculty Association upper school liaison, treasurer of Mackie's Girl Scout Troop, volunteers with the Fredericksburg Area Service League and is always planning the family's next trip to Walt Disney World! She is also a member of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, National Society United States Daughters of 1812, United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Eastern Star. Professionally, Ginnie is the Practice Administrator for Hematology Oncology Associates of Fredericksburg where she coordinates the Operations, HR and Training functions for 55 employees. Ginnie received her BA from the University of Virginia and her MBA from Averett University.





**STATE
REGENT'S
PROJECT**



Iowa Society DAR State Conference
117th Annual State Conference
May 5 - 7, 2016
Quality Inn & Suites, 2601 East 13th Street, Ames, IA

Thursday, May 5:

- 12:30 p.m. — Executive Committee Meeting for State Officers, *Board Room*
- 6:30 p.m. — State Officers Club Dinner (Registration info to be sent by Club Secretary), *Banquet Room C*
Display Tables may be set up as soon as the space is ready
- 9.00 p.m. — Informal Social following State Officers Club Dinner, *Pool Side*

Friday, May 6:

- 8:30 a.m. — State Conference Registration Opens, (\$20.00) - *Lobby*
- 9:00 a.m. — ISDAR State Conference Opens — *Banquet Rooms A & B*
Guest Introductions, State Officer Reports, Recommendations
- 10:00 a.m. — NE District Director & Chapter Regent Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards
- 10:45 a.m. — NW District Director & Chapter Regent Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards
- 12:00 p.m. — Luncheon (23.00)- *Banquet Room C*,
“Lost Schools”, Speaker Jason Clayworth, The Des Moines Register Investigative Reporter
- 1:15 p.m. — Conference Resumes, *Banquet Rooms A & B*
- 1:15 p.m. — SE District Director & Chapter Regent Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards
- 1:45 p.m. — SW District Director & Chapter Regent Reports, Chapter Achievement Awards
- 2:15 p.m. — Reports of State Chairmen
- 3:00 p.m. — Conference Recess (Chorus Practice for Friday Banquet)
- 5:45 p.m. — Pictures (Pages, State Officers, District Directors, Chapter Regents, Honoraries, & Guests)
Location to be announced
- 6:00 p.m. — Guest Registration
- 6:30 p.m. — Banquet / Chapter Regents’ Night (32.00) - *Banquet Rooms C & D*
Banquet Speaker, President General Lynn Forney Young, NSDAR
Iowa DAR Chorus—”State Fair”
Honoring Award Winners
(Outstanding American History Teacher, DAR Good Citizens, & ISDAR Scholarship Awards)
- 9:30 p.m. — Informal Reception following Banquet, *Banquet Rooms A & B*
Please come and visit with our Guests!

Saturday, May 7th:

- 9:00 a.m. — Memorial Service, *Banquet Rooms A & B / Members are encouraged to wear hats to service*
- 10:00 a.m. — Conference Resumes, *Banquet Rooms A & B*
Unfinished Business, Reports of State Chairmen
- 12:00 p.m. — Luncheon (23.00), *Banquet Room C*
“Preserving our History - Find-A-Grave & Iowa Gravestone Project” – Speaker
Donna Knight, member Council Bluffs Chapter NSDAR
Honoring Award Winners (American History Essay & Christopher Columbus Essay & JAC
& Iowa Outstanding Junior)
- 1:30 p.m. — Conference Resumes, *Banquet Rooms A & B*
Resolutions, Reports of State Chairmen
Installation of State Officers

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*Friday Luncheon presentation by: Jason Clayworth,
The Des Moines Register Investigative Reporter*



LOST SCHOOLS

A REGISTER SPECIAL REPORT ON SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION IN IOWA

Iowa in the late 1800s had more than 13,000 districts, most that were one-room country schools.

Today there are 336 districts and more are expected to close because of recent legislative and budget changes. What transformed from this realization was a year long investigative, interactive and documentarian project known as "Lost Schools" that resulted in a full-length documentary that was broadcast on Iowa Public Television in October of 2015.

Jason Clayworth, Investigative Reporter from The Des Moines Register, will tell us about the "Lost Schools" project.

Saturday Luncheon presentation by Donna Knight

Donna Knight, Iowa DAR member (Council Bluffs Chapter) will share how to participate in Find-A-Grave and Iowa Gravestone. Donna will give a presentation on how to use these different virtual cemetery sites. The sites she will speak about are the sites of Find-A-Grave and Iowa Gravestone. These sites contain a treasure trove of genealogical information. Demonstration on the use of these sites and the process for adding memorials to these sites will be reviewed. Help is always needed to preserve headstones for future generation. Please attend this luncheon and learn how to become a volunteer. Together we have added about 8,000 gravestones for Find-A-Grave and 6,900 gravestones for Iowa Gravestone!

ISDAR State Conference Reminders:

- ⇒ This will be graduation weekend for Iowa State University. Due to the President General's visit schedule it was necessary to schedule ISDAR State Conference for these dates. Hotel Reservations should be made directly with Quality Inn & Suites, Starlite Village Conference Center. A block of rooms have been reserved for ISDAR. Reservations will be on a space available basis after the DAR reserved block of rooms is sold out.***
- ⇒ **Rooms have also been held at: Story City Comfort Inn** under the Group Name, Daughters of American Revolution. (Cut off date for reservations will be April 5th)
King with Sleeper Sofa, King Whirlpool Suites, Double Queen (all rooms \$189.99)
425 Timberland Dr, Story City, IA 50248
515-733-6363
- ⇒ Remember your Boxtops and Campbells soup labels.
- ⇒ Review the information regarding DAR's Guinness World Record attempt for most letters sent to military personnel in one month. Invite your local C.A.R. societies to join you in this endeavor and bring your letters to Iowa State Conference for delivery to Continental Congress!
- ⇒ Iowa Member Chorus will practice at 3:00 pm Friday afternoon during conference recess.
- ⇒ One Registration form per attendee. Make your checks payable to ISDAR and mail to Iowa State Vice Regent Cindi Carter.



IOWA SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION 117TH Annual ISDAR State Conference

May 5 -7, 2016

**Quality Inn & Suites
Starlite Village Conference Center
2601 East 13th Street, Ames Iowa
(I-35 Exit 113 & 2 blocks west)**

**Hotel Reservations: (515)232-9260 or 800-903-0009
Double or King \$92.00 (plus 12% taxes) up to 4 in a room
King Suites \$99.00 (plus 12% taxes)
Specify Iowa Society Room Block/Full breakfast buffet included**

*****This is graduation weekend at Iowa State University. Hotel Reservations should be made directly with Quality Inn & Suites, Starlite Village Conference Center. Reservations will be on a space available basis after our block of rooms is sold out.*****

**Rooms have also been held at: Story City Comfort Inn, Group Name- Daughters of American Revolution
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Story City, IA 50248
515-733-6363 (Cut off date April 5th)**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I plan to arrive on _____ a.m./p.m. and depart on _____ a.m./p.m.
(Helps us plan appropriately for attendance and lets us know when you plan to arrive and depart)

		Check To Select			Check to Select	Special Dietary Needs
Registration	\$20.00					-----
Friday Luncheon / Chicken or Egg Salad Plate	\$23.00					
Friday Evening Banquet / Beef Brisket	\$32.00		Pork w/Raspberry Sauce	\$32.00		
Saturday Luncheon / Baked Potato Bar	\$23.00					
TOTAL ENCLOSED:			** VEGETARIAN AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**			

Please check ALL that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> National Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> HODAR
<input type="checkbox"/> State Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Honorary State Regent	<input type="checkbox"/> District Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Regent	<input type="checkbox"/> Page
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Vice Regent	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> SAR
<input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee	<input type="checkbox"/> C.A.R. Member
<input type="checkbox"/> 50+ Year DAR Membership	

National Chairman _____

National Vice Chairman _____

State Chairman _____

State Vice Chairman _____

Make checks payable to "Iowa Society DAR" (reference State Conference on your check)

Mail checks along with your registration (one form per attendee) to:

Cindi Carter, State Vice Regent

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American Indians Committee Minute

I am most pleased to be your Iowa State American Indians Committee Chairman and to be able to share up to date news of our NSDAR participation in helping Native American Indians. As you know we support the Chemawa Indian School in Salem, OR and Bacone College, in Muskogee, OK. To refresh your memory, there are two ways to support these schools. In February 2014 there was a NEW FUND established called The American Indian Fund. Donations to this Fund will help support Both Schools, The Youth of America Summer Camp, and Other Native American educational opportunities that benefit Native Americans.

The 2nd Fund is American Indian Scholarship Fund. In 2014 the amount had been increased to \$4,000.00 per Scholarship. When sending your donations be sure to send through the state treasurer and she will forward to the Treasurer General, also earmark on the check which Fund you want it to go to. Please, please also let me know of your donation!

I would like to hear from you and your members of any other American Indian Tribes, schools or other American Indian organizations that you feel deserve help and should be considered for one of the current awards given by the NSDAR. There are NOW 2 Grants of \$2,000 each to award for education for Native Americans. Contact me for details. REMEMBER November is Native American Heritage Recognition Month. Just an IDEA, after your Indian Minute at the chapter meeting, pass around a small container with an Indian theme for donations!

Suzanne Kisner, ISDAR American Indians Committee Chairman

Update on State Historical Society – Marsha Hucke, Iowa State Historical Society Liaison

A brief update on the State Historical Society. As you may recall there have been editorials, petitions and yes, even rumors regarding the future of the society during the past year - especially the facility in Iowa City. In the past 6 months they underwent a comprehensive review of their collections in Des Moines & Iowa City and in order to do that they reduced hours at both the Des Moines & Iowa City facility (Thu-Sat 9:00-4:30). I believe there is still on-going review of the collections. There was an excellent article in the September 29th Cedar Rapids "Gazette" newspaper regarding this process. At the time I am writing this article, I was not able to access it through the "Gazette" website but perhaps by the time this is published it will be. If nothing else, I will be glad to send anyone a copy just let me know via my email: marshahucke@hotmail.com (I'm not the most successful at scanning but will attempt before defaulting to the US Postal service)

I can tell you they have hired 2 part-time staff for the Iowa City facility and that our voices have been listened to and still need to be heard. It is still important to contact your state legislators and senators and Governor Branstad and Mary Cownie who is head of the Department of Cultural affairs via email at mary.cownie.iowa.gov Many organizations and legislators and individual Iowans have pleaded to keep both facilities functioning. The above article indicated there are no plans to close the Iowa City facility but my opinion is to take nothing for granted. If it is possible for you to travel to either of the facilities for research, especially Iowa City this is beneficial. Though we all know one can spend hours searching for that long lost ancestor or historic article or fact that can make or break a family tree or research project and so while the numbers may not be equal to the time spent, it is at least a start.



Tale of an overscheduled/STRESSED Newsletter Editor.....

Due to science's inability to currently provide the ability to multiply one's self, this newsletter editor sends her regrets that the Fall & Winter ISDAR Newsletters did not completely make it through production to delivery in your email/post office box. Due to a computer software conversion at work which required 50-60 hour work weeks/weekends too on top of family obligations and holiday, this editor was wiped out. This wrecked havoc on this Newsletter Chairman's ability to balance work, family, and DAR newsletter. While there were MANY, wonderful submissions they were not shared via this platform. However, there will be display boards for all to view at the Iowa State Conference sharing these wonderful pictures/events/celebrations for all attending to review and admire. I would also like to send out a big THANK YOU to all the Iowa Daughters for your submissions, pictures, and your continued interest in the Iowa State DAR Newsletter. As I move on to new DAR state duties, I will always treasure my time as Newsletter Chairman and all the wonderful ladies I was fortunate enough to work with. I encourage you all to continue with your submissions and keep reading the newsletter!

NSDAR Headquarters' Archives...where generations meet!

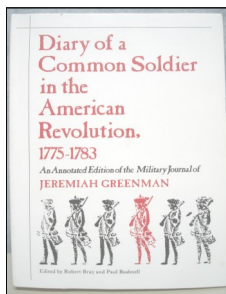


While attending the 2015 Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. on June 24, 2015, Ruth Stark visited the DAR archives and met Amanda Fulcher and Joy Siebers, both Archivists. These ladies unlocked a drawer where a special book was contained and allowed Ruth Stark, Buena Vista Chapter member and Chapter Regent, to hold that special book for a few minutes.

The special book was the military journal that Ruth Hamann Stark's 4th Great Grandfather, Jeremiah Greenman JR, kept while he was serving in the Revolutionary War.

He was born May 7th, 1758 in Newport, RI. and enlisted in February 23, 1777 at the age of sixteen to the regiment commanded by the late Jeremiah Olney of Providence, RI. He served as a Sergeant, Sergt. Major, Ensign and Lieutenant under Captain Sylvanus Shaw and Col. Angel. The battles he fought in were, The Walls of Quebec, the Plains of Monmouth and Germantown, Red Bank and Fort Mifflin. He was taken prisoner in Quebec, Canada for nine months at the massacre of Col. Green and Major Flagg and later was a prisoner on the Jersey Ship. Later he was exchanged and served until December 23, 1783.

More than once he received the personal commendation of the Commander-in-Chief, the immortal GEORGE WASHINGTON. Jeremiah died in Waterford, Ohio on November 15, 1828 His widow, Mary, applied for and received his pension in 1838



In 1978 Jeremiah Greenman's Journal was edited and published by Northern Illinois University Press, DeKalb, Illinois as "A Diary of a Common Soldier in the American Revolution, 1775-1783.

It was edited by Robert C. Bray and Paul E. Bushnell.



Action 5 & Chapter Development Reminder...

Some chapters are already the lucky recipients of an assigned genealogist. More of you will be getting your very own genealogists soon, as we recruit more members to work with your chapters on your PMD applicants. These people must be assigned by the state, so if someone contacts you and offers their services, please gently remind them that the job is assigned by the Action 5 committee. This is done so we can keep track of our pairings, progress and are able to report all the results to National.

Action 5 is taking this step in the interest of reaching the applicants AND Chapters sooner to provide all involved with as much help as possible. This request follows National's efforts to more quickly reach the ladies who are working on their application proof. We know you are all doing the best job you can and we appreciate all your hard work to increase the membership of your chapters. The assigned genealogists will be working closely with your registrars to make for a smooth and coordinated application process and will be there to provide a helping hand to guide both the applicant and the Chapter through recent changes in the application process.

There have been many changes in the application process in the past two years and more are coming. National is very concerned about the number of "have written" letters and "pre-letters" they are receiving and we hope working together will reduce these as well. I know one reason for the letters in Iowa is that we have been unable to keep up with the things that are being mandated at the National level. Please be patient with the process, call one of the Action 5 members listed in the State Directory or call your assigned genealogist if you have questions, Please Do Not Call National. We will take care of your questions and make the call to National if it is necessary.