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**Collection 351  
Trenton Bicentennial Committee  
Collection, 1972-1976**

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## **History**

The information provided in this history section was derived from the “Trenton Bicentennial Committee Overview Sheet,” which is the first document in the “Organizational Records” series.

The Trenton Bicentennial Committee was formed with the purpose of preparing an overall program to commemorate the bicentennial of the American Revolution with a focus on Trenton’s role and how it affected the country as a whole. The bicentennial year of 1976 was designated as the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution and events and programs were prepared in a number of cities and towns across the United States. The Bicentennial Committee was created during 1972 and ran its operations through the bicentennial year of 1976. The committee was composed of 76 members appointed originally by Mayor Arthur Holland that represented the city and its diversity, crafts, and creative arts. The committee had seven subcommittees outside of the executive committee: historical, cultural, special events, landmark, public relations, finance, and civic improvement. The overall purpose was to encourage, support, and advise groups of interested citizens in preparing for the city of Trenton’s celebration of the American Revolution Bicentennial. This information is included within the committee’s statement of purpose, along with a number of events that were proposed to happen during the course of the celebration. There were a variety of cultural festivals and events as well that helped to showcase Trenton’s past and then-present (1976) accomplishments, with most events being planned well in advance of the 1976 celebration year.

## **Scope and Contents Notes**

The collection documents the history of the Trenton Bicentennial Committee and the various subcommittees that were responsible for helping Trenton celebrate the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution. This collection contains material that represents how these committees operated through meeting minutes, memorandums, and member lists. There are also a number of organizational records which demonstrate the thought process of the committees and subcommittees which played a critical part in the implementation of programs, bulletins, newsletters, and events. There are also a number of documents that describe the overall history of Trenton from its creation to 1976. These materials include a binder with Trenton Revolutionary War history and the earliest history of the city. The purpose of this collection is to showcase the United States Bicentennial in Trenton, as well as the history of the city and how it connects to the state and country overall.

**Extent:** 2 document boxes, 1 rectangular box, cylinder of CDs, portable hard drive

## **Related Persons**

Mayor Arthur Holland

Veronica F. Cary – Trenton Free Public Library Director

Peggy P. Gummere

Elizabeth Holland

Judge Sidney Goldman - Executive Committee

Mort Farrah

Mark Brown - Executive Director of Bicentennial Committee

## **Series Description**

### **Series 1. Organizational Records**

This series contains the bulk of the collection with many of the records pertaining to the organization and recording of the Bicentennial Committee over the course of its existence. The committee was created early on in 1972 to allow enough time for preparations to be made for the 1976 bicentennial year and the corresponding celebrations. There is a number of different materials including statements of purpose, reports, meeting reminders, committee lists, status reports, agendas, and updates on proceedings. The material includes the original organization of the committee with its original subcommittees and member lists. The executive committee proceedings, notes, and agendas are all valuable in helping understand the overall function of the committee and how its organization helped create the bicentennial celebration in Trenton.

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1 / 1	Iada Engineering Consulting 7/5/1972 Committee Purpose Document
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1 / 1	Statement of Purpose NJ Bicentennial Forum Reorganization of Subcommittees Drama Association Agenda Tourism Task Force Meeting 12/4/1975 Douglas House Coin Report Status Report February 27, 1976 Bicentennial Projects March 6, 1975 Executive Meeting Letter March 6, 1975 Executive Committee Projects 3/12/1975 Executive Committee Notes 3/12/1975 Executive Committee Reminder 4/1/1975 Bicentennial Committee Agenda 5/27/1975 Executive Committee Reminder 6/11/1975 National Bicentennial Report Vol. 2, No.6 Bicentennial News July 14, 1975 Bicentennial News August 4, 1975 Status Report August 29, 1975 Battle Monument Staffing 9/26/1975 Special Events Meeting reminder 9/29/1975 Bicentennial Status October 15, 1975 Bicentennial Statues Report Feb. 27, 1975 Resolution #76-269 March 18, 1976 Bell Ringing Celebration March 19, 1975 Executive Committee Meeting Reminder Historical Committee Overview/Purpose Bicentennial Status Physical Aspects Steering Committee Purpose Iada Engineering Consulting 7/5/1972 1975 Bicentennial Budget Treasurer's Report June - July 1973 Landmarks Committee Preliminary Budget Calendar of Events July/August 1975 Clubs and Organizations List Receipt Peter Rossi Bicentennial Committee Bicentennial Game Book Receipt

## **Series 2. Memorandum and Meeting Minutes**

This series contains meeting minutes and memorandum records for the executive committee and the associated subcommittees. While the meeting minutes and memorandums are not complete, they will help researchers understand the structure of the meetings and the events which took place during them.

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1 / 2	Memorandum September 23, 1974
	Memorandum January 13, 1975
	Memorandum January 15, 1975
	Minutes Exec. Committee March 12, 1975
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	Memorandum April 14, 1975
	Memorandum May 1, 1975
	Memorandum May 6, 1975
	Bicentennial Meeting Notes July 22, 1975
	Memorandum August 26, 1975
	Memorandum August 29, 1975
	Memorandum September 8, 1975
	Memorandum September 23, 1975
	Memorandum September 25, 1975
	Memorandum October 21, 1975

## **Series 3. Member Lists**

The member lists held within this series show the members of the committees and subcommittees that coordinated during the preparations for the bicentennial celebration. The largest list of members is the "Bicentennial Committee Member List" which names the 76 original members as well as the names of those members added after the initial list was created. These lists also include member lists of various subcommittees as well as lists for a few societies and the New Jersey Historical Commission.

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1 / 3	Landmark Commission List
	Landmark Commission List (Revised)
	New Jersey Historical Commission List
	Bicentennial Committee Members List
	Trenton Commons Merchant List
	List of Clubs and Associations
	Mercer County Bicentennial Chair List

#### **Series 4. Committee Notes**

This series contains the notes of the executive committee, mostly hand written and probably by a secretary of one of the committees. Notes contain some information about the mailing lists for celebration events, as well as a few sheets that contain a variety of subjects. These notes can help to better understand what was being done by the committees and by different members throughout the course of the planning and during the celebration year itself.

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1 / 4	Legislator for Mercer County Notes Council and Government Officials Notes Church Newspaper Clipping w/Notes Churches Notes Trenton Historical Society Notes Notes from Meeting March 6, 1975 Committee Notes March 7, 1975 Mailing List Notes County File Capitol Notes 3 Sheets of Miscellaneous Notes “Sent Copies to Executives” Note
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#### **Series 5. Committee Programs**

These committee programs were part of the overall Bicentennial Committee and part of the suggested programs that were meant to enhance the celebration overall. They include the suggestion to use the original Revolutionary War era road signs and street names alongside the present day signs on the main roads throughout the city. There was also the suggestion to have the Trenton public schools plan their own programs with the Bicentennial Committee to enhance learning and help present the Revolution in Trenton to school age children. This series also contains a number of maps with marked historical locations, as well as a letter describing the Victory Trail walking tour that was suggested for the celebration.

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1 / 5	Suggestion Committee Goldman to Maffei Letter May 5, 1975 Gruver to Morton Letter May 9, 1975 Trenton Public School Project Suggestions Cultural Committee Suggestions
1 / 6	Street Signs Current Projects and Future Projects Bicentennial Signs “First Presbyterian” Bicentennial Signs “Trent House” Barbara Portwood to Rhoda Obst Letter Trenton Victory Trail Walking Tour Signs

## **Series 5. Committee Programs (cont.)**

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1 / 6	Street Signs (cont.) Request: Proposal Revolution Street Signs Map of City of Trenton, Red Streets Outline Map of Trenton about 1776 Photocopy Map of Trenton Legend Memorandum: Landmark Committee Signs Memorandum: Bicentennial Signs 9/19/75

## **Series 6. Event Planning**

The event planning series has a number of records that document the events and programs that were proposed for the Bicentennial, including those proposed and accepted as well as the ones that might not have been enacted. The events include the Fourth of July fireworks, commemorative programs, and themes that were part of the full bicentennial celebration for the entire United States. Also included are letters confirming attendance at the bicentennial celebrations from the armed forces, and a few Trenton community members.

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1 / 7	National Holidays Bicentennial Themes Historical Commission Programs NJ Historical Commission Bicentennial Events Committee on Commemorative Programs Goldman to Sears Letter Cultural Heritage Street Signs for King and Warren Plan Municipal Bicentennial Meeting Letter Capital Salute to Bicentennial Bicentennial Tourism Task Force Notes County Cultural Fourth of July Celebration Selikoff to Portwood Letter Feb. 23, 1976 Portwood to Selikoff Letter March 4, 1976 Trenton '76 Festival Fireworks Fourth of July Celebration Special Trentonian "Ten Crucial Days" Print Request to Finance Fireworks Display Trenton Times Bicentennial Edition Ads Bicentennial Committee Folk Festival National Holidays Bicentennial Themes Trenton 1976 List of Events and Programs Bicentennials Events and Projects 1976

### **Series 6. Event Planning (cont.)**

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1 / 7	Trenton Bicentennial Events Event Planning Book NJ Bicentennial Commission Columbus Day Parade Promotional and Finance Committee Events

### **Series 7. Memorabilia**

This series contains memorabilia, including information on bumper stickers, invitations for galas, flag pamphlets, an Epsilon Upsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Society pamphlet, and various American Revolution Bicentennial Association (ARBA) licensed items. There are also a number of letters for a commemorative coin to be made for the event, and letters detailing the issues that arose when trying to sell the coins. These items are either commemorating events or are records that are about creating and distributing memorabilia for the celebration.

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1 / 8	Bicentennial Sticker "We Salute USA '76" Catalog of Decals, Markings, and Posters Gala State Bicentennial Concert Invitation NJ Bicentennial Flags Pamphlet Civic Important Committee Invite Bicentennial Celebration Postcard Jerz Pamphlet Police Department Article "The Unfinished Revolution" Pamphlet Commemorative Items List Legal Agreement, Commemorative Items Commemorative Stamp Letter
1 / 9	John P. Clarke Bicentennial Coin Letter Memorandum "Re: Bicentennial Coins" Invite to Public for Commemorative Medal Clarke to Portwood "Re: Bicentennial Coin" Bicentennial Coin Sales not authorized General Hugh Mercer Minted Coin Letter Update Request on the Legality of Coins Commemorative Coin Notes

### **Series 8. Newsletters**

This series contains newsletters that were created to inform the public on the proceedings of the bicentennial celebration. They showed what the committees were doing and described the events that were upcoming. The newsletters are not a full run, but with most being from 1975.

### **Series 8. Newsletters (cont.)**

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1 / 10	New Jersey Historical Commission Volume 6, No.1 September 1975 Bicentennial Celebration Commission Volume 1, No.3 November 1974 Volume 1, No.8 April 1975 Volume 1, No.9 May 1975 Volume 1, No.10/11 June/July 1975 Volume 2, No.1 Oct. - Nov. 1975

### **Series 9. Correspondence**

The correspondence series is one of the larger folders in the collection and has a number of letters from not only committee members, but also from the subcommittees and various Trenton residents and figures. There are a number of letters between Mayor Arthur Holland and committee members, as well as other local mayors such as Frank Rizzo, mayor of Philadelphia during the late 1970s. The majority of the letters are dated during the bicentennial year of 1976. There are also letters from major companies such as General Electric that were trying to participate in the city's events. This correspondence can help better understand the day-to-day activities that were happening behind the scenes and during the proceedings of the committees. The letters show the level of involvement from the committees and outside parties that were trying to help, and that showed interest in the events and activities of the overall celebration.

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1 / 11	Bicentennial Master Events List - Warner Walter T. Peters to Bicentennial Committee Barbara Portwood to Stephen B. Richer Mayor Holland to Judge Sidney Goldman Stephen B. Richer to Mayor Holland Mayor Holland to Joseph P. Merlino Walter T. Peters to Mayor Holland City of Trenton Miscellaneous Receipt Barbara Portwood to Lt. George F. Mucci David Poinsett to Judge Sidney Goldman Mark Brown to Councilman June 25, 1974 Judge Sidney Goldman - Dr. Harold Kelsey Mark Brown to Delaware River Authority John D. Frizzell to Mark Brown Murray Rubinstein to Mark Brown Murray Rubinstein - Mark Brown 8/25/1974 Gillett Griswold to Mark Brown



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	Albert G. Skokos to Mark Brown
	William R. Gruver to Mark Brown
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	Richard Waldron to Mark Brown
	William C. Wright to A. L. Mcleod
	Raymond A. Lester to Charlotte Guliver
	John D. Frizzell to Mark Brown 1/5/1974
	Cooper B. Bright to Bernard Bush
	Edward L. Kallop Jr. to Mark Brown
	Catherine Makowicz to Mark Brown
	Guy K. Dean III to Bicentennial Interests
	Robert E. Allen to Judge Sidney Goldman
	Christopher G. Duffy to Mark Brown
	Richard Waldron to Mark Brown 1/10/1974
	Community Resources to Judge Goldman
	Barry Malko to Judge Sidney Goldman
	Sidney Goldman to Mark Brown 3/29/1974
	William L. Rafsky to Mayor Holland
	Mayor Frank L. Rizzo to Mayor Holland
	William H. Weathersby to Mark Brown
	Harold H. Perry to Mark Brown
	Walter T. Peters Jr. to Mark Brown
	Edwin Jones to Judge Sidney Goldman
	Irene M. Berglund to Mark Brown
	Mark Brown to General Electric
	Elizabeth A. Holland to Friend of Bicentennial
	Judge Sidney Goldman to Sara Smith
	Murray Rubinstein - Mark Brown 10/1/1974
	Theresa E. Goeke to Mark Brown
	Bill N. Lacy to Judge Sidney Goldman
	Sidney Goldman - Mark Brown 11/11/1974
	Harold H. Perry to Mark Brown
	William R. Gruver to Mark Brown
	Wyatt W. Belcher to Mark Brown
	James M. Sears to Mark Brown 1/14/1975
	Janice D. Miller to Mark Brown
	Kenneth J. Butko to Mark Brown

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1 / 11            Richard W. De Korte to Mark Brown  
                     Sara Smith to Mark Brown  
                     Murray Rubinstein - Mark Brown 5/20/1974

## **Series 10. Oral Histories**

In celebration of the Bicentennial, the Oral History of the City of Trenton Committee was created to record the history of the city through the voices of residents from various generations. The chairperson of the committee was Elizabeth Holland, Mayor Arthur Holland's wife. This series contains the original audio cassette tapes of the interviews, and 2019 reformatted versions on CDs and portable hard drive (.wav files). See Appendix A for list of interviewees. Also included are various documents that the committee used when conducting the interviews, including waiver forms and interest forms for those involved. According to records of the committee, these oral histories were recorded to commemorate various events and to unify the community through the process of storytelling.

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2 / 1            Oral History Committee Breakdown  
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                     Oral History Workshop Interest Form  
                     Procedural Information Sheet  
                     Question Examples Sheet  
                     Hear Ye, Hear Ye Oral History Sheet  
                     Guideline Questions for Oral Histories  
                     Oral History Workshop Agenda  
                     General Background and Articles  
                     Illustrating the Oral History  
                     Oral History Examples  
                     Oral History Subcommittee Minutes 12/2  
                     Oral History Committee (Evening Times)  
                     Teresa Palmieri Interest Sheet  
                     Oral History Equipment Report  
                     Oral History Subcommittee Meeting Area  
                     Cameron Hunt Black Oral History Letter  
                     Grant Draft for Oral History Committee  
                     Budget Draft Pages

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2 / 1	Oral History memorandum 8/26/1975 Oral History Project Letter Sari Roboff Notes for Interviewers Tape Recording Local History Elizabeth A. Holland Oral History Info
3 / Cylinder	Oral History Cassettes – Bicentennial Project Reformatted to CD
Hard-drive	Reformatted to .wav files

### **Series 11. Civic Improvement Committee and Civic Associations**

The Civic Improvement Committee (see also Coll. 354) was created for the purpose of beautifying the city. This was accomplished through the planting of flowers around government buildings, schools, and places of worship. The committee approached a number of flower vendors from the city to fill orders for the celebration making it even more important that local Trenton flower growers were commissioned for the event. There were also a number of Trenton landmarks and recognizable places that were part of the committee's Garden Tour event which showcased a number of buildings and areas with their flowers and gardens. This series includes a number of documents from the civic associations which were part of the bicentennial celebration committees. These documents include Landmark Commission letters, and meeting minutes which detail the civic associations as well as general information about the celebration and the Bicentennial Executive Committee proceedings.

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2 / 2	City of Trenton Map Civic Improvement Garden Tour Bicentennial Contributions Contributors to Improvement Committee Acquisition of 200 Flowers Improvement Committee Bulb Distribution Letter to All Flower Growers Civic Improvement Advisory Committee Department of Planning Notes and Letter Civic Improvement Committee Minutes 3/76 Income Tax Deduction Publication 526 Keep a Good Thing Growing Civic Improvement Committee Minutes 3/76 Advisory Committee List Adam & Sickles Building Protest Garden Tour Information Packet

### **Series 11. Civic Improvement Committee and Civic Associations (cont.)**

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2 / 3	Civic Associations Participation Interest List May 19, 1972 Civic Association Adoption Letter Speakers Bureau List Historical Commission of NJ Members List Eagle Tavern Rehabilitation Letter Trenton Historical Society Member List Civic Improvement Meeting Minutes 2/20/76 Civic Improvement Committee Conflict

### **Series 13. Events and Publications**

This series contains a number of publications about the Bicentennial Committee and their events. The records are mainly from Trenton newspapers such as the *Trentonian*, *The Evening Times*, and *The Sunday Times Advertiser*. These documents are photocopies of the original newspaper clippings, and the originals are not contained in this collection. The clippings also include magazine articles describing Bicentennial events and celebrations.

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2 / 5	Parades Bicentennial Fourth of July Parade Letter Daniels to Portwood 4th Parade Letter Burry Parade Float Letter to Mayor Holland Response to Burry Float Letter Itinerary for Fourth of July Parade Five Man Color Guard for Parade Letter to Apply for a Parade Permit Fort Dix Band Notes Parade and Folk Festival Planning Letter Columbus Parade and Observance Committee
2 / 6	Newspapers Trentonian Jan. 16, 1975 “The Colony” Evening Times Mar. 24, 1976 “Demise” Trentonian April 23, 1976 “Troll Bridge” Evening Times “Highlights of Area” Trentonian Feb. 25, 1976 “March Fourth” Evening Times Dec. 3, 1975 “Trash Payoff” “Princeton’s Agency Problem” Trentonian Mar. 30, 1976 “A New Beat” “Freedom Will Ring for a Week” Trentonian April 19, 1976 “Easter Parade” Trenton Action News April-June 1976 “Junior 4 Band Serenades Commons” Trentonian Dec. 5, 1975 “Gearing Up” “Prospect of Reviving City Piques Interest” Sunday Times Advertiser Apr. 25, 1976 Bicentennial Celebration “A Past To.” Trenton Evening Times June 28, 1972 “Douglas College Folk Festival” “Bicentennial Symposium May 24” “From Mansion to Monkey Museum” “Saperstein’s Commemorative Coin” “Wet Weekend Marked Memorial Service” “New Unit’s Aim: Save Landmarks”

### **Series 13. Events and Publications (cont.)**

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2 / 7	Trenton Magazine July 1974
2 / 8	New Jersey Success January 1989 "Capital Ideas" "The Coming of Mahlon Stacy, Settlement at the Falls"

### **Series 14. The American Freedom Train**

This series contains documents and records related to the American Freedom Train which was an exhibit train that was in Trenton for the bicentennial celebration from August 30 to September 2, 1976. The train included a showcase of historical documents and artifacts from American history. The train also traveled through the rest of the United States throughout 1975 and 1976.

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2 / 9	"AFT" Notes sheet Agreement Contract Hosting the Freedom Train Portwood Letter Newsletter Vol. II, No.1 January 15, 1976 Site Review for Host Location in Trenton Official Hosting Letter, Portwood Review of Train visit after the event AFT Economic Impact Report Contract Amendment Letter, Portwood Ticket Sales for the Train Memorandum American Freedom Train Consist Resolution Authorizing Trenton and AFT AFT memorandum Arrival Information Lt. Mucci Letter about Train Visit
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### **Series 15. Dedications**

This series includes a number of dedications that were made throughout the bicentennial celebration, including the dedication of a George Washington statue in Mill Hill Park, the dedication of the Douglas House, and the Mill Hill neighborhood. Memorial Day dedications and services are also mentioned in this series.

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2 / 10	Bicentennial Advertising Guide Dedication of the Douglas House Ad Dedication of House and Statue Portwood Thank You Letter
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2 / 10	Rosette Riley Letter to Portwood Portwood Jazz Ensemble Thank You Letter Portwood Master of Ceremonies Letter Mill Hill Park Dedication Notes Memorial Day Services Mill Hill Park Committee Letter Planning and Development Mill Hill Park Bicentennial Garden Dedication Outline of Events Mill Hill Park Dedication Events and Planning Staff List

### **Series 16. Ken Carolan Letter and Notes**

This series contains a letter and a number of correspondence and documents relating to an incident that took place during the course of the bicentennial events. Ken Carolan had written and distributed a proposal for a bicentennial coordinating committee based on his understanding that there was a lack of government funding and staffing being shown by the city-run Bicentennial Committee. John Clarke who was the director of the Department of City Planning was upset about this proposal and the comments about the celebration, and replied to Ken Carolan with his opinion of the proposal. A copy of the proposal is included along with the letter written by Clarke to Carolan.

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2 / 11	Proposal for Bicentennial Coordinating Committee Letters between Ken Carolan, John Clarke, and Ed Leefeldt.

### **Series 17. Mercer County Bicentennial Committee**

This series contains information related to events that Mercer County overall was planning for the Bicentennial. The county Bicentennial Committee seems to have been overseeing all the municipal bicentennial planning committees.

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2 / 12	Battle Monument opening letter Chamber of Commerce meeting notice, Nov. 18, 1974 "Mercer Oak" newsletter, March 1976 Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission letter to Bicentennial Chair Mercer County Calendar of Events, June 1975 List of Municipal Bicentennial Chairmen Bicentennial Activities in Mercer County, as of May 15, 1975

## **Appendix A Bicentennial Project – Oral Histories**

**All 60-minute tapes, except where noted**

### **One-sided**

[ ? ] - Interviewed by Brian Saloey (2 one-sided tapes)

S.A. Andrews (Mrs.) / Aletha Andrew (7 July 1976) – Interviewed by Harold H. Perry, Trenton

Mrs. William S. Borden, 333 West State Street, Trenton

Mr. Bryson Bugbee, 565 Rutherford Avenue, Trenton – Interviewed by Helena A. Kutalek

Mrs. Daisy Carthan – Interviewed by Anthony Gaither, Hugh Carter (Spring 1976)

Jean T. Carver – Interviewed by Tom Burns

Dean Lloyd G. Chattin of Trinity Cathedral, Trenton – Interviewed by Harold Perry (15 October 1976)

Elizabeth Geter (Mrs.) – Interviewed by Anthony (Tony) Gaither, Hugh Carter – Boy Scouts #105

Dr. Ronald Grele – Oral History Workshop (24 January 1976)

Mrs. Barker Gummere (transcription in VF Gummere, Mrs. B.)

Ferdinand W. Roebling III – Interviewed by Harold Perry (24 September 1976)

Mrs. Albert E. Schunder, 171 Fenwood Avenue, Trenton – Interviewed by Ms. Helena A. Kutalek (11 February 1976)

Edna Smith, 274 Walnut Street, Trenton – Interviewed by Linda Biondi (29 April 1976)

Bernice Sowsian

### **Two-sided**

Alan Appelbaum at Hopewell – Interviewed by Harold Perry (30 July 1976)

Robert M. Appelbaum – Interviewed by Harold Perry (28 July 1976) – [tape may be damaged; could not extract audio]



Bicentennial Committee Meeting on Oral History; Mr. Endersby (10 June 1976); including Miss Cary; project for Bicentennial Committee plans

Dr. Sarah C. Christie - Interviewed by Harold Perry (3 August 1976)

John E. Curry / Richard Coffee

2 Tapes – U.S. Circuit Judge Phillip Forman – Interviewed by Harold Perry (19 October 1976)

Judge Sidney Goldman – Interviewed by Harold Perry (14 July 1976)

“Red” Hale – Interviewed by A. Goldberg, Steve Slaby [?] (25 April 1977) [90-minute tape]

Mrs. Arthur S. Hancock – Interviewed by Harold H. Perry (19 March 1976)

2 Tapes – Edward Hendrickson – Interviewed by Harold H. Perry (30 April 1976)

Dr. Patton J. Hill (Afro-American) – Interviewed by Harold Perry (4 August 1976)

Thomas Maddock – Interviewed by Harold Perry (17 August 1976)

Dr. Elizabeth McDowell – Interviewed by Harold Perry (10 August 1976)

3 Tapes - Solomon Mintz – Interviewed by Harold Perry (17 February 1977, 22 February 1977); Labor Stories (25 April 1977) [90-minute tape]

W. Houston Pearson – Interviewed by Harold Perry (13 July 1976)

Angelo Pershelli – Interviewed by Dennis Starr (90-minute tape)

Dr. J.F. Pessel – Interviewed by Harold Perry (28 July 1976) – tape states “most of intro didn’t record”

Charles A. Prall – Interviewed by Harold Perry (23 November 1976)

Mrs. S. Roy Heath (7 September 1976) / Mrs. Janet Heath (14 September 1976) – Interviewed by Harold Perry

Mrs. Florence C. Rogers – Interviewed by Florence E. Rogers (23 March 1976)