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United Daughters of the Confederacy - Louisville, Kentucky (MSS 315)

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

A chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was organized 18 June 1897 in Louisville, Kentucky. Miss Henrietta Preston Johnston, daughter of the late General Albert Sidney Johnston, was unanimously elected president of the group. She declined this position on account of failing health but requested the honor of naming the chapter in memory of her father. Among other founding members was Henrietta Hunt (Morgan) Duke, sister of the late General John Hunt Morgan, and wife of his second-in-command, General Basil W. Duke. The group officially became the 120th chartered chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy 2 July 1897.

The objectives of this new local chapter were the same as those of the national organization: historical, educational, benevolent, memorial, and patriotic. Among the group’s aims were collecting and preserving material related to the Civil War; honoring the memory of those who served the Confederate States of America; and providing charitable services for veterans and their dependents.

Women eligible for membership were widows, wives, mothers, sisters, nieces and lineal descendants of those who served honorably in the military or civil service of the Confederate States of America. Also eligible were women, and their lineal descendants, who provided personal service and aid to the Southern cause.

More information on this organization can be found in the 1997 publication *Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter No. 120: the First Hundred Years* by Liz Waters. A copy of this work is housed in the reference collection of the Kentucky Library and Museum, Western Kentucky University.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of two bound volumes and a folder of miscellaneous items. One bound volume contains the minutes of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Louisville, Kentucky, from its first meeting 18 June 1897 to the 9
May 1899 meeting. The second volume contains the membership roster for those dates. Among the items in the miscellaneous folder are the Constitution of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter, a program commemorating the birthday of Robert E. Lee, and a blank sheet of the organization’s stationery.

**SHELF LIST**

**BOX 1**

| Inventory | UNITED Daughters of the Confederacy – Louisville, KY |
| 2 items   | 1897-1899                                               |
| Minute book | 1897-1899               |
| 1 item     | Membership roster          |
| 1 item     | 1897-1899              |
| 12 items   | Stray items found in minute book and roster book |
| 1898       | 1897-1899               |

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

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Minute book and membership roster of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Louisville, Kentucky, 18 June 1897 to 9 May 1899.

½ box. 4 folders. 16 items. Originals and photocopies.

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**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Civil War, 1861-1865 – Societies, etc.
Clubs – Louisville – United Daughters of the Confederacy
Confederate States of America – Societies, etc.
Johnston, Albert Sidney, 1803-1862 – Relating to
Lee, Robert Edward, 1807-1870 – Relating to