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**NATIONAL SOCIETY, CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
SEVEN HILLS SOCIETY CHARTER**

The collection is comprised of the original charter from the National Society, Children of the American Revolution, to the Seven Hills Society, Lynchburg, Virginia. The charter lists the charter members and the officers of the Society organized in 1926 by Mary Fowler (EVANS) DILLARD of Lynchburg.

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MARY FOWLER EVANS DILLARD (1865-1954)

Mary Fowler EVANS, daughter of William M. EVANS and Harriet Hubbard McNAIR, was born 21 May 1865 in Elmira, New York. The EVANS family moved from New York to Amherst County, Virginia, where Mary Fowler was educated by governesses. She also attended the Drexel Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mary Fowler EVANS married 15 March 1892 William DILLARD, a lawyer and judge of Amherst County, son of Gen. Terisha W. and Mary Elizabeth DILLARD. Following the death of her husband in 1898, she moved with her son, William, to Lynchburg.

Mrs. DILLARD was a pioneer in the women's suffrage movement and was instrumental in the formation of the Equal Suffrage League and of the League of Women Voters. A teacher of home economics in the public schools of Lynchburg for a number of years, she also worked for the establishment of home demonstration work in rural districts of Virginia.

Mary Fowler (EVANS) DILLARD was a founding member of the Woman's Club of Lynchburg in 1903, a charter member of the Lynchburg Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in 1908, a charter member of the Kirkwood Otey Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and a charter member of the Young Women's Christian Association. She frequently wrote articles and letters concerning conservation and farm projects, many of which were published in the Lynchburg newspapers.

Mary Fowler (EVANS) DILLARD was the founder of the Seven Hills Society, Society of Children of the American Revolution in 1926.

A member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mrs. DILLARD died 7 January 1954 in Lynchburg and was buried in a family plot in the Amherst Cemetery.

[Obituary, *Lynchburg News*, 8 January 1954, Sect. II, p. 9 col. 1; "Marriage of William Dillard and Mary Evans," *Lynchburg News*, 17 March 1892, p. 4 col. 1; "Obituary of Mary Fowler Evans Dillard," *Lynchburg Daily Advance*, 7 January 1954, Mss., FF2813, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA; "Children Organize to Honor Fathers of '76 Revolution," *Lynchburg News*, 21 November 1926, p. 8 col. 6.]