



Cheryl Whitt Rios, native of Lincoln County, Kentucky, is the daughter of the late Howard Gene Whitt and Sarah Mullins Whitt Baker. Cheryl completed an AA degree with highest honors at Skyline College, San Francisco, CA and graduated *Summa cum Laude* with a BA in psychology, from San Francisco State University. She was a fingerprint specialist for the Fort Worth, TX Police Department, a Project Coordinator, Justice Policy Institute, and owned a medical transcription service. She served as national Registrar General for six years in two different lineage societies. She completed all NSDAR genealogy training courses and worked at NSDAR headquarters verifying supplemental applications. She founded one lineage society and co-founded two others. She is a member of 48 lineage societies, The Gavel Society, Founders Fellowship and Crown and Sceptre. Mrs. Rios served as the national presiding officer of four societies and has held national office in many lineage societies. She has received recognition from the governors of Texas, Kentucky, and Arkansas for her volunteer service. She has been recognized for her genealogical research by the Sons of the American Revolution with four medals and has received the NSDAR Distinguished Citizen Medal. She is also a Texas Genealogical College Hall of Fame honoree and was selected as an Honorary Member of the Hereditary Society Community in 2016.

Cheryl is a member and former national Councillor for the National Society Colonial Daughters of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Membership in this Society is by invitation only. Any woman of good moral character and reputation, past the age of eighteen years, lineally descended from an ancestor who rendered service from 1607 to 1699 inclusive, may be considered a candidate for membership.

An applicant for membership may join the Society either through a chapter or as a member-at-large. An applicant for chapter membership shall be endorsed by two members in good standing to whom the applicant is personally known and who shall write letters stating the qualifications which would make the candidate a desirable member. An applicant for membership-at-large is admitted in the same manner as one for chapter membership, except that the application shall be made directly to the Registrar General rather than the Chapter Registrar. To inquire about society membership please utilize the following URL: [www.colonialdaughters17th.org/Contact.html](http://www.colonialdaughters17th.org/Contact.html)

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