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Ms. Mary Ewing
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Dear Ms. Ewing,

On behalf of the Mariemont Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, I would like to submit for your review a Final Report Form for the Women in American History Program based upon the achievements of Ramona Kaiser Bradley.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jen-sauers@cinci.rr.com or (513) 871-0441.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sauers
American History Chairwoman
Mariemont Chapter DAR

Attachments:

- Final Report Form
- Addendum to Final Report Form
- Transcription of Interview with Ramona K. Bradley (05 August 1981)
- Transcription of Dedication Ceremony Program (05 August 1981)

**NATIONAL SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Final Report Form for Women in American History**

STATE: Ohio

CHAPTER: Mariemont

FULL NAME OF WOMAN SELECTED TO HONOR: Ramona Kaiser Bradley, National No. #272150. Ms. Bradley joined Mariemont Chapter, Cincinnati, Ohio in 1939; she transferred to Indian Hill Chapter, Cincinnati, Ohio in 1945; she then transferred to Rubidoux Chapter, Riverside, California; she later transferred to San Bernadino Chapter following the disbandment of Rubidoux in 1982; and transferred to Aurantia Chapter in 1986.

- (1) **Date of her birth and location:** Probably Hamilton County, Cincinnati, Ohio; DOB unknown
- (2) **If she is married and to and whom:** Was married to Judson M. Bradley, deceased in 1972
- (3) **Distinguished events/programs/accomplishments with which she is associated:** Secured the Christian Waldschmidt House for the OSDAR and spearheaded its restoration. Responsible for placing an historical marker at entrance to the Waldschmidt House.
- (4) **Other significant details why she is remembered:** Ms. Bradley authored several books on American Indian history and culture, including *Mahaskah (Ma-Has-Ka), a Drama of the Iowa Indians* (1944) and *Weavers of Tales* (1967).
- (5) **Educational pursuits and talents:** Author, preservationist, teacher, collector of American Indian lore
- (6) **If a parent, reference to her children:** No children
- (7) **If she is no longer alive, date of death and location:** July 10, 1989 in Riverside, California
- (8) **Additional Reference to intellectual, cultural, educational, social, religious, political and scientific contributions in Honoree's Life:** Ms. Bradley gave years of loyal service to Sherman Indian High School, Riverside, California, and was co-founder and curator of their Indian museum. In the Aurantia Chapter, she served as 2nd Vice Regent and chaired committees on American Indians, Public Relations, and Press Book.
- (9) **Date of Recognition Meeting for Honoree:** January 15, 2005. A brief description of Ramona Kaiser Bradley's life was shared, followed by a reading of the 1981 Dedication Ceremony at the Waldschmidt Homestead. One of the books she authored, *Weavers of Tales*, was purchased and donated to the Mariemont Public Library.

If she is alive, the woman should be invited to the chapter function so special tribute can be paid to her. The CERTIFICATE of Women in American History should be awarded to the Honoree. Consider media publicity: radio, TV, newspaper coverage. A report of this event should also be submitted, and a photograph of the chapter's event would be appreciated.

Submit a photograph of the Honoree with this Final Report, if available.

The deadline for chapters to submit their reports to the State American History Chairman is April 15, 2005. State Chairmen must submit reports by May 1, 2005 to:

National Vice Chairman Susan P. Veal

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ADDENDUM

NSDAR – Women in American History

Ramona Kaiser Bradley Recognition Program at the Mariemont Chapter DAR

January 15, 2005

On August 5, 1981, Ramona Kaiser Bradley was honored for spearheading the preservation of the Christian Waldschmidt House for OSDAR. At that event, an interview with Mrs. Bradley was conducted and captured on audiotape by Phyllis Wright, then Regent of Beech Forest Chapter.

In 2004, it was believed that to preserve the interview – now on a 20+ year-old audiotape – it should be transcribed. Ms. Mary Jordan, a former member of the Mariemont Chapter DAR and past member of the Board of Trustees of Waldschmidt House, and who formerly lived in one of the Waldschmidt homestead buildings, made a handwritten transcription of the audiotape.

The handwritten transcription was typed in Microsoft Word to further preserve the interview. A 24-year old carbon copy of the dedication ceremony program was also typed. Copies of both documents were given to the Waldschmidt Museum for its archives.

In the meantime, as the documents were prepared, Mariemont Chapter members shared a renewed interest in Mrs. Bradley's life. A search on the Internet produced one of her out-of-publication books (*Weavers of Tales*). It was purchased by the chapter and donated to the local public library. In addition, we dedicated a program centered on Ramona Kaiser Bradley's life – and read the attached interview – at our January 15, 2005 meeting to further honor her legacy.