DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of planning, reports, correspondence, and photographs associated with events and activities of the American Bicentennial Celebration. National materials include reports to the Congress and President on planning, event & calendars of events across the nation, as well as specific national programs initiated. A master listing of communities with planned events is included as well as various resource planning aids for state and local levels. In addition to national planning a portion of the collection entails planning of events and activities coordinated in Arizona through the state Bicentennial Commission. A printout of planned activities in Arizona as well as a calendar of local events is present. Various community town meeting notes have been collected highlighting planning at the community levels of the state. Correspondence associated with the state Bicentennial Committee and the coordinator are present from 1972 – 1976. Seven large oversized scrapbooks contain newspaper clipping from newspapers across the state featuring plans and events from 1972 to 1977.

17 Boxes, 12 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The United States Bicentennial was a series of celebrations and observances during the mid-1970s that paid tribute to the historical events leading up to the creation of the United States as an independent republic. The Bicentennial culminated on Sunday, July 4, 1976, with the 200th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. In Arizona Bicentennial events were coordinated by a Bicentennial Committee under the direction of Maurice S. Giss. Events included local parades, re-enactments from significant events associated with Arizona history, school and community musical & dramatic productions, historical education programs, and restoration projects.

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   Initial Organization of Bicentennial Commission for Arizona
   Commission Director Appointed – Nov. 1972
   20-Man Committee Created
   Commission Opens Office in Phoenix
   National and Local Planning Begins
   Plans for Commemorative Stamps to be Issued
   Clippings from Many Arizona Newspapers

Scrapbook #2  Jan. – Aug. 1974
   Bicentennial Coins to be Issued
   Communities Making Bicentennial Quilts
   Juan Bautista De Anza Trek Planning Begins
Martha Summerhayes Trek Planning Begins

Scrapbook #3  Aug. 1974 – May 1975
Freedom Train Departs Boston, MA
Restorations of Old Homes in Phoenix
Living History Museum Features
Ed McMahon Comes to Education Fair ‘74
Old Pueblo in Tucson Celebrates 200 Years
Celebrations of First Historic Battles of American Revolution

Scrapbook #4  May – Nov. 1975
Bicentennial School Programs Planned
Community Clean-up Campaigns Started
Bicentennial Posters and Signs Crated
Commemorative Stamps Issued
USS Arizona Anchor to State Capital Grounds
Bicentennial Token Issued
Tucson Bicentennial Events and Celebration for 200 Years
De Anza Trek Commences
Arcosanti Arts Festival – Nov. 1975

Scrapbook #5  Nov. 1975 – Mar. 1976
De Anza Trek Commentary Notes
Bicentennial School Programs
American Freedom Train Travels
Cross-Country Wagon Train in Arizona
Community Bicentennial Parades

De Anza Trek Reaches San Francisco
Tucson Festival of Events Planned
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Historical Markers/Sites Restorations
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Audio Record (33 1/3) of Public Service Message
Audio Tape (reel-to-reel) “Ballad of the Superstitions”
Three Audio Tapes (reel-to-reel) of “Arizona Memories”
Musical Record (45 RPM) of Main Floor Singers
Musical Record of Bing Crosby and The “Bugs” Bower Orchestra
Musical Record (45 RPM) of God Bless You: The United States of America
Audio Recordings
Nine Tapes (reel-to-reel) of “Arizona Memories”
Four Small Tapes (reel-to-reel) of public Service Spots
Audio Record (331/3) of Public Service Messages
1 Audio Tape (reel-to-reel) of NORAD Public Information Spots
1 Audio Tape (reel-to-reel) of “Hail, America!”
1 Audio Tape (reel-to-reel) of Ed McMahon at Education Fair ‘74