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HERITAGE 75-76 COLLECTION

INTRODUCTION

In February 1974 the Sesqui-Bicentennial Committee met and formally adopted the name "Heritage 75-76" for its official title. The organization under the directorship of Albert P. Stewart was to direct the local commemoration of the nation's bicentennial celebration in 1976, and also the City of Lafayette's sesquicentennial in 1975 and the county's sesquicentennial celebration in 1976.

The collection contains materials which were transferred to TCHA from the Heritage 75-76 office, located at 336 Main Street, Lafayette. Included are minutes from Heritage 75-76 Board of Directors meetings, 1973 to 1976; some cash statements; and some minutes, memos and other items from special committees and projects. Included are disc recordings of concerts and musical productions. Heritage 75-76 posters are also included in the collection (stored in flat files).

(See also the Tippecanoe County Historical Association Collection, Box IV for additional Heritage 75-76 materials.)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

1 Hollinger document box
1 15"x20" flat file box
1 flat file folder

CONTAINER LIST

BOX 1

FOLDER

1. Board of Directors. Minutes. 1 August 1973...9 December 1974. Includes also: estimated budget; committee membership lists; Articles of Incorporation.
2. Board of Directors. Minutes. 8 January 1975...April 1976. Includes events schedules.
3. Financial. Cash statements. 1974...1976.
4. Heritage Committee.
5. Horizons Committee.
6. Community Involvement Committee.

7. Prayer Breakfast, 1 January 1976.
8. Tippecanoe County Birthday, 26 January 1976.
9. Bicentennial Ball, 20 February 1976.
10. Wine Sing, 12 March 1976.
11. Kwahadi Indian Dancers. Performance: 1 June 1976.
12. "Pourquoi Pas," an historical musical drama. 1 July-3 August 1976. (See also Flat file Box A.)
13. "Pourquoi Pas." Photocopy of script with notes.
14. July 4th 1976 Celebration.
15. Commemorative Book (distribution). (See also Flat file Box A for copy of commemorative book.)
16. Miscellaneous. Includes: Essay Contest, 1 March-15 April, (1976?); Queen Contest, 22 May 1976; Heritage Singers, "I Love America"; "A Prayer to the Nation," by Floyd Fithian (2 copies); newsclippings.
17. Ouiatenon Brigade Bicentennial Voyage. (Added 8 June 1984.)
18. 98.14.1 Program-Central Presbyterian Church-July 4, 1976 (98.14.1); Bicentennial Showcase-1776-1976 (98.14.2); Pourquor Pas-ticket order form (98.14.3); Pourquoi Pas-July 1- Aug. 3 - pass or ticket (98.14.4); Coloring book-compliments of First Federal Savings & Loan Association-American Bicentennial (98.14.5)
19. Publication: "Action Plan for Community Involvement" [#92.79.2] added 08/23/2011 Jmh]
20. State Resolution commemorating the Sesquicentennial year.

FLAT FILE BOX A

Tape recording. (2 copies from original tape, 16 July 1975.) "Pourquoi Pas." Reel to reel; 3-3/4.

Disc recording. (3)

"Bicentennial Spring Concert." Trinity Chancel Choir, Trinity United Methodist Church, Lafayette. 2 May 1976.

“I Love America”: a musical by John W. Peterson and Don Wyrzten. Recorded by The Heritage Singers, Dr. Albert P. Stewart, Director.

“Pourquoi Pas”: original historic-musical, written and composed by John A. McGee. Directed by Al Sewart and Morris Cornell.

Programs.

“I Love America.” 18 copies.

“Pourquoi Pas.” 6 copies.

We Celebrate the Past to Awaken the Future: a calendar of Bicentennial Events. 10 copies.

39th Annual Convention of Navy Club of the USA. Lafayette: September 1976.

“Along the Heritage Trail.” West Lafayette High School Auditorium: 6 March 1975. (Presented by Cumberland School?)

Heritage 75-76: Community Unity with Christmas Carols. 1 sheet.

Exhibit description and diagram of exhibit area. (name of location of exhibit, not indicated.)

Certificate of appreciation. 2 forms. Presented to contributor to production of “Pourquoi Pas.”

Christmas card. 1976.

“The Purdue Alumnus.” Summer 1976.

Nametags. (5)

Bicentennial Showcase, 1776-1976. A publication of general information with Lafayette area advertisements, facts inserted in issue.

Indiana. Mimeographed fact sheet (5 pp.) of Indiana personages, businesses, etc. Prepared by Indiana Educational Environments, Inc., West Lafayette.

Postcards. 2 individual. One picture is of painted fire hydrant in South Bend. Booklet of cards with national historic themes.

Pamphlet. The 200th Anniversary of the United States of America. Outlines general goals of the national Bicentennial organization.

SEPARATION LIST

NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES

“Journal and Courier” Sesquicentennial Edition. Vol. 56, No. 153. 27 June 1975.

Purdue “Exponent.” Vol. 91, No. 78. 3 July 1975.

“Hoosier Minuteman”: Newsletter of the Indiana American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. Vol. 3, No. 3. March 1976. (2 copies)

“Hoosier Minuteman.” Vol. 3, No. 6. June 1976.

“Hoosier Minuteman.” Vol. 3, No. 7. July-August 1976. Commemorative Issue.

“Bicentennial Times”: Commemorative Issue. Vol. 3. July 1976. Published by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, Washington, DC.

FLAT FILE DRAWER

Posters.

Heritage 75-76, 150th Birthday Parade.

Heritage 75-76, Square Dance Festival.

July 4, Lafayette, Bicentennial Celebration.

150th Lafayette Celebration.

Heritage 75-76, Prayer Breakfast.

Red, White & Blue Ball, Heritage 75-76.

Heritage 75-76, Queen Contest.

“Pourquoi Pas.” 2 copies

Sheet of postcards showing historic views of Lafayette buildings, street scenes, bridges.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Publications. Compiled by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, GPO.

Official Master Reference for Bicentennial Activities. Vol. 2. July 1974. 294 pp. with appendix.

Comprehensive Calendar of Bicentennial Events: State-by-State Event Details, listed by date. October 1975. 461 pp. with index 100 pp.

Comprehensive Calendar of Bicentennial Events: East of the Mississippi. June 1976. 431 pp. with appendix.

ARTIFACT COLLECTIONS

See Curator of Collections for listing of items.

PEOPLE

Stewart, Albert P.

Cornell, Morris
Fithian, Floyd

CLASSIFICATION

Celebrations: Lafayette – Tippecanoe County Sesquicentennial
Celebrations: U.S. Bicentennial
Organizations / Historical
Records / Organizational

SUBJECTS

Celebrations
History- Indiana
Local History

SEARCH TERMS

Bicentennial: National (1976)
Sesqui-Bicentennial Committee
Heritage 75-76
Ouiatenon Brigade
Trinity Chancel Choir
The Heritage Singers
Navy Club of the USA