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HISTORICAL NOTE

In 1928, Mrs. Helen Tufts Bailie wrote an article accusing the Daughters of the American Revolution of circulating a "blacklist" of men and women who would not be welcome as speakers before D.A.R. members. The "blacklisted" people were accused of being Communists, Socialists, liberals, pacifists. Among those blacklisted by the D.A.R. was David Starr Jordan, former president of Stanford University. Many D.A.R. members and others protested the blacklist. Finally the Palo Alto chapter of the D.A.R. resigned their membership in the national organization.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Included in this collection are pamphlets, newspaper clippings, magazine articles and correspondence dealing with the D.A.R. blacklist controversy.

Folder 1 **Articles**

"Our Threatened Heritage", by Helen Tufts Bailie, April 5, 1928.
"Truth and Justice vs. the DAR Court Martial", by Helen Tufts Bailie, June 23, 1928.
"Perverted Patriotism, A Story of DAR Stewardship", November 11, 1929.
"Are DAR Women Exploited?", by Elaine Goodale Eastmen, September 11, 1929.
"Dishonoring the DAR", by Helen Tufts Bailie, September 25, 1929.

Folder 2 **Correspondence, 1928**

T.L.S.: David Starr Jordan to Miss Helen E. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, Palo Alto Chapter DAR, re: expressing thanks for their support during "Blacklist" issue, May 14, 1928.
T.L. Jane Addams to Jessie K. Jordan, June 14, 1928 re: DAR's attack on Helen Tufts Bailie affidavit, June 19, 1928, signed by May M. Glotfelter re: receipt of "blacklist" from DAR official
T.L.S. May M. Glotfelter to Jessie K. Jordan, July 9, 1928, re: blacklist
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T.L. Resolution supporting Republican candidate for President of U.S., September 12, 1928
T.L. Elaine Goodale Eastmen, Newsletter, September 27, 1928, re: progress of fight against blacklist
A.L.S. Jeannette M. Hitchcock to Dr. Clelia Duel Mosher, October 4, 1928 re: newspaper articles concerning blacklist
T.L.S. Jane Norman Smith, Nation Woman's Party, October 8, 1928, support for Hoover for President, and equal rights for women

Folder 3 **Correspondence, 1929**

T.L. Mrs. Julius to Mrs. McEven, January 5, 1929, re: DAR constitution and voting rights at national annual meetings.
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A.L.S. Mary Ella Thurston to David Starr Jordan, June 4, 1929, re: DAR blacklist
A.L.S. Jessie K. Jordan to Dr. Clelia Mosher, October, 1929, re: getting all material distributed by Elaine Goodale Eastman.
T.L. Resolution supporting David Starr Jordan, November 11, 1929, by DAR Palo Alto Chapter
T.L. S. Riverside, California chapter DAR to David Starr Jordan re: support of his peace effort, November 13, 1929

Folder 4 **Correspondence, 1930**

T.L., twelve members of Palo Alto chapter DAR submit their resignations, May 15, 1930
T.L.S. Fred Lawrence Foster to the ladies of DAR, Palo Alto chapter, May 16, 1930, re: need to protect America against "Jewrissia" and warmongering Zionists
T.L. Mrs. Lowell Fletcher Hobart, President General DAR to Mrs. C.W. Neff, Regent, Palo Alto chapter DAR, June 16, 1930, re: Palo Alto Chapter resignation

Folder 5 **Correspondence relating to the Lewis and Clark Oregon chapter of the DAR and its condemnation of the National DAR's blacklist, 1928**

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