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Patriotic and historical organizations abound, many of them linked to ancestors who served in the American Revolution. Herein is provided a brief history of four such organizations which flourish in Madison County. (Source: *The Heritage of Madison County*)

### DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION Twickenham Town Chapter

At the time this chapter was organized, in May of 1908, there were 17 chapters in the state of Alabama. There were 23 charter members, and for a number of years meetings were held in members' homes. From this original group, two other chapters of the DAR were formed, one in 1970 and another in 1974.

As evidence of the group's interest in history, several markers have been placed in the city: one is in evidence at what is now known as Constitution Village, another marks the Weeden House, and one was erected in historic Mooresville. Through the years flags have been donated to fly at public sites, graves of Revolutionary War soldiers have been marked, and donations have been made to the Tutt Fann Veterans Home.

Always interested in supporting education, the chapter has donated books, flags, money, and medals to schools in the area and scholarships to deserving students. They have been supporters of the Kate Duncan Smith School at Grant, Alabama, since its founding in 1924.

### DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION Huntsville Chapter

This chapter was organized in 1970 with fourteen new members who joined eight members transferring from the Twickenham Chapter. Members are admitted by invitation only and meetings are held once each month September through May. The current membership numbers more than 100.

The aims of the organization are to foster patriotism, education, and history in public and private schools and to encourage respect for the flag of the United States of America. Certificates and medals are awarded for good citizenship to seniors in high school and to members of ROTC programs. Scholarships are awarded to deserving students for higher education, and service and gifts are provided to disabled veterans.

The chapter supports the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School at Grant, Alabama, and the Tamassee DAR School in South Carolina. These schools were built and are maintained by the DAR.