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**NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA  
CEMETERY SURVEY**

The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America conducted a survey of old cemeteries in twenty-two states between 1966 and 1976. This compilation consists of reports of work done, newspaper articles and other publications about the cemeteries, photographs, correspondence, etc., all organized by state. Mary Burnley Wilson EDMUNDS of Lynchburg, Virginia, compiled this document.

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The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America was founded in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1891. Its members were those women who were lineal descendants of ancestors in the American colonies before 1750 and who rendered service either in the founding of a colony or of an institution in the colonies, or who held office in colonial government. Among its objectives, the Colonial Dames seeks to collect and preserve manuscript materials, to preserve and restore buildings from the colonial era, and to create interest in colonial history. In 1966, the Colonial Dames began a cemetery survey, a national project to locate and restore cemeteries, to copy inscriptions, and to write articles concerning the cemeteries for publication. The project ended in 1976, but local committees were encouraged to continue the project on the local level.

[*The Hereditary Register of the United States of America*, (Washington, D.C.: Hereditary Publ., 1975), pp. 128, 134; National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Cemetery Survey, Mss., MS2069, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA.]