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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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