

## Colonial Dames Dedicate Archives Room at the Burgwin-Wright House

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WILMINGTON -- The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America (NSCDA-NC) in the State of North Carolina held a dedication ceremony Nov. 17 for a new room devoted to housing the organization's archives and library.

Located above the detached kitchen of the Burgwin-Wright House, the Nimocks Special Collections room is named in memory of the late Elisabeth Holt Burns Nimocks of Fayetteville. At the time of her death in 2014, Nimocks had been an exemplary member of the NSCDA-NC for more than 60 years. After holding a variety of offices in the state society, Nimocks was named to the national society's roll of honor in 2011.

The nonprofit NSCDA-NC was founded in 1894 with the purpose of promoting appreciation for the people, places and events that led to the formation and development of our country. The Nimocks Special Collections will ensure the preservation of the records that document the NSCDA-NC's long and eventful history of historic preservation, patriotic service and education. Historians and other scholars will be able to access the special collections for research purposes.

Three of Nimocks' daughters -- also members of the NSCDA-NC -- Mary Flagg Haugh of Fayetteville, and Elisabeth Gooch and Luci Harley of Wilmington, generously donated the funds to upfit and furnish the room. Three generations of the Nimocks family attended the dedication, as well as more than 50 members of the N.C. Dames from across the state. Current NSCDA-NC president Margaret Hamilton presided over the ceremony that included the unveiling of a plaque.

The NSCDA-NC owns the 1770 Burgwin-Wright House and operates it as museum house focusing on the interpretation of colonial history. Located in the heart of historic downtown Wilmington, the museum offers guided tours on the hour 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The Burgwin-Wright House also serves as the headquarters for the NSCDA-NC.

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