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Glimpses From 125 Years of DAR History

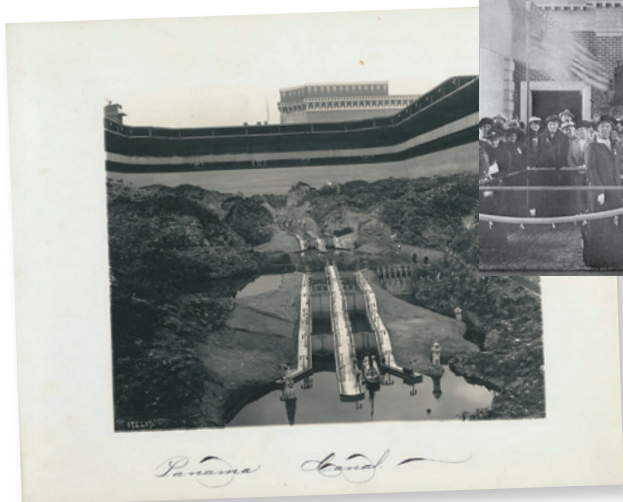
An All-American Journey

IN SEPTEMBER 1915, President General Daisy Allen Story (1913–1917) and a number of national officers embarked upon a cross-country journey to San Francisco for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at the invitation of California State Regent Harriet Dudley Chapman (1912–1914) and the Exposition's board of directors.



Daisy Allen Story

Held to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal, the Exposition also featured new technologies of the early 20th century, including cars, airplanes, telephones and motion pictures. The event was a showcase for the rebuilt host city following the devastating 1906 earthquake and ensuing fire. Even San Francisco's frequent fog became an attraction, as it cued a multicolored nighttime light show designed to resemble the northern lights.



The Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco

Forty-seven miles of walkways connected exhibit halls constructed by 31 countries and many states. The structures, which were designed to be temporary, included a full-scale replica of Yellowstone National Park's Old Faithful Inn and a working model of the Panama Canal. The only remnant of the Exposition that remains today is the Palace of Fine Arts, which was restored in the 1960s.

A large informal reception was held on September 13, 1915, to welcome the National Society's officers to the Exposition. Because Mrs. Story's train was delayed for five hours, California State Regent Maynard Force Thayer (1914–1916) accepted greetings and a commemorative bronze plaque from a representative of the Exposition board on her behalf. Festivities continued throughout the week until the visiting officers departed on that Friday. That morning, Daughters gathered for a farewell meeting beside the Liberty Bell, which had made its own cross-country trip to attend the Exposition.

Mrs. Story and the DAR party traveled to the West Coast by train. The many stops made during the round-trip journey included Omaha, Neb.; Colorado Springs, Pike's Peak and Salida, in Colorado; Salt Lake City, Utah; Yellowstone National Park; Los Angeles; San Diego; the Grand Canyon; Kansas City, Mo.; St. Louis and Indianapolis. At each destination—whether they could stay for just 10 minutes or overnight—the national officers received enthusiastic greetings from local Daughters.

Left: The Exposition grounds. **Above:** Before departing the Exposition, Daughters held their final meeting beside the Liberty Bell.

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