

DeKalb Historical Society

Tucker Time Capsule (1957-2007)

Introduction: The time capsule was in the Tucker Health Center in 1957, and opened in 2007. The collection includes newspapers from the time, photographs, ephemera such as a bumper sticker, wooden nickels, a notebook full of signatures of those present at the 1957 ceremony and a 1957 proof set. Papers include letter from the manager at Doctors Hospital and histories for the Jeffares Family and Tucker itself.

Provenance: Loan from DeKalb County Board of Health (Accession # 2000.1)

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Size: 1 half Hollinger box, and one oversized box.

Description

The Tucker Time Capsule was placed behind a plaque at the old Tucker Health Center and removed in 2007. The metal box is stored in the DeKalb History Center museum storage and the papers are stored in the stacks on the first floor. The stacks materials have such varied items as photographs, letters, newspapers and wooden nickels. Most of the material is from 1957, with a few photographs from the 1970s and from the opening in 2007.

Organization and Arrangement

The first box contains the papers, photographs and ephemera. An oversized box contains the newspapers.

The collection has been organized into four folders: Documents, The Eagle, Ephemera and photographs. There is also the metal time capsule box. The newspapers are in the oversized box sharing space with the newspapers from another collection.

Subject Headings

Tucker, Georgia
Ray W. Colbert
Jeffares Family
Sam Cochran

John Cochran
Southern Express Company
Tucker Savings and Loan Association
Ben Williams
Doctors Hospital

Folder List

Box 1 of 2

Folder 1 - Documents

1. John Cochran

DeKalb county Tax receipt from 1880 and an express receipt from the Southern Express Company, for an invalid chair for Sam Cochran, grandson of John Cochran, dated May 9, 1902.

Folder 2 - *The Eagle*

Publication of the Tucker Federal Savings and Loan Association. Issues for March through December 1957. Newsletter has photographs and articles from the area.

2. Letter and envelope from Ben Williams, the Chief of Staff for Doctors Hospital on Idlewood Road in Tucker, dated August 22, 1957. Letter gives details on hospital history.

3. Onionskin sheet on the Jeffares Family

4. Tucker history on two pages compiled by Roy. E. Hutchens August 24, 1957

5. AJC article on time capsule opening published May 10, 2008

Folder 3 - Ephemera

1. Laminated sign Time Capsule Recovery at the Old Tucker Health Center

2. Unopened envelope with return address Ray W. Colbert, 5254 Livsey Rd, Tucker and reading: enclosed two wooden nickel's (sic) from Tucker's 50th Anniversary August 22-24, 1957.

For the Tucker Time Capsule to be opened August 2007, Y'all come.

3. Opened envelope, again from Colbert, reading: enclosed One 1957 proof set for the Tucker Time Capsule to be opened sometimes in August 2007. Inside is the unopened brown U.S. Treasury Dept. envelope containing the proof set. Reads: 1957 selling price \$2.95.

4. Construction paper covered booklet Register Tucker Tabloid August 23rd and 24th, 1957. Full of pencil signatures of attendees, a few with occupation listed.

Folder 4 - Photographs

1. Tucker's first School House, 1893, names listed on back of 8x10 black and white photograph

2. Four 8x10 black and white photos from 1957 of beauty queens and citizens of Tucker

3. 5x7 black and white print of the Jeffares home on Chamblee Tucker Road with names listed on back, early 1900

4. 13 5x7 black and white photographs from the semi-centennial celebration in 1957

5. 4 black and white and one color 3x5 photographs from the 1970s

6. Color 3x5 photograph labeled Do Not Use of a big wheel race, ca 1970s

7. 5 4x6 color photographs, laminated to cardboard, of the opening of the time capsule in 2007.

Box 2 of 2

Oversized Items, Newspapers, ephemera

1. DeKalb New Era for June 13, August 15 and August 27, 1957
2. North DeKalb Record and Norcross News for May23, June 6, June 13 and August 22, 1957
3. Decatur news for December 13, 1956
4. Tucker Tattler for August 21, 1957

Bumper sticker for Tucker's 50th Anniversary and Horse Show