

**Roanoke Public Libraries
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Sons of the American Revolution
Fincastle Resolutions Chapter Records**

Collection Description:

Repository: Roanoke Public Libraries, Virginia Room

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Title: SAR Fincastle Resolutions Chapter Records

Physical Characteristics: 2 record storage boxes, 1 drop front storage box

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Arrangement: Documents are arranged alphabetically by document type and where necessary, chronologically thereunder. Original order of materials was maintained.

Creator: Fincastle Resolutions Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

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Processor: Dyron Knick, 17 May 2016. Accruals are expected and will be added as addenda.

Historical Note:

Although the history of the current Fincastle Resolutions Chapter begins in 1969, the Virginia State Chapter began its activities on 2 November 1946. William Macfarlane Jones reached out to Hoskins Mallory Sclater and authorized him to form a chapter in the Roanoke area. In 1947, Sclater invited twenty-nine Roanoke men to join the Sons of the American Revolution. However, there was little interest in the organization at that time, as only one of the twenty-nine joined. The Roanoke Chapter was finally organized in 1956 and chartered in 1957. In 1958, another of the twenty-nine original invitees joined. Still, the organization struggled to generate interest and was dissolved into the Richmond Chapter Headquarters in 1966.

At a July 12, 1969 luncheon meeting at Hotel Roanoke, plans were laid for the organization of an SAR chapter in Roanoke, VA. Virginia Society President Donald Baldwin presided, and the six SAR Roanoke residents selected William T. Horton as their first president. At a subsequent meeting on September 9, 1969, the chapter was named the Fincastle Resolutions Chapter, in recognition of the importance of resolves drawn up June 20, 1775 by the freeholders of Fincastle County, Virginia. The Chapter's Charter was awarded at the Hotel Roanoke on November 15, 1969 with twenty-one SAR members present. The Chapter has continued in operation since that date.

The Sons of the American Revolution is a lineage society, meaning that each member has traced his lineage to an ancestor who supported the cause of American Independence during the years 1774-1783. Members of the Fincastle Resolutions participate in programs that promote education, patriotism and historic preservation.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of records of the Sons of the American Revolution Fincastle Resolutions Chapter beginning in 1967 through 2009, with the bulk of records generated

in the 1990s. Records include correspondence, membership rosters, meeting minutes, financial reports, information on chapter programs, news clippings, newsletters, photographs and other audio-visual materials. Materials are housed in two record storage boxes and one drop-front storage box. Correspondence, membership roster, meeting minutes, financial reports and newsletters appear to be incomplete.

Container List:

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Folder 1: Awards – Presented to chapter

Folder 2: “Chapter Files” – Miscellaneous documents filed under this heading from 1967-1977.

Folder 3: “Chapter Files” – Miscellaneous documents filed under this heading from 1978-1983.

Folder 4: Chapter History

Folder 5: Constitution and By-Laws – various years with edits.

Folder 6: Correspondence: Chapter – 1969-1995.

Folder 7: Correspondence: Chapter – 1996 and 1997.

Folder 8: Correspondence: Chapter – 1998, January through May.

Folder 9: Correspondence: Chapter – 1998, June through July.

Folder 10: Correspondence: Chapter – 1998, August through September.

Folder 11: Correspondence: Chapter – 1998, October through December.

Folder 12: Correspondence: Chapter – 1999, January through April.

Folder 13: Correspondence: Chapter – 1999, May through December

Folder 14: Correspondence: National – 1997-1999.

Folder 15: Correspondence: State – 1996-1999; 2007.

Folder 16: Correspondence: Miscellaneous – 1991 December through 1994 December.

Folder 17: Correspondence: Miscellaneous – 1995

Folder 18: Correspondence: Miscellaneous – 1996

Folder 19: Correspondence: Miscellaneous – 1997

Folder 20: Correspondence: Miscellaneous – 1998

Folder 21: Correspondence: Miscellaneous – 2000 through 2001.

Folder 22: Correspondence: Relocation of National Headquarters to Roanoke – December 1976 through May 1977.

Folder 23: Financial Reports

Folder 24: Meetings – VASSAR Annual Meeting, 3-4 February 1995.

Folder 25: Meetings – VASSAR Annual Meeting, 16-17 February 1996.

Folder 26: Meetings – VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, 6-7 September 1996.

Folder 27: Meetings – VASSAR Annual Meeting, 14-15 February 1997.

Folder 28: Meetings – VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, August 2003.

Folder 29: Membership Information – 1991-1998; 2006.

Folder 30: Membership Rosters – 1991-1999.

Folder 31: Membership Rosters – 2007.

Folder 32: Minutes – September 1969 – December 1974.

Folder 33: Minutes – March 1975 – December 1979.

Folder 34: Minutes – March 1980 – December 1984.

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- Folder 1: Minutes – January 1985 – December 1988.
- Folder 2: Minutes – January 1989 – November 1992.
- Folder 3: Minutes – January 1993 – November 1997.
- Folder 4: Minutes – January 2000 – November 2000.
- Folder 5: Minutes – January 2001; January 2008.
- Folder 6: Minutes: Board of Managers Meeting – 1989-1999.
- Folder 7: Minutes: Board of Managers Meeting – 2001-2002; 2008-2009.
- Folder 8: News Clippings
- Folder 9: Newsletters – January 1993 (V4:1) through November 1995 (V6:6).
- Folder 10: Newsletters – January 1996 (V7:1) through November 1999 (V10:6).
- Folder 11: Newsletters – March 2000 (V11:2) through May 2002 (V14:6[3]); missing January 2000 (V11:1) and 2002 (V14:4-6).
- Folder 12: Newsletters – May 2006 through November 2009, incomplete; Volume and issue numbers appear erroneous.
- Folder 13: Newsletters – VASSAR Virginia Bulletin: Spring issues – 2002, 2007, 2008.
- Folder 14: Nominating Committee
- Folder 15: Programs: General, 1994-1999.
- Folder 16: Programs: Battle of Point Pleasant.
- Folder 17: Programs: Battlefield Commemorations, 1987-1997.
- Folder 18-21: Programs: George Washington Day, 1999.
- Folder 22: Programs: Knight-Patty Fund Award.
- Folder 23: Programs: Miscellaneous
- Folder 24: Programs: President's Cup Competition, 1992.
- Folder 25: Programs: President's Cup Competition, 1993.
- Folder 26: Programs: Reserve Officers' Training Corps Awards, 1984-1995; 2007.
- Folder 27: Programs: Revolutionary War Grave Markers
- Folder 28: Programs: Richard E. Morgan Essay Contest, 1994.
- Folder 29: Programs: SAR Archive Funding and Preservation, Library of Virginia.
- Folder 30: Programs: USS Stark Award.
- Folder 31: Programs: Veteran's Affairs Medical Center Volunteers, 1991-1996.
- Folder 32: Reports: Chapter to VASSAR, 1984-1995, incomplete.

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- Item 1: DVD – “Twin Chimneys Dedication”, 2009, Franklin County Historical Society.
- Item 2: DVD – “Veterans Day 2009: Honoring All Who Served” (2 copies).
- Item 3: Video Cassette – “George Washington Day”, 14 December 1999, Roanoke Valley Television.
- Item 4: Proclamation by the City of Roanoke for “Sons of the American Revolution Day”, 5 June 2006.
- Item 5: Proclamation by the City of Roanoke for “George Washington Day”, 14 December 1999.

- Item 6: Proclamation by the City of Roanoke for “Veterans Day 2009”, 2 November 2009.
- Item 7: Photographs – Nathaniel Greene Commemoration Ceremony, undated; 15 photographs.
- Item 8: Photographs - Meeting awards ceremony, 5 February 2001; 6 photographs.
- Item 9: Photographs – unknown, 21 January 2002; 6 photographs.
- Item 10: Photographs - Historic buildings in Fincastle, VA, undated; 6 photographs.
- Item 11: Photographs – Meeting and swearing in of new officers, 26 January 2000; 13 photographs.
- Item 12: Photographs – unknown grave commemoration ceremony, undated; 12 photographs. Included with set: 1 photograph of memorial marker of Botetourt County Revolutionary War Soldiers in Fincastle, undated.
- Item 13: Photographs – “Ladies Night”, 1978; 4 photographs.
- Item 14: Photographs – “Ladies Night”, 16 May 1979; 6 photographs.
- Item 15: Photographs: Flag ceremony at the Main Library, 1979?; 6 photographs.
- Item 16: Photographs: Monument dedication at Valley Forge, April 1983; 2 photographs
- Item 17: Photographs: Trip to Point Pleasant, WV, Fall 1990; 18 photographs
- Item 18: Photographs: Reserve Officer’s Training Corps Awards Ceremony at Virginia Tech, 3 May 1977; 2 photographs.
- Item 19: Photographs: Flag ceremony at the Law Library, 22 February 1983; 7 photographs.
- Item 20: Photographs: Presentation of plaque to Pauline Rowsey at meeting, October 1982; 9 photographs.
- Item 21: Photographs: Gayle Cox and Bill Horton at annual meeting, February 1973; 1 photograph.
- Item 22: Photographs: George Washington Day Ceremony in Fallon Park, 14 December 1999; 17 photographs, sleeve 1 of 2.
- Item 23: Photographs: George Washington Day Ceremony in Fallon Park, 14 December 1999; 17 photographs, sleeve 2 of 2.

Further Fincastle Resolution Chapter records are located in addenda to the collection.