

Ontario's Centennial Collections, 1882-1991

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Colony History Room**



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Descriptive Summary

Title

Ontario's Centennial Collections, 1882-1991

Creator

1882-1982 collection – Ontario Centennial Celebration Committee

1987-1991 collection – Judy Evans, Commission Historian

1976 collection – Judy Evans, Model Colony librarian

1891-1991 collection – Judy Evans, Ontario Centennial Committee

Extent

Number of containers: 5

Linear feet: 6

Abstract

This collection comprises four separate celebrations: the Ontario Centennial Celebration of March 1982 commemorating the founding of Ontario by the Chaffey brothers; the US Bicentennial celebration of 1776-1976; the five year Bicentennial celebration of 1987-1991 honoring the Constitution of the United States; and the yearlong 1991 Ontario Centennial celebration to commemorate the incorporation of Ontario as a city.

The 1882-1982 centennial event was centered on a 10-day schedule of activities during March 1982 with a 1981 holiday fundraiser. These included: a holiday home tour, Miss Centennial contest, prayer breakfast, pancake breakfast, golf tournament, parade; fiesta, sister city reception, old timer's dinner, historical fashion show, carnival, 10-K run, barbeque, centennial black-tie ball, a fireworks finale and time capsule dedication. Co-chairs were Maggie Stewart and Eleanor Schulze. This collection includes photos of each event, budget, news releases, newspaper clippings and several artifacts.

The Bicentennial celebration covered the years 1987-1991. An Ontario Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution was appointed to oversee events dedicated to reflection, education and celebration of the adoption of the U. S. Constitution. Activities included a poster contest, scholarship essay contest, displays, a booth at the Worldfest and other community concerts, events and activities. Commission Historian Judy Evans collected agendas, photos, correspondence, flyers, brochures and other items used during the 4 years of activities in Ontario.

The third part of this collection consists of pamphlets, news clippings, brochures, calendars and other ephemera documenting the nation's bicentennial during 1976.

The fourth part of this collection comprises the 1891-1991 Ontario Centennial celebration of cityhood. Items collected by Committee Historian Judy Evans include notes, agendas, minutes, flyers and publicity items and news clippings documenting the events throughout 1991. These included the Earth Day celebration, Historic Walking Tour, Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, All-States Picnic/parade/festival/fireworks, Centennial video and Gala Ball/City Birthday Party on Dec. 10, 1991.

There are 2 videos that were produced, one after the 1982 centennial, entitled "Ontario Centennial". The second is entitled "Ontario California – from Model Colony to model city" and was produced with funding from the 1891-1991 Centennial Commission as part of the cityhood centennial. Both videos are in the Model Colony Reading Room AV collection, call numbers 979.495 ONT 1982 and 979.495 ONT 1991.

Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research during the operating hours of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, or by appointment.

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Acquisitions Information

The 1882-1982 Centennial collection was assembled by Co-Chairs Stewart and Schulze and donated to the Library sometime after the yearlong events were completed. The Bicentennial Constitution collection was assembled in-house by Commission Historian Judy Evans. The 1891-1991 Ontario Cityhood Centennial collection was also assembled in-house by Committee Historian Judy Evans.

Processing Information

Collected by Judy Evans, processed by Joanne Boyajian

Container List

Box 1

1882-1982 Ontario Centennial Committee Folders

- 1 Committee budget and financial statements 1981-1982
- 2 1981 Holiday Home Tour Centennial fund-raiser– map, booklet, Receipts
- 3 March 19 – Prayer Breakfast – booklet, photos, church insert form, roster of churches, correspondence.
- 4 Centennial Committee agendas and minutes
- 5 Centennial correspondence
- 6 March 20 – photos-Kiwanis Pancake breakfast, Sister City Reception, Fiesta
- 7 March 20 – Parade line-up, correspondence
- 8 March 20 – Parade photos
- 9 March 23 – photos-Senior Citizen’s luncheon, Old Timer’s dinner
- 10 March 24 – photos - Golf Tournament, correspondence
- 11 March 25 – photos - Historical Fashion Show
- 12 March 25/26 – photos – Fair at John Galvin Park
- 13 March 26 – photos - Centennial Ball at Red Lion (Doubletree) Hotel
- 14 March 27 – photos – 5K/10K run through Ontario
- 15 Misc. photos – fireworks, medallions, blimp rides, co-chairs
- 16 December 11, 1982 -Time Capsule dedication – photos, Correspondence
- 17 Notes – rosters
- 18 News Releases
- 19 Public Relations misc items
- 20 Thank you notes to participants
- 21 Binder #1 – items taken from 3-ring binder that was submitted by Centennial organizers in a PR contest. Includes: communications, Media, newspaper, photography, printed materials and house Organ materials documenting the Centennial Committee’s work
- 22 Binder #2 – Items for contest cover: press releases and special publications

Box 2

1787-91 to 1987-91 Bi-Centennial of the Constitution Folders

- 1 1987 – Committee correspondence, agenda, church bulletins
- 2 Library display materials and Committee letterhead & envelopes
- 3 Lists of contributors, donor letter samples, certificates

- 4 Newspaper clippings of events – 1987-1991
 - 5 1987 – Sept. 17, 1987 Ontario celebrates the Constitution day –
Photos, flyers, bulletins
 - 6 Proclamations:
 - Ontario as a Designated Bicentennial Community
 - Ontario proclamation of US Constitution Week –
Sept. 12-19, 1987
 - 7 1988 – Tournament of Roses parade float press release and
Rose sponsor mailing
 - 8 1988 - poster contest; letters, agenda for awards event, list of
Entrants
 - 9 1988 – Homer F. Briggs Bicentennial Scholarship Contest –
letters, essays, list of entrants
 - 10 1988 – Worldfest, golf tournament flyer, Scholarship winners
Trip to Sacramento-photos
 - 11 1988 – Americana Day – Sept. 17, 1988 agendas, flyers, photos,
Thank you letters
 - 12 Ontario Proclamations – Constitution Week, Sept 14-21, 1988
And Sept. 17-23, 1989. San Bernardino County Certificate of
Recognition to Ontario for the 4-year celebration Sept. 17, 1988
 - 13 1991 – Constitution photo contest – entrants, winners, rules
 - 14 Resources – brochures, pamphlets, etc. used by Bicentennial
Commission.
 - 15 Library bibliography, bookmark, Constitution booklet samples
- 1891-1991 Ontario Cityhood Centennial Celebration folders
- 16 Notes, planning documents, agendas, flyers from Faye Myers
Dastrup
 - 17 Centennial July 4, 1991 final report submitted by Linda Fry on
the All States picnic/parade/festival/fireworks celebration
 - 18 Ontario Library's Centennial Coloring Book, trivia quiz and
articles on Ontario history
 - 19 Centennial Committee Misc. items – letterhead, business cards,
1991 City calendar, map, flyers, Ontario Living Summer 1991,
Council packet of proposed events and budget

Box 3 (11x18 grey)

Contains the following oversize items:

- 4 copies of the special edition of the Daily Report, March 18, 1982
- Centennial official program

- 1 brown guestbook from the 1982 yearlong events
- 2 1882-1982 centennial buttons and one sticker
- 1 tote bag blue and canvas with 1882-1982 Centennial seals on front
- 2 copies South Ontario News, Oct. 9, 1991
- 2 copies commemorative issue Ontario Centennial 1991 newspaper
- 1 copy special supplement to the South Ontario News March 20, 1991,
"Progress – a Centennial Salute to Ontario"
- 1 11x14 framed Proclamation of Commendation for Ontario's Centennial
Year dated Jan. 6, 1992
- 2 copies poster "Join the Force on the 4th Ontario 100 years of Cityhood
1891-1991

Box 4 (11x18 grey)

- Supplement to the Los Angeles Times, "Japan Salutes America on its
Bicentennial, July 4, 1976"
- 6 issues of the Bicentennial Times – Jan, Mar, Apr, June, July, and Dec 1976
- 2 1976 calendars from the Girl Scouts and Our Lady of the Assumption
Catholic Church, Claremont
- 1 issue (May 18, 1975) of the Lookout Christian Youth magazine
- 1 copy supplement to the Progress Bulletin, "American Bicentennial, the
American Freedom Train", Dec. 22, 1975
- Copies of 1976 Bicentennial brochures, news clippings, flyers of
commemorative items for sale, copies of celebration flyers from other
cities (Upland, Pomona), placemats, calendars, other ephemera

Box 5 (19x25 grey)

- 3 posters announcing the Sept. 12, 1987 Ontario Bicentennial celebration of the
Constitution
- 22 poster entries from local school children for the Constitution's Bicentennial
Poster contest 7 copies of Constitution, 4 laminated
- 4 calendars (2-1988, 2-1989) commemorating the Constitution from Rep. Jerry
Lewis and Rep. George E. Brown, Jr., , and from the Commission on the
Bicentennial of the US Constitution
- Proclamation from the Commission to the City of Ontario dated Nov. 4, 1987
designating Ontario as an Official Bicentennial Community
- 1 plastic white banner used in Ontario's Constitution celebrations
- 25 book jackets printed by the Friends of the Ontario City Library to
Commemorate the centennial of the City's incorporation dated 1991

2 mugs from the 1781-1991 Bicentennial Constitution Centennial are located in the Model Colony Compact Storage Artifacts collection