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Photograph of Mary Hilliard Hinton from 1914. Image from the North Carolina Digital Collections.

^[2]Mary Hilliard Hinton, author, artist, genealogist, and historian, was born at Midway Plantation, [Wake County](#) ^[3], eight miles east of [Raleigh](#) ^[4]. Her father was Major David Hinton, alumnus of [The University of North Carolina](#) ^[5] and a leading citizen; he was the son of Charles Lewis Hinton, also a graduate of the university and longtime state treasurer. Her mother was Mary Boddie Carr, of [Edgecombe County](#) ^[6], a member of two distinguished families and a sister of [Governor Elias Carr](#) ^[7].

Mary Hilliard Hinton was educated at [St. Mary's Episcopal School](#) ^[8] and [Peace Institute](#) ^[9] (now College), [Raleigh](#) ^[4]. Later she studied and practiced portraiture under Mrs. Ruth Huntington Moore of the Peace Institute faculty. Miss Hinton was a heraldic artist of great ability, holding for several years the office of heraldic artist for the [North Carolina Society of the Daughters of the Revolution](#) ^[10]. For many years she served as editor of the society's [North Carolina Booklet](#) ^[11].

Membership in numerous patriotic and allied organizations reflected the wide variety of Miss Hinton's talents and interests. She was a member of the [Daughters of the Confederacy](#) ^[12], [Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities](#) ^[13], [North Carolina Literary and Historical Association](#) ^[14], [Daughters of the Revolution](#) (registrar and state regent for many years), [National Council of the Colonial Dames](#) ^[15], [Order of the Crown of America](#), [Audubon Society](#) ^[16], [Colonial Dames of America](#) ^[17], [National Geographic Society](#) ^[18], [Daughters of the Barons of Runnemede](#) ^[19] (charter member no. 5), and [Raleigh Woman's Club](#) ^[20] (chairman of the art department).

Miss Hinton was an active member of [Christ Episcopal Church, Raleigh](#) ^[21]; a leading worker in the Anti-Suffrage League; and a world traveler. She died at her ancestral home, Midway Plantation, and was buried in the Hinton graveyard at The Oaks plantation near Raleigh.

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