

Town Anniversaries Collection

A Guide to the Collection in Garrett Park Town Archives

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TITLE OF COLLECTION

Town Anniversaries

REFERENCE NUMBER

2022.0009

DATES OF CREATION

1958–1999

HISTORICAL/ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Originally planned and developed by Henry N. Copp in the early 1890s, the Town of Garrett Park incorporated in May 1898. Since that time, Garrett Park residents have commemorated and celebrated their town’s incorporation at various junctures. For milestone anniversaries, such as the town’s 75th and 100th anniversaries, multiple events—such as plays and musicals, picnics and galas, and contests—were planned across the entire year and involved numerous committees and working groups. Other anniversary celebrations were smaller in scale.

EXTENT

2 cubic foot, including a textile box. This collection is open for accruals.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Town Anniversaries Collection includes planning documents, correspondence, flyers and announcements, programs, photographs, and memorabilia and objects from town celebrations dating back to 1958. In addition, although not a town anniversary, the collection includes materials from the town’s celebration of the United States Bicentennial in 1976.

The collection is organized by anniversary in the following series and subseries:

- I. 60th Jubilee Anniversary
- II. 70th Anniversary
- III. 75th Demi-Sesquicentennial Anniversary
- IV. 80th Anniversary
- V. 100th Centennial Anniversary
 - 1. Planning
 - 2. Media Coverage and Recognition
 - 3. Events
 - 4. Memorabilia
- VI. United States Bicentennial

Materials within each series are arranged chronologically by date, from earliest to latest.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: 60th Jubilee Anniversary, 1958 (0.1 cubic feet)

This series includes planning and event materials from the town's 60th Anniversary, described as its Jubilee. Highlights of this celebration included several skits depicting key events in the town's history, such as the first meeting of the Town Council in 1898 and the founding of the Civic Study Club, later known as the Women's Club, in 1913. This anniversary also featured a Jubilee Ball that included a souvenir dance card.

Series II: 70th Anniversary, 1968 (0.05 cubic feet)

This series includes just a handful of documents and photographs related to the town's 70th Anniversary. Most significantly, this series includes plans and records related to the writing of town history. Town residents initially planned to write the book for the town's 60th Jubilee; however, the project was postponed until this 70th Anniversary. Due to various delays, the final product, *Garrett Park: A History of the Town from its Beginnings to 1970*, was published in 1974.

Series III: 75th Demi-Sesquicentennial, 1973–1974 (0.2 cubic feet)

This series includes materials related to the town's 75th Anniversary, also known as the Demi-Sesquicentennial, a term coined by the then mayor, George L. Payne. This series includes planning materials, event programs, and photographs and memorabilia and objects. As with previous anniversaries, the 75th featured skits and musical productions about the town's history.

Series IV: 80th Anniversary, 1978 (0.05 cubic feet)

This series includes one flier advertising the town's "Four Score Shindig" and a few objects commemorating the anniversary.

Series V: 100th Centennial, 1990–1998 (non-inclusive) (1.4 cubic feet)

This series includes numerous documents, photographs, news clippings, memorabilia, and objects related to the town's yearlong 100th Anniversary, or Centennial, Celebration. The highlight of this collection is the town's Centennial Quilt, which took more than 6 years for town women to sew. Other highlights include postcards of the quilt; a centennial poster; a license plate; a U.S. flag donated to the town by Congresswoman Constance Morella; and, numerous fliers, programs, and photographs.

**Series VI: United States Bicentennial, 1975–1977
(0.2 cubic feet)**

This series includes planning documents, correspondence, event information, photographs, and memorabilia and objects related to the town's celebration of the United States Bicentennial in 1976. As with celebrations of town anniversaries, bicentennial events in the town occurred over several months and included concerts, plays, and contests. A highlight of this collection includes a commemorative letter signed by President Gerald R. Ford.

LANGUAGE

English

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS

This collection is open for research.

USING THIS COLLECTION

With the exception of many photographs, records in this collection are available in hardcopy only; they have not been digitized. To request use of this collection, please contact the Town Archivist to arrange a visit. The preferred citation for materials from this collection is:

Garrett Park Town Archives, Garrett Park, MD. "Town Anniversaries Collection." Box number and Box name. Folder title. Date (if applicable).

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PROVENANCE

The bulk of the materials were found in collection. It appears most of the materials came from town residents who worked on committees to plan the anniversary events. Some materials may have come from Town Office staff.

PROCESSING PROCEDURES

General processing procedures included discarding unnecessary binders, metal clips and paperclips, duplicate copies of documents, and general reference materials (such as brochures) as well as arranging and organizing documents. We placed oversized and fragile objects in a separate storage locations. We inserted separation sheets in the original location within the folder to indicate new locations of these items. Materials in folders were arranged, unless otherwise indicated, in forward chronological order, with undated records appearing at the end of the folder.

RELATED COLLECTIONS

- Oral History Collection
- Photographs Collections

ARCHIVES STAFF & FINDING AID AUTHOR

Town Archivist Claire McDonald, MLIS, processed this collection and prepared the finding aid.

BOX INVENTORY

Box 1

Series I: 60th Jubilee (1958)

Planning, 1958
Programs and Scripts, 1958
Song Sheets, 1958
Memorabilia, 1958
Photographs, 1958
News Clips, 1958

Series II: 70th (1968)

Letter Re: History Project, 1968
Photographs, 1968

Series III: 75th Demi-Sesquicentennial (1973)

Planning, 1973
Correspondence, 1973-1974
The Demi-Sesquicentennial Hemidemisemiquavers, 1973 (2 Folders)
Other Events, 1973-1974
Songs and Music, 1973
Congressional and Maryland Recognition, 1973
News Coverage, 1973
Publicity for Events, 1973-1974
Memorabilia and Objects, 1973
Photographs, 1973

Series IV: 80th (1978)

Four Score Shindig, 1978
Objects, 1978

Series V: 100th Centennial (1998)

Sub-Series 1: Planning

General Planning, 1993-1998
Planning Calendars, 1997-1998

Sub-Series 2: Media Coverage and Recognition

Media Coverage, 1997-1998
Recognition, 1998

Sub-Series 3: Events

Town Birthday (May), 1997
New Year's Day (January), 1998
George Payne on Garrett Park (January), 1998
Second Sunday Musical (February), 1998
Progressive Dinner (March), 1998
Cherry Blossom - Tree Planting (April), 1998
Dancing in the Streets and Fireworks (April), 1998
Birthday Bash (May), 1998
Garden Tour (May), 1998
B&O Railroad 125th Anniversary (May), 1998
Second Sunday Musicale (June), 1998

Swimming Pool (June), 1998
Pet Show and Parade (July), 1998
Ice Cream Social (August), 1998
September Events, 1998
Tree Walk (October), 1998
Tour of Centennial Houses (October), 1998
Walking Tour (November), 1998
Tour of Evergreen House (November), 1998
New Year's Eve Gala (December), 1998

Sub-Series 4: Memorabilia and Objects

Centennial Quilt, 1990–1998
Calendars, 1998
Crossword Puzzle, 1998
Flag, 1998
History Book, 1995–1998
Letterhead, 1998
License Plates, 1998
Poster, 1998
Shirts/Sweatshirts, 1998
Signs, 1998
Stamp (Ink Stamp) and Pin, 1998
Negatives – Historical Items, n.d.

Series VI: United States Bicentennial, 1976

Planning and Correspondence, 1975–1977
Bicentennial Concert (February), 1976
Bicentennial Play (March), 1976
Town Emblem Contest, 1976
WSSC Fire Plug Painting, 1976
Other Events and Photographs, 1976
Memorabilia and Objects, 1976