

**MOUNT GARFIELD CHAPTER, NSDAR**

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"The patriots of the Revolutionary period handed down to their successors and to us, the noblest heritage which divine providence has ever entrusted to a people ---Let us keep in mind not only what those men and women did, but also how they made their obstacles a part of their success-----Well do I know that no body of American citizens could be more steadfast in their support of our ideals of liberty and progress than are the D.A.R."

Franklin Delano Roosevelt - April 1934

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

William Tyler Page

### THE DAR PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

We, the Daughters of the American Revolution, who find rest under thy folds, do pledge our lives, our hearts, and our sacred honor to love and protect thee, our country, and the liberty of the American people forever.

### IN THE BEGINNING --

In November, 1882, the Denver and Rio Grande, the first railroad train, entered the town. J. Clayton Nichols was among the first party to cross the Grand River. He planted the first claim stake in the Grand Valley, September 9, 1881, on a portion of the ranch where the railroad station of Durham was located, 2 1/2 miles NW of Grand Junction. Within six months every tract of 160 acres that was considered at all desirable bore someone's claim stake, and many of them had a little pen of four cottonwood poles, dignified by the name of "foundation". The rich lands later known as the "fruit ridges", were then passed by.

Governor George A. Crawford and Judge R.D. Mosley, with several others, arrived the latter part of September, 1881, and on the 26th of September, erected claim stakes for all of Sec. 14 for the townsite of Grand Junction, named because of the confluence at this point of the Grand and Gunnison Rivers. The first cabin on the townsite was built where the middle of Ute Avenue intersects Second Street. During the following winter a petition was filed for a post office established under the name of "Ute" with R.D. Mobley as postmaster, but it was April, 1882, when it became a fulfilled Post Office. It was located in the Russell Brother and Company store on Main Street between 4th and 5th streets.

The Grand Junction Weekly News was established on October 23, 1882, by Mr. Edwin Price as editor and proprietor. The first newspaper from the press was sold at auction for \$35.00. This was the nucleus for the Public Library fund.

The first school was held in May, 1882, with Miss Nancy Blain (later Mrs. Underhill) of Collbran as teacher.

Grand Junction was named by Governor George A. Crawford, founder of Grand Junction, and his associates, including J. Clayton Nichols, uncle of our own Dorothy Sherman Kittle, because of the junction of the Gunnison and Grand Rivers. They claimed a 640 A tract for a townsite on Septeber 26, 1881. Grand Junction was incorporated in 1882. The coming of the D&RG railroad late in 1882 heightened the prospect of the settlement. Our own Lola

Frances Kennard Price, wife of Edwin Price editor of the Daily News, was a passenger on the first railroad train running into Grand Junction. Her experiences on that trip were most thrilling and frustrating.

Grand Mesa was named from the Spanish word meaning "table". The Bookcliffs were named because of their resemblance to the edge of books, opened and placed face downward. The Palisades were named from surrounding cliffs, which present the appearance of forts. Mesa County was originally a part of Gunnison County, named for Captain John Gunnison.

On August 9, 1890, three devoted and gifted women, Miss Eugenia Washington, Miss Mary Desha and Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth, met in Washington, D.C. and founded our NSDAR society. Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood was later made a founder of NSDAR because of her powerful letter of July 13, 1890, awakening the interest of ALL women in Revolutionary descent.

The most important work of the Society is to keep alive the Ideals on which this government was founded, to protect its Constitution, to work for Good Citizenship, teach respect for the Flag, and educate the young people to know the REAL WORTH of a FREE COUNTRY.

COLORS of NSDAR are Blue and White, the colors worn by Washington's Staff; our MOTTO - Home and Country; its INSIGNIA - a wheel with thirteen spokes, a star at the end of each, and a distaff with flax bound on it behind the wheel; and our SEAL - A woman at the spinning wheel.

DAR works under a Charter from the Government granted during the Presidency of Grover Cleveland, and reports directly to the Smithsonian Institution.

Every year during the week of April 19th, the annual Continental Congress convenes, with every chapter being entitled to be represented, as well as the chapters in China, London, Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Italy, Germany, Cuba and France.

The DAR in Colorado began with the appointment of Mrs. Mary Greene Montgomery Slocum, wife of William F. Slocum, President of Colorado College in Colorado Springs, as State Regent of Colorado by the National Board on August 18, 1894. She was reappointed until 1901. Mt. Garfield Chapter was organized by the 5th State Regent, Maria Eleanore Wheaton, between 1909 and 1911. The application for Charter was approved February 22, 1910, with 20 members and remained open until February 22, 1911, when ten more members became Charter Members. This gave us the thirty Charter members whose names appear on our Charter, embossed, framed and presented to the Mt. Garfield Chapter on April 30, 1983.

Mt. Garfield received its name by a party of explorers who came in sight of it in 1881; the day they came in sight of it, they

received the news of the assassination of President Garfield. The Chapter was named for Mt. Garfield, the promontory that literally guards our valley.

Mrs. Frances Kent McClintock was the organizing Regent of Mt. Garfield Chapter, having been a member of the Bronx New York Chapter in 1902. She and Mrs. Wheaton, the State Regent, had been great friends with fabulous experiences as early pioneer women. Mrs. Wheaton had crossed the Santa Fe Trail three times in a covered wagon, when her soldier husband was sent to the West to subdue the Indians. They traveled only twelve miles a day. She knew the West as few others knew it during those years.

The fountain placed at 5th and Rood in the center of the street, was given by Mrs. W.S. Sullivan and placed March 29, 1911. One half of the fountain is located at the Museum of Western Colorado. On April 20, 1911, the Chapter had charge of exercises at the Emerson School for the planting of trees from the home of Ralph Waldo Emerson, given by R.V. and Mrs. H.H. Beach, who had lived as neighbors of Emerson.

Mrs. Lola Price was the 2nd Regent. All of the early pioneers came to "make homes for their families" and what a heritage they have left for us to enjoy. Mrs. Price's early pioneer experiences are truly unbelievable. The First Methodist Church was organized in the Price home in 1883. Their daughter, Mrs. Eudora Price Meserve, was the first white child born in Grand Junction. Her husband, Richard Meserve, was a water/mining engineer employed as a city surveyor, who surveyed many of the reservoirs on Grand Mesa and laid the ground work for Grand Junction's and the valley's water supply; he predicted the magnitude and dependence of irrigation in the valley. He also recognized the potential of oil shale deposits. Dora was regent from 1931-36, later becoming a Member at Large so she could become a charter member of the chapter at Edmonds, WA. In recognition of Grand Junction's Centennial, Dora Meserve was greatly honored by the Colorado West Doll Club with a Centennial Doll fashioned in the likeness of Dora Meserve who was born January 20, 1883; it was given as a grand door prize. The doll was outfitted with a complete wardrobe, authentically styled for a seven year old child of approximately that period. The wardrobe was entirely hand made by club members and packed in an antique styled trunk made by Issac Wilson of Olathe, CO. Dora was present and participated in the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Grand Junction.

Mrs. Emma Chatfield Page, 3rd Regent, was chairman of the committee marking "The Rainbow Trail" across Mesa County to the Delta County line, following Hwy. 30. By 1916, 25 beautiful signs were erected. Mrs. Page served as certified instructor and supervisor of surgical dressings, having a government certification from the Pacific Division. She began compiling a list of Service men from Mesa County. Her son, John Page, was a very prominent engineer in the Reclamation Service, particularly with the building of Boulder Dam. The town of Page, AZ was named, honoring him.

When Emma Wadsworth was Regent, 1916-18, the name of the principal city park was changed to Whitman Park to honor Marcus Whitman for his memorable ride across the continent, including swimming the Grand River at Grand Junction. She organized the Red Cross in Mesa County, the first gauze work in Grand Junction, helped with the Liberty Loan campaign, and 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."

Merle McClintock, Society Editor and Feature writer for The Daily Sentinel, served as probation officer in Juvenile Court. She was appointed Chairman of Mesa County Womens Defense Council, by the governor and was awarded a pin for 2700 hours of war work ARC, and organizing Secretary of Mesa County Red Cross. She was State Recording Secretary 1912-1916. DAR meetings were given up for war work in Red Cross and Liberty Loan projects. During the flu epidemic, the chapter organized an emergency hospital and flu kitchen, cooperating with all organizations in the city. Chapter meetings were resumed in 1919.

Mrs. Cora Strayer Sampliner was vitally interested in Americanism. The Opportunity School was organized and carried on as a Night School, DAR members acting as teachers under the direction of Mrs. Sampliner. A framed picture of Washington was presented to the High School and American History Awards to 8th grade and High School were begun. In 1922 these awards were definitely established and The Daily Sentinel Award added.

About 1916, an SAR Chapter was founded, one of the founders being Clayton J. Nichols, our own Dorothy Sherman Kittle's uncle. They assisted in marking of Whitman Park and for some years assisted in the American History Awards. Later, the group disbanded.

Alice Buthorn, Regent, 1921-22, one of the last two of our Charter Members, lived at the LaCourt Hotel for 62 years and was known as "The Grand Old Lady of the LaCourt Hotel". She was a leader in the towns social life. From 1911 thru 1966 the annual Birthday luncheon was always held at the LaCourt Hotel with the chef preparing a special luncheon menu as Mrs. Buthorn requested. William Frederick Buthorn was the oldest of 21 children and came with his family to the United States. He learned the hotel business working with the Fred Harvey Company and went on to owning several restaurants and hotels before coming to Grand Junction. All early residents were very disappointed that the LaCourt should not have remained, perhaps in the National Register, as one of the most historic spots in Grand Junction. During Mrs. Buthorn's Regency in 1921-22, the question of prizes to be given to American History students was considered.

During the regency of Harriett Dyke Ottman, the project of a war memorial was inaugurated.

In 1930, a window display on Main Street was arranged showing Colonial manuscripts, heirlooms, relics, old coins and paper money. State Senator Edward E. Wheeler who spent several years of his childhood at an Indian Reservation, and knew Chief Ouray personally, spoke on the Great Man, Chief Ouray.

To replenish "The Marker Fund" a play, "In 1779", was presented by members at the LaCourt Hotel. Great emphasis was placed on our obligation to those who blazed the trails and the privileges that are ours as DAR's, to stimulate patriotism and maintain our dearly won liberty! Benefit teas and playlets written by Merle McClintock raised substantial sums for the Junior College. Membership in 1929 reached 72.

Martha Churchill McCormick was Registrar and a teacher for many years. Charles James McCormick, a builder of the Grand Valley, organizer of the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District, and State Representative, was a conservationist at heart.

Miss Emma Groom - 1917-1964 - a teacher, at Fruita, Fruitvale and Grand Junction. Medical Librarian at St. Mary's Hospital, - 1964-67. Honored as outstanding citizen by Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce in 1962. While teaching in Fruitvale, she lived in the Borschell home along with three other teachers.

Helen A. Dewey, a teacher for nearly a half century was born in 1853 in Aurora, IL, and died December 19, 1922. Her students and friends wished to place a Memorial to her dedicated life. The monument was a 3.5 foot tall bronze sundial mounted on a base of marble which was placed in Hawthorne Park where it proudly stood for some 30 years before being vandalized and the bronze sundial broken off. What remained was taken to the Dewey home and in 1983, Miss Marjorie Dewey, a great grand niece gave it to the Museum. Mt. Garfield, as their 75th Diamond Anniversary Project, had the marble base repaired, added a new sundial and returned it to the Museum to be preserved in perpetuity as an important artifact of social and cultural history. Miss Dewey lived in the home of Dr. Heman R. Bull, noted medical doctor of Grand Junction and became involved with Lola and Edwin Price in their interest in the Methodist Church which was organized in their home in 1883. Edwin Price was a half brother of Mrs. H.R. Bull. Miss Dewey was credited with organizing the Sunday School at the First Methodist Church and many early Sunday School Certificates bear her name.

Charlotte Augur Baylis was an elementary teacher for many years. William G. Baylis worked for the D&RG railroad and later became Grand Junction's Judge of the Justice Courts. Mrs. Baylis was very active in Red Cross work in both peace and war times, and very active in AAUW and Reviewer's Club.

Abby Hill Meserve, one of the Charter members, was formerly a member of Margery Sullivan Chapter, in Dover, NH, having become a DAR member 4 Nov. 1897. She died December 21, 1912. Norma Blanche Bauer Phillips was the Chapter's only Life Member of 66

years membership. Pearl Smith Ross was a 60 year member; Lina Brunner Smith a 59 year member; Alice Buthorn a 57 year member and Dorothy Kittle a 53 year member. Currently the Chapter has three fifty year plus members: Loretta Elkins Limberg, a 57 year member; Velma Borschell Budin, a 56 year member and Margaret Johnson Lawrence, a 54 year member, now deceased.

Dorothy Nichols Sherman Kittle was a long term resident of Grand Junction. She met J. Leslie Kittle when he became her organ teacher. He received the first Billy Adams Award, named in honor of the Colorado Governor, for distinguished service to Adams State College in 1971. This was presented by the Alumnae in recognition of 24 years of service to the College where he was Instructor and Professor of Music 1927-1952, and then Vice-President of the College. He also served at Colorado Womens College in Denver and taught music for seven years at Iolani Boys School in Honolulu.

Jessie Adelaide Morse Plumb was the wife of Dr. Carl Plumb, 1st Superintendent of the State Home and Training School. Plumb Hall, housing 150 students was named in his honor.

Helen Merle Smith Rand, sister of Pearl Ross, both Charter Members, attended Northwestern University, majoring in music and geology. She was a very accomplished musician. After her marriage to Dan Rand in 1916, they lived in Pine Valley, NV until 1926 when the family moved to Oakland, CA; however, they maintained their large cattle ranch for many years in Nevada. In 1949, they moved to Beaumont, CA, where they had an orchard of choice cherries, plums and peaches. They both loved th desert and had purchased opal mines in Nevada. They spent most of the summer each year after 1949, working their opal mines. They had four children, Helen, Ruth, Daniel and Charles. All four children continue their interest in working the opal mines which they inherited from their parents.

Emily Cherrington Ross joined the First Presbyterian church in July, 1908, and headed the Kindergarten Department for 35 years. She was founder and Past president of Mother's Study Club. She was a teacher in early years in Dodge City, KS. Charles Edward Ross was a hardware merchant.

Verna Collison Reed was the wife of Dr. Charles Reed, a leading medical doctor in Grand Junction for many years. In 1936-37 when Edith Jaynes Borschell was Regent, the 100th Anniversary of blazing the trail to the Northwest by Marcus Whitman and his journey through this region, fording the Colorado River, was observed. An American Flag was presented for the office at the State Home. Three members attended State Conference in Pueblo. The Chapter was entertained by Norma Evans in her home at 7th and Ouray. This home has been completely restored and now is included in the National Register of Homes on Seventh Street.

May Strayer Sampliner came to Grand Junction as a bride in the mid 1890's. As a girl she had lived in Silverton, Ironton and



Ouray areas during the era of much mining activity there. 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. Following Mr. Sampliner's death in mid 1927, Mrs. Sampliner traveled extensively in numerous European countries. When in Denver, her home was the Brown Palace Hotel. She maintained her interests and friendships in Grand Junction, but spent a great deal of her time with her sister, Mrs. Grace Mulnix, widow of Harry Mulnix who served as Colorado Secretary of State a number of terms. The daughter, Ruth Sampliner Jones, died February 1, 1947, while living in Spain. Mrs. Sampliner died July 12, 1952. Both are buried in the Masonic Cemetery, Grand Junction. While Mrs. Sampliner was Regent 1919-20, a pageant was presented for the community Americanism meeting at the State Armory, including Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts, Veterans of the Civil and Spanish Wars, American Legion, Red Cross nurses, school children and those who had just taken out their naturalization papers.

Winifred Castle Schmidt 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 are all members of Mt. Garfield Chapter. At Winifred's services in Delta, the tribute to her was her "awareness" in living each and every day.

Winifred Sweet Shaw, many years Registrar, died February 12, 1972. Following Mr. John C. Shaw's death in 1975, \$40,000.00 was given in his will for Project Hope in Washington, DC, as a memorial to Winifred.

Lina Brunner Smith came to Grand Junction following her marriage in 1912. She was very active in all community activities and music circles and was State Recording Secretary 1942-45. She was the first woman granted Lioness of the Year award. The Smiths observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary July 15, 1962. She was a dedicated worker in Mt. Garfield Chapter for 59 years. Her family presented her fifty year DAR pin in 1969. Silmon Smith, attorney, organizer and first President of Grand Junction Lions Club, received the first "Lion of the Year" award. For 43 years they lived at 1030 Chipeta. Silmon Smith played a leading role in the areas development. He was a member of Colorado Water Conservancy Board, and in late 1940 helped write the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact, the interstate agreement that divided the basins share of Colorado River water among Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico. He was also one of three representatives of the Western Slope Protective Association who negotiated the compromise settling a controversy over the Colorado Big Thompson trans-mountain water diversion project. He helped write Mesa County's peach marketing agreement. He lent his influence to

development of Grand Mesa's ski slopes. A 50 year membership pin was awarded to him by the Colorado Bar Association in May, 1962. A continuous Grand Junction resident since 1892, he trapped grizzlies on Grand Mesa in his youth.

Josephine Hendricks Stanley taught school in New Mexico and Colorado. She married following World War I, but her husband lived only 18 months after the marriage. She was employed as a therapist and devoted service to crippled children in New Mexico, Oklahoma, California, New York and Ft. Logan, CO, working in various hospitals and for 20 years in Mesa County. She played a leading role in the affairs of the Mesa County Society for Crippled Children and Adults. She raised a large share of local funds which financed the establishment of Hilltop Rehabilitation Center. Mrs. Stanley retired from a 30 year career as Occupational Therapist in Government Psychopathic Hospitals for War Veterans before coming to Grand Junction in 1949. She was one of the first women to enter the field in 1919. She was invited to a reception at the White House by Eleanor Roosevelt while in Washington for conferences on rehabilitation. Following her retirement, she taught china painting at Mesa College and served as occupational therapist for Grand Junction Recreational Department. She was a teacher for home bound students for School District 51 for six years. She was the first person chosen by Soroptomist as Woman of the Month in 1960. She was the oldest of ten children, seven sisters, among them our own Marguerite Gill. She was graduated in the first class of Western State College at Gunnison, CO.

Ada Hall Stewart and husband, Ezra D. Stewart, were both teachers for many years near Breckenridge, CO. and came to Mesa County by covered wagon in 1899, purchasing a ranch three miles north of Mesa. The house was built of stone in 1886, the oldest house in the valley. It was virtually a show place then and became a virtual museum with hundreds of Indian artifacts found in the valley, heirloom china and linens, books and quantities of momentos of historical significance. The Stewart family were residents of the Plateau Valley for more than half a century. A son, Erwin, studied science and art at the University of London, while serving with the Army during World War I. He never married. The Museum of Western Colorado has many of the artifacts from the home. Becky and Eugene Barabe of Aspen bought the Erwine Stewart home and ranch in March, 1977. They have restored the old stone house quarried from an outcropping of the Mesa Cemetery. The date inscribed on the lintel is 1800. The cellar was stocked with home canned fruits and vegetables, sealed in zinc lidded jars, a collectors prize. Eugene Barabe is a renowned Chef and they operated a modern restaurant at Mesa, CO. They are now in Grand Junction.

Etta Taber Taylor's husband was Rep. Edward T. Taylor, Western Colorado Congressman for 34 years. They were married in 1892.

Hannah Tice Taylor was married to Dr. Arthur George Taylor, whose professional career spanned a period of 61 years. The couple was

married November 12, 1897 in Williamstown, NJ, moving to Grand Junction soon after. In 1904, they built their home at 1003 North 5th Street where they resided until death. He was the youngest of eight children and received his degree from George Washington University in St. Louis. Hannah died in March, 1961, at age 94, and Dr. Taylor, March 24, 1965, at age 95 years. He served in the Army Medical Corps during World War I. On the occasion of his 50th Anniversary in practice in 1949, he was honored by the Mesa County Medical Society as its outstanding General Practitioner. He was a Charter Member and leading spirit in the Mesa County Medical Society. He was physician for the D&RG railroad, Health Officer, Coroner, Physician to the Selective Service Board during World War II, a 4-team member of the County Board of Medical Examiners from 1949-59, and a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge. Hannah was the only person known to have two DAR numbers - 23559 and 130010. She was admitted March 22, 1898; resigned November 31, 1899 and rejoined March 31, 1917, application through Mt. Garfield Chapter. She was State Librarian and a Charter Member of Woman's Club.

Marguerite Parsons Vorbeck and Helene Parsons Dockstader were daughters of A.C. Parsons who owned the Parson's Jewelry Store. The name is carried still in the Page-Parson's Jewelry store in Grand Junction.

Emma Dickerman Wadsworth and Artemas Richardson Wadsworth operated the Wadsworth & Son grocery store. "Choice Family groceries, fresh and salt meats, and Purity Bakery", located at 455 Main, now a part of Woolworths. Emma Wadsworth was State President of Colorado Federation of Woman's Club. The Wadsworth home was completely restored in 1980 by Pierre Marashin and Kay O'Neal. It is located at 5th and Gunnison.

Amy Sheets Wolfe and husband, Merrill Wolfe, moved to Loma, CO in 1912. He was fieldman for Holly Sugar Company. He was killed by lightning 1933. Mrs. Wolfe was a correspondent for the Daily Sentinel and Past President of the Sentinel Scribes Association.

Clarabel Aline Olds Krohn Worley operated the Krohn Mortuary for many years. She died December 25, 1951.

### THE PASSING YEARS....

After Mt. Garfield Chapter was organized in 1910, Frances Kent McClintock was elected as the first regent to serve a period of two years and Lola Frances Price was elected as her vice-regent. During Mrs. McClintock's lengthy absence, Mrs. Price served as regent in her place. An elm tree from Emerson's home was planted at the Emerson School with an appropriate Arbor Day ceremony. The program April 20, 1911 at Emerson School was as follows:

Flag Salute...by the children

America...by all

Prayer...by Chaplain

Two Readings...by little girls from two of the classes  
Song...by Primary rooms  
Quotations...by Miss Greenfield's room  
Mrs. Price told a few stories about Emerson  
Mrs. Beach, who had been a neighbor of Emerson, gave a talk  
A tree was planted while children sang "O Happy Trees"  
Mrs. Beach threw in the first shovel of dirt, then each member and each child, until the tree was planted.

In 1912, Mrs. Price was elected and served as the second regent for two years.

Emma C. Chatfield Page was the third regent, elected in 1913. She was Chairman of the Rainbow Trail Committee which was to plan markers to mark the road from Grand Junction to the Delta County line. Each marker had a rainbow on it. Mrs. McClintock gave the Chapter a beautiful silk flag.

On February 2, 1914, Mrs. Wheeler 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 table used by General U.S. Grant in his tannery. It is still in use, 73 years later. In April, 1914, the Chapter contributed \$10.00 to the YMCA to repair the cornice which was broken.

In 1914, Lois Craven was elected regent and served for two years. During this time, World War I began in Europe. Although the United States did not enter the war with troops for several years, a Belgian Tea was held at the LaCourt Hotel, the benefits of \$94.85 went to the Belgian Relief Fund. A telegram was received from Queen Elizabeth of Belgium thanking the Chapter for their help. A Tablet Fund was begun to mark historical sites.

The fifth regent was Mrs. Emma Wadsworth who served through the years 1916-1918. Lina Brunner Smith's papers were presented and accepted November 3, 1916. In May of 1916, the Chapter decided that eleven (11) markers would be needed to mark the Rainbow Trail. In October of that year the Chapter asked the Sons of the American Revolution to help with the Rainbow Trail markers. During the year, \$85.00 was realized from entertainment to raise funds for Monument Park. Through the efforts of Mrs. Wadsworth, the name of City Park at 5th and Ute was changed to Whitman Park, honoring Marcus Whitman, an early missionary whose ride across the country from the Oregon Territory to Washington, D.C. was instrumental in saving the Northwest Territories for the United States. Mr. John Otto offered a stone similar to one he had placed at 6th and Main to be used as a base for the marker. The marker was unveiled on Colorado Day, 1917. In May of 1917, the County Commissioners agreed to provide the labor for setting the markers of the Rainbow Trail. The bill for the markers totaled \$29.70; each member was assessed \$1.00 to pay for them. In conjunction with the S.A.R., Mrs. Wadsworth helped organize the Red Cross of Mesa County. The members of the Chapter worked for the Red Cross and also helped in the Liberty Loan Campaign. It was decided there would be no new programs. The members met and

knitted while one person read or provided a program.

Merle McClintock, daughter of the first regent, became the sixth regent in 1918. She was the Society Editor for the Grand Junction Daily News, probation officer in Juvenile Court and Organizing Secretary of the Mesa County Red Cross. She recorded 2700 hours of war work. During the terrible flu epidemic, the Mt. Garfield Chapter organized an emergency hospital and flu kitchens, cooperating with other city organizations. The Chapter also made 500 operating masks. A Liberty Bond was purchased and it was agreed that when it matured the money was to be used for orphans and dependents of American families.

Regular meetings were resumed in 1919. As the war ended and service men began to return home, the Chapter realized and met the need to welcome home the service men. Among other things, community sings were organized.

In 1919, Cora Strayer Sampliner became the seventh regent. Vitally interested in Americanization, an Opportunity School was organized and carried on as a night school, with different members of the Chapter acting as teachers under the direction of the regent. A \$5.00 Award was presented to the 8th grade student and High School student with the highest grade in American History. A community American meeting was held at the State Armory. A pageant was presented which included the Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts, Veterans of the Civil and Spanish Wars, the American Legion, Red Cross nurses, school children and men who had just taken out their naturalization papers.

The eighth regent, Alene Olds Krohn, served through the years 1920-21. The Chapter was then ten years old. During the war, Harold Aupperle, a Grand Junction soldier, met two little Serbian girls while he was stationed in Serbia. He wrote his mother of his plans to educate them. Unfortunately, he was killed in action while in Serbia. In his memory, the Chapter set up a fund for the education of these girls, which was maintained for five years.

Alice Bittlinger Buthorn, the ninth regent, served from 1921-1922. During this time, prizes to history students were planned.

During the regency of Harriet Dyke Ottman, the tenth regent, 1922-24, a project was inaugurated for a Memorial for the Veterans of World War I. One of the money raising projects was a "Boston Tea Party". Funds were also received from the Daily Sentinel. Through the help of the S.A.R., the American History prizes for High School students became a permanent movement.

Pearl Smith Ross, regent 1924-27, was very active in community work, especially Americanization. In 1924, a bronze tablet was placed in the Avalon Theatre (now Cooper Theatre) marking the spot of the original Grand Junction Town Site Company, which had its office in a small adobe building. There was much Americanization work done during these years and the Chapter was

instrumental in placing a flag in the County Court Room. In 1925, \$30.00 was given as prizes for the best grades in American History in the 8th and 11th grades. A special program on the origin and evolution of the American flag was given with pictures.

Dorothy Hulse Woods, who joined the Society in 1912, became regent in 1927, after serving as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-Regent. She was the twelfth regent. The final money was raised and the War Memorial was completed by raising a 60 foot flag pole in Lincoln Park. The base bears a bronze tablet inscribed:

"To the Mesa County Men, who served their country in World War I."

For two years the Montrose and Delta Chapters were entertained at a luncheon. 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 the harvest. A map of Mesa, Garfield, and Rio Blanco counties was completed. Gifts were given to the Springfield International School and the Barry School to promote good citizenship. Prizes, aggregating up to \$25.00 were given to American History students. A committee began compiling data to show why towns, rivers, and mountains bear various names.

Hazel Butler Gorms was the thirteenth regent, serving in 1928-29. On June 30, 1928, the War Memorial was dedicated. \$401.00 was given to this memorial. Mrs. Page began compiling a list of all the World War I service men from Mesa County. The following contributions were made:

Goodwill Industries	\$25.00
Barry School	5.00
Springfield International School	5.00
Tamassie	5.00
Mesa Junior College	\$25.00

For the highest American History averages in 8th, 11th and Jr. College	\$30.00
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Martha C. McCormick was the regent, 1929 - 1931. The Chapter celebrated its 20th Anniversary in February 1931. A program dealing with immigration problems was presented. Contributions were made to various schools plus the Christmas Seal Fund. Other activities included work toward better films; tree planting; working on a tablet to commemorate the release of the Meeker women. A rock wall was built around the Meeker Tree. Since that time the road has been changed and the Meeker Tree is now in a field. A Living Christmas Tree program was sponsored. The Chapter cooperated with the schools in Flag lessons and preparing for the 200th Anniversary of Washington's birthday. The use and history of the Colorado Flag was studied. \$30.00 in gold was presented to the American History students. Mrs. Page completed the list of Mesa County men who served in World War I.

Mrs. Eudora Price Meserve was elected the fifteenth regent in 1931. She was the daughter of Mrs. Price, the second regent. A marker, in honor of early pioneers, mountains, and valleys was dedicated June 14, 1931. The work started in the previous regency and was continued. Mrs. Meserve served until 1935, when Mrs. Barschell was elected.

In the 30's, a difficult time, economically, for many citizens, the D.A.R. offered encouragement to young people in many ways. In addition to the History Awards from Junior High through College, they also offered a cash award for the best story on 4-H work written by any member of the Mesa County Clubs. In addition, the publicity committee wrote editorials for the newspaper on all special days, both patriotic and religious.

In February 1937, the Marcus Whitman memorial was dedicated at Whitman Park. This was the 100th Anniversary of the blazing of the trail to the Northwest and Whitman's journey back to Washington, 7 years later, when he passed through what is now the Grand Junction area.

Mrs. Edith Jaynes Barschell (1935-1937) was the sixteenth regent. A flag was purchased to be used in the office of the State Home. Mt. Garfield Chapter sponsored a radio talk show on Washington's Birthday on station KFXJ. Three members attended the State Conference and two members journeyed to Washington, D.C. to attend the Continental Congress. At the High School Awards program, Mrs. Barschell said, "Yesterday cannot be recalled; tomorrow cannot be secured; today only is yours, which, if once lost, is lost forever."

Mrs. C.E. Ross, the eleventh regent, also became the seventeenth regent for 1937-38. In addition to work with Citizenship classes and the usual history awards, there were several book reviews on Patriotic or Historic themes, such as DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK.

In 1938-39, Mrs. Mabel C. Kiefer was elected the eighteenth regent of Mt. Garfield Chapter. 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. A Fruita student was selected for the Good Citizen Pilgrimage to the Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. Businessmen were contacted and urged to display the Flag. Mrs. McCormick was appointed State Radio Chairman. The death of Mrs. Page in March of 1938 was a great loss to the Chapter. The following quotation was taken from her eulogy:

"I am proud to be an American, proud to be a direct descendant of Pilgrim and Revolutionary fore-fathers, but, I do not think this gives me, or any other American, the right to think we are better than other peoples. We are all God's children, no matter what the color of our skins. It's the individual, his character and actions, who should be judged, not his nationality or races".

Emma C. Page was regent during 1939-40. This was the last peaceful regency for several years. Subjects discussed besides the History Awards were book reviews and historical churches.

Mrs. Thomas Sherman Kittle served as the twentieth regent during 1940 and 1941. In Europe, Hitler had started World War II, but the United States had remained out of the turmoil as much as possible. Although sending aid such as "Bundles for Britain", and enrolling our young men for a draft program, we were not openly at war; but we talked a great deal about the Monroe Doctrine.

1941-42 was the regency of Dale Evans, the twenty-first regent. 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. Contributions were made to the schools and to the U.S.O. A class was organized to teach aliens; each was given a flag and pamphlet on flag etiquette. The following year's programs included travelogs, book reviews, and What D.A.R.'s Do. The Chapter raised \$1,187.00 for the blood plasma funds. Hours were given to the Red Cross, Rationing Board and Service Men's Center. Luncheons were cancelled for the duration.

Mrs. Silmon Smith, who became a member in 1916, was elected regent in 1943. The Chapter sponsored a radio program on KFXJ, explaining the D.A.R., War Fund and other patriotic activities. Two-thirds of the cost of the programs 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. For Conservation, packets of seeds were sent to Naval Hospitals; there were 21 Victory Gardens; 3,000 quarts of food were canned; 75 bushels of peaches were given to the U.S.O. and the Children's Hospitals. In the Chapter, 269 hours were spent with the Red Cross; 14 buddy bags were prepared; 3 members were Block Leaders; and 2 members were Zone Leaders. The War Fund Committee received \$2,811.00 in Free Will Offerings. A new gift, the "Hazel Butler Gorms" Memorial was made to Mesa College to be perpetrated by her husband, Victor Gorms.

The twenty-third regent, Mrs. E.W. Taylor served in 1944-45. The History Awards were presented in the 8th grade, High School and Mesa College. The war activities begun with Mrs. Smith, were continued during this time.

Charlotte Dunn, Mrs. Silmon Smith's sister, was regent during the years 1945-48. The War Restrictions on refreshments were lifted. One hundred percent of the membership were in the Red Cross; they totaled 5,492 hours of work and 357 garments; they also supported a bill in Congress to raise teacher's salaries. Two cartons of fabric and clothing were sent to the Kate Duncan Smith School. The 36th Anniversary Luncheon was held and five Charter members told of the early days. In 1946-47, eight regular meetings were held; there was also a Silver Tea and a Washington Birthday



Anniversary Luncheon. There was 100% membership in the Red Cross; water conservation was studied; Girl Scouts were supported and a study was made of Washington and Jefferson. The chairman of the Americanism Committee reported one group of 7 prepared for Citizenship and one group of 7 were being taught. The National Defense Committee prepared 12 framed Declarations of Independence and placed them in public buildings, especially class rooms. One was given to each new citizen. 19 facsimiles of the Declaration of Independence were given to the Courts and schools of Grand Junction and neighboring towns. 200 pounds of clothing and bedding were sent to Navajo Indians. Two large boxes of used clothing were sent to the Kate Duncan Smith School. \$57.00 was donated to Ellis Island; history prizes to the schools, totaled \$55.00.

The twenty-fifth regent of Mt. Garfield Chapter was Mrs. Romala Fisk who served in 1948-49.

Mrs. Silmon Smith who had served as regent during the war years, 1943-44, was elected again in 1949 and served until 1951. Citizenship Naturalization classes were continued as were gifts to the approved schools. A contribution was made to the Building Fund; under Human Conservation, 144 hours were given to the V.A. Hospital; 20 hours were spent on Christmas work at the V.A.; \$33.00 was given to Ellis Island. In the late '40's, a reproduction of the Declaration of Independence was given to the Public Library and to Mesa College. The Chapter has a "thank-you" letter from Miss Mary Rait, for whom Rait Hall, razed in 1985, was named.

Mrs. Josephine Stanley, elected in 1951, was the twenty-seventh regent. During her regency, the State Regent was entertained; the 75th Anniversary of Colorado was celebrated. The programs that year developed the theme of Thanksgiving for America.

Mrs. D. Goodrich (1953-54) became the twenty-eighth regent. Mrs. Goodrich had spent many years in China. In 1953 the D.A.R. sponsored Citizenship classes at Mesa College and also provided instruction.

Mrs. Pearl Ross became the twenty-ninth regent in 1954. During this time, money (\$37.00) was sent to the approved schools. A 23 pound box of clothing was sent to the Kate Duncan Smith School; a 20 pound box was sent to St. Mary's School in South Dakota. Naturalization classes were attended; History prizes amounting to \$100.00 were awarded. In 1955 the D.A.R. sponsored Citizenship classes at Mesa College taught by Mrs. Cora Parrish. Mr. Erwine Stewart made a gift to the Chapter, the Deed to the lot of land where the Meeker women were held in 1879. Chipeta, wife of Ouray, turned the women over to the protection of the militia.

Margaret K. Goodrich became the thirtieth regent in 1956. The Walter Walker Award (\$25.00) to the High School was instituted, to be paid annually by his family. Mr. Gorms increased the Mesa College Scholarship Award to \$150.00. The Chapter also paid the

salary of the Naturalization teacher. Clothes were sent to the Navajo Indians; \$10.00 was sent to each approved school. In 1957 a bronze marker was placed on the present day Woolworth Building, marking the site of the first newspaper, The Grand Junction News, editor, Edwin Price. Another bronze marker was placed on the warehouse building standing on the original site of the Park Opera House, between 4th and 5th Street on Ute Avenue.

Mrs. Kenneth Dove, who transferred to Mt. Garfield from Kinnikinnic in Colorado Springs, was elected as the thrity-first regent in 1957, serving for one year. She also served in other capacities until she transferred to Loveland in 1965. In 1957, each Pilgrim was given a \$100.00 savings bond.

Mrs. Glen Miller, thrity-second regent, who had been very active in Chapter activities, served as regent during 1959 and 1960. Edna's mother, Effie Hall, was also active in the Chapter, as was her sister, Wilma Treichler. Wilma later transferred to Ft. Collins. Edna served at the State level on several committees, including Movies, Television & Radio, of which she was Chairman. After serving as retiring regent, she also served as Registrar for several years. The Citizenship classes were taught by Mary Colosimo at this time, at Mesa College and sponsored by the Chapter.

The Chapter celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 1960. Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Buthorn, the last of the Charter members, were honored by a page in the D.A.R. Magazine. They were also given pins and corsages.

In 1969, Mrs. Darrell Walker, became the thirty-third regent. She served until 1964. During this time there was much discussion of the Walter McCarran Act and Communism. The Chapter was selected to hostess the State Conference in Boulder. The Good Citizen Tea was held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Burgess. Later the girls were also honored by the Farm Bureau at their meeting. Mrs. Emmeline Hughes, State Regent visited the Chapter. She asked the group this question, "What does the D.A.R. mean to the community?" In her address she made the following statement:

"Patriotism must be a special thing. The D.A.R. is a special group, not militant; Community interest and personal endeavor should keep us in the local mind. Of Birth, breeding, education, and intelligence, intelligence is the most to be desired. We grow in our service to the D.A.R. and should execute it to the best of our ability."

Mrs. Emmeline Hughes,  
State Regent 1960

The Treasurer of the David Moffat Chapter requested to become a member of the Mt. Garfield Chapter, rather than become a member-at-large, when David Moffat dissolved. Five members transferred.

Helen Ross Wilson became a member-at-large in order to help form the Glenwood Spring's Chapter of which she is still a Charter member.

The Chapter donated 50 cents per member for the Citizenship class taught by Mrs. Colosimo. Clothing was donated to St. Mary's School for Indian girls in North Dakota and, also, to the Thomas-Wallace Kindergarten in Grand Junction. The State organization hoped to microfilm important documents in Colorado. The motto for the year 1961-62 was "Far Evil to Triumph, Good Men Need Only To Do Nothing".

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

One Hundred percent of all members joined the Museum group. Mr. Gorms increased the "Hazel Butler Gorms" Memorial to \$250.00 in the name of the D.A.R. This was discontinued after his death.

Mrs. Frank Ricker became the thirty-fourth regent and served from 1964-1966. Anita Hansen stood second in the State as a Good Citizen and was honored at the State Conference in Boulder. Accompanied by her father, Gene Hansen, she was presented to the group by Mrs. Ricker. Three books were given to the Library. Mrs. Ricker represented the Chapter at the Board Meetings and the State Conference in March.

Mrs. Rudolph Budin was sponsored by the Chapter as The Woman-of-the-Year. Members also corresponded with the boys living at Boy's Ranch. Articles were contributed to the Fruita Thrift Shop. Mrs. Parrish was welcomed back after spending two years in Ethiopia with the Peace Corps.

The thirty-fifth regent, Mrs. J. Leslie Kittle, served from 1966-68. During the years, the Chapter continued to support the D.A.R. Schools, both financially and with boxes of clothing; \$15.00 was sent to Continental Hall; \$7.00 was given to State projects; \$12.50 was donated to National and Scholarship funds.

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.

Mrs. Buthorn, a 57 year and Charter member passed away in January 1967. In her memory, an offering was made to the Episcopal Church Memorial Fund. In September of 1967, Mrs. Ricker became the State Chairman of the Americanization and the D.A.R. manual.

Mrs. Velma Budin became the thirty-sixth regent in 1968. She attended the Continental Congress that year. The Good Citizen schools now included Delta and Montrose Counties, as well as Mesa County. Thirteen girls attended the Good Citizen Tea. D.A.R. Magazine subscriptions were sent to Mesa College and the Public Library. The Chapter By-laws were revised and brought up-to-date.

Mrs. Harold C. Miller, 1969-1970, was the thirty-seventh regent. She was the daughter of Winifred Castle Schmidt and the mother of Christina, Amanda, and Sarah Miller. Mrs. Miller and her daughters are still members of Mt. Garfield Chapter. The State Regent visited in October and reported on the Continental Congress. She recommended the Chapter hold an open meeting once a year for other organizations. The Chapter was invited to attend the dedication of the Walter Walker Fine Arts Center, and Houston Hall, and the Vocational School.

Mrs. Pearl Ross, a fifty-nine year and Charter Member passed away in May of 1969. A gift for 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. The Chapter also honored Mrs. Ross in an ad in the D.A.R. Magazine. A memorial service honoring all departed members was held in May 1970.

During the regency of Mrs. Darryl Walker, the thirty-eighth regent, 1970-73, the 61st anniversary of the Chapter was celebrated. Mrs. Pearl Ross, the last of the Charter Members was honored. The Hereditary Register of the U.S.A. was given to the Grand Junction Genealogical Society. In 1972, the Chapter supported the Avenue of Flags at the V.A. Hospital and voted to have a permanent Flag in the display. Christina Miller was elected as alternate to the Continental Congress where she was a Page. For the Bi-Centennial, the Chapter arranged to mark the sight of the Grist Mill at the junction of Collbran and Mesa Road. Footprints on the Trail by Will Minor was presented to the State D.A.R. Library in honor of Mrs. Annie Gray. Three trees and six shrubs were planted in honor of the Bi-Centennial.

Mrs. Chris Schmidt, (1973 - 1975) was the thirty-ninth regent. Free Trees of Crimson Maple were planted at the V.A. Hospital in honor of boys who gave their lives in the service. The Chapter contributed toward these. A flag was presented to a Boy Scout Troop at Riverside School and flags purchased to be given to Girl Scout Troops in Grand Junction and Montrose. Four members went to the Continental Congress. Amanda Miller was a page at the Continental Congress in 1975.

Mrs. Darryl Walker became the fortieth regent in 1975. She served until 1977. In 1976 the Chapter received a gold award for the Honor Roll. In February of 1977, the Americanism Medal was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bikki.

Mrs. Claude Smith (Ruth), was elected the forty-first regent in 1977. In September 1977 the Bikki's were honored at the Civic Center in Denver with the American by Choice Award. At the 68th Anniversary Luncheon in 1978, all 25 and 50 year members were honored. Laura Marrow of Central High School was chosen the State Winner of the Good Citizen Essay Contest. She was presented a grant of \$300.00 to the school of her choice. Three members attended the Continental Congress. The Hereditary Register of the U.S.A., 1975 was presented to the Mesa County Library

in memory of Mrs. Chris R. Smith; Historical Markers, in memory of Mrs. E.L. Woods and Guide to Genealogical Records in National Archives. Washington Landmarks and Colorado Historical Markers were presented to the Mesa College Library. Mrs. Limberg became a member of the Fifty Year State D.A.R. Club.

Mrs. Darryl Walker (1979 - 1982) was the forty-second regent. The Chapters' 70th Anniversary was celebrated in February 1980. It was decided to give a gold ROTC medal to a Mesa College cadet. A subscription for the D.A.R. Magazine was sent to the Mesa County Public Library. The Chapter received a blue ribbon on the Patriotic Public Relations Feature Story; an outstanding award for the Year Book and an Outstanding Award on American Heritage Achievements. The Wm. Nicholas Miller Award was begun this year.

Mrs. Myrna Haynes (1982-1983), the forty-third regent for Mt. Garfield Chapter, completed te term of Mrs. Darryl Walker, who resigned because of poor health. The Chapter had a booth to display "Quilts of Pioneer America". The D.A.R. Historian Books were placed in the Museum of Western Colorado. In the schools - 250 pamphlets on The Pledge of Allegiance For the Deaf was given to 1st and 2nd grade children. Mrs. Grace Hovey gave \$2000.00 as a memorial to her mother, Edna Farsman Callamay.

Louise Cline (1983-1985), was the forty-fourth regent. Geneology books on Marriage Records of Mesa County were placed in the Museum of Western Colorado and the Mesa County Public Library. Microfilm of these records were placed in the L.D.S. Branch Library in Grand Junction and the L.D.S. Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. James Story of Palisade4 won the State Essay Contest. He read his paper at the State Conference in Denver. Each member gave \$1.00 for the Statute of Liberty restoration. The gazebo in the Mall was decorated with red, white and blue streamers and 8 members volunteered to work on it.

The 75th Anniversary project was restoration of Helen Dewy memorial Sun Dial. In February 1985, the restored Sun Dial was presented to the Museum of Western Colorado. It may be seen on the patio there. The D.A.R. joined the Museum of Western Colorado Heritage Council. Each member organization has two representatives on the Council which meets once a month. Laird Smith, son of Lina Brunner Smith, paid an interesting and touching tribute to the life of his mother. A memorial service for our late regent, Edith Castle Parker, was held at the State Conference. The book, Men of Mesa County in Service of World War I, given to the County Clerk originally, is now in the possession of te Museum of Western Colorado. The Chapter paid to have it rebound and returned to the Museum.

Mary Dorothy Layman (Dorothy), (1985-1987) the forty-fifth and present regent. The Chapter received several awards at the State Conference: First Place - Outstanding Service for Veteran Patients; Two awards for Statue of Liberty; (1) personal contributions, (2) Gift of Love to America's Symbol of Liberty (the booth at the mall); (3) we were honored for the number of

Good Citizens we welcomed; (4) The Grace Dauchy Smith Bell Plate for new members. We welcomed 35 new citizens in June. The June State Board Meeting was held at the Hilton. Hettie Bunder Smith was honored by Illinois State University. A Constitution Tea was held in September also honored were Edna Musser and Laura Clock, authors of Trails and Trials and Cabin and a Clothesline. The Chapter will be one of the hostesses at the State Conference in Denver March 1987.

## AWARDS

During the years, Mt. Garfield Chapter has given awards to outstanding American History students in the Junior and Senior High Schools and Mesa College.

Mr. Victory C. Garms established a memorial Award to Mesa College, honoring his wife, Hazel Butler Garms, a Past Regent. After Mr. Garms' death, this award was discontinued and thereafter was given by Barbara Garms Tupper to a Mesa College student.

Mr. Walter Walker, for many years editor of the Daily Sentinel, became interested in the work of Mt. Garfield Chapter to the extent that he established the Walter Walker Award, for which he advanced the funds. After Mr. Walker's death, the Award became known as the Walter Walker Memorial Award and is funded through the generosity of the Daily Sentinel.

In 1982, the William Nicholas Miller Memorial Fund was created by our member, Mary Alice Miller and her husband Harold C. Miller. The interest from this fund provides an award for the student placing first in American History in Grand Junction High School - the purpose - to preserve American History, past, present and future.

R.O.T.C. Awards have been given by Mt. Garfield Chapter since 1973. Each year a gold medal is presented to the outstanding Cadet in R.O.T.C. at Mesa College. A bronze medal is presented to the outstanding High School student in R.O.T.C. at Montrose High School. For a number of years the Gunnison Valley Chapter in Gunnison, CO has joined with Mt. Garfield Chapter in presenting the bronze medal at Montrose High School.

For a number of years, Mt. Garfield Chapter has had more Good Citizens than any chapter in the State. All High Schools in Mesa, Delta and Montrose counties are contacted to select their outstanding Senior students, according to the qualities of Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism. The Good Citizens are honored at a Tea in March and are presented with Good Citizen pins. During their High School Commencement, they are presented with a Certificate from the National DAR Society congratulating them on their selection as a Good Citizen of their school.

Three very outstanding students have been awarded the Colorado Good Citizen Award through Mt. Garfield Chapter:

1962	Nita Sue Hudson	DeBeque High School
1964	Anita Hansen	Second Place
1984	James Story	Palisade High School

In 1972, Rebecca Moore was awarded a \$300.00 Scholarship for use at the University of Colorado at Boulder. This award is sponsored by the Colorado Society DAR. Miss Moore was a Junior

at CU and maintained a 3.5 grade average in Physical Therapy. She attended the University Medical School during her Senior year, beginning in September, 1972.

In 1978, Laura Morrow was awarded a \$300.00 Scholarship from DAR as the State winner. She was a Senior at Central High School. This award was presented to her at the 75th Annual Conference, Diamond Jubilee of the Colorado Society meeting in Colorado Springs, CO.

Elizabeth Hoskins Wesner Cramer (Mrs. Luther Elwood Cramer), was a Mesa College Drama Instructor for 14 years. She retired in 1960 and transferred to the Williamette Chapter in Oregon, 12 March 1968. A Memorial Scholarship was established at Mesa College honoring her. The scholarship is for a student studying Drama and Art. Elizabeth Cramer traveled extensively in the United States, Canada and Europe in her study of the theatre. She came to Mesa College in 1946 from South Bend, IN, where she had been a speech therapist at Children's Hospital for ten years. She had previously taught drama and speech at Lyons Junior College at LaGrange, IL.

In 1983, the Edna Callaway Memorial Award was created. The interest from this fund is to be presented annually to the outstanding American History student in Montrose High School. This fund was established by Mrs. Grace Hovey, Mrs. Dora Ashley, Mrs. Glenda Sue Arbuckle, Mrs. Joanne Frances, Mrs. Sharon Grace Keller and Mrs. Patti Crain, daughters, grand daughters and great grand daughters of Edna Callaway.

Naturalization of new citizens has always been a most important activity of Mt. Garfield Chapter. DAR makes a book "Manual for Citizenship" available to those who need this in studying for Citizenship; for many years Mrs. Mary Colosimo conducted classes at Mesa College to help those who needed it. At the Naturalization Ceremonies, the DAR welcomes each new citizen and presents a small new flag to each one, as well as a Pledge of Allegiance and American Creed cards.

Mt. Garfield Chapter also helps those who are trying to establish Revolutionary War connections in order to become members of the D.A.R.



DAR HISTORICAL MARKERS  
MOUNT GARFIELD CHAPTER GRAND JUNCTION, CO  
CAPTAIN JOHN GUNNISON CHAPTER - DELTA, CO  
UNCOMPAHGRE CHAPTER - MONTROSE, CO

MOUNT GARFIELD CHAPTER

- WHITMAN PARK	1917
COOPER THEATRE	1924
FLAG POLE	1928
WOOLWORTH BLDG	1957
C.D. SMITH Location	1957
MEEKER TREE - West of town of Mesa, CO	

CAPTAIN JOHN GUNNISON CHAPTER

- DRINKING FOUNTAIN - Cleveland Park	1927
UTE COUNCIL TREE	1930

UNCOMPAHGRE CHAPTER

- TEPEE and MUSEUM, Montrose, CO	1945
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MOUNT GARFIELD CHAPTER in 1917, in conjunction with the Sons of the American Revolution, placed a bronze marker on a granite stone in Whitman Park, commemorating the crossing of the Grand River, now Colorado River, in 1842 by Marcus Whitman on his historical ride from Oregon to Washington D.C. to save the great Northwest.

In 1924 a bronze marker was placed on the Cooper Theatre Building to mark the location of the first Town company building.

In 1928 the Flag Pole marker was dedicated in Lincoln Park, in honor of World War I men who served from Mesa County. That same year a member, Mrs. W.E. Page completed a list of all Mesa County Service Men, of World War I. One copy is filed in the State Historical Society, and another copy in the Mesa County Clerk's office.

The marker on the Woolworth Building, placed in 1957, designating that location as the site of The Grand Junction Daily News, the cities first newspaper, edited by Mr. Edwin Price.

On the C.D. Smith building near the corner of Ute Avenue and 5th Street, in 1957, a marker was placed, designating the location of the huge brick Opra House, where culture for early Grand Junction originated.

A stone fence was built around a Cedar Tree where Mrs. Meeker and Josephine were held captive following the Meeker Massacre. This historic tree is located west of the town of Mesa, CO.

CAPTAIN JOHN GUNNISON CHAPTER in 1930 marked the Ute Council Tree where whites and Utes decided important early day differences. This tree is located several blocks southh of the highway after it turns west upon leaving the city of Delta.

In 1927 the Drinking Fountain in Cleland Park was dedicated, honoring Captain John Gunnison who blazed a trail for settlers in 1853.

UNCOMPAHGRE CHAPTER fostered a Memorial four miles south of the growing city, honoring Chief Ouray and Chipeta - a concrete Tepee over the spring where they obtained water, and a Museum full of Indian artifacts which now is under supervision of the State Historical Society.

Winifred Castle Schmidt  
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NAVAJO "OLD BLANKET"

SO CALLED WHEN OF THE "CLASSIC PERIOD," A TERM COINED BY COLLECTORS TO INDICATE DATE AND TYPE.

THIS BLANKET WAS OBTAINED FROM CHIPETA, WIDOW OF THE UTE CHIEF, OURAY, PRIOR TO 1885 BY NEWTON H. CASTLE OF DELTA COUNTY, COLORADO. IT HAS REMAINED IN CONTINUOUS POSSESSION OF HIS FAMILY TO DATE. ITS AGE, SIMPLE STRIPE PATTERN WITH BORDER LACKING, AND ITS COLOR VARIATION ARE CONSIDERED SURE CLUES TO THIS CLASSIFICATION.

IT SHOULD BE MENTIONED THAT THE UTES THEMSELVES WERE NOT WEAVERS, BUT THEY CARRIED ON AN EXTENSIVE TRADE BUSINESS WITH THE NAVAJO AND THE HOPI OF NORTHERN ARIZONA AND WERE THE MERCHANTS OF THEIR AREA.

COMMERCIAL DYES WERE NOT USED UNTIL ABOUT 1890. BEFORE THAT, NATURAL DYES AND THE WHITE MAN'S DIFFICULT INDIGO WERE USED. FATHER EXCALANTE IN HIS JOURNAL OF 1776, WHEN HE MADE A LONG AND EPIC JOURNEY THROUGH THE WESTERN WILDERNESS, SPOKE OF THE ADMIRATION AND ENVY EXPRESSED BY THE INDIANS FOR THIS DELECTABLE COLOR. HENCE, BLUE WAS USED SPARINGLY IN THE "OLD BLANKETS." FROM ABOUT 1850 TO 1880, THIS PRECIOUS DYE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE YARN BY BEING BOILED WITH CAST-OFF PIECES OF ARMY UNIFORMS. YOU WILL SEE THE LINES OF FRUGAL BLUE IN THIS BLANKET. NOTE THE EXCELLENT TWILL-TYPE WEAVE THAT IS ADAPTED TO A LINE PATTERN, AS WELL AS THE QUALITY OF THE SOFT AND BEAUTIFUL YARN.

DONATED BY THE DAUGHTER ( MRS. CHRIS R. SCHMIDT ), THE GRANDDAUGHTER ( MRS. HAROLD C. MILLER ), AND THE GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTERS ( CHRISTINA G. MILLER, SARAH E. MILLER, AND AMANDA L. MILLER ) OF NEWTON H. CASTLE.

Mary Alice Miller  
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December 1, 1986

Dear Velma -

Christina said that there was some confusion regarding the donation my Mother made to the DAR Museum of the Navajo rug. I have in the past sent this information which was to have been sent to Seimes Microfilm by my aunt, Edith Parker. I, too, want the information presented in Chapter records correctly. Therefore, I am sending a copy of the paper prepared by Winifred Schmidt to explain the Navajo "Old Blanket." Would you read this to the chapter in order that misinformation regarding the blanket might be cleared up? The blanket was NOT woven by Chipeta. It was given to my Grandfather, Newton H. Castle, by Chipeta.

The blanket was donated by my Mother, Winifred Schmidt, on October 10, 1972, as noted by a Notary Public seal at the bottom of the original paper which accompanied the blanket to the DAR Museum in Washington, D. C.

I have a copy of a letter written by Jean Carroll, then State Regent, on December 27, 1972, in which she states that she was in the office of Miss Elizabeth Donague, Museum Curator, when she accepted the beautiful lambs wool Indian blanket in October. Further, Mrs. Carroll asks about a wall case for the blanket and requests Miss Donogue to acknowledge to Mount Garfield Chapter the receipt of the blanket.

Is it possible to locate in the Chapter minutes this acknowledgment of the receipt of the blanket in October, 1972? Further, information regarding the donation of the blanket and the installation of the wall case containing the blanket in that part of the DAR Museum for Colorado should be obtainable from State minutes. I think Mount Garfield Chapter should get copies of this information so that it will be included with this paper describing the Blanket so that the Chapter records may be complete and correct.

If you will refer to the soft cover book, Washington Landmark, A View of the DAR - The Headquarters, History and Activities, which was published by NSDAR, 1976, you will find a color photo on page 38 of the Navajo rug in the wall case.

I hope this helps in correcting and completing the information Mount Garfield Chapter should have on record concerning the Navajo Blanket donated by my Mother for the Colorado room in the DAR Museum in Washington, D.C.

In addition, I have a request to make. It would identify the William N. Miller fund and perhaps ensure that the fine procedure you set up for its maintenance is continued properly if this fund were included in the Chapter Bylaws. Probably the other awards should be so handled. Because this fund for Bill should be part of the Chapter's necessary business, and having it outlined as to handling and history in the Bylaws would prevent future confusion or misinterpretation. I'd like to know what you think.

If I can be of further help, let me know.

*Mary Alice Miller*

REGENTS - MOUNT GARFIELD CHAPTER, D.A.R.

1910 - 1912	McCLINTOCK, Mrs. Frank (Fannie)
1912 - 1913	PRICE, Mrs. Edwin (Lola F.)
1913 - 1914	PAGE, Mrs. W.E.
1914 - 1916	CRAVEN, Mrs. E.H.
1916 - 1918	WADSWORTH, Mrs. Emma
1918 - 1919	McCLINTOCK, Miss Merle
1919 - 1920	SAMPLINER, Mrs. A.R.
1920 - 1921	KROHN, Mrs. E.A.
1921 - 1922	BUTHORN, Mrs. Wm. F. (Alice)
1922 - 1924	OTTOMAN, Mrs. H.R.
1924 - 1927	ROSS, Mrs. Robt. A. (Pearl)
1927 - 1928	WOODS, Mrs. E.F.
1928 - 1929	GARMS, Mrs. Victor C.
1929 - 1931	McCORMICK, Mrs. Charles J.
1931 - 1935	MESERVE, Mrs. R.E. (Dora)
1935 - 1937	BORSCHELL, Mrs. Edith Jaynes
1937 - 1938	ROSS, Mrs. C.E. (Emily)
1938 - 1939	KIEFER, Mrs. Mabel C.
1939 - 1940	GROOM, Miss Emma
1940 - 1941	KITTLE, Mrs. Dorothy Sherman
1941 - 1943	EVANS, Mrs. Dale
1943 - 1944	SMITH, Mrs. Silmon (Lina)
1944 - 1945	TAYLOR, Mrs. F.W. & BAYLIS, Mrs. W.G.
1945 - 1948	DUNN, Miss Charlotte
1948 - 1949	FISK, Mrs. Romola
1949 - 1951	SMITH, Mrs. Silmon L. (Lina)
1951 - 1953	STANLEY, Mrs. Josephine

1953 - 1954	GOODRICH, Mrs. R.D.
1954 - 1956	ROSS, Mrs. Robert A. (Pearl)
1956 - 1957	GOODRICH, Mrs. R.D.
1957 - 1959	DOVE, Mrs. Kenneth
1959 - 1960	MILLER, Mrs. Glen
1960 - 1964	WALKER, Mrs. Darrel (Wilma)
1964 - 1966	RICKER, Mrs. F.H.
1966 - 1968	KITTLE, Mrs. J. Leslie (Dorothy)
1968 - 1969	BUDIN, Mrs. Rudolph I. (Velma E.)
1969 - 1970	MILLER, Mrs. Harold C. (Mary Alice)
1970 - 1973	WALKER, Mrs. Darrel (Wilma)
1973 - 1975	SCHMIDT, Mrs. C.R. (Winifred C.)
1975 - 1977	WALKER, Mrs. Darrel (Wilma)
1977 - 1979	SMITH, Mrs. Claude (Ruth)
1979 - 1982	WALKER, Mrs. Darrel (Wilma)
1982 - 1983	HAYNES, Mrs. M.D. (Myrna)
1983 - 1985	CLINE, Mrs. Louise
1985 - PRESENT	LAYMAN, Mrs. C.M. (Dorothy)

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1910 - 1912	Mrs. Frances Hereford Wheeler (Samuel N.)
1913 - 1914	Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Long Logan (Straud)
1915	Mrs. Eudora Price Meserve (Richard Earl)
1916 - 1919	Mrs. Jessie H. Hynes (Lawrence)
1920	Mrs. Eudora Price Meserve (Richard Earl)
1921 - 1922	Mrs. Marguerite Parsons Vorbeck (Herman V.)
1923 - 1929	Mrs. Jessie Adelaide Morse Plumb (Dr. Carl W.)
1930 - 1931	Mrs. Hazel Butler Garms (Victor Charles)
1932 - 1933	Mrs. Hannah E. Tice Taylor (Dr. A.G.)
1934 - 1935	Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Long Logan (Straud)
1936 - 1938	Mrs. Eudora Price Meserve (Richard Earl)
1939 - 1940	Mrs. Edith Jaynes Borschell (William Henry)
1941 -	Mrs. Loretta Elkins Limberg (Gilbert)
1942 - 1955	Mrs. Martha Olive Churchill McCormick (Charles J.)
1956 - 1958	Mrs. Edna Cecil Brown Jessen (Valdemar)
1959 - 1960	Mrs. Velma Eliza Borschell Budin (Rudolph I.)
1961 - 1963	Mrs. Edna Hall Miller (Glen Tillman)
1964 - 1969	Mrs. Wilma Smith Martin Walker (Darrel Winstone)
1970 - 1972	Mrs. Mary Alice Schmidt Miller (Harold C.)
1973 - 1974	Mrs. Wilma Smith Martin Walker (Darrel Winstone)
1975 - 1978	Mrs. Mary Margaret Kobel Coleman
1979 - 1980	Miss Chrisina Gail Miller
1980 - 1984	Mrs. Frances Anna Rucker Sprague (John M.)
1984 - PRESENT	Mrs. Velma Budin (Rudolph I.)