

## DeKalb History Center

### DeKalb County Bicentennial Commission

**Scope and Content:** The DeKalb County Bicentennial Commission Collection consists of documents relating to the 1976 U.S. Bicentennial celebrations and the events that DeKalb County researched and organized for the nation's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. There are also meeting minutes from the commission and publicity, press releases and newspaper clippings. Most of the records are from early 1975 through 1976.

**Provenance:** Unknown.

**Access:** Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the Archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citations should be made as follows:

Description of specific item, Bicentennial Commission Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives

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**Size:** 3 manuscript boxes.

**Description:** The DeKalb County Bicentennial Commission collection contains papers relating to the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976. There are booklets on possible events and projects for municipalities to undertake, correspondence with local groups wanting to get involved as well, samples and letters about bicentennial mementos available for purchase and thank you cards from children for visits to local schools. There are materials on a wagon train pilgrimage to Pennsylvania and desk calendar pages filled with speaking engagements pertaining to the bicentennial, which is unique. There are also issues of the *Bicentennial Times* newspaper published by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. Jim Cherry served as chair of the DeKalb Bicentennial Committee and at the time he was also president of the DeKalb Historical Society. Original folder titles have been retained but re-ordered alphabetically. There is also a legal pad list of bicentennial related articles in the DeKalb News Era, unknown origin but perhaps of use to researchers.

**Subject Headings:** Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry: DeKalb County Bicentennial Commission

Subject/Added Entries: DeKalb County (Ga.)  
Cherry, Jim  
American Revolution Bicentennial Administration

Georgia Bicentennial Commission  
Georgia Chamber of Commerce

**Folder List**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>
1	1	Advertising
	2	American Issues Forum
	3	American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA)
	4	ARBA – Georgia – Miscellaneous
	5	Bicentennial Committee
	6	Bicentennial committees in Georgia
	7	Bicentennial Newsletter
	8	Bicentennial Register master calendar input form
	9	Bicentennial task force
	10	<i>Bicentennial Times</i>
	11	Clubs and Associations – contacts and correspondence
	12	Community committees
	13	Correspondence
	14	DeKalb County (one document with privacy issues)
2	1	Georgia 76er cloth patch
	2	Georgia Bicentennial Commission
	3	Georgia Chamber of Commerce 1 of 2
	4	Georgia Chamber of Commerce 2 of 2
	5	Grants
	6	Heritage 76
	7	Heritage Special
	8	Historical DeKalb
	9	Logo contest
	10	Magnolia Spring Frogs Bicentennial campout
	11	Minutes
	12	Miscellaneous
	13	Miscellaneous Pre Festival
3	1	Newspaper clippings
	2	October 25 (date of DeKalb Bicentennial celebration)
	3	Photographs
	4	Press contacts
	5	Press releases – DeKalb Bicentennial commission
	6	Press releases and announcements for other organizations
	7	Projects and events
	8	Publicity
	9	<i>The Peace Song</i> , 45rpm vinyl record
	10	Wagon train pilgrimage to Pennsylvania
	11	William C. Mann

DeKalb News Era article list on Bicentennial news; of unknown origin, handwritten