

# HISTORY OF SEATING TIMELINE

1929



**Scope of Work:**

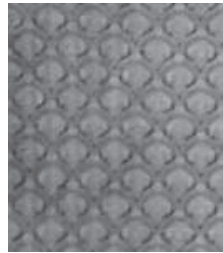
Manufacturer: American Seating

Original Historic Fixed seating:

- Wooden seat backs, with donor plaques
- Wooden seat pans (most likely)
- Blue and Taupe Jacquard Velour upholstery fabric
- Metal (possibly wood) end standards

Original Historic Box tier seating:

- Wooden x-back chairs
- Upholstered to match fixed seating



Left: Detail of historic fabric pattern

1954 ±

**Possible Scope of Work:**

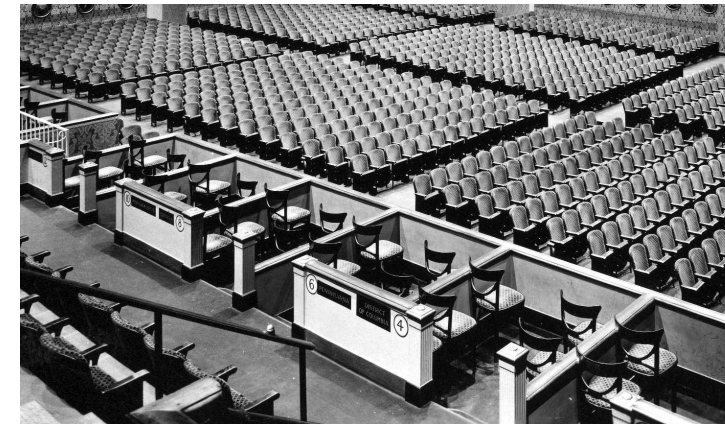
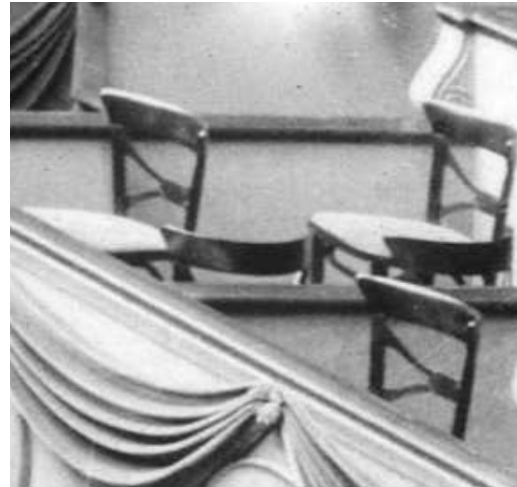
Fixed and box tier seating:

- Reupholstery of existing seat backs and pans

1966 ±



Left: Metal end standards with "feet" also notice seats are aligned, one behind the other and not staggered  
Below: Original box seating chairs



Seats may have been reupholstered in the 1950's renovations

Excerpt from a 1955 proposal or invoice:

**4. Refinish all seats; new covering material, foam rubber in seats and tie springs, painting, etc. \$66,000.00**



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1977 ±



1990's



## Scope of Work:

Manufacturer: Country Roads (later acquired by Irwin Seating)/DGI

### Partial fixed seating replacement:

- New wood upholstered seat backs to match historic
- New metal end standards to match historic, with new DAR insignia
- Reupholstery of existing metal seat pans
- Refurbishment of existing spring mechanisms

### Full box tier seating replacement

- Wood framed oval-back chairs, with a combination of arm and side chairs

## Scope of Work:

Manufacturer: Most likely Irwin Seating, but possibly American Seating (later acquired by Irwin Seating), or Heywood Wakefield

### Full fixed seating replacement:

- Blue plastic seat backs
- Yellow automotive upholstery fabric (reversed)
- Metal Seat pans with spring mechanisms
- End standards with a faux wood patterned vinyl-like cover
- Seating framing and structure

### Full box tier seating replacement

- Gray steel framed chairs with blue automotive upholstery fabric (reversed)



Above left: Detail of blue plastic seat back currently located in deep storage at DAR Constitution Hall

Left: Detail of seat front with yellow automotive upholstery fabric



Above: End standard and fabric option mockups for the 1990's renovation.

Left: Chosen end standard with applied DAR insignia detail (not originally part of historic design). End standards may have been salvaged from another historic theater, however, Irwin Seating currently sells this exact end standard design.

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