

Smith, Terrica Randolph, Papers

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**Physical Description:** Letters, invitations, programs, brochures, speeches, sketches, reports, minutes, reprint, magazine, newspaper clippings. 122 items.

**Acquisition:**

**Description:** Jessica Randolph Smith was the daughter of Orren Randolph Smith, reputedly the designer of the first Confederate flag. Smith was born in Warren County, December 18, 1827 but later moved to Louisburg. He served in Company B, 1st Regiment, North Carolina Volunteers in the Mexican War in 1847 and as a captain in the United States Army in Utah in 1858, and in the Confederate Army as a member of Company B, 2nd North Carolina Battalion. He died in Henderson, North Carolina, March 3, 1913.

The papers of Jessica Randolph Smith relate chiefly to the UDC, the Civil War, and Major Smith's claim as the designer of the "Stars and Bars." There is also material on the DAR, Colonial Dames, and the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration, 1732-1932.

The correspondence includes three letters from May Borglum, wife of Cutzen Borglum, discussing Borglum's work on the Stone Mountain memorial at Atlanta and the North Carolina monument at Gettysburg. Several letters are from Sol Bloom, Associate Director of the United States Commission Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington, thanking Miss Smith for her interest and information.

Invitations are from the National Society of Colonial Dames to social functions, to the presentation of a memorial to the Pilgrims at Plymouth (1921), and to the opening of Dumbarton House on the bicentennial celebration of George Washington's birth. The programs

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the thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh, and thirty-eighth annual conventions of the UDC meeting at Montgomery, Jacksonville, and Memphis; the forty-fourth annual reunion of Confederate Veterans in Chattanooga, 1932; a bicentennial conference and the thirty-second annual state congress of the DAR, 1932; and the second annual Robert E. Lee Week at White Sulphur Springs, 1933.

Typescripts, manuscripts, briefs, and photostats are concerned mainly with Orren Randolph Smith as the designer of the Confederate flag. A report of the Committee on Historic Research of the Colonial Dames reviews briefly activities of that organization in Louisiana, Illinois, Mississippi, Maryland, Kansas, Tennessee, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Wyoming, Kentucky, and North Carolina. There is a short manuscript sketch of John Penn. A two-page typescript describes Gutson Borglum's conception of the North Carolina monument at Gettysburg and another is a statement of Samuel H. Venable regarding Borglum and the Stone Mountain Monument Association. There is a typescript of Sol Bloch's speech at the unveiling of a memorial to Joseph Hewes at Edenton, April 28, 1932.

Published material includes reports, minutes, speeches, pamphlets, reprints, and magazines. Included in these are: the sixteenth, seventeenth, and nineteenth minutes of the UDC, North Carolina Division, meeting at Salisbury, Tarboro, and Charlotte, and the minutes of the thirty-second annual convention of the UDC at Hot Springs, Arkansas, November, 1925. Reports include the National Society of DAR Historian's Report (1921) and the report of the President General of the UDC, 1930 and 1933.

Included in the items on the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration are railroad advertisements giving historical facts about Washington, titles and descriptions of papers for "Program Eleven," a publication of the Salgrave Institution on the Washington manor house in England, and a publication by the commission giving a preview of the exhibit of portraits of George Washington and his associates at the Corcoran Art Gallery.

Two published speeches are Franklin D. Roosevelt's address at a Woodrow Wilson Foundation dinner in 1933 and one by Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Grant, 3d, on the territorial government of Washington (1929).

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Miscellaneous publications include: a sixty-page, unbound book entitled The Hermit of Petreasa by Mrs. James P. Irwin; a reprint from The Columbia University Quarterly, March, 1931, of an article "Our Japanese Classmates," by Marcus Benjamin; and a copy of the North Carolina Booklet, October, 1906.

Newspaper clippings (1911-1934) contain articles on the first Confederate flag, meetings and reunions of the UDC and Confederate Veterans, DAR, Colonial Dames, and Daughters of 1812 activities clipped from papers published in Alabama, Texas, Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and South Carolina.