

Association of Historical and Ancestral Societies Records History

The Association of Historical and Ancestral Societies was created in 1940 by a group of historically and genealogically minded societies for the purpose of helping with the establishment of a Local History and Genealogy Room when the new Main Library of the Toledo Public Library opened. Main Library opened in September 1940 but the Local History Room did not open until the following year.

The Association contributed financially for the purchase of historical and genealogical books for the department as well as encouraging its members and other citizens to donate materials to the department that would help preserve the history of Toledo and Lucas County. Representatives of the member groups met five times each year at the library for reports of the department's acquisitions and activities. These representatives would then report back to their groups. Each group was responsible for rotating exhibits in the museum case located in the department. In 1966, crowded conditions resulted in the removal of the museum case and the end of these exhibits in the department.

The Association became inactive in 1968 and disbanded in 1971. The records of the group were deposited in the Local History Department while its funds were divided between the department and the Wolcott House Museum.

When the Association organized, ten groups were members. By 1966 there were fourteen groups participating. They were: Anthony Wayne Chapter, S.A.R.; Firelands Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists; Fort Industry Chapter, D.A.R.; Historical Society of Northwestern Ohio; Lady Grace Chetwood Chapter, Colonial Dames of the XVII Century; Maumee Valley Historical Society; Peter Navarre Chapter, Daughters of 1812; Toledo Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists; Toledo Circle, Colonial Dames of America; Toledo Colony, Mayflower Descendants; Toledo Colony, New England Women; Ursula Wolcott Chapter, D.A.R.; Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society of Ohio; and Waterville Historical Society.

Association of Historical and Ancestral Societies Records Inventory

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