# Ontario's Centennial Collections, 1882-1991

# Ontario City Library Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room



Ontario, California

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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.

#### **Preferred Citation**

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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
- 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
- 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