

**Roanoke Public Libraries
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Dixie Gray Chapter Children of the Confederacy Collection**

Collection Description:

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Title: Dixie Gray Chapter Children of the Confederacy Collection

Physical Characteristics: 1 document storage case, 1 record storage box

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Arrangement: Documents are arranged chronologically

Creator: Dixie Gray Chapter, Children of the Confederacy

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Historical Note:

The Children of the Confederacy is an auxiliary organization of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC). The Dixie Gray Chapter was sponsored by the Roanoke Chapter of the UDC. Membership was open to persons under eighteen who were descendants of men or women who served the Confederate States of America. The Dixie Gray chapter was founded in the fall of 1949 with 8 members; by spring of 1950 it had 18 members. The goals of the organization were: honoring the men and women of the Confederacy; learning about the history of the Civil War; and serving society through civic affairs, benevolence, and patriotism.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of four scrapbooks, covering club activities from 1949-1955, and additional loose documents. The scrapbooks were compiled by Dixie Gray members and document the history of the Civil War and the activities of the club through newspaper and magazine clippings, as well as historic site ephemera. The additional documents include handwritten letters from two Civil War soldiers, George M. Hanson and Julius B. Buford, written during the war; the Sept. 6, 1865, issue of the *Daily Republican* newspaper, Lynchburg, Virginia; and a photograph of a portrait of Robert E. Lee.

Container List:

Box 1

Folder 1: Civil War Era Correspondence – Several letters sent to family members from George M. Hanson (1841-1916), a native of Wytheville, Virginia, who served with Co. A, 4th Regiment, Virginia Infantry (Confederate), from 1861 through the end of the war, as well as copy of his self-described

record of service; One letter from Julius B. Buford (1833-1919), of Bedford Co., VA, who oversaw the horse pasture for Co. A, 2nd Regiment, Virginia Cavalry (Confederate); Several other hand-written documents from the 1860s.

Folder 2: *Daily Republican*, Sept. 6, 1865, Lynchburg, VA

Folder 3: Photograph of sketch of Robert E. Lee

Folder 4: 1952-1954 Scrapbook, Loose Items

Folder 5: 1954-1955 Scrapbook, Loose Items

Box 2

1949-1951 Scrapbook – Items documenting Civil War history and the activities of the Dixie Gray Chapter. Scrapbook contains newspaper and magazine clippings, photographs of places visited on trip to Lexington, VA, and a tour guide to Historic Richmond, VA. Digital copy should primarily be consulted by researchers.

1951-1952 Scrapbook – Items documenting Civil War history and the activities of the Dixie Gray Chapter. Scrapbook contains newspaper and magazine clippings, a tour guide to The First White House of the Confederacy, Montgomery, AL, and correspondence of thanks for a donation of a book on General Lee to the Lee Jr. High School library. Digital copy should primarily be consulted by researchers.

1952-1954 Scrapbook – Items documenting Civil War history and the activities of the Dixie Gray Chapter. Scrapbook contains newspaper and magazine clippings; information about the state conventions held in Harrisonburg (1952), Richmond (1953), and Roanoke (1954); photographs of club participation in the United Nations Day Parade (1952), convention skit (1952), and Memorial Day event (1953); pamphlets on Beauvoir House, Confederate Memorial Gardens in Biloxi, MS, and walking tour of Richmond, VA; and 1952-53 Yearbook of the Virginia Division, Children of the Confederacy. Digital copy should primarily be consulted by researchers. Loose items removed to Folder 4.

1954-1955 Scrapbook – Items documenting Civil War history and the activities of the Dixie Gray Chapter. Scrapbook contains newspaper and magazine clippings; information about the annual state convention held in Portsmouth (1955); pamphlets and walking tours on Portsmouth, VA, Richmond, VA, Appomattox Court House, Atlanta Cyclorama, and War Memorial Museum of Virginia; ephemera from 1954 General Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held in Roanoke and 1955 national meeting of Children of the Confederacy; and 1953-54 Yearbook of the Virginia Division, Children of the Confederacy. Digital copy should primarily be consulted by researchers. Loose items removed to Folder 5.