

## Nebraska Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution



Mrs. Paul Goss  
Rgt. "St. Leger Cowley"  
Lincoln.



Miss Chattie Coleman  
Rgt. "Elijah Gove"  
Stromsburg



Mrs. Connad Hollenbeck  
Chairman of Committee  
"Real Daughters"  
Fremont



Mrs. T. J. Gist  
Rgt. "Reavis Ashley"  
Falls City



Mrs. C. O. Norton  
Past State Regent  
Kearney



Mrs. G. N. Beels  
Rgt. "Nancy Gary"  
Norfolk



Mrs. E. A. Russell  
Rgt. "Coronado"  
Ord



Mrs. R. E. McKelvy  
Rgt. "Major Isaac Sadler"  
— Omaha —



Mrs. Hitt Westcott  
Rgt. "Fontenelle"  
Plattsmouth



Mrs. A. M. Hungerford  
Rgt. "Quivera"  
Fairbury

Miss Elizabeth Wright  
Rgt. "Stephen Bennett"  
Fairmont

Mrs. R. A. Bennett  
Rgt. "David City"  
David City



Mrs. W. S. Clapp  
Rgt. "Fort Kearney"  
— Kearney



Mrs. F. C. Laird  
Rgt. "Lewis-Clark"  
Fremont



Mrs. W. H. Xanders  
Rgt. "Platt"  
Columbus



Mrs. M. J. Wickersham  
Rgt. "Jonathan Cass"  
Weeping Water



Mrs. R. E. Brega  
Rgt. "David Conklin"  
Callaway



Mrs. E. A. Bryson  
Rgt. "Pawnee"  
Fullerton



Mrs. M. S. Raymond  
Organizing  
Rgt. "Scotts Bluff"  
Scotts Bluff

**BY EUNICE HASKINS,**  
Members of Nebraska Reavis-Ashley Chapter.  
THE largest and most important women's patriotic society at the present time is the Daughters of the American Revolution. The society was organized in the city of Washington October 11, 1890. Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, then mistress of the White House, was one of its founders. This society has erected Continental Hall in Washington, which is considered one of the handsomest buildings in the national capital, and is the most magnificent ever erected in the world by women. In Continental Hall are collected many of the most valuable relics of the nation.

"Any woman may be eligible for membership who is of the age of 18 years and who is descended from a man or woman who, with unflinching loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of American independence; from a recognized patriot, a soldier or sailor or a civil officer in one of the several colonies or states. Provided, that the applicant be acceptable to the society.

"Official proof of service must be furnished with the application; also references to authorities quoted to show line of descent. Where reference is made to unpublished or inaccessible records, the applicant must file duplicate certified copies of same. Statements based upon tradition alone cannot be considered."

Nebraska has twenty-eight chapters, with a membership of 1,000 at the time this article is written, and at Crete and Scott's Bluff there are chapters that will be organized in the near future. Several other chapters in the state are in process of organizing. Mrs. Wilfred Smith is the organizing regent at Crete and Mrs. Mabel Raymond at Scott's Bluff.

The Daughters of the American Revolution have undertaken many movements for the promotion of patriotism, education, preserving historic spots and records, molding public opinion toward sane Fourth of July celebrations, etc. The society in Nebraska led the movement for the marking of the Oregon Trail in Nebraska, and the thirty-second session of the state legislature appropriated \$2,000 for the purpose of assisting in procuring suitable monuments. The Oregon Trail enters Nebraska a half mile east of the boundary line between Gage and Jefferson counties, with its starting point at Independence, Mo. The first woman's good roads association in the United States was organized in Kansas City two years ago, and the Missouri Daughters of the American Revolution initiated the movement.

The twelfth annual conference of the Nebraska Daughters of the American Revolution will be held at Fairbury Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 17, 18 and 19. Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the conference will be opened by a reception at the home of Mrs. George Cruss. Wednesday evening a banquet will be given at the Mary-Etta hotel. The sessions of the conference will be held in the Christian church. Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock the state board of management will hold a business session in the church; according to the new state bylaws this must be held "preceding and immediately following the state conference. At 9:30 Wednesday morning the first session of the conference will open, and the closing session will be Thursday afternoon. Speakers of prominence, the presentation of reports from the chapters, the chairman of state and special committees will lead interest to each

session. Chapters are working for the award of the flag which is presented to the chapter having the largest percentage of gain in membership during the year. Chapter regents will give reports of the work accomplished by their chapters from March 1, 1913, to March 1, 1914, stating present membership and gain in membership during the year.

Mrs. Warren Perry, the beloved state regent, requests that "the Daughters bring to this conference zeal, enthusiasm and a sincere love for the organization that will bring fruition to our aims for the great work we are endeavoring to accomplish."

The state officers are Mrs. Warren Perry, regent, Fairbury; Mrs. C. H. Aull, vice regent, Omaha; Mrs. Frank L. Ringer, recording secretary, Lincoln; Mrs. H. H. McLucas, corresponding secretary, Fairbury; Mrs. A. T. Littlechild, treasurer, Fremont; Mrs. J. J. Stubbs, consulting registrar, Omaha; Mrs. G. W. Kline, historian, Lincoln; Miss May Allen, auditor, Fort Calhoun.

The chapters.  
Deborah Avery, Lincoln, organized May, 1896; Mrs. C. S. Paine, regent.  
Omaha chapter, Omaha, organized June, 1896; Mrs. A. Russell, regent.  
Elizabeth Montague, Beatrice, organized June, 1904; Mrs. D. S. Dalby, regent.  
Margaret Holmes, Seward, organized April, 1905; Mrs. H. T. Jones, regent.  
Ni-Ku-Mi, Blair, organized February, 1906; Miss May Allen of Fort Calhoun, regent.

Fort Kearney, Kearney, organized May, 1908; Mrs. Wyman S. Clapp, regent.  
St. Leger Cowley, Lincoln, organized December, 1909; Mrs. Paul Goss, regent.  
Niobrara, Hastings, organized October, 1910; Mrs. A. E. Stitt, regent.  
Otoe, Nebraska City, organized February, 1911; Mrs. O. C. Morton, regent.  
Major Isaac Sadler, Omaha, organized March, 1911; Mrs. Russell E. McKelvy, regent.  
Platte, Columbus, organized October, 1911; Mrs. W. H. Xanders, regent.  
Reavis-Ashley, Falls City, organized January, 1912; Mrs. T. J. Gist, regent.  
Superior, Superior, organized January, 1912; Mrs. C. B. Britten, regent.  
Thirty-seventh Star, McCook, organized February, 1912; Mrs. C. D. Ritchie, regent.  
David City, David City, organized March, 1912; Mrs. R. A. Bennett, regent.  
Pawnee, Fullerton, organized March, 1912; Mrs. A. E. Bryson, regent.  
David Conklin, Callaway, organized February, 1913; Mrs. Richard E. Brega, regent.  
Joshua Everett, Lyons, organized February, 1913; Mrs. Elise Groutt Everett, regent.  
Bonneville, Lexington, organized February, 1913; Mrs. Ealenore Peale Barker, regent.  
Nancy Gary, Norfolk, organized February, 1913; Mrs. George N. Beels, regent.  
Stephen Bennett, Fairmont, organized February, 1913; Miss Elizabeth Wright, regent.  
Fontenelle, Plattsmouth, organized April, 1913; Mrs. Hitt Westcott, regent.  
Oregon Trail, Hebron, organized October, 1913; Mrs. E. M. Correll, regent.  
Jonathan Cass, Weeping Water, organized January, 1914; Mrs. M. J. Wickersham, regent.

Elijah Gove, Stromsburg, organized February, 1914; Miss Chattie Coleman, regent.  
Mrs. Fred C. Laird of Lewis-Clark chapter at Fremont has the distinction of being the youngest regent in the state.

As will be observed by the dates the different chapters were organized, the growth was slow for many years, but of late many chapters have been organized, and the increase of membership in general over the state has been rapid, indeed, compared to what it was at first. The Omaha chapter is the largest in the state, and the Deborah Avery is second. Fort Kearney chapter at present has seventy-one members in good standing, and at the close of the year's work last summer was reported the third largest chapter in the state.

Mrs. Charles Oliver Norton of Kearney, when state regent, presented the state society Daughters of the American Revolution with a fine silk flag to be awarded each year during the conference to the chapter which had gained the largest percent of new members during the year, the award to be based upon the number of members in the chapter at the beginning of the current year. At the close of the year the flag is to be brought back to the state conference and given again into the keep-

ing of the chapter whose record for gain in membership was highest for that year. It is hoped by Mrs. Norton that in time the friendly rivalry for this flag will result in a material increase in membership for the Daughters of the American Revolution of Nebraska.

Let this brief report of the newly-organized chapter at Stromsburg represent the usual organizing chapter work. Miss Chattie Coleman was the organizing regent, and had been working for more than a year getting members in line and their applications completed. Mrs. Charles Oliver Norton was guest of honor, and the chapter was named "Elijah Gove," in honor of her paternal ancestor. Dinner was served at 6:30 o'clock at the home of Miss Coleman, and immediately afterward the organization was perfected with a membership of sixteen; two more have been accepted, four sets of papers are in Washington, and a dozen or more are searching ancestral records, this interest meaning that Elijah Gove is to be a very flourishing chapter. Miss Coleman was elected regent. Mrs. Norton gave a talk to the members upon their obligations to the chapter and to the national society.

Nebraska is honored by having one of the vice presidents general of the national society—Mrs. Andrew K. Gault of Omaha. She has presided three or four times at the meeting when the nominations were made for president general and over 2,000 were present.

In the standing and special committees, Mrs. R. C. Hoyt of Omaha is chairman of the committee on Patriotic Education; Mrs. Edward Porter Peck of Omaha, chairman of committee to Prevent Desecration of the Flag; Mrs. A. M. Hungerford of Fairbury, chairman of committee on Preservation of Historic Spots; Mrs. C. F. Steele of Fairbury, chairman of committee on Old Trails Road; Mrs. W. H. Xanders of Columbus, chairman of committee on American Monthly Magazine; Mrs. E. G. (Continued on Page Eight.)