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Record Series #: 1121-044

Name: American Bicentennial (1776-1976) Collection

Dates: 1968-1976, no date

Extent/Size: 1 document case, 1 tube (0.75 cubic feet)

Language: English

Scope & Content:

The American Bicentennial (1776-1976) Collection includes twenty-eight folders and one tube of papers and memorabilia related to the American Bicentennial celebrations in Savannah collected by Robert J. "Bob" Lynn, Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) Bicentennial Coordinator. The collection includes correspondence and papers of various Bicentennial planning organizations including the Metropolitan Planning Commission Bicentennial Office, the Savannah '76 Committee, the Savannah American-Irish Bicentennial Committee, and the Mayors Committee on the Bicentennial. Of particular interest is a comprehensive list describing over 200 Savannah Bicentennial projects with sponsor. There are brochures and newspaper clippings for Night in Old Savannah, Operation Sail, the Savannah Tour of Home and Gardens Bicentennial Tours, and the Ships of the Sea Museum. Memorabilia includes pins, ribbons, sheet music, and a list of "Georgia's Forty Famous Firsts."

System of Arrangement & Ordering:

The American Bicentennial (1776-1976) Collection is arranged alphabetically by subject into twenty-eight folders and one tube. Please see the attached inventory/box contents list.

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None

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Box Contents Lists

Box 1121-044-1

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| Folder # 01 | Bicentennial Pins and Ribbons
Item 1: "American Revolution Bicentennial 1776-1976" gold-colored plastic tie tac. Item 2: "Erin Go Bragh" button/pin with shamrock and United States and Irish harp flags on gold ribbon, no date. Item 3: Button/pin with Native American face image, no date. Item 4: "Stay and See America in Georgia," metal lapel clip, no date. Item 5: "1st Place" ribbons (2 identical), no date. | 1976, no date |
| Folder # 02 | Bicentennial Songs by E. C. Williams
Sheet music and accompanying letter. | 1976 |
| Folder # 03 | Chatham County Trees for Tomorrow | 1976 |
| Folder # 04 | Early Georgia's Lively Documents
By Keith Coulbourn, published in Atlanta Journal-Constitution Magazine (2 December 1973), page 13. | 1973 |
| Folder # 05 | Georgia Week | 1975, no date |
| Folder # 06 | Georgia's Forty Famous Firsts
Agricultural and Industrial Development Board of Georgia brochure. | no date |
| Folder # 07 | Governor's Bicentennial Youth Congress
Held at DeSoto Hilton Hotel in Savannah, Georgia, February 19-21, 1976. | 1976 |
| Folder # 08 | Historic Savannah
Reprint from Atlanta Journal-Constitution Magazine (publication date unknown). | no date |
| Folder # 09 | It's Great... Isn't It! Black Georgians in History
A Savannah Branch NAACP Bicentennial Publication. Articles written by Chet Fuller, first published in The Atlanta Journal. | 1976 (circa) |

- Folder # 10 Metropolitan Planning Commission Bicentennial Office 1975-1976, no date
This office, headed by Bob Lynn, served as the main organizing body for Bicentennial festivities in Savannah and worked with various organizations including the Savannah '76 Committee. A comprehensive list of "Savannah Bicentennial Projects" is included, describing 232 projects and listing status and sponsor.
- Folder # 11 Newspaper Clippings-Savannah Bicentennial Activities 1975, no date
- Folder # 12 Night in Old Savannah, Inc. 1976
"A Night in Old Savannah" was organized by the Girl Scout Council of Savannah.
- Folder # 13 Operation Sail-Information Packet 1972, 1975, no date
- Folder # 14 Operation Sail-Photographs 1975 (circa)
1 image of Operation Sail Morgan yacht executive flagship and 2 images of United States Coast Guard bark "Eagle."
- Folder # 15 Religious Heritage of Historic Savannah, The 1975-1976
Includes "The Religious Heritage of Historic Savannah; A Bicentennial Monograph," (Savannah '76 Committee, circa 1976).
- Folder # 16 Revolutionary Battle Park, Inc. 1973, 1975
Includes document "Revolutionary Battle Park, Inc. for the Bicentennial Celebration of the United States of America, 1776-1976, Savannah, Georgia," (source unknown, 1973)
- Folder # 17 Savannah '76 Committee 1973, 1975, no date
Along with Metropolitan Planning Commission Bicentennial Office, Savannah '76 Committee was one of the leading local planning bodies for Savannah's Bicentennial celebration.

- Folder # 18 Savannah American-Irish Bicentennial Committee 1975
Includes resolution of the Savannah American-Irish Bicentennial Committee signed by Alan S. Gaynor, Georgia Commission for the National Bicentennial Celebration, and Frank C. Rossiter, Mayor Pro Tem City of Savannah.
- Folder # 19 Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce/ Savannah Visitors Center 1975-1976, no date
Includes three visitor guides; "Bicentennial Visitors Guide"; "A brief guide to- Four Scenic Walking Tours of Beautiful Historic Savannah"; and "Driving Tour of beautiful, historic Savannah and a brief guide to Museums, Forts and Historic Sites."
- Folder # 20 Savannah Bicentennial Park 1975
"Savannah Bicentennial Park; Preliminary Development Plan and Program." Prepared for The Bicentennial Park Technical Committee and The Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission by Land Design/Research, Inc., Morton Hoffman and Company, Inc., and Thomas and Hutton Engineering Company, April 1975.
- Folder # 21 Savannah Experience, The 1974 (circa)
Brochure with proposed development of Central of Georgia Railroad yards, including: Revolutionary Battle Park; d'Estaing Village; Confluence of Nations; Colonial Garden; Zoological Gardens; Activity Areas; and Parking.
- Folder # 22 Savannah-Georgia no date
Reprint from Union Camp Corporation's "Contact" magazine.
- Folder # 23 Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens-Bicentennial Tours 1975-1976
- Folder # 24 Ships of the Sea Museum-Excursion to Ebenezer Bluff 1974-1975
- Folder # 25 Soft Beauty of Savannah, The 1968
Reprint from Holiday Magazine.
- Folder # 26 Travels of Oglethorpe in Georgia, The no date
Map/sketch drawn by Raiford J. Wood (photocopy).

Folder # 27 United States Conference of Mayors, The Community Bicentennial: Lasting Reminders 1976 (circa)
Commendation certificate to the City of Savannah.

Folder # 28 United States Conference of Mayors, The Mayors Committee on the Bicentennial 1976 (circa)
Certificate of appreciation to Mayor John P. Rousakis

Box 1121-044-2 (tube)

Folder # -- Declaration for the Future by the Governor's Bicentennial Youth Congress 1976-02-21
3 copies of published declaration.