

Origin of the NMSSAR

On December 11 1908, Sons of the Colorada SAR, Doctor John Wilson Bider, George Alexander Campbell, Frank W. Clancy, and George S. Klock met in Dr. Elder's office and discussed the formation of a New Mexico Society. Eligibles were invited to a banquet on December 26, 1908. Twenty members of the National Society attended and agreed to form a New Mexico Society of the Sons of the American Revolution under the direction of vice-president Guyer and Joseph F. Tuttle Jr. Of Colorado. At this time New Mexico was still a territory. There was 22 charter members and 6 transfers from other states. The following were the first officers of the newly formed society and elected for two years.

President: Dr. John Wilson Elder Abq

VP Harold H. Hurd Roswell

VP Arthur M. Edwards Farmington

VP Pitt Ross Abq

Secretary George A, Campfield Abq.

Registrar Frank W. Clancey Abq.

Historian George S. Klock Abq

Treasurer Orville Arthur Matson Abq.

Chaplain C. C. Bateman Fort Bayard

Thus was the origin of the New Mexico Society. At this time there were no chapters. In 1948, interest in forming an Albuquerque chapter was hampered by the loss of the State's Constitution and Bylaws and the inability to obtain one. The Albuquerque Chapter was finally established on 12 January 1951. On 19 February 1952 a charter for a Santa Fe chapter was approved. The Las Cruces Chapter (now the Gadsden Chapter) was established on 15 February 1986.

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