

Historic Preservation

Membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honors and preserves the legacy of our patriot ancestors. Over two hundred years ago, Americans sacrificed their lives and property for the freedoms that we enjoy today. As a member of the DAR, you can honor their actions by supporting historic preservation programs, promoting educational activities, and participating in patriotic endeavors.



Patriotism

Any woman 18 years of age or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence during the period between 19 April 1775 and 26 November 1783 is eligible for membership.

<http://www.fortsanluisdar.org>

Education

Founded in 1890, DAR members number over 190,000 women in over 3,000 chapters across the United States and internationally. DAR members volunteer more than 250,000 hours annually to veteran patients, award thousands of dollars in scholarships each year to students, and support schools for the underprivileged with annual donations exceeding one million dollars.



Encompassing an entire city block in Washington DC, the National Headquarters houses one of the nation's premier genealogical libraries, one of the foremost collections of pre-industrial American decorative arts, and Washington's largest concert hall.



Fort San Luis Chapter, NSDAR

The Fort San Luis Chapter, NSDAR was organized on September 22, 1953. The name comes from the reference to the San Luis de Apalachee, also known as San Luis de Talimali, a settlement and mission established as the capital of Spanish West Florida in 1656, on one of the highest hills near what is now Tallahassee. The Chapter meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month from September to May. Guests are welcome!

This chapter is involved in a number of projects. To fulfill the goal of historic preservation, members assist local organizations that may qualify for historic grants and help review their grant applications.

Patriotic projects include sending care packages to our troops overseas and to first responders in our area. Members participate in patriotic events and donate items to local VA hospitals and the Veterans Village.

Educational activities include sponsoring essay contests for local high school students, awarding medals to outstanding student cadets in JROTC programs, donating money to our DAR schools, and offering free workshops on genealogy to the public.

Getting Started

If you are interested in researching your family history, the first step is to write down everything you know about yourself, your parents, your grandparents, and your great-grandparents.

List the names, birth dates, marriage dates, and death dates of your ancestors along with the location (town, county, and state) where each event occurred. Other family members who might be able to fill in some of the gaps in your information.

Begin collecting records such as birth certificates, marriage certificates, as well as death certificates. Look for family Bibles, obituaries, letters, and diaries that may contain this information.

If you live in the Leon, Liberty, Gadsden, Jefferson or Wakulla area and are interested in joining the DAR, contact the Chapter Registrar Kathryn Cowdery at Registrar.fsldar@gmail.com.

Genealogy Useful Websites

National Society DAR

<http://www.dar.org>

Florida Society DAR

<http://www.fssdar.com>

Fort San Luis Chapter DAR

<http://www.fortsanluisdar.org>

National Society SAR

<http://www.sar.org>

**Children of the American
Revolution**

<http://www.nscar.org>

Ordering Vital Records

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/>

Deathindexes.com

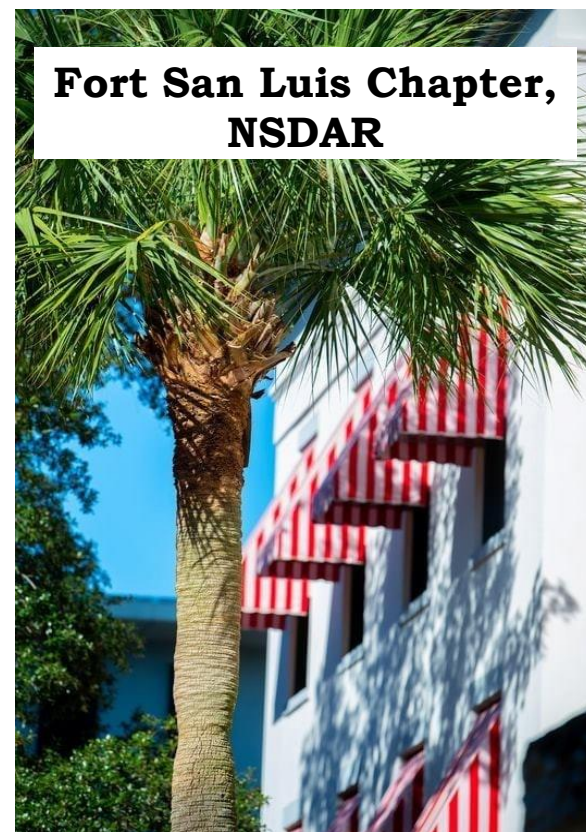
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Free Vital & Probate Records

[http://www.learnwebskills.com/
patriot/vitalrecords1.html](http://www.learnwebskills.com/patriot/vitalrecords1.html)

Free Online Genealogy Tutorial

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