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Title: Lone Star Council #300, Daughters of America (Akron, Ohio)

Bulk Dates: 1956-1958

Inclusive Dates: 1933-1958

Description: 9 files of correspondence, minutes, financial records

Organization:

- File 1 – Bank Statements and Checks (1956-1957)
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- File 3 – Correspondence (1957)
- File 4 – Correspondence (1958)
- File 5 – Minutes (1956)
- File 6 – Physician's Certificates 1939 to 1958
- File 7 – Receipts (1956-1957)
- File 8 – Sick Benefits Ledger 1933 to 1952
- File 9 – State Council of Ohio, Daughters of America

Scope and Content:

The Daughters of America was founded in 1891 as the auxiliary wing of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics with its headquarters in Cincinnati, OH. It was a service organization and operated with the slogan "Love One Another" and motto "Service to Others". "The great principles of our Order – Loyalty, Love and Patriotism. A real love of our Order inspires us to make personal sacrifices so that this beloved organization may prosper. As we love our neighbors as ourselves, we but reflect the great love of our Almighty Father." Like many fraternal societies of the time, there was an insurance aspect, and funds were provided to the family upon the death of a member. Physician's Certificates were actually that – the officer with that title actually visited the ill member and got their doctor to sign a form which gives the specific illness and sometimes the prognosis. In more modern times, the remnants of the Daughters of America have taken on an "all white" and "nativist" aspect and were concerned with anti-Catholic, anti-immigration, and anti-Black measures. I see no hint of that in this collection which shows that the Lone Star Council #300 in Akron, Ohio, was a purely benevolent women's society. This collection contains correspondence and financial records for 1956-1957, some minutes, and physician's certificates for 1939 to 1958 and a sick benefits ledger for 1933 to 1952.

Access: No restrictions.

Provenance: Donated ca. 2009 by John and Alicia R. Kunz, Akron OH. They appear to be papers collected during the term of Waneta Shepard, Recording Secretary.

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