# Mount Garfield Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Organized February 22, 1910

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Over the first 112 years, the history of the chapter has been documented. We have explored the minutes, the history books, the newspaper articles and many documents, papers and pictures that have been kept as part of our records. Much of this has been written before and much credit is due to those authors and editors before us. We have tried to verify the information and have included our own findings. We can't be sure of all facts. We hope you enjoy seeing the pictures and words as much as we did in finding and putting them together.

The DAR in Colorado began with the appointment by the National Board of Mrs. Mary Greene Montgomery Slocum as State Regent on August 18, 1894. The Mount Garfield Chapter was organized by the 5<sup>th</sup> State Regent, Maria Eleanor Wheaton. The application for a Charter was approved February 22, 1910, with 20 organizing members. There were 10 additional charter members joining in the first year, giving the chapter 30 charter members.

In celebration of 100 years, the Mount Garfield Chapter, NSDAR has chosen to mark the site of the Organizing Meeting with a bench bearing an official Daughters of the American Revolution Historic Marker placed at the Two Rivers Convention Center, Main Street, Grand Junction, CO. The inscription reads:

Mount Garfield Chapter Centennial 1910-2010 This chapter held their organizing meeting on February 22, 1910 at the La Court Hotel which once stood at this site. The first regent was Fannie Kent McClintock. The Mount Garfield Chapter is named after the promontory that stands above the Grand Valley. This bench is dedicated to and placed by the Mount Garfield Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. February 22, 2010 Fannie Kent McClintock was the Organizing Regent of the Mount Garfield Chapter,



serving **1910-1912**. She joined the Bronx New York Chapter in 1902. Fannie and Mrs. Wheaton, the Colorado State DAR Regent, were friends and shared experiences as early pioneer women. Fannie chaired the first meeting of the Mount Garfield Chapter at a luncheon at the La Court Hotel.

The fountain at 5<sup>th</sup> and Rood in the center of the street, was given by Mrs. W. S. Sullivan and placed on March 29, 1911. One half of the fountain is located at the Museum of Western Colorado. According to the Mount Garfield Chapter Historian's note, Mrs. H. H. Beach presented the chapter with an elm tree from the home of Ralph Waldo Emerson which was planted at the Emerson School by ladies of the chapter on April 20, 1911.

Fannie's husband was Frank, and they lived at 114 North Fulton Ave and 528 White Ave. Fannie died October 26, 1927.

**Lola Kennard Price** was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regent from **1912-1913**. Lola's husband, Edwin Price was the editor and owner of the Grand Junction Weekly News which was established on October 23, 1882. The first newspaper from the press was sold at auction for \$35.00. This was the nucleus for the Public Library fund. In late November 1882, Edwin's wife Lola was on the first train to arrive in Grand Junction. The First Methodist Church was organized in the Price home at 322 N 8<sup>th</sup> St. in 1883. Lola was a charter member of the chapter. She died August 5, 1951.





Emma Chatfield Page was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regent, 1913-1914, and was a charter member of the chapter. She was the chairman of the committee marking "The Rainbow Trail" across Mesa County, following Hwy 30 to Delta. By 1916, 25 signs had been erected. During the War, Emma was a Red Cross certified instructor and supervisor of surgical dressings. After the War, Emma compiled a list of the servicemen from Mesa County which she completed in 1928. Her son, John Page, former superintendent of the Grand Valley Irrigation Project, received presidential appointment as Commissioner of Reclamation in 1937, and was involved with the building of Boulder Dam. The town of Page, AZ was named honoring him. On February 2, 1914, Mrs. Wheeler, a charter member of the chapter, presented a gift to the chapter from Mrs. Cooly, wife of the superintendent of the old Uintah Railroad. It was a walnut gavel made from a writing tablet used by General U.S. Grant in his tannery. In April 1914, the chapter contributed \$10.00 to the YMCA to repair the cornice of their building at 5th St and Rood Ave.

Lois Strain Craven, Regent 1914-1916, was serving as the 4<sup>th</sup> Regent when WWI began in



Europe. Although the United States did not enter the war with troops for several years, sympathies and strong feelings were growing. A Belgian Tea was held at the La Court Hotel with the benefits of \$94.85, going to the Belgian Relief Fund. The chapter also started a Tablet or Marker Fund to be used to mark historical sites.

Lois' husband, Edwin H., was for a time in the clothing business in the Fair Building. Then he owned Copeco, Colorado Pear and Orchard Co. on 22 Rd. They had a big cement country home built. A number of DAR meetings were held there. The home and barn later served the community as a night club and community center.

Their home in town was at 519 Grand Ave. Lois as well as her mother, Mary Strain, was a charter member of the chapter. Lois died July 6, 1951.

**Emma Smith Wadsworth** was the 5<sup>th</sup> Regent **1916-1918.** Through Emma's efforts, the name of the city park at 5<sup>th</sup> and Ute was changed to Whitman Park to honor Marcus Whitman for his memorable ride across the continent, including swimming the Grand River at Grand Junction. A large granite rock furnished by John Otto serves as the base for the tablet dedicated July 4, 1917 by the Mount Garfield Chapter, DAR and the Grand Junction Chapter, SAR honoring Whitman.

In May of 1916, the chapter decided that 11 markers would be needed to mark the Rainbow Trail. The bill for the markers totaled \$29.70, and each member was assessed \$1.00. In May of 1917, the County Commissioners agreed to provide the labor to set the markers.



Emma Wadsworth organized the Red Cross in Mesa County. To support the war efforts Emma started the first gauze work in Grand Junction and helped with the Liberty Loan campaign. She was a member of the school board from 1917-1924, the year of her death. "She was the most distinguished woman of her community and a leader in Women's Club, Reviewers Club and the Rebecca Lodge."

Emma and her husband, Artemas Richardson Wadsworth, operated the Wadsworth & Son grocery store which was located at 455 Main. The Wadsworth home was at 5<sup>th</sup> and Gunnison Ave.

**Merle McClintock**, 6<sup>th</sup> Regent **1918-1919**, was the daughter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regent and became the 6<sup>th</sup> Regent. She was a chapter charter member and also served as **Colorado State DAR Recording Secretary** 1912-1916.

During the war, DAR meetings were suspended and efforts were put into Red Cross and



Liberty Loan projects. During the flu epidemic, the chapter organized an emergency hospital and flu kitchen, cooperating with many organizations in the city. The chapter made 500 operating masks.

Chapter meetings were resumed in 1919. As the war ended and servicemen began to return home, the chapter realized and met the need to welcome home the servicemen. Activities, including community sings, were organized.

Merle was the society editor and feature writer for The Daily Sentinel. She also served as probation officer in juvenile court and was appointed

chairman of Mesa County Women's Defense Council by the Governor and was awarded a pin for 2700 hours of war work. She was also the Organizing Secretary of the Mesa County Red Cross. Merle lived at 528 White Ave.

Merle died August 29, 1942. She had been quite ill for a time. Just before her death she had traveled to the Mayo Clinic where she was given a grave prognosis. She was hurrying home to die when death came as her train was in the Denver station.

**Cora Mae Strayer Sampliner,** our 7<sup>th</sup> Regent **1919-1920,** was vitally interested in Americanism. The Opportunity School was organized and carried on as a night school with DAR members teaching under the direction of Mrs. Sampliner. A framed picture of Washington was presented to the high school. Awards for the highest grade in American History in 8th grade and high school were begun. The winners in 1919-20 were Vivian Crawford and Bernard Wolverton with each receiving \$5.00. By 1922 these awards were definitely established and the Daily Sentinel Award added.

While Mrs. Sampliner was Regent, a pageant of Americanization, "Americans All," was presented for the community at the armory. Groups participating included Elks, Sons of the American Revolution, American Legion, the Home Guard and school children.

Mae Sampliner came to Grand Junction as a bride in the mid-1890s. As a girl she had lived in Silverton, Ironton and Ouray areas during the era of much mining activity there. Mae's husband, Albert Sampliner and his cousin Joseph were engaged in the mercantile business in the San Juan country. Later they came to Grand Junction establishing Sampliner's Clothing Store, recognized as one of the leading men's clothing firms in Grand Junction. Mae and Bert had their home at 515 N 7<sup>th</sup> St. Following Mr. Sampliner's death in 1927, Mrs. Sampliner traveled extensively in numerous countries. When in Denver her home was the Brown Palace Hotel. Mae died July 17, 1952, is buried beside her husband in the Masonic Cemetery, Grand Junction.



**Claribel Aline Olds Krohn,** 8<sup>th</sup> Regent, **1920-1921.** Aline operated the Krohn Mortuary for many years. She and her husband, Edmund August, lived at 835 Ouray. Aline was a chapter charter member and died December 25, 1951.

During the First World War, Harold Aupperle, a Grand Junction soldier, met two little Serbian girls while stationed in Serbia. He wrote his mother of his plan to educate them. Unfortunately, he was killed in action. In Harold's memory, the Mount Garfield Chapter contributed \$12 a year for 5 years to a fund to aid in the education of these little girls.

Money was also sent to National from the chapter to help finance a "Manual for Immigrants."

Alice Buthorn, 9th Regent, 1921-1922, lived at the La Court Hotel for 62 years. The La

Court was owned by the Buthorns from about 1906, when the train they were riding to California stopped in Grand Junction for lunch. They dined at the hotel and decided not to get back on the train. According to the 1967 Sentinel article, since the day they



got off the train until the hotel was closed in 1967, management was in the Buthorn hands with the exception of the 2 years after the senior Buthorn's death in 1929 and the return of Bud from college.



From 1911 through 1966, the annual Mount Garfield Chapter, DAR birthday luncheon was held at the La Court with the chef preparing a special menu at the r equest of Mrs. Buthorn. Mrs. Buthorn was a charter

member of the chapter and a 57 year member of DAR at the time of her death. Alice died January 1, 1967.

During the regency of Harriett Dyke Ottman, 1922-1924, 10th regent, a war memorial



project was inaugurated which ended with the erection of the flagpole in Lincoln Park in 1928. One of the money raising projects was a "Boston Tea Party" play.

Assisting new citizens has long been a project for DAR. Attending naturalization ceremonies and helping with preparation classes is found throughout the chapter's story.

Harriett was also instrumental in starting the first library in Grand Junction. The Ottmans lived in the Appleton area and later at 1115 Main St. in Grand Junction.

Pearl Smith Ross, 11th Regent, 1924-1927, was a charter member and 60 year member of



the Mount Garfield Chapter, DAR. She came to Grand Junction with her family and graduated from Grand Junction High School in 1903. She married Robert A. Ross, who was known for his contributions to education in the area at Fruitvale High School which later became Central High School and his role with the Ross Business College.

Pearl was very active in the community and especially in Americanization efforts and activities. She is credited with having attended naturalization ceremonies every year. During her regency, the chapter placed a flag in the County Court room where the naturalization ceremonies were held.

In 1924, a bronze tablet was placed in the Avalon Theatre marking the spot of the original Grand Junction Town Site Company, which had its office in a small adobe building. In 1925, \$30.00 was given as prizes for the best grades in American History in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades.

Pearl would again serve as Regent in 1954.

**Dorothy Hulse Woods,** the chapter's 12<sup>th</sup> Regent from **1927-1928**, joined the DAR in 1912, becoming regent in 1927, after serving as Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Regent of the chapter. The final money was raised and the War Memorial was completed by placing a 60 foot flagpole in Lincoln Park. The base bears a bronze tablet, and the project was dedicated June 30, 1928.

A McClintock Memorial was established which gave an annual history prize to the junior college. In 1927, the chapter pledged \$10.00 toward the salary of a teacher for those migrant workers who remained after harvest. Prizes totaling \$25.00 were given to the American History students.

Dorothy's husband, Emil Frenzell Woods, was the president of the C. D. Smith Drug Co. after the death of Mr. Smith. E. F. joined that company in 1910, and was the first traveling salesman for the company. The Woods lived at 535 Grand Ave and 1253 Main St. in Grand Junction.

Hazel Garms, the 13<sup>th</sup> Regent 1928-1929. Emma Page's project to list all the WWI



servicemen from Mesa County was completed. At one time there was a copy of the completed list in the Loyd Files Library, and one can be found in the DAR Library in Washington, DC. To replenish "The Marker Fund" a play, "In 1779," was presented by members at the La Court Hotel. Benefit teas and playlets written by Merle McClintock raised substantial sums for the junior college. Chapter membership in 1929 reached 72.

Hazel was a charter member of the chapter, and she and her husband Victor lived at 1142 Grand Ave and later at 919 Ouray. After Hazel's death in 1941 the **Hazel Butler Garms Memorial** to Mesa College was established by her husband. Today, though not through the DAR, the family continues her memorial scholarship.

Martha Churchill McCormick, in addition to being Chapter Registrar for many years, was



the 14th Regent **1929-1931.** In 1930, a window display on Main St was arranged showing colonial manuscripts, heirlooms, relics, old coins and paper money. Other activities included work toward better films and planting trees. The chapter began working on a marker to commemorate the release of the Meeker women. These were the women who were abducted during the Meeker Massacre and released near Mesa, Colorado. A rock wall was built around the Meeker Tree. The chapter cooperated with the schools in Flag lessons and preparing for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of George Washington's birthday.

Martha was a teacher for many years. Her husband, Charles James

McCormick, was an organizer of the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District and their son was a state representative. Their home was at 3011 B1/2 Rd on Orchard Mesa.

**Eudora Price Meserve,** 15<sup>th</sup> Regent **1931-1935**, was the daughter of the chapter's second Regent, Lola Price. Dora was the first non-Indian child born in the town of Grand Junction. At the Grand Junction 100 year celebration in 1982, the Doll Club's prize was a doll fashioned in the likeness of Dora.

Dora married Richard Meserve. Richard was a water/mining engineer employed as a city surveyor, who surveyed many of the reservoirs on Grand Mesa and laid the groundwork for the Grand Junction and valley's water supply. At one point the Meserves lived at 326 N 8<sup>th</sup> St. in Grand Junction.



Dora went on to become charter member of the chapter at Edmonds, WA.

Abby Hill Meserve, Dora's mother-in-law, became a DAR member in 1897 in New Hampshire and was a charter member of the Mount Garfield chapter. She was the first active member of our chapter to die. Abby died December 21, 1912.

The 30's were difficult times economically for many. The DAR tried to offer encouragement to young people in a number of ways. In addition to the history awards for junior high through college, the chapter also presented a cash award for the best story on 4-H activities written by any member of the Mesa County clubs. The publicity committee also wrote editorials for the newspaper on all special days, both patriotic and religious.



**Edith Jaynes Borschell** was the 16<sup>th</sup> Regent, **1935-1937**, when the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Marcus Whitman's blazing the trail to the Northwest and his journey through this region was observed. The DAR marker in Whitman Park was rededicated.

An American flag was presented to the State Home.

In 1892 Edith came to the area with her parents and four brothers. The family settled on the First Fruitridge. Edith graduated with honors in 1896 from Grand Junction High School's 4<sup>th</sup> class.

Grand Junction High School football team went the entire 1936 season without being scored on.

**Emily Cherrington Ross,** 17<sup>th</sup> Regent **1937-1938** joined the First Presbyterian Church in July 1908, and headed the Kindergarten Department for 35 years. She was founder and past president of the Mother's Study Club. She was a teacher in early years in Dodge City, KS. Charles Edward Ross was a hardware merchant. They had addresses of 836 Main St and 844 Grand Ave.

In addition to work with citizenship classes and the usual history awards, there were several book reviews on patriotic or historic themes, such as <u>Drums Along the Mohawk.</u>

In 1938 the new Grand Junction Public Library building was completed at 5th and White Ave.

**Mabel C Kiefer** was the 18<sup>th</sup> Regent **1938-1939.** During her regency, the chapter sponsored a radio talk on Constitution Day, sponsored classes for aliens who wanted to become citizens and stressed the advancement of American music. Charlotte Baylis attended Continental Congress in 1938.



Mrs. Kiefer was a descendant of Governor Bradford who came to America aboard the Mayflower. Mabel was a teacher and a member of one of the early pioneer families to the lower valley arriving in the area in 1887.



**Emma Groom** 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter Regent **1939-1940.** Emma began teaching at Grand Junction High School in 1917, and taught English for 47 years. She originated and sponsored for many years, a literary booklet called Tiger Tales which encouraged creative writing. Emma was a member and officer of numerous professional teaching organizations. She was honored as outstanding citizen by Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce in 1962.

In 1939, the chapter presented Scout Troop 64 with an American flag.

**Dorothy Nichols-Sherman Kittle** served as the 20th Regent **1940 - 1941.** Hannah Taylor reported to the chapter on the 48<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress. Minnie Bell Boyd from Ridgeway was selected as the Colorado girl to make the DAR girls' pilgrimage to Washington. This award was the predecessor to the DAR Good Citizen program. Minnie later wrote back to the chapter that she had joined the WAC.

An address for Dorothy was 1020 Orchard Ave. in Grand Junction.

**Norma Evans, 21<sup>st</sup>** Regent **1941-1942**. After Pearl Harbor, the anniversary luncheon was cancelled and the money used to buy a defense bond. Also, after war was declared, refreshments were cancelled and the money was given to the Red Cross. Many hours were also volunteered with the Red Cross. Contributions were made to the schools and to the USO. A National DAR project was the Blood Plasma Fund. The chapter raised \$1,187.00 for the fund by soliciting other local organizations and the public. Norma Evans and her husband Dale lived at 440 N 7<sup>th</sup> St in Grand Junction.

**Lina Smith,** 22<sup>nd</sup> Regent **1943-1944**, came to Grand Junction following her marriage in 1912. She was very active in all community activities and music circles. She was the first woman granted Lioness of the Year award. The Smiths observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary July 15, 1962. For 45 years Lina and her husband Silman lived at 1030 Chipeta Ave.

Lina was **CO State DAR Recording Secretary** 1944-47. She was a dedicated worker in the Mount Garfield Chapter for 59 years.



The chapter sponsored a radio program on KFXJ explaining the

DAR, War Fund and other patriotic activities. Two thirds of the cost of the year book was

saved by using inserts in the previous year's books. No refreshments were served and a month of prayer and self-sacrifice was observed. 350 packets of seeds were sent to "War Service Gardens." There were 21 Victory Gardens, 3000 quarts of food canned, 75 bushels of peaches given to the USO and Children's Hospital. In the chapter, 269 hours were spent with the Red Cross; 14 buddy bags prepared; 3 members were block leaders and 2 members were zone leaders.

The Hazel Butler Garms Memorial to Mesa College was established.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Regent, Pauline Taylor served 1944-1945. History awards were presented and the war activities continued. From March to December 1944, additional funds of \$1,435, gained through the chapter's local project had been sent to the war fund for plasma.

Charlotte Baylis was elected Regent by the chapter's executive board in December 1944 to



replace Pauline Taylor who was leaving Grand Junction. Charlotte also served as Colorado State DAR Chaplain from 1919-1921.

Charlotte was an elementary teacher for many years. Her husband, William G. Baylis, worked for the D&RG Railroad and later became a Grand Junction Judge of the Justice Courts. Their home was at 1127 E Main St. Mrs. Baylis was very active in Red Cross work in both peace and war times and very active in AAUW and Reviewers Club.

Charlotte Dunn, aunt of Lina Smith, was the 24th Regent, 1945-48. 100% of the membership was in the Red Cross and they totaled 5,492 hours of work. Boxes of clothing were sent to support the DAR schools and the Navajo Indians. Citizenship classes continued to be taught. Ellis Island continued to receive our donations and the history prizes were up to \$55.00



Charlotte received a masters from Columbia University. After retiring as an instructor in schools in the East, she lived with her sister, Ida Brunner, in Fruitvale until about 1940, when she moved to Colorado Springs where she lived until her death.



Romola Fisk served as Mount Garfield's 25<sup>th</sup> Regent 1948- 1949. Romola came to Mesa County in 1920, where she taught at many of the area schools, retiring in 1940. Having been a widow since 1919, she made her home with her brother at 1408 High Ave.

Lina Smith was again Regent, 26th, 1949-1951 Citizenship naturalization classes were continued as were gifts to the approved schools. 144 hours were volunteered at the VA hospital. \$33.00 was given to Ellis Island.

Josephine Hendricks Stanley, 27th Regent 1951-1953, taught school in New Mexico and



Colorado. She was an Occupational Therapist and devoted service to crippled children in various places and for 20 years in Mesa County. She played a leading role in the affairs of Mesa County Society for Crippled Children and Adults. She raised a large share of local funds which financed the establishment of Hilltop Rehabilitation Center. She was one of the first women to enter the field of Occupational Therapy in 1919. Josephine's home was at 1710 White Ave. in Grand Junction.

During Mrs. Stanley's regency, Colorado celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of statehood.

Margaret Goodrich, the 28th Regent from 1953-1954. The chapter sponsored citizenship classes at Mesa College and also provided instruction.

The Goodriches came to Grand Junction from Wyoming when Mr. Goodrich was appointed engineer for the Upper Colorado River Commission. He was previously Dean of Engineering at Wyoming University. They lived at 805 N 7<sup>th</sup> St. in Grand Junction, and they also lived in China 1919-1926.

**Pearl Ross**, the 29th Regent, **1954-1956**. Pearl had also served as Regent in 1924-1927. During this time, money and clothing were sent to the approved schools, Kate Duncan Smith DAR School in Alabama and St Mary's Indian School in South Dakota. Naturalization classes taught by Cora Parrish continued at Mesa College and the history prizes amounting to \$100.00 were awarded.



At the time of her death April 29, 1969, Pearl was living at 1045 Main St. in Grand Junction.

In 1956, **Margaret Goodrich** again became the 30<sup>th</sup> Regent, **1956-1957**. The Walter Walker Award of \$25.00 as a history award at the high school was begun and to be paid annually by his family. Mr. Garms increased the Hazel Garms Award to the Mesa College Scholarship to \$150.00. Clothes and money were sent to the Navajo Indians and the DAR approved schools.

In 1957, a bronze marker was placed on what was then the Woolworth Building marking the site of the first newspaper, <u>The Grand Junction News</u>, Editor Edwin Price. Also a bronze marker was placed on the warehouse that stood on the original site of the <u>Park Opera House</u> between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> St on Ute Ave.

**Mary Dove,** wife of Kenneth Dove, was the 31st Regent of the chapter, **1957-1959**. She transferred to the Mount Garfield Chapter from Kinnikinnic in Colorado Springs, and in 1965, she transferred to Loveland. In 1957 each Good Citizen Pilgrim was given a savings bond.

Edna Miller was the 32nd Regent, serving in 1959-1960. Edna's mother, Effie Hall and



sister, Wilma Treichler, were also members of the chapter. Edna also served as Registrar for several years as well as several state and chapter committees.

Mary Colosimo was teaching the citizenship classes sponsored by the Mount Garfield Chapter at Mesa College at this time. Mary Jo McMillen was the State DAR Good Citizen winner.

The chapter celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1960. Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Buthorn, the last of the charter members, were honored by a page in the DAR magazine. They were given pins and corsages.

In **1960, Wilma Walker** became the 33rd Regent. She served until **1964**. Five members of the David Moffat Chapter in Craig transferred to our chapter when that chapter disbanded. Helen Ross Wilson became a member-at-large to help form the Glenwood Springs Chapter where she became a charter member.



For Operation Foresight, Edna Miller arranged a display in the window of the Kress Store.

A \$250 History Award was given to Barry Crouch by Victor Garms on behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution in memory of his wife, Hazel Garms. Nita Sue Hudson was the first place CO State DAR Good Citizen Contest winner.

100% of all members joined the Museum.



**Merial Ricker** became the 34th Regent serving from **1964-1966**. Anita Hansen won second in the Colorado State DAR Good Citizen contest and was honored at the State Conference in Boulder. In September of 1967, Merial Ricker became state chairman of the Americanization and the DAR Manual Committees.

**Dorothy Nichols-Sherman Kittle,** Regent **1966-1968**, served as the 35th Regent. During the years, the chapter continued to support the DAR schools, both financially and with boxes of clothing. Locally, \$250.00 was given to Mesa College; \$40.00 to senior high schools in the area and \$15.00 to local junior high schools for history awards. Mrs. Buthorn, a 57 year and charter member, passed away. Dorothy Kittle was a 53 year member.



**Velma Borschell Budin**, 36th Regent **1968-1969**. She attended Continental Congress that year. The schools in Delta and Montrose Counties as well as Mesa County were included in the chapter's DAR Good Citizen program. Good Citizen Teas were held for the girls and their mothers. DAR magazine subscriptions were sent to Mesa College and the Public Library.

Velma received many awards for her outstanding service and volunteerism in the community. Among them, in 1971, the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce selected her as the Outstanding

Citizen of the Year. In 1982 she was honored as one of Colorado's Outstanding Volunteers and was invited to a White House ceremony in 1985 honoring outstanding volunteers. Velma's home was at 1218 Rood Ave.



**Mary Alice Miller,** Regent **1969-1970,** was the 37<sup>th</sup> Regent. The chapter was invited to and attended the dedication of the Walter Walker Fine Arts Center, Houston Hall and the Vocational School.

Mary Alice was **Colorado State DAR Treasurer** 1973-1975, and **Colorado State DAR Recording Secretary** 1975-1977.

Mary Alice's son, William, was killed in a plane crash in 1980. The family began the William Nicholas Miller fund to be awarded to a Grand Junction High School outstanding

history student and later to contribute to one of the DAR schools.

Pearl Ross, a 59-year and charter member passed away in May 1969. A gift toward the organ chimes at the First Methodist Church was given in her memory by the chapter. Mrs. Ross had been a member of the church since 1896.

Wilma Walker, 38th Regent **1970-1973.** In 1972 Continental Congress was attended by Wilma Walker, Winifred Schmidt and Mary Alice Miller. Mary Alice's daughter, Christina, served as a page.

Rebecca Moore was presented a \$300 scholarship from CO State Society DAR toward her degree in Physical Therapy. Roselynn Zumwalt reached National in an essay contest sponsored by the DAR.

The chapter held a memorial service in May 1970 for all departed members.

Winifred Castle Schmidt, Regent 1973-1975, was born in Delta, graduated in 1917 at the University of Colorado and taught 40 years in Delta, Cedaredge, Montana and Arizona. She married Chris R. Schmidt in Red Lodge, MT, July 28, 1920. They moved permanently back to Cedaredge in 1957. Mr. Schmidt was also a teacher for 48 years. Sisters Edith Castle Parker and Marian Castle Creach, daughter Mary Alice Miller and granddaughters Amanda Miller, Christine Rosenberg and Sarah Tillman were all members of Mount Garfield Chapter.



Winifred was the 39th Regent. The chapter contributed to the

crimson maple trees that were planted at the VA Hospital in honor of men who gave their lives in the service. Flags were presented to a Boy Scout troop at Riverside School and the Girl Scout troops in Grand Junction and Montrose. In 1975, four members attended the 84th Continental Congress in Washington DC. Attending were Winifred Schmidt, Edith Parker, Mary Alice Miller and Amanda Miller. Amanda was a page.

**Wilma Walker** served again as Regent **1975-1977** (40<sup>th</sup>). In February 1977, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bikki, who escaped Hungary during that country's revolution, were presented the DAR Americanism Medal for their volunteerism and contributions to the community. In September 1977, the Bikki's were honored at the Civic Center in Denver with the American by Choice Award.

Wilma Walker and her husband Darrel came to Grand Junction in 1956. Wilma was a junior high school teacher.



**Ruth Smith** was elected 41<sup>st</sup> Regent, **1977-1979.** At the 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon in 1978, all 25 and 50 year members were honored.

Laura Marrow of Central High School was chosen the State DAR History Scholarship winner. The members attending the 87th Continental Congress in 1978 were Eda May Musser, Marjorie McGee, and Ruth Smith.

<u>Washington Landmarks</u> and <u>Colorado Historical Markers</u> were presented to the Mesa College Library. On page 38 of <u>Washington Landmarks</u> can be found a picture of the Navajo

rug donated to the DAR Museum by Winifred Schmidt.

Loretta Limberg became a member of the State Fifty Year Member Club in 1978.

**Wilma Walker** again served as Regent **1979-1982** (42<sup>nd</sup>). The Chapter's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated in February 1980. It was decided to give a gold ROTC medal to a Mesa College cadet. A subscription for the DAR magazine was sent to the Mesa County Public Library. The chapter received a blue ribbon for the patriotic public relations feature story;

an outstanding award for the yearbook and an Outstanding Award on American Heritage Achievements. The William Nicholas Miller award was begun this year. William Miller, the son of Past Regent, Mary Alice Miller, was killed in a plane crash in 1980.

Velma Budin became a 50 year DAR member in 1979, and in 1982 Velma was honored by State of Colorado as 1 of 30 individuals, for unselfish contribution of time and talent to Colorado communities.

**Myrna Haynes,** Regent **1982-1983** was the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regent to serve the Mount Garfield Chapter. She completed the term of Mrs. Walker who had resigned due to poor health. The "Quilts of Pioneer America" were displayed in a booth. The DAR Historian Books were housed in the Museum of Western Colorado. First and second graders were given 250 pamphlets on <u>The Pledge of Allegiance for the Deaf</u>. Grace Hovey gave \$200.00 as a memorial to her mother, Edna Forsman Callaway. For Grand Junction's Centennial, the chapter replaced the marker at the site of the original Grand Junction Town Company which is where the Avalon Theater is today.



Myrna was a school teacher, and in later years, taught children with special needs.

**Louise Cline 1983-1985,** was the 44<sup>th</sup> Regent. The chapter compiled the Marriage Records of Mesa County 1883-1912. Copies were sent to the DAR Library, the Museum of Western Colorado Library and the Mesa County Public Library. Microfilm of these records was given to the LDS Branch Library in Grand Junction and the LDS Library in Salt Lake City, UT.

The book, <u>Men of Mesa County in Service of World War I</u>, originally had been given to the County Clerk. The chapter had it rebound and gave it to the Museum of Western Colorado. It is also located in the DAR Library in Washington, DC.

James Story of Palisade was honored as the State DAR Good Citizen. He read his essay at the State Conference in Denver.

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary project was restoration of the Helen Dewey memorial sundial. In February 1985, the restored sundial was presented to the Museum of Western Colorado. It has been vandalized again but remains stored at the museum.

The DAR joined the Museum of Western Colorado Heritage Council. Each member organization had 2 representatives on the council which met once a month. Each DAR member donated \$1.00, for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.



**Dorothy Layman,** serving from **1985-1987,** was the chapter's 45<sup>th</sup> Regent. The chapter received several awards at State Conference. That summer 35 new citizens were welcomed. The State Board of Management was held in Grand Junction in June. Hettie Bunker Smith was honored by Illinois State University for her work in facial reconstruction. A Constitution Tea was held in September. Edna Musser and Laura Clock, chapter members and authors of <u>Trails and Trials and Cabin and a Clothesline</u>, were honored. The books were donated to the DAR Library.

Jeanne Beckner, 46th Regent 1987-1989. The chapter helped in welcoming new citizens at the Grand Junction District Court. Each received a DAR manual for citizenship, plus the flag code and an American flag at the ceremony. The William Nicholas Miller memorial fund was changed to a donation to one of the DAR schools each year. The chapter furnished a meditation room at the VA Hospital. This room was to be used as a place where patient's families could gather in time of anxiety or sorrow. The room was dedicated to the deceased members of the Mount Garfield Chapter. A plaque



bearing the names of the chapter's deceased was hung in the room and names continue to be added. Fern Ruck chaired the Meditation Room Committee. She passed away on February 26, 2019 after serving as regent again 1991-1993 (see below).

At CO State DAR Conference, **Melvin Fellors**, from Grand Junction, received the Outstanding Volunteer Award for his service at the Veterans Hospital in Grand Junction.

**Dorothy Laymen** was again Regent (47<sup>th</sup>) **1989-1991.** During this term as Regent, Dorothy, with the assistance of Velma Budin, updated the Mount Garfield Chapter history through 1986. Chapter members signed up to take cakes each month to the veterans at the VA Hospital who were having birthdays. Clothing was donated and sent to the DAR Indian schools. DAR Good Citizens were honored from 14 western slope schools. Trees were planted at the new First Presbyterian Church. Ruth Smith gave a presentation about Fern Ruck's work at the VA Hospital: 16 years as receptionist; DAR representative on the VAVS committee; and volunteering for more than 2500 hours.

**Jeanne Beckner**, served as Regent (48<sup>th</sup>) again **1991-1993**. The Mount Garfield Chapter hosted the June 1991, CO State DAR Board of Management, with 72 in attendance. At the dedication of the new **Redlands Middle School** where Tim Mills was the new principal, the chapter presented the school with an American flag. Mount Garfield's DAR Good Citizen winner, Tom Murphy, was awarded second place in the States Good Citizen Contest. Nancy Lohmeyer, a Mount Garfield Chapter junior member, was awarded the \$1,000.00 Colorado General Scholarship and is using it to continue her education for a nursing degree at Mesa State College. Jeanne compiled a history book from the many newspaper clippings and memorabilia Velma Budin had collected over the years. Later Jeanne, as American Indian Committee Chairman, oversaw the collection of clothes, personal and household items for the Indians in New Mexico and Arizona which she coordinated with the Vietnam Veterans for delivery to the Navajo Reservation. She passed away on February 26, 2019.

**Ruth Smith,** again served as regent, **1993-1995** (49<sup>th</sup>). Ruth attended the 91<sup>st</sup> State DAR Conference in Colorado Springs in March, 1994, as well as attending the 103rd Continental Congress in Washington, DC in April 1994. The Mount Garfield Chapter was honored at Continental Congress for its Constitution Week activities.



**Betty Lou Smith, 50<sup>th</sup> Regent 1995-1997.** The chapter adopted a project to place a DAR Statue honoring pioneer women at the Eagle Rim Park, which was planned for construction in 1998. The Mount Garfield Chapter, DAR Coalition for a Historic Marker was formed by the chapter and numerous local organizations and the City of Grand Junction. With approval from State and National, the chapter had a yard sale to kick off this project and the long process.

DAR Community Service Awards were presented to State Representatives Tim Foster and Dan Prinster, Senator Tillie Bishop and Mesa State College President, Dr. Ray Kieft.

Rebecca Cope was the 7<sup>th</sup> grade history essay contest winner at the State and District level, and Veronica Furst was chosen first place winner of the CO State DAR Good Citizens Contest.

**Betty Lou Smith** again served as Regent (51<sup>st</sup>) **1997-1999**. Hundreds of calendar date books were sold, with proceeds going to the "Spirit of Pioneer Women" account. Grants, donations and the sale of pavers, raised the money necessary to purchase the statue. A reception was held for the artisan, Lincoln Fox. The DAR historical markers for the Avalon Theatre and the F. W. Woolworth building were cleaned and re-dedicated.

Also during Betty Lou's term as Regent, a clothing drive was held for the Navajo Indians and over 200 pounds was collected and taken to the reservation by a veteran's organization. Parties were held for patients at the VA Hospital, including Halloween and Christmas. Monthly meetings will now be held at Cross Orchards Museum, gratis of the Museum of Western Colorado. An American flag was presented to the City of Grand Junction to be flown at the new Canyon View Park. She passed away on November 22, 2011, at the age of 84.



**Virginia Goetz,** 52<sup>nd</sup> Regent **1999-2001.** Virginia's Regent's project was to have a biographical sketch page, including a picture, of each chapter member made and combined into a book. Fund raising for the statue, "The Spirit of Pioneer Women", was completed. Chapter members made a trip to the Paonia foundry to see the processes involved in building the statue. The completed statue was placed temporarily at the Cross Orchard Museum in May. A reception was held to honor the people who supported and helped raise funds for the statue. State Regent Joan Wayne, State Historian Ann Moore and State Chairman Literacy Challenge Ruth Sawyer attended the reception.

The Mount Garfield Chapter presented an American flag to **Rocky Mountain Elementary School** and a Colorado and an American flag to **Grand Mesa Middle School**. The chapter purchased five videos on the Revolution which were placed in the District Teachers Reference Library for use in history classes. She passed away on August 18, 2019.



Shirley North Harrison, 53rd Regent 2001-2003. In July 2001, the formal dedication of the DAR Statue, "The Spirit of Pioneer Women", was held at Eagle Rim Park. At this time, the Mount Garfield Chapter donated the statue to the City of Grand Junction. The chapter continued with regular projects: Good Citizens, ROTC medal, history awards to students at the high schools and Memorial Day ceremonies. The chapter walked the Veterans Crown Point Cemetery located at Appleton and these records were sent to National. Chapter member, Virginia Fullerton, was recognized by national for her entry in the

American Heritage Music Contest. She wrote an original composition, "A Tribute to DAR". Shirley died on December 8, 2014 in Longmont, Colorado.

**Bonnie Karp,** 54th Regent **2003-2005.** Bonnie's Regent's Project was to participate in the President General's "Giving Tree" fund by having the chapter have its own "Giving Tree" and collecting enough money to purchase its own "Green Leaf" to be added to the "Giving Tree" at national. Donations were made and cookies were sold. The leaf was purchased March 25, 2004.

In 2003, Crown Point Cemetery was a much neglected almost forgotten cemetery; so the chapter took on the huge challenge to physically walk and records every plot there. The result has brought it back to life and made it a beautify country cemetery.



The chapter also participated in the dedication of the Western Slope Vietnam War Memorial Park in Fruita, CO. Bonnie attended the re-dedication of the "Madonna of the Trails" monument in Lamar, CO. The chapter re-dedicated the DAR marker for the Park Opera House at the Museum of Western Colorado, and presented Holy Family School with a new American flag. The Chapter hosted the CO State DAR Board of Management meeting in September, which was enhanced by a "Wine and Cheese" get acquainted party. Dorothy Burgess was honored as a 50 year member. The Mesa County Grantor/ Grantee Index from1882-1899 was digitized. CDs and hard copies were sent to State and National DAR and to the Mesa County Court House and the Museum of Western Colorado. Bonnie served as **CO State DAR Registrar** 2005-2007.



Anita Caldwell, 55th Regent 2005-2007. Lydia Norman from Central High School, sponsored by the Mount Garfield Chapter, was the CO State DAR Nursing Scholarship winner in 2006. The DAR Historic Preservation Medal was awarded to Kathy Jordan for her efforts with the 7<sup>th</sup> St Historic District. The chapter presented a check to the VA Medical Center for their new Memorial Garden. The Chapter's name was placed on the Memorial Rock located in the garden. TSgt Donald Foree, USAF and Millye VanDover were honored on Flag Day at Veteran's Memorial Park, Fruita Civic Center. Receptions for naturalized citizens were held. Betty Grosskopf and Virginia Fullerton

repaired the flags for VA Hospital's Avenue of Flags. American flags that had flown over the Capital in Washington were given to 4 new schools: Pear Park and Rim Rock Elementary, Fruita 8/9, and Bookcliff Middle School. In 2007, the chapter's 7<sup>th</sup> Grade History essay contest winner, Megan Megar, from Fruita Middle School, won first place in the state. The chapter attended the veteran's flag retirement ceremony. Anita served as **CO State DAR Registrar** 2009 – 2011.

**Bobbie Tallarico,** 56th Regent **2007-2009**. Flag Day was celebrated with the Uncompany Valley Chapter in Montrose, CO. The chapter celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Grand Junction at an event held in Lincoln Park where the DAR booth was decorated with the colors of our great country and the banners and ribbons of the DAR. The chapter ladies were in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, dressed in period costume and joined the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The combined entry won first prize. The Project Patriot committee made and sent "cool collars", snacks, toiletries and many other useful items to our servicemen in Iraq. The birthday luncheon in February was held at the Bookcliff Country Club with George



Washington (Gary Brewer, SAR) giving a historical program on the life of George and Martha. Maria Kille, a naturalized citizen, was awarded the DAR Americanism medal for her work as a volunteer at the VA Hospital and her support to others who were foreign born. The chapter welcomed 20 new members, plus 2 transfers. We received the Grace Bell Plate for the largest increase in membership and the Lerah Stratton McHugh plaque for the largest increase in junior membership.



**Teresa Fulmer,** 57th Regent **2009-2011.** Teresa formed the "Sunshine Ladies," a group of chapter members that visit Chapter homebound DAR ladies. She hosted a covered dish "Flag Day" celebration inviting area chapters. The luncheon and program was followed by a tour to our 8 Mount Garfield markers. The chapter celebrated Independence Day by decorating a float and walking in the City's parade, along with the Sons of the American Revolution and "President and Mrs. Lincoln". In August, the Daughters welcomed home our WWII Veterans from their tour of the memorial in Washington DC. Our Constitution Week banner was hung above Main St for the month of September. The Project Patriot Committee gathered and sent many items to our Active US Troops. The Chapter's DAR Good Citizens were honored in January.

February 2010 is the Mount Garfield Chapter's 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary. With the anticipation of the celebration, the Historian, Bonnie Karp, mother of the Regent, spearheaded the effort to acquire a marker for the location of the organizing meeting of the chapter. The La Court Hotel, where this organizing meeting was held, was torn down to make way for the building of the Two Rivers Convention Center.

A luncheon on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2010, at the Convention Center will commemorate the occasion. A ceremony will be held to dedicate a bench featuring a marker headed with the DAR Insignia and reading:

Mount Garfield Chapter Centennial 1910-2010 This chapter held their organizing meeting on February 22, 1910 at the La Court Hotel which once stood at this site. The first regent was Fannie Kent McClintock. The Mount Garfield Chapter is named after the promontory that stands above the Grand Valley. This bench is dedicated to and placed by the Mount Garfield Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. February 22, 2010



**Beverly McIntyre**, 58th Regent **2011-2013**. She joined DAR in 2006. She was born in Denver, Colorado and grew up in Englewood, Colorado. She attended Englewood High School. She is a retired legal secretary. She has two children/Lori and Lisa and one grandchild/Josh. One of her main hobbies is singing. She was very active with the Americanism committee and attended the immigration naturalization ceremonies in Grand Junction. She would attend the NSDAR National Convention during Colorado State Regent Peggy Norton's Regency and sat in the Colorado Box, which was a special honor. She would be State Chairman of the American History Committee and would give awards at the Colorado State Convention to the winners. She served as Chaplain to the Mount Garfield Chapter for eight years. She would volunteer at the Library in Grand Junction, have the chapter support

Box Tops, and soup ladles for schools. The Chapter also participated in the Independence Day and Veterans Day Parades. Beverly would be the DAR Schools Committee chair during the Lori Parrott Regency and an "Owl Bank" would be passed during meetings for donations for the DAR schools. In addition, the chapter hosted a barbecue for hospitalized veterans at the Veterans Affairs Hospital and The Card and Games Benefit at the Moose Lodge. The Chapter also conducted a multi-family yard sale with the proceeds benefiting scholarships and activities for veterans. The Chapter also presented a free genealogy lineage workshop at the Museum of Western Colorado. The Chapter also donated \$1,000 for the restoration of Handy Chapel. The Chapel was built in 1892 on land deeded to the "Black citizens of Grand Junction" in 1883. After her regency ended in 2013, she remained with the Mount Garfield Chapter for several years and then moved to the Denver area.



Lori Ann Lundy Parrott- Regent 2013-2015. During her regency, the Mount Garfield Chapter Gazette newsletter was established and two major projects were placed by the chapter: The Vietnam War Memorial at the Western Slope Veterans Cemetery in Grand Junction, CO December 5, 2014 and the VA Pin Project given to the Veterans Hospital and are displayed at the VA Hospital. The chapter would participate in the Independence Day and Veterans Day parades, Cookies for Cops and First Responders, Wreath's Across America, Flag Day celebrations, Card Party fund raisers, Bar-B-Ques at the VA Hospital, Constitution Week: City and County Constitution Day proclamations were given and Bells on Main St for Constitution Day rang out by the

chapter. During her Regency Celebrate America was started by NSDAR. The Chapter would recognize 95-year-old WWII Veteran Pershing DeVore with a certificate of Appreciation from NSDAR. Four daughters were recognized with certificates and medals by the local NSSAR chapter from 2013-2015, Lori Parrott, Bonnie Karp, Barbara Brewer, and Anita Caldwell for contributions and service to their society. A community Service award was presented to Truly Mays whose dedicated service to the Grand Junction Pregnancy Center was recognized. Gary Brewer was presented the NSDAR Historic Preservation Award by the chapter, and JROTC awards were presented. Dorothy Inscho would receive the Outstanding DAR Service to Veterans Award from the NSDAR Colorado State Society. In January 2014 Tessa Slagle would be awarded the Chapter's Good Citizen Award and would be the NSDAR Colorado State Society winner also that year. Jessica Clark would receive the Community Service award. Honorary Chapter Regent Lori Parrott would serve as Colorado State Society Chaplain 2015-2017, She would be the Chapter Registrar 2017-2021. Lori was SW District Chair for DAR Project Patriot 2020-2022. Chapter Committees: (2015-2017 Celebrate America, Comm Events, Genealogy Records), (State Chair Commemorative Events, Chapter Membership 2019-2021) & Service to America (2015-2023). Lori would start and oversee the Chapter's Facebook page, and her lineage shows she is related to Frances Scott Key!



Mary Reed McFarlin, 60th Regent, 2015-2017. Mary's regency would continue to see the chapter participate in the yearly Card party and Herberger fundraisers. The Chapter would also participate in 4th of July and Veteran's Day parades. Her Regent's Project was to donate 20 VHS recorders to St Mary Hospital's Rose Hill Hospitality House. Two Benches were designed and purchased to donate from the chapter for Los Colonias Park Pollinator Garden one in 2015 and 2017. Clothing was made for the Junior Miss Ann Doll by the chapter. Mary would attend The 125th Continental Congress to see the installation of Colorado Honorary State Regent Ann Dillon become the President General of NSDAR. The chapter would also support DAR Project Patriot Guinness World Record contest sponsored by NSDAR by contributing handwritten letters to our military, which she hand delivered to congress from the Chapter. The Chapter would also contribute over 900 packets of 3 ea bundles of holiday stamped

Christmas cards sent to "Holiday Mail for Heroes" to be given to military men and women at Walter Reed Hospital. Dorothy Inscho would receive the Women of American History Award in May of 2017 from the Chapter. A donation to Latimer house of over \$575 was given by the chapter. The Good Citizen award was presented with six participants chaired by Deana Znamenacek. Mary is very crafty with her ceramics, and has participated in the American Heritage crafts contest, she won the National Award under Katey Kelly Regency. Mary would make an ornament hand made for Christmas to be given to the chapter members. She would also receive the Martha Washington award from NSSAR. Mary would become Chapter Chaplain after her regency and start a pray chain within the chapter. Mary lives at 2807 C <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Rd with her husband Bennie Peyton McFarlin.



Katharine "Katey" Peterson Kelly Regent 2017-2019. Katey Kelly was the 61<sup>st</sup> Regent of the Mount Garfield Chapter. Katey's goal for the chapter was to reestablish and vitalize media Communication and Chapter Committees. A Facebook page and State Website was updated for the chapter. Debra Foster would be interviewed by a local TV station about her work with the Los Colonias Arboretum. Two more benches and numerous trees had been added to the site by the chapter. Debra's interview was seen on the Denver news! The chapter would present a Flag of the United States to the local Blue Star Mothers Chapter, a local business owner was also presented an American Flag. Chapter member Lena Watts would win the CO State US Flag Contest and was presented a Flag from the Colorado Society State Flag

Committee. Mary McFarlin would win the National American Heritage Award for her Pottery dishware. The Colorado State Society would award the 'Junior Traveling Flag Pin Award' for largest monetary donation to the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund during the 115<sup>th</sup> Colorado State Conference. The Veterans Committee would donate infant car seats for female veterans at the Grand Junction VA Hospital baby shower. Katey would participate in attaining Constitution week proclamations from the city of Grand Junction and was interviewed by a local TV station for the 'ringing of the Bells' on Constitution Day. Recognition certificates were given to Carol Brown 30 years, Ginny Potterveld 40 year, and Virginia Fullerton 50 year NSDAR members. Melba Fulton our 100 year old chapter member was honored, and her book "Window in Time", had been donated to Chapter, State and NSDAR libraries.



Deana Znamenacek, 62<sup>nd</sup> Regent, 2019 – 2021. Under the leadership of Regent Deana Znamenacek, Mt Garfield NSDAR met the pandemic of COVID-19 with determination to continue our legacy of patriotism, education, and historic preservation. During 2019 Mt. Garfield Chapter's 34 active committees supported by 117 members logged 4,952 volunteer hours in support of local, state, and national goals. During this time, Regent Znamenacek completed the DAR Members Course. She introduced Veteran's Moments and Women's Moments which are brief educational messages. She led virtual meetings via Zoom and held a virtual scavenger hunt. During her regency, Mt. Garfield emphasized member care and connection through a prayer chain, Facebook page, updated the WEB pages, and flyers. The Arboretum was expanded and trees, newsletters, plaques, and another bench were purchased. Unable to hold

the fundraiser for Scholarships, the Chapter held two trunk events which collected food for the food bank, items for veterans, active service members and women's issues and to sell masks with beautiful pictures of Mt. Garfield. A beautiful storefront display in the local mall which honored women and explained DAR was well received by the public. Our 110th Anniversary was celebrated beginning with a "Walk to Remember" tour of a local tour with at least twenty-five other members. Later, several days were spent cleaning these headstones. We continued to honor veterans at the Grand Junction VA Care Center on holidays and birthdays every month. We honored our local EMT's, Firefighters, and Law Enforcement with large goody baskets of select coffees and other local favorites. The Chapter also donated a flag to the new elementary school in Fruita during covid; television news coverage and District 51 superintendent were present. A flagpole and stone were dedicated at the Orchard Mesa Cemetery as part of Deana's independent project for the New Members course. A walking tour of this cemetery was also presented as part of Lena Watt's independent project for the New Members course. Deana received an Award for Outstanding Service to the 125th Anniversary Special Committee. A flag was also presented to Fruita Elementary School at Orchard Capital Building.



**Sheryl Fitzgerald**, 63<sup>rd</sup> Regent, **2021-current.** Her information will be updated once her term as regent ends in 2023.