

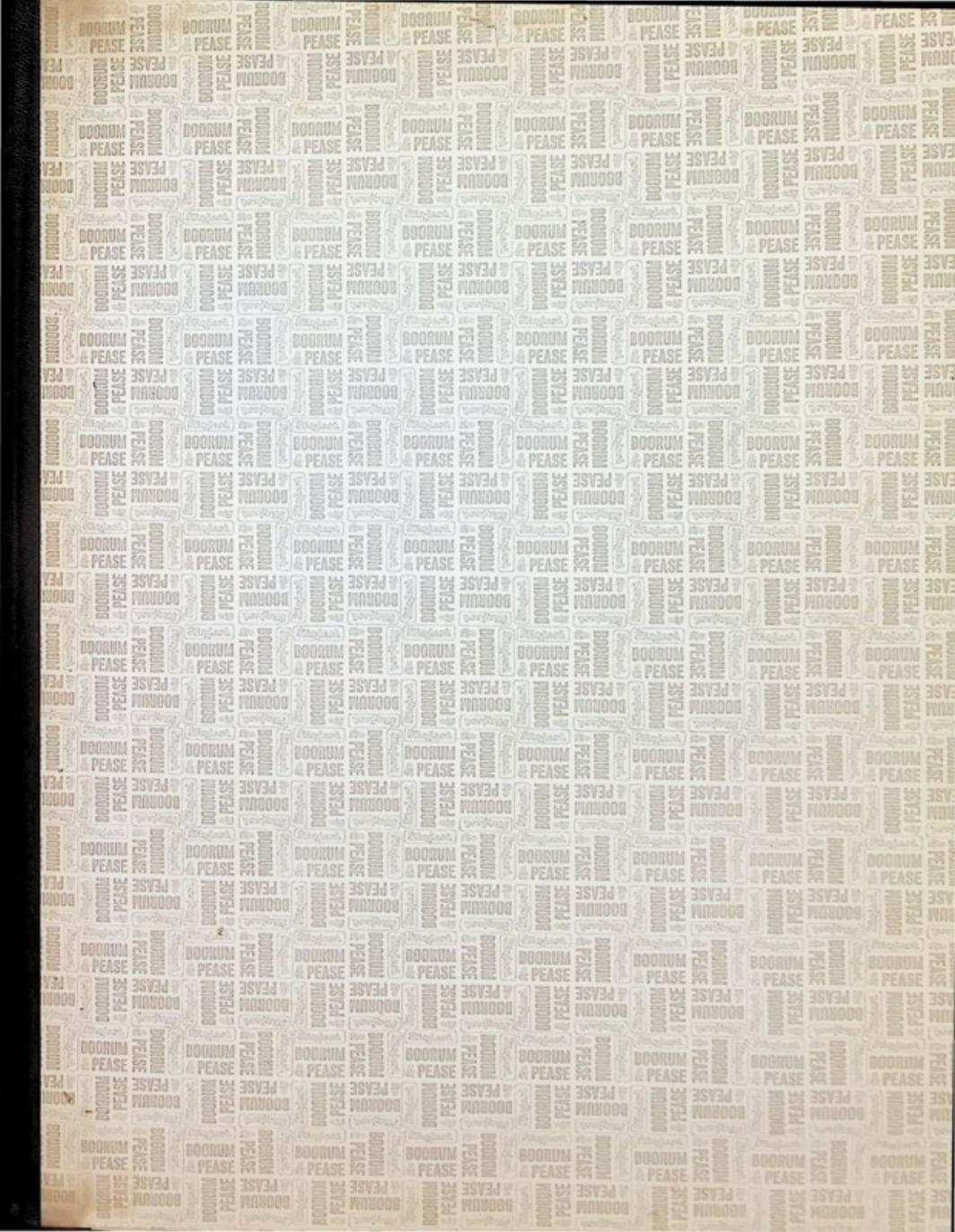
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NEW BERN/CRAVEN COUNTY AMERICAN REVOLUTION
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MINUTE BOOK

From September, 1973 To December 1976

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
 DIVISION OF THE PHYSICAL SCIENCES
 REPORT NO. 100

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MINUTES

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Sept. 27, 1973

In attendance: Mr. Boyd, Mr. Ives, Mr. Barker, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Keyes, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Lancaster, Mrs. Gavin, Mrs. Hagar, Mrs. Orringer, Dr. Taylor.

1. Moved by Mrs. Orringer, seconded by Mr. Ives, that Dr. Taylor be authorized to hire a secretary at a maximum salary of \$2.00/hour. Carried.
2. Moved by Mrs. Lancaster, seconded by Mr. Ives, that the following eleven goals committees be established:
 1. City-County Government
 2. The Design of the Community
 3. Health and Welfare
 4. Public Safety
 5. Transportation and Communication
 6. Elementary and Secondary Education
 7. Higher and Continuing Education
 8. Cultural Activities
 9. Recreation and Entertainment
 10. Historical Preservation
3. Moved by Mr. Ives, seconded by Mrs. Hawkins, that the August public events to celebrate the First Provincial Congress be expanded to include the traditional Farm Festival and be held August 1-25, 1974. Carried.

Recorded by:

H. Braughn Taylor
H. Braughn TaylorJoseph M. Freeman
Joseph M. Freeman
Chairman

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June 21, 1972

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- 2. The Office of the Recorder
- 3. Health and Welfare
- 4. Public Safety
- 5. Transportation and Communication
- 6. Elementary and Secondary Education
- 7. Higher and Postsecondary Education
- 8. Cultural Activities
- 9. Recreation and Amusement
- 10. Historical Preservation

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MINUTES

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

October 11, 1973

The regular meeting of the New Bern/Craven County Bicentennial Commission was held in the Library of Christ Episcopal Church on Thursday Evening, October 11, 1973 at 8:00 p.m. The Acting Chairman, Mr. Joseph Freemon, Jr., called the meeting to order.

Commission members in attendance were: Mr. Freemon, Mrs. Millns, Mrs. Orringer, Mrs. Gavin, Mrs. Hawkins, Miss McSorely, Mr. Winters, Mr. Keyes, Mr. Boyd, Rep. Barker, and Mr. Ives.

Advisory members in attendance were: Miss Carraway, Mr. Donald Taylor, Mr. Brantley, and Executive Director, Dr. Taylor.

Bylaws were adopted as presented (See pp 6a thru 6d)

Chairman

Acting Chairman Freemon asked if there were any nominations for Chairman. Mrs. Orringer nominated Mr. Freemon and seconded by Mr. Keyes. Rep. Barker moved nominations be close. It was seconded by Mrs. Millins. Mr. Freemon was elected by acclamation.

Vice-Chairman

Chairman Freemon asked for nomination for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Ives was nominated by Rep. Barker, and seconded by Mrs. Millns and Mr. Boyd. Mr. Ives was elected by acclamation.

Secretary-Treasurer

Chairman Freemon called for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Orringer was nominated by Miss McSorely, seconded by Mrs. Millns. Mrs. Orringer was elected by acclamation.

Members at-large of the Executive Committee

Chairman Freemon called for nominations for two (2) members at-large of the Executive Committee. Mr. Boyd and Rep. Barker were nominated by Mr. Ives, seconded by Mrs. Millns. Mr Boyd and Rep. Barker were elected by acclamation.

Budget

The Budget was presented by the Chairman. Mr. Winters moved to accept the Budget as presented, seconded by Miss McSorely. The Budget was adopted unanimously.

Chairman Freemon, announced, with regret, that Dr. Junius Davis had resigned from the Commission do to pressing duties in his job.

Dr. Davis did express a strong interest in working with the

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Goals Committee on Historical Preservation. Chairman Freeman urged members to consider who the Commission might suggest to fill the vacancy.

Dr. Taylor discussed the schedule of the Goals Committees. The following members were assigned to the Goals Committees:

1. City-County Government: Mr. Tim Montgomery
2. The Design of the Community: Mrs. Dale Millns
3. Health and Welfare: Mrs. Annie J. Gavin
4. Public Safety: Miss Virginia McSorley
5. Transportation and Communication: Mr. Carmi Winters
6. Elementary and Secondary Education: Mr. Warren Keyes
7. Higher and Continuing Education: Mrs. Elinor Hawkins
8. Cultural Activities: Mrs. Carl S. Hagar
9. Recreation and Entertainment: Mrs. Grover Lancaster
10. The Economy and Tourism: Mr. Harold Talton
11. Historical Preservation:

Dr. Taylor reported that the N. C. Symphony was optimistic in being able to participate in our Festival next August.

Chairman Freeman announced that Col. B. F. Jarrell of Burlington and the "Colonial Militia" units have expressed interest in our Festival next August.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 9:40 p.m.

Recorded by:

Margaret L. Martin
Margaret L. Martin
Secretary to Dr. Taylor

Joseph M. Freeman, Jr.
Joseph M. Freeman, Jr.
Chairman

NEW BERN/ CRAVEN COUNTY AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

BYLAWS

Article I. Name

This Commission, as created by resolutions of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Bern, and the Board of Commissioners of Craven County, shall be know as the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

Article II. Objectives

The objectives of the Commission are to plan and produce an appropriate program commemorating the bicentennial of the First Provincial Congress which met in New Bern in August, 1774, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Bicentennial Commission, and agencies of the United States, in commemorating the bicentennial of the United States.

Article III. Members

1. The Commission shall consist of sixteen (16) members: Eight (8) appointed by the City of New Bern and eight (8) appointed by Craven County. Each member shall serve a term of three (3) years at the pleasure of the appointing agency.
2. Any member may resign upon written request to the Commission.
3. The Commission shall inform the appropriate agency of such vacancies, and may make recommendations for filling such vacancies, which recommendations shall not be binding on either the City of New Bern or Craven County.

Article IV. Meetings

1. Regular meetings shall be held at least once a month; on the second (2nd) Thursday at 8:00 p.m.
2. Meetings of the Commission may be called by the Chairman, when deemed advisable.
3. The Chairman, shall upon the request of five (5) or more members of the Commission made in writing, expressing the purpose of the meeting, call such a meeting. Notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be mailed at least five (5) days prior to the holding thereof to each member.
4. A quorm shall consists of nine (9) members.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The Commission shall consist of fifteen members...

Section 2. The Commission shall have the honor of the rank of Major-General in the Army...

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Section 16. The Commission shall have the honor of the rank of Major-General in the Army...

Section 17. The Commission shall have the honor of the rank of Major-General in the Army...

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5. All meetings shall be open to the public, press and invited guests. Executive sessions may be held by a simple majority vote of those members present and voting.

6. All motions shall be decided by a majority vote of those members present and voting, unless otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

Article V. Officers

1. The officers of the Commission shall consist of:

- (a) Chairman
- (2) Vice-Chairman
- (3) Secretary-Treasurer

2. Election of the Officers shall be held in October of each year, and the term of office shall be for one year.

3. Vacancies among the officers shall be filled within Thirty Days (30) of the occurrence of such vacancy, by election by the Commission members.

4. The duties of the officers shall be those usually associated with the title thereof.

Article VI. Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of five (5) members: The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary-Treasurer, and two (2) members at-large.

2. Election of the at-large members shall be held in October of each year at the same meeting of Officers are elected. The term of office of the at-large members of the Executive Committee shall be one year.

3. Vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled within Thirty (30) days of the occurrence of such vacancy, by election by the Commission members.

4. Voting in the Executive Committee shall be by majority of those present and voting.

5. A quorum for the Executive Committee shall consist of three (3) members.

6. The Executive Committee may hire an Executive Director, and such other personnel as deemed necessary.

7. The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

8. The Executive Committee is authorized by these bylaws to act for the Commission, in all cases whatsoever, in achieving the objectives for the Commission as outlined in Article II of these bylaws, subject to periodic review and approval by the Commission.

1. All meetings shall be held in the public house and building... Executive Committee may be held in a private house or in any other place... provided that the public house and building... shall be used as far as possible.

2. All meetings shall be called by a majority vote of three... members present and voting, unless otherwise provided for in these by-laws.

Article IV Officers

1. The officers of the Association shall consist of:

- (a) Chairman
- (b) Vice-Chairman
- (c) Secretary-Treasurer

2. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be elected for one year... and his term of office shall be for one year.

3. The Vice-Chairman shall be elected for one year... and his term of office shall be for one year.

4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for one year... and his term of office shall be for one year.

Article V Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of five members... the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary-Treasurer, and two other members.

2. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be elected for one year... and his term of office shall be for one year.

3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for one year... and his term of office shall be for one year.

4. The two other members of the Executive Committee shall be elected for one year... and their term of office shall be for one year.

5. A quorum for the Executive Committee shall consist of three members.

6. The Executive Committee may sit in public or in private, and may also sit in public or in private.

7. The Executive Committee shall be an executive committee of the Association.

8. The Executive Committee is authorized to do all such things as may be necessary for the Association in the name of the Association, and to do all such things as may be necessary for the Association in the name of the Association.

Article VII Committees

1. The Executive Committee, with the approval of the Commission, may appoint an advisory committee of persons not members of the Commission.
2. The Executive Committee may, with the approval of the Commission appoint volunteer citizens to various program committees to accomplish the objectives of the Commission as outlined in Article II of these bylaws.
3. The Chairman and the executive Director shall be ex-officio, non-voting members of all committees appointed by the

Article VIII Finances

1. All money received by the Commission shall be placed in a general operating fund. Funds unused from the current year's budget shall be carried over to the next year's budget.
2. The Executive Director shall be authorized to make disbursements on accounts and expenses provided for in the budget without additional approval by the Commission. Disbursements shall be by check, and shall be countersigned by the Executive Director and an officer of the Commission.
3. The Fiscal Year shall begin on July 1, and end on June 30.
4. The Executive Director shall prepare a budget of estimated expense for the coming year and submit it to the Commission for approval.
5. The accounts of the Commission shall be audited annually at the close of business on June 30 by a public accountant.
6. On dissolution of the Commission, any funds remaining shall be returned to, and divided equally between the City of New Bern and Craven County.

Article IX. Parliamentary Authority

The Current edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall be the final source of authority in all questions of parliamentary procedure when such rules are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the Commission.

Article VII Committee

1. The Executive Committee, with the approval of the members of the Commission, may appoint an advisory committee of persons not members of the Commission.
2. The Executive Committee may, with the approval of the Commission, appoint advisory committees to various projects and may determine the objectives of the Commission as outlined in Article II of these bylaws.
3. The Chairman and the Executive Director shall be ex-officio, non-voting members of all committees appointed by the Commission.

Article VIII Finance

- All money received by the Commission shall be placed in a special operating fund, funds raised from the current year's dues shall be carried over to the next year's budget.
1. The Executive Director shall be authorized to make expenditures as necessary and necessary provided for in the budget without additional approval by the Commission. Expenditures shall be by check, and shall be countersigned by the Executive Director and an officer of the Commission.
 2. The fiscal year shall begin on July 1, and end on June 30.
 3. The Executive Director shall prepare a budget of estimated income for the coming year and submit it to the Commission for approval.
 4. The accounts of the Commission shall be audited annually by the Board of Directors on June 30 by a public accountant.
 5. On dissolution of the Commission, any funds remaining shall be returned to, and divided equally between the City of New York and Nassau County.

Article IX. Relationship with City

The current edition of Nassau County of New York shall be the official source of authority in all questions of relationship between the City of New York and Nassau County and not inconsistent with the bylaws of the Commission.

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Article X. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Commission members present and voting at any regular or special meeting, providing the notice of the meeting includes the proposals for amendments. Any proposed amendments or alterations shall be submitted to the Executive Committee in writing, at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

Article XI. Adoption and Implementation

The bylaws shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Commission, and shall become effective immediately.

The Commission adopted these bylaws on October 11, 1973.

These powers may be exercised by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of
the Legislature provided that the subject of any resolution or
bill introduced in the Senate shall be referred to a
committee for consideration, and proposed amendments or
changes shall be submitted to the Legislative Council in writing
and shall be referred to the Senate at such time as to
be determined by the Senate.

Article 11, Section 1

The Senate shall be composed of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of
the members of the Legislature, and shall possess legislative
powers.

The Commission proposed shall be subject to October 11, 1977.

NEW BERN/CRAVEN COUNTY AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Budget for Sept. 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974

DIRECTOR

| | |
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| Salary ----- | \$ 9,000.00 |
| Expenses ----- | 1,000.00 |
| Social Security ----- | 530.00 |

SECRETARY

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Salary ----- | 2,960.00 |
| Social Security ----- | 175.00 |
| Telephone ----- | 1,000.00 |
| Office Supplies----- | 1,000.00 |
| Postage ----- | 1,000.00 |
| Printing and Publicity ----- | 3,000.00 |
| Goals Committees ----- | 2,000.00 |
| Typewriter ----- | 300.00 |
| Office (start-up & Cleaning)----- | 580.00 |
| Contingency ----- | 1,500.00 |

TOTAL -----\$24,045.00

Adopted by Executive Committee of the Commission
October 10, 1973

NEW HAVEN COUNTY ANTI-SLIP COMMISSION

MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Budget for Sept. 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972

MINISTRY

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| Salary | 2,000.00 |
| Expenses | 1,000.00 |
| Social Security | 250.00 |

SECURITY

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| Salary | 2,000.00 |
| Social Security | 175.00 |
| Telephone | 1,000.00 |
| Office Supplies | 1,000.00 |
| Travel | 1,000.00 |
| Printing and Stationery | 1,000.00 |
| Costs Contingency | 2,000.00 |
| Typewriter | 700.00 |
| Office (rent of 2 Rooms) | 200.00 |
| Contingency | 1,200.00 |

TOTAL ----- 21,200.00

Adopted by Executive Committee of the Commission
October 10, 1971

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
November 15, 1973

The regular monthly meeting of the New Bern/Craven County Bicentennial Commission was held in the Library of Christ Episcopal Church on Thursday Evening, November 15, 1973, at 8:00 P.M. The Chairman, Mr. Joseph Freeman, Jr. called the meeting to order.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freeman, Jr. Carmi Winters, Warren G. Keyes, Cedric Boyd, Virginia McSorley, Mrs. Carl S. Hagar, Kathleen Orringer and Jane Millns.

Advisory members in attendance were Don Taylor and Robert Stallings.

MINUTES: Reading of previous Minutes was dispensed with,

QUORUM: It was noted a quorum was not present; therefore, no official business was transacted. However, the following subjects were discussed.

GOALS COMMITTEE: Goals Committee lists were distributed to those present. Committee Chairmen were discussed, Vice-Chairmen were tentatively selected. It was also suggested that Committees be expanded by Chairmen and Vice-Chairman with aim in mind to involve all communities. It was announced the Goals Committee members should be appointed by December 6, 1973. On this date a joint meeting of Goals Committee members and Commission members would be held. Grace Rohrer, Secretary, Department of Art, Culture and History, would be the speaker.

BICENTENNIAL BALL: The possibility of holding a bicentennial ball and were it should be held was discussed. It was suggested that Dr. Taylor contact Major Gale L. Stienon regarding quarters at the base.

FUND RAISING: It was suggested that a "Ways and Means Committee", to investigate sources of income, be established. Suggested members were Dick Futrell, Fred Tate, Fred Anders, Tommy Coleman, Harry Vatz and David Ward.

Possible sources of income were also discussed which included local business contributions and sale of medallions. Dr. Taylor announced that T.V. Networks, ABC, had been approached for TV coverage, and had showed some interest.

DECORATING CITY: It was suggested that Nelson Banks could be contacted for sale of banners to decorate city.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP: Report was heard on efforts to get a New Bern commemorative stamp issued. Cedric Boyd volunteered to pursue idea of a stamp for the First Provincial Congress.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
January 10, 1974.

The regular monthly meeting of the New Bern/Craven County Bicentennial Commission was held in the Library of Christ Episcopal Church on Thursday Evening, January 10, 1974, at 8:00 P.M. In the absence of the Chairman, George Allen Ives, Jr., Vice-Chairman, presided.

Commission members in attendance were Mrs. Carl S. Hagar, Miss Virginia McSorley, Miss Gertrude Carraway, Mrs. Kathleen Orringer, Mrs. Annie J. Gavin, Mrs. Dale Millns, Warren G. Keyes, Rep. Chris Barker and Mr. Ives.

Advisory members in attendance were Rev. Edward Sharp, Major Gale Stienon and Donald Taylor.

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of October 11, 1973 were read. A motion was made by Kathleen Orringer, seconded by Virginia McSorley, that Minutes be approved as read. Motion carried. Minutes of meeting held on September 27, 1973 were also approved.

REPORTS:

Commemorative Stamp: Dr. Taylor reported that the Citizens Advisory Committee in Washington, D. C. was still considering the possibility of having a postage stamp, commemorating the First Provincial Congress, issued. That letters had been received from Senators Sam J. Ervin and Jesse Helms regarding the stamp.

Miss Gertrude Carraway suggested that a cancellation stamp be obtained from the local Post Office observing the First Provincial Congress. Kathleen Orringer was requested to contact the Postmaster.

Goals Committees: Dr. Taylor reported that several of the Goals Committees had met and were progressing well. He announced that vacancies had occurred on some of these committees, and other people should be named to serve. The following persons were suggested to serve on Goals Committees as indicated.

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| Goals Committee IV. | - Robert A. Ipock |
| Goals Committee X. | - Larry Pate, H. D. McLawhorn, W. F. Daugherty, Jr. |
| Goals Committee V. | - Irving Beck, Ralph Kennedy, Ed. Latham, Bennie Baxter. |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fund Raising Committee: It was suggested that the following people might be interested in serving on a Fund Raising Committee:

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Cedric Boyd | Robert Stallings |
| Harry Vatz | John R. Taylor, Jr. |
| Burke Taylor | Lou Steinburg |
| Rep. Chris Barker | |

Festival Schedule: The proposed Festival schedule was discussed. Stage facilities and location of events (river-front or High School stadium) were considered.

- (a) Major Stienon informed the Commission there was a square dance group in Havelock that should be contacted.
- (b) The Pageant, being written by Robert L. Pugh and produced by the Shriners, was scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, August 19th and 20th.
- (c) It was suggested that Livingston Stallings talk to the Lt. Governor about the Legislature convening in New Bern on August 25, 1974. It was also suggested that formal invitations be issued to all governments (county or town) that had a delegate in attendance at the First Provincial Congress send a representative to attend the Commemorative Service of the First Provincial Congress on August 25th. It was also suggested that a copy of the Minutes of the First Provincial Congress be furnished these governments.
- (d) The Proposed Festival Budget was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

American Wind Symphony: Miss Gertrude Carraway moved that the Bicentennial Commission commend the Chamber of Commerce and endorse its efforts in securing the American Wind Symphony for performance in New Bern on May 26 and 27, 1976. This motion was seconded by Rep. Chris Barker. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ives suggested that if the Chamber obtains commitment of funds, the Bicentennial Commission will consider the role of the Commission.

NEXT MEETING:

The Commission called a special meeting of members to be held at 8:00 P.M. on January 24, 1974.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was called for 12:00 Noon on January 21, 1974.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Recorded by

H. Braughn Taylor
H. Braughn Taylor
Executive Director,

Approved by:

George Allen Ives, Jr.
George Allen Ives, Jr.
Presiding Officer.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
January 24, 1974.

A called meeting of the New Bern/Craven County Bicentennial Commission was held in the Library of Christ Episcopal Church on Thursday Evening, January 24, 1974, at 8:00 P.M., Joseph Freeman, Jr., Chairman, presiding.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph Freeman, Jr., Mrs. Carl S. Hagar, Cedric Boyd, Tim Montgomery, Mrs. Elinor Hawkins, Carmi Winters and Miss Gertrude Carraway.

Advisory members in attendance were Major Gale L. Stienon, Rev. Edward Sharp and Donald Taylor.

It was noted a quorum was not present; therefore, no official action was taken.

REPORTS

1. Commemorative Stamp: Dr. Taylor stated a cancellation stamp had been ordered through the local postmaster, the die to read "America's First Provincial Congress, August 25-27, 1774". This stamp would be used in cancelling mail deposited at the New Bern Post Office July 4, 1974 through December 31, 1974.

He also reported that he had learned that there was little likelihood in having the New Bern Post Office declared as the Post Office for the "first day of issue" for one of the Bicentennial stamps to be issued this year.

2. Grants: Dr. Taylor announced that he had received confirmation of grants of matching money to be used during Festival Week - \$5,000. for the Ives-Bikel concert and \$2,500. for the N. C. Symphony Total now set aside for Festival \$15,000.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Commemorative Program: It was decided, after a review of the delegates to the First Provincial Congress, that due to change in county boundaries it would be impossible to determine which counties had representatives at the First Provincial Congress in 1774; therefore, every county should be invited to send an official delegate to the 200th anniversary program on Sunday, August 25th, 1974.

NEW BUSINESS

1. County-wide Ecumenical Church Service: The selection of a speaker was discussed, and it was determined that a minister of national prominence should be obtained. The following were mentioned as possibilities:

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| Father Hessberg | President of Notre Dame |
| Francis Sayer | Minister, Washington Cathedral |
| Edward R. Elson | Senate Chaplain |
| Norman Vincent Peale | |

The Chairman appointed a committee, Rev. Edward Sharp, Tim Montgomery and Donald Taylor, to make necessary arrangements in obtaining a minister.

2. Medallions: It was determined a die should be ordered for the minting of silver and bronze medallions to be sold as souvenirs of the 200th anniversary of the First Provincial Congress. The number to be minted would be determined after sale campaign had been completed. Consideration was also given to having a limited number electro gold plated on silver for presentation to honored guests.

The question of payment of State Sales Tax on medallions sold was deferred.

Cedric Boyd suggested that merchants might be interested in purchasing aluminum medallions.

OTHER

1. Goals Committees: Dr. Taylor reported that most goals committees were functioning and much enthusiasm was being exhibited.
2. Housing for Guests: Dr. Taylor reported that a central reservations office would be established. It was also pointed out that consideration should be given to public safety and public health during Festival Week, as well as possible location of campers in area.

QUORUM:

Several members suggested that the By-laws should be amended to reduce the number required for a quorum.

NEW ADVISORY MEMBER

Gale Stienon stated that since she would no longer be associated with the Joint Public Affairs Office at Cherry Point, she would no longer be a member of the Commission. She introduced Major Charles Goode, who was succeeding her as Public Affairs Officer, and therefore, would replace her on the Commission.

Mr. Freemon expressed the Commission's sincere appreciation to Major Stienon for her services and friendship.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 14th.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Recorded by:

H. Braughn Taylor
H. Braughn Taylor,
Executive Director.

Approved by:

Joseph Freemon, Jr.
Joseph Freemon, Jr.
Chairman.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
Feb. 14, 1974.

The regular monthly meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held in the Library of Christ Episcopal Church at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, Feb. 14, 1974. Joseph M. Freeman, Jr. presiding.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., Virginia McSorley, Tim Montgomery, Gertrude Carraway, Mrs. Jane Millns, George Allen Ives, Jr., Mrs. Grover Lancaster, Jr., Mrs. Lucy Hagar and Mrs. Annie Gavin.

Advisory member in attendance was Donald Taylor.

MINUTES: Minutes of meetings held January 10 and January 24, 1974 were reviewed. George Allen Ives, Jr. moved to accept minutes. Tim Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

1. County-wide Church Service: Dr. Taylor reported that Dr. Edward R. Elson had been invited to speak at the church service, but had not responded as yet. He also reported that Senator Ervin's office was following up on the invitation.
2. Folk Music: Dr. Taylor reported that Theodore Bikel had accepted our offer to appear in concert featuring Early American Folk Music, and that the agent for Eurl Ives had not confirmed offer made to him.
3. Commemorative Program: Dr. Taylor reported that invitation letters were ready to be mailed to all members of the N. C. Legislature, and would be sent as soon as Representative Barker and Senator Stallings had issued invitation on the floor of their respective houses. The problem of obtaining chairs for this program was discussed. Miss Gertrude Carraway suggested that chairs might be obtained from Cherry Point. Mrs. Lancaster suggested that chairs might also be obtained from the schools.
4. Recreation Committee: Mrs. Lancaster reported that Goals Committee IX, Recreation and Entertainment, had toured the recreational facilities in the county for the purpose of familiarizing themselves with available facilities in order to better determine objectives and goals of this committee. She also reported that additional members had been added to this committee.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS: It was moved by George Allen Ives, Jr., and seconded by Mrs. Grover C. Lancaster, Jr., that Article IV, paragraph 4 of the By-Laws should be amended to read: "A quorum shall consist of seven members". This motion was carried unanimously.

SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT: Dr. Taylor read requirements outlined in agreement and resolutions as furnished by the N. C. Public Employees' Social Security Agency for Social Security coverage for employees of the Bicentennial Commission. Virginia McSorley moved, and Mrs. Jane Millns seconded the motion that documents be prepared and submitted for Social Security coverage. This motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Re-Zoning: Mrs. Jane Millns called the Commission's attention to the action of the Board of Aldermen in re-zoning the area on the corner of New and Hancock Streets for light industrial use, in order for the location to be used as a sewing room to employ about 65 people. In the discussion it was revealed the Board of Aldermen had over-ruled the city planning commission in making this decision; however, there was no opposition brought at the meeting. She further stated a reading of the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen would be heard on Thursday night, February 21st, and any opposition to this action could be presented at this time. She urged all Commission members to attend the Board of Aldermen meeting on Thursday, February 21, 1974.

TELEPHONE LISTING: It was suggested that an additional listing, "Bicentennial Commission", of the 'phone number be obtained in the telephone directory.

MEETING WITH GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS: It was suggested that Dr. Taylor meet with City and County governing boards for the purpose of making them aware of the goals and aspirations of the Commission and the various Goals Committees.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Jane Millns moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: It was announced the next meeting would be held at 8:00 P.M. on March 14, 1974.

Recorded by:

H. Braughn Taylor
H. Braughn Taylor,
Executive Director.

Approved by:

Joseph M. Freeman, Jr.
Joseph M. Freeman, Jr.
Chairman.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
March 14, 1974.

The regular monthly meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held at Christ Episcopal Church at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 14, 1974. Joseph M. Freemon, Jr. Chairman, presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., Mrs. Kathleen Orringer, Mrs. Carl S. Hagar, Mrs. Elinor Haggins, Mrs. Jane Millns, and George Allen Ives, Jr. Advisory member in attendance was Major Charles Goode.

It was noted a quorum was not present; therefore, no official action was taken.

REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Medallion Sales: Dr. Taylor reported that sales of commemorative medallions to date totaled approximately \$3,000 that posters had been made featuring the medallions and would be displayed in local banks along with order blanks. He also informed the commission members that the major newspapers in the state had been furnished with advertisement copy, spot-announcements would be furnished local radio stations, and the local TV station was giving coverage.

2. Goals Committees:

(a) Goals Committee V - Transportation and Communication

Dr. Taylor reported that Goals Committee V did not seem to be making progress, and that it might be possible to transfer the ideas this committee had originated to another committee, and disband the committee on transportation and communication. It was suggested that some improvement might be made in bus service, particularly bus service during Festival Week. Raymond Horne was also suggested as a new member for this committee.

(b) Goals Committee III - Health and Welfare

Dr. Taylor reported Goals Committee III did not have a Chairman, that Dr. Verna Barefoot was reluctantly filling the vacancy. Jane Latham was suggested as a new member.

(c) Goals Committee XI - Historical Preservation

Dr. Taylor reported that Bob Monte, Chairman of Goals Committee XI had resigned from this Committee. He added that the committee had met several times, had formed a general agreement, but report had not been written. Suggestions as possible addition to this committee were R. Stallings, Jr. and Dick Johnson.

3. Budget:

Festival budget was not presented at this meeting as some major details had not been settled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee on Gifts:

Joe Freemon, Jr. named the Executive Committee of the Bicentennial Commission to serve as a Committee to decide on persons to receive silver medallions as gifts.

2. Raleigh Controversy

Dr. Taylor spoke on the adverse publicity being generated in the state concerning the use of the words, "First Provincial Congress", and its impact on history.

3. New Bern Art Gallery

Joe Freemon, Jr. announced officially that First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. had offered to give their old bank building, located on Middle Street, to the City and County to be used as an Art Gallery. He further stated that Bobby Stephens had agreed to work up preliminary plans for renovation of building free, except for out-of-pocket expenses. It was pointed out Federal matching funds could be obtained for necessary renovation, and valuation of building could be used for local contribution.

N.B.: This project is not to be made public for several months, so do not spread the word just yet.

ORGANIZATION:

George Allen Ives, Jr. spoke of the necessity for better organization of the various committees, and closer co-ordination of the activities of these groups in the near future. Suggestions which developed from this discussion were:

1. An over-all Festival Chairman should be named. Robert L. Stallings, Jr. was suggested for this chairmanship.
2. An over-all Goals Committee Chairman should be named, and Executive Committee should meet with Goals Chairman each week.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY:

It was suggested that newspaper logo be obtained, possibly through Tom Gause in a weekly column; also Yvonne Strader could write about the Bicentennial effort. Mr. Freemon suggested the Publicity Committee's plans should have approval of the Commission.

NEXT MEETING:

The Commission determined they would hold their next meeting on Thursday, March 28th, at 8:00 P.M. It was also determined to postpone the regular monthly meeting in April until April 18, 1974. It was suggested that each member of the Commission be called on the meeting date to get a "YES" or "NO" answer as to whether or not he would be present.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Recorded by:

H. Braughn Taylor
H. Braughn Taylor,
Executive Director.

Approved by:

Joseph M. Freemon, Jr.
Joseph M. Freemon, Jr.
Chairman

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING

April 24, 1974.

The regular meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held in the Commission Office at 307 Pollock St., at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 24, 1974. Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., Chairman, presided.

Commission members in attendance were: Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., George Allen Ives, Jr., Rep. Chris Barker, Warren G. Keyes, Mrs. Grover C. Lancaster, Jr., Mrs. Elinor Hawkins, Mrs. Ludy Hagar, Mrs. Annie J. Gavin, Mrs. Kathleen Orringer, and Harold Talton.

Advisory members in attendance were Donald Taylor and Major Charles Goode.

MINUTES: George Allen Ives, Jr. moved that Minutes of the meeting held on February 14, 1974 be approved. Motion duly seconded and carried.

INTRODUCTION: Mr. Freeman introduced Charles F. Taylor, who was present, as the Festival Chairman. He also announced that Dick Futrell had accepted responsibility of finance planning and fund raising; and Robert L. Stallings, Jr. had accepted responsibility of Goals Committee Chairman. Mr. Futrell and Mr. Stallings were not present.

REPORTS:

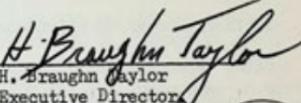
- Medallion Sales: Dr. Taylor reported that medallion sales and grossed in excess of \$21,000. to date.
- Goals Committees: Dr. Taylor reported that Goals Committees were in the final stages of writing their reports, that several reports had been submitted and those he had reviewed he judged to be very good.
- Publicity Committee: Dr. Taylor reported the Publicity Committee had been functioning; however, Joan Frank, Chairman, had asked to be relieved. Suggestions for person to Chair this Committee were requested.
- May 6th Presentation: Mr. Freeman announced that flags would be presented by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, Washington, D. C. on May 6, 1974 to the City and County Governments proclaiming New Bern/ Craven County an official Bicentennial Community. Plans for this occasion were outlined as follows: Congressman Walter Jones would present the flags, and they would be accepted by Mayor Charles Kimbrell for the City of New Bern, and Grover C. Lancaster, Jr., Chairman of Board of County Commissioners for the County. Dabney Enderle, State Bicentennial Director, and Liz Fentress would be present. A luncheon would be held at the Holiday Inn prior to the ceremony, the Second Marine Air Wing Band would give a one-half hour concert, and a flag detail would raise the flags.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE AND BUDGETS: Copies of proposed office and festival budgets and festival schedule were distributed.

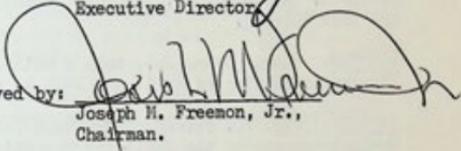
1. Office Budget: The proposed office budget for Fiscal Year 1975 was reviewed. A motion was made by Gertrude Carraway that office budget be adopted as presented. The motion was seconded by Lucy Hagar. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Festival Budget: Charles Taylor discussed the proposed Festival Budget and Festival Activities in detail. The Commission determined that 500 Goals Books be printed instead of the 2,000 as shown on proposal. Harold Talton moved, and George Ives, Jr., seconded, that the proposed budget be adopted, and the city and county governments be requested to underwrite it. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Recorded by


H. Braughn Taylor
Executive Director

Approved by:


Joseph H. Freeman, Jr.,
Chairman.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
June 5, 1974.

The monthly meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held in the Commission Office at 307 Pollock St., at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 5, 1974. Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., Chairman, presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., George Allen Ives, Jr., Robert Stallings, Jr., Miss Gertrude Carraway, Tim Montgomery, Mrs. Kathleen Orringer, Mrs. Grover C. Lancaster, Jr., Mrs. Elinor Hawkins, Carmi Winters, Mrs. Lucy Hagar, Rep. Chris Barker and Warren G. Keyes.

Advisory member in attendance was Donald Taylor.

Other persons in attendance were Mayor Charles Kimbrell, Chairman Grover C. Lancaster, Jr., Charles Taylor, Jane Ann Blackerby, Nat Baggett and Dick Futrell.

MINUTES: George Ives, Jr., made a motion, seconded by Elinor Hawkins, that Minutes of meeting of April 24, 1974 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Freemon introduced Jane Ann Blackerby and Nat Baggett, Co-Chairpersons of the Publicity Committee, and Dick Futrell, Chairman of the Finance Committee. He recognized Charles Taylor, Chairman of Festival Committee. He also welcomed Mayor Charles Kimbrell and Grover C. Lancaster, Jr., Chairman Board of County Commissioners, who were guests of the meeting, and Robert Stallings, Jr., newly appointed member of the Bicentennial Commission.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER: The Chairman expressed the sorrow of the Commission of the loss by death of Cedric Boyd, Executive Member, and requested nominations to fill this vacancy. Chris Barker nominated Robert Stallings, Jr. He further moved that nomination be accepted by acclamation. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

1. Festival: Charles Taylor announced the addition of the Film Festival to be held at Tryon Palace Auditorium on August 17, 20 and 21st; he added the program would be elaborated on and expanded further.
2. Finance: Dick Futrell announced that the City and County Governments had been asked to support the program financially, and that they would be requested to furnish a letter of intent.
3. Publicity: Jane Ann Blackerby requested the Commission to review the advertisement pamphlet which had been printed for state wide distribution. Nat Baggett suggested that clerks in stores be requested to dress in period costumes during the Festival, and also that instructions for making costumes be available.

COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM: George Ives, Jr., presented a general outline of the reception to be held prior to the public ceremony for special guests attending. He stated, in his opinion, this function should be by invitation only and should be held somewhere in Tryon Palace Complex. The exact location to be studied and determined by a committee. Mr. Ives stated that his preference for the principal speaker for the public ceremony, in the event the President did not attend, was John W. Warner, Administrator of the National Bicentennial Administration. He read a letter which he had drafted inviting Mr. Warner to attend the Commemorative Program. The questions arose, "how the public would get into the palace grounds for this event?" It was requested that these plans be left within the purvue of the Committee appointed to study this situation.

Chris Barker suggested that resolves adopted by the First Provincial Congress could be presented at the beginning of the August 25th program, and the resolves for the future be presented at the end of the program. He also suggested that everybody present should not be introduced individually.

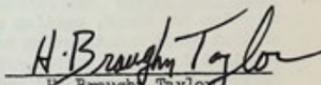
A motion was made by Gertrude Carraway, seconded by Mrs. Lancaster, that the Executive Committee be empowered to proceed as outlined in Mr. Ives' recommendation. Motion carried.

Chris Barker questioned the fact that three principal speakers; The President, The Governor, and Administrator Warner, had been invited to deliver the main address.

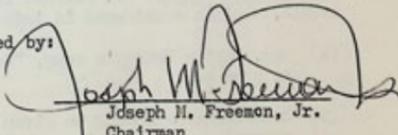
A motion was made by Robert Stallings, Jr. to accept and mail letter to Mr. Warner as drafted. This motion was seconded by Elinor Hawkins. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

Recorded by:


H. Braughn Taylor
Executive Director.

Approved by:


Joseph M. Freeman, Jr.
Chairman
Bicentennial Commission.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
July 11, 1974.

The regular monthly meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held in the Commission Office at 307 Pollock St., at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 11, 1974. Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., Chairman, presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., Rep. Chris Barker, Virginia McSorley, Jane Millns, Kathleen Orringer, Tim Montgomery, Carmi Winters, Warren G. Keyes, Miss Gertrude Carraway, Mrs. Lucy Hagar and Robert Stallings, Jr.

Advisory members in attendance were Donald Taylor, Rev. Edward Sharp and Major Charles Goode.

Charles Taylor, Festival Chairman, was also present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 5th meeting were reviewed and approved.

PROGRESS REPORT: Joseph M. Freeman, Jr. reported as follows:

1. Closing Middle Street: Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., Charles Taylor and H. B. Taylor had attended a meeting of the Merchants Association, outlined the Festival plans, and requested their support on their formal request to the Board of Aldermen to closing Middle Street from Broad to Tryon Palace Drive during the 10-day festival period. He reported there was no opposition to their request expressed at this meeting; however, he had understood some opposition had developed today. He also reported they had been requested to contribute \$1,500. for gravel to be spread on the parking area of the urban renewal. This request also received a favorable reaction.
2. Stage Facilities: Mr. Freeman displayed a map of the urban renewal area on which the stage, seating and parking area had been located. He reported that stage construction had begun, and seating facilities would be provided for 5,000 people. He also reported that paving of Tryon Palace Drive should be completed prior to the Festival.
3. Schedule of Events: Mr. Freeman reviewed the schedule of each day's events. Points considered in this discussion were:
 - (a) Mrs. Marion Erdman's song, "We Are Americans" should be promoted in some way.
 - (b) Consideration should be given for a permanent name to the urban renewal area, and this park dedicated at the opening ceremonies on August 16th. Freedon Park and Independence Mall were suggested.
 - (c) Thought should be given to relief of traffic congestion within the city during festival activities, particularly for the August 21st event. Major Goode suggested shuttle buses could be operated by Seashore Transportation Co. across Trent River, parking of automobiles could be on the Jaycee fair-ground. Also the possibility of railroad excursions could be investigated.

- (d) The necessity for increased law enforcement during the festival was discussed. It was pointed out that an over-flow crowd could be expected for the performance of "Blood, Sweat, and Tears", and the Police Chief was aware of the problems which might arise. The possibility of getting State troopers had been considered.
- (e) Commission members were informed that Mrs. Kellenberger had offered the facilities of Tryon Palace for the reception for special guests, and had also offered to defray the cost of the reception. It was decided that invitation should include some recognition that the Tryon Palace Commission was hosting this reception jointly with the Bicentennial Commission. It was further determined that invitation list should be expanded to include Presidents and Chancellor of University, Council of State, State Library Director, State Supreme Court, Heads of State Departments, Board of Archives.
- (f) Arrangements for first aid at the activities were discussed.
- (g) Mr. Freemon announced there was still a possibility that the President would attend the commemorative service on August 25th. The Commission considered the tentative location of this event on the south lawn of Tryon Palace. It was brought out that it was a policy that the President did not appear at an event unless there were 10,000 people in attendance, and that arrangements would have to be made for heli-copter landing. The length of this program was also considered, estimated to be approximately two hours, and no provisions had been made for seating the public; however, arrangements had been made to provide folding chairs for invited guests. Major Coode stated that it might be possible to secure chairs from the military bases in the area. He was requested to investigate the possibility of securing chairs for 3,000 people to be arranged on the south lawn for seating the public. It was the belief of the Commission members present that if sufficient seating could not be obtained, the final event should be held on the urban renewal site.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Approved by:

 Joseph M. Freemon, Jr.,
 Chairman.

Recorded by:

 H. Braughn Taylor,
 Executive Director.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING

August 19, 1974

The New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and Chairmen of special committees met at 4:00 P.M. on Monday, August 19, 1974 in the Library of Christ Episcopal Church. The following were present: Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., Chairman, Miss Gertrude Carraway, Kathleen Orringer, Virginia McSorley, Jane Millns, Peggy Lancaster, Elinor Hawkins, George Allen Ives, Jr., and Rep. Chris Barker.

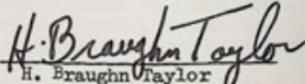
Advisory member present was Donald Taylor. Charles Taylor, Festival Chairman, and H. Braughn Taylor, Executive Director, was also present.

The Chairman presided at the meeting.

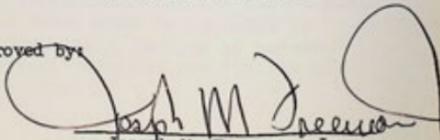
1. RESOLUTION: Mr. Freemon announced that the Executive Committee wished to form a Resolution urging adoption of the Goals for New Bern and Craven County to be presented to the public at the First Provincial Congress Commemorative Program on August 25th. He stated this resolution would be presented to individual commission members for their approval by 'phone prior to the August 25th program.
2. RECEPTION: It was announced that the invitation list to the reception was approaching six hundred persons, and only eight hundred chairs had been found; therefore, additional chairs would be needed. Mr. Ives suggested that public be informed to bring folding chairs or ground cover to the August 25th event. It was also announced that the Bicentennial Commission (the host group) would move in the direction of the program area at 7:30.
3. FIRST PROVINCIAL CONGRESS COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM: Mr. Ives presented an outline of the Commemorative Program. Mr. Ives made a motion for the Bicentennial Commission to pass a resolution for presentation at this program. This motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed.
4. EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION: Miss Gertrude Carraway made a motion that on behalf of the Bicentennial Commission, a special vote of thanks be extended to the Executive Committee of the Commission and to Charles Taylor, Festival Chairman, for their excellent work in co-ordinating the Festival to the point of reality. This motion was seconded by Virginia McSorley. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Recorded by:


H. Braughn Taylor
Executive Director.

Approved by:


Joseph M. Freemon, Jr.
Chairman,
Bicentennial Commission.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
September 12, 1974.

The regular monthly meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 12, 1974 in the Library of Christ Episcopal Church. The Chairman, Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., Warren G. Keyes, Robert Stallings, Jr., Virginia McSorley, Tim Montgomery, Jane Millns, George A. Ives, Jr., Kathleen Orringer, Rep. Chris Barker and Elinor Hawkins.

Advisory members in attendance were Rev. Edward Sharp and Donald Taylor.

MINUTES: Copies of Minutes of Commission Meetings dated July 11, 1974 and August 19, 1974 were distributed and reviewed. Kathleen Orringer made a motion that these minutes be approved. Motion seconded by Virginia McSorley, and passed unanimously.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION: A list of persons to whom letters of appreciation for their assistance in the festival had been written was reviewed for possible omissions.

SONG, "WE ARE AMERICANS": Efforts to recover the music to Marion Erdman's song, "We Are Americans", were discussed. Also, future promotion of this song was considered, since it had not been used as expected during the festival.

FESTIVAL BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES: Copies of festival budget prepared as of July 30, 1974 and expenditures to 9/12/74 were distributed. These figures were reviewed item by item. Also itemized breakdown of festival budget income was distributed and discussed. It was pointed out that Grant #1 of \$5,000. had been obtained for a joint concert by Theodore Bikel and Burl Ives; however, only Theodore Bikel had been booked, and a revised application for this Grant would be submitted.

FUTURE OBJECTIVES: Considerable thought and discussion was given to the future direction of the Commission. It was suggested by Robert Stallings, Jr. that detailed future objectives be drawn up by the Commission for approval of the City and County governing bodies. It was further proposed and adopted that the Executive Committee meet to formulate these objectives and to determine need of continuing office staff. Their recommendations to be submitted to the full commission membership for their consideration at a special meeting on September 26th.

ART GALLERY: Two renderings of the proposed renovation of the old First-Citizens Bank building for an art gallery and museum were displayed. The Commission's role in this project was discussed. Elinor Hawkins announced their would be a town meeting at the Library in October, exact date to be announced later, for the purpose of announcing the formation of the Arts Council and election of officers.

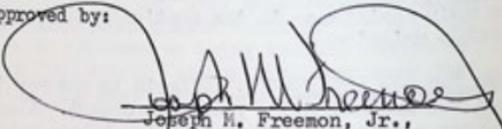
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION: George Ives, Jr. made a motion to pass a resolution thanking Charles Taylor for his excellent work as Festival Chairman, and this resolution to be published in the local newspaper. Motion seconded by Rep. Barker, and carried.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS TO ATTEND ARTS COUNCIL MEETING: The Commission considered a request made by Mrs. J. N. Smith for \$61.00 to defray her air-fare expenses to attend an arts council meeting in Winston-Salem. The Commission did not authorize this expenditure.

TIME CAPSULE: Mr. Freeman announced that a vault had been donated to be used as a time capsule to be opened at the celebration of the tricentennial. This capsule would be buried in the public space at the foot of the flag poles at Bicentennial Park at the public dedication of the urban renewal area. Several suggestions were made as to what should be placed in the capsule, one of which was each bank would accept \$1.00 contributions for a savings account which would draw interest and be used for the tricentennial observance. The name of each person contributing \$1.00 would be placed in the capsule.

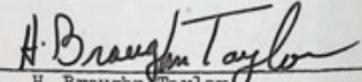
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Jane Millns to adjourn the meeting. Motion duly seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Approved by:



Joseph M. Freeman, Jr.,
Chairman.

Recorded by:



H. Braughn Taylor
Executive Director.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
September 26, 1974.

A special call meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held in the Library of Christ Episcopal Church at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 26, 1974. Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., Chairman, presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., Tim Montgomery, Lucy Hagar, Robert L. Stallings, Jr., Rep. Chris Barker, Kathleen Orringer and Elinor Hawkins.

Advisory members in attendance were Rev. Edward Sharp and Donald Taylor.

Mrs. Sue G. Flowers, representing The Sun-Journal, was also present.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Tim Montgomery, seconded by Rep. Chris Barker, that Minutes of meeting held September 12, 1974 be accepted as written. Motion carried.

GUIDE TO HISTORIC NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

1. Complimentary Copies: Complimentary hardbound copies of the Guide to Historic New Bern, North Carolina were distributed to those present.

The Executive Committee recommended that two hardbound copies be presented to each school library in the city and county school systems, Craven Community College and the graded private schools. It was also recommended that city and county government offices receive complimentary copies. Rep. Barker made a motion that the Commission accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee. This motion was seconded by Kathleen Orringer. Motion carried. It was also suggested that each book be inscribed, "Presented by Bicentennial Commission" and dated.

2. Additional Complimentary Copies: A motion was made by Rep. Chris Barker that a complimentary copy of the Guide be given to Mrs. T. M. Diggs and The Sun-Journal. This motion was duly seconded and carried. It was also suggested that a complimentary copy of the Guide be given to each of the state supported colleges, Archives and History, State Library and Mrs. Kellenberger
3. Future Sales: The Commission considered plans for future sales of the Guide. It was the belief of the group that the Guide should be made available to the public for purchase over a period of time. Robert Stallings, Jr. suggested that the Historical Society could be appointed as keeper of books. It was also pointed out that Tryon Palace would accept the Guide at \$4.00 per copy, and maintain price at \$5.00. Rep. Barker made a motion that Commission sell books at wholesale for \$4.00 for the soft copy and \$8.00 for hard bound edition. This motion was seconded by Elinor Hawkins. Motion passed.

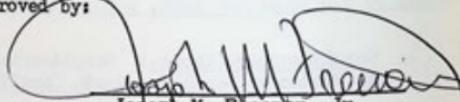
TERMINATION OF OFFICE: The recommendation of the Executive Committee to close the office as of Nov. 30, 1974, except for the possibility of one part-time employee, for correspondence and book mailing, was considered by the Commission. A motion was made by Robert Stallings, Jr., seconded by Lucy Hagar, that Commission accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Motion carried. A motion was made by Rep. Chris Barker, and seconded by Kathleen Orringer, that part-time office staff be retained upon basis of existence of need. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF: Robert Stallings, Jr. made a motion to recognize office staff: "We are tremendously indebted for their efforts in behalf of the Bicentennial". This motion was seconded by Rep. Chris Barker. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: It was announced the next meeting of the Commission would be held at 8:00 P.M. on the second Thursday of October. Election of officers for the ensuing year would be held at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Approved by:



Joseph M. Freeman, Jr.
Chairman.

Recorded by:

H. Braughn Taylor,
Executive Director.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
October 10, 1974

The regular monthly meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 10, 1974, in the Library of Christ Episcopal Church. The Chairman, Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., Mrs. Grover C. Lancaster, Jr., Rep. Chris Barker, Miss Gertrude Carzaway, Kathleen Orringer and Robert Stallings, Jr.

Advisory member in attendance was Rev. Edward Sharp.

QUORUM. It was noted a quorum was not present.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Robert Stallings, Jr. that Minutes of meeting held September 26, 1974 be received and filed.

ADUIT: Joseph M. Freemon, Jr. announced that the fifteen month audit of records of the Commission had not been completed by Walter Paramore.

INCOME BREAKDOWN: Commission members present reviewed an itemized breakdown of income for period 1/1/73 to 10/10/74 as shown on office records. Present bank balances, accounts payable and accounts receivable were also reviewed.

MERCHANDISE INVENTORY: The number of silver and bronze medallions unsold, and the number of soft cover and hardbound Guides on hand was reviewed.

1. Future Sales: It was announced that Guides could be stored at the Chamber of Commerce, and the Henderson House had agreed to accept books on consignment, and Tryon Palace Gift Shop had agreed to accept books at the wholesale price quoted to them. Central News had not been contacted relative to accepting books at the wholesale price for resale, but would be in the near future. It was also suggested that New Bern Library and the branches at Vanceboro and Havelock might be an outlet for book sales.

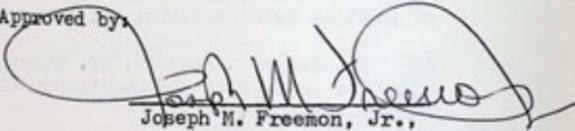
PROPERTY DISPOSAL: An inventory of office equipment acquired by the Commission and office supplies on hand was reviewed. Proper disposition of this property was discussed. It was suggested a letter be written to city and county governing boards asking approval for disposition of typewriter and folding chairs. It was also suggested that Scrapbook be given to the Public Library.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: A motion was made jointly by Robert Stallings and Rep. Chris Barker that Commission members re-elect the same officers for the forthcoming year. This motion was seconded jointly by Mrs. Grover Lancaster and Miss Gertrude Carraway. Motion carried.

DEVELOPMENT OF TRENT RIVER FRONT AREA: Mr. Freemon announced that he had talked with Richard Bell, who had volunteered to work up a professional plan to preserve the area used as Bicentennial Park during the festival. The possibility of moving the band-stand presently located in the National Cemetery to this area was discussed. The attention of Commission members was also directed to considering availability of H.U.D. money for a park project.

ADJOURNMENT: Robert Stallings, Jr. made a motion that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Approved by:



Joseph M. Freemon, Jr.,
Chairman.

Recorded by:

H. Braughn Taylor,
Executive Director.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
February 12, 1975.

A special call meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held in the Library of Christ Episcopal Church on Wednesday evening, February 12, 1975, at 8:00 P.M. The Chairman, Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., Presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freemon, Jr. Warren G. Keyes, Miss Gertrude Carraway, Kathleen Orringer, Elinor Hawkins and Virginia McSorley. Advisory member in attendance was Rev. Edward Sharp. Charles Taylor, H. Braughn Taylor, Dick Futrell' and Joan Frank were also present.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The financial status of the Commission, as of Feb. 12, 1975, was reviewed. Record of deposits and disbursements for period Oct. 1974 through Feb. 12, 1975, inventory of silver and bronze medallions and Guides to Historic New Bern, N. C. were also reviewed.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: The Chairman announced the meeting was called at the request of the Mayor to consider plans for a 1976 Bicentennial celebration, if it was the tinkling of the Commission one should be planned, and to develop a proposal to present to the Board of Aldermen for possible funding.

1975-1976 OBSERVANCE: Charles Taylor expressed a desire to have some type of celebration in 1975, possibly a festival week-end featuring entertainment on Saturday night, and a county-wide church service on Sunday night. Others present expressed beliefs that the commemoration of the Bicentennial period locally should continue until after July 4, 1976, and that appropriate activities should be planned and presented.

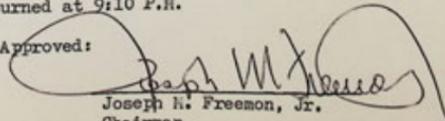
AMERICAN WIND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Mr. Freemon announced a representative of the American Wind Symphony Orchestra had contacted him and informed him they had an open date on their tour of the Eastern Watersays, of the U.S., and could stop in New Bern for a performance on May 28, 1976. The cost to the Commission would be \$7,500 plus two meals and over-night lodging for each member (approximately 65). He further stated that during the day the members of the orchestra were in town they would split up in small groups for class-room appearances in the schools. The group viewed a film which depicted the history of the orchestra, the route of proposed tour in 1976 and the type of program presented. It was the decision of the Commission that recommendation be made to the two governing bodies that The American Wind Symphony Orchestra be brought to New Bern on May 28, 1976.

ARTS COUNCIL: The Chairman announced that the Arts Council had received a grant of \$2,250 for a summer arts program which would be conducted in cooperation with the County recreational program.

GRANTS: It was suggested that follow-up action be taken on the two grant applications submitted by this Commission and now pending in the N. C. Bicentennial Office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Approved:


Joseph M. Freemon, Jr.
Chairman.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
April 17, 1975.

A special call meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held in a classroom of Christ Episcopal Church on Thursday evening, April 17, 1975. The Chairman, Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freemon, Jr. Mrs. Lucy Hagar, Warren G. Keyes, Tin Montgomery, Charles F. Taylor, Mrs. Kathleen Orringer, Mrs. Peggy Lancaster and Virginia McSorley. Advisory members in attendance were Donald Taylor and Rev. Edward Sharp. Dr. H. Braughn and Mrs. Jane Smith were also present.

COMMISSION REACTIVATED: Mr. Freemon announced the City and County governing bodies had moved to officially reactivate and support the New Bern/Craven County Bicentennial Commission, and had given this Commission authority to act and plan the Bicentennial celebration in this community.

NEW MEMBER: The Chairman announced that Charles F. Taylor had been appointed a member of the Bicentennial Commission to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of George A. Ives, Jr.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The financial status of the Commission, as of April 17, 1975, was reviewed. Inventory of silver and bronze medallions and Guides to Historic New Bern, North Carolina was also reviewed.

SILVER MEDALLIONS: Charles Taylor made a motion to reserve the twelve (12) silver medallions on hand for future use of the Commission. This motion was seconded by Kathleen Orringer. Motion carried.

GUIDES TO HISTORIC NEW BERN, N. C.: Kathleen Orringer made a motion to have soft cover copies of Guides to Historic New Bern, N. C., which had been returned to the office because pages had not been properly glued re-bound in hard covers. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Peggy Lancaster. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: The Chairman called for nominations to fill the vacancy of Vice-Chairman. Virginia McSorley nominated Charles F. Taylor. Nomination was seconded and closed. Mr. Taylor was elected unanimously.

EVENTS CHAIRMAN: The Chairman announced that H. Braughn Taylor had agreed to act as Chairman for Bicentennial events to be planned and presented during the continuing celebration in 1975 and 1976.

1975 EVENTS: It was the thinking of the group present that the events should be held at Bicentennial Park, using the Shrine auditorium as a back-up in the event of rain. That bleachers and folding chairs could be borrowed for seating, and the public could be requested to bring light weight folding chairs if they wished.

Emphasis points discussed for 1975 included starting the activities on Thursday, July 3rd, with a presentation of an out-door play by the Civic Theater, followed on the 4th and/or 5th by craft and side walk Art Shows, field day and entertainment followed by fireworks on Saturday night, a flag pageant and Marine Corps band concert on Sunday afternoon, July 6th, and a county-wide worship service on Sunday night.

1976 EVENTS: The American Wind Symphony would perform Friday, May 28, 1976. It was suggested on old homes tour could be arranged for Saturday, May 29, 1976. Events including a country and western night with regional artists, fireworks, and an enlarged craft show could be planned for the July 4th week-end. This week-end celebration would be concluded by a community wide worship service.

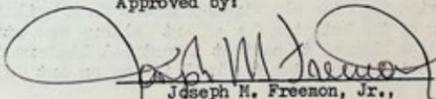
OUT-DOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY: The group present discussed the possibility of requesting two (2) acres of land on the fringe area of land designated as public land in the urban renewal area and requesting City and County support in constructing an out-door public recreation area. This facility would be constructed and dedicated during the 1976 events planned on the July 4th week-end celebration.

ARTS COUNCIL PROGRAM: Mrs. Jane Smith, President of the Craven Community Arts Council, who met with the Commission, announced the Arts Council had received a grant in the amount of \$2,250 which would be used for a summer series of programs. She outlined the proposed programs and stated the Arts Council would need to obtain additional funds as matching funds for the grant.

NEW OFFICE HOURS: The Commission voted to open the office for a half-day (1:00 to 5:00 P.M.) on Wednesdays, beginning April 23, 1975, in addition to the 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. each Friday.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Approved by:



Joseph M. Freemon, Jr.,
Chairman.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
June 12, 1975.

A meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held in the Library of Christ Episcopal Church on Thursday evening, June 12, 1975, at 8:00 P.M. The Chairman, Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., Mrs. Jane Millns, Warren G. Keyes and Charles Taylor. Advisory members in attendance was Rev. Edward Sharp. Dr. H. Braughn Taylor, Festival Chairman, was also present.

FINANCING AND BUDGETING: Mr. Freeman announced that the City and County governing bodies had agreed to support the Bicentennial Commission, and had included funds in their budget proposals for the forthcoming celebration. However, these funds would not be released to the Commission until July 1, 1975. Mr. Freeman further stated partial payments, as required, had been made to the two groups engaged to perform on July 4 and 5, and that a balance of approximately \$4,500 remained in the Commission's bank account.

SCHEDULE OF 1975 EVENTS: The Schedule of Events for Bicentennial 1975, as printed in The Sun-Journal, was reviewed.

1976 CELEBRATION: Mr. Freeman announced the contract for the American Wind Symphony (to appear in New Bern in Mary 1976) had been received.

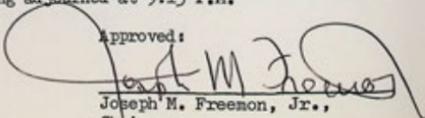
He also suggested that Commission members should be thinking about the 1976 observance in terms of events they wished to be presented, and after a schedule of events was decided upon members of the Commission would individually be responsible for developing a committee to work out the details and present this particular event. Commission meetings would be held periodically for progress reports on these events. Jane Millns was asked to think about spear-heading an Old Homes Tour in 1976.

ART GALLERY: Mr. Freeman announced the Chamber of Commerce would be moving from the old First-Citizens Bank building next week, and the offer of the building for an Art Gallery was still open. He further stated he planned to contact industrial leaders in the area to obtain their opinion on using the building as an Art Gallery.

Mr. Freeman stated he had learned of a large size portrait of Queen Elizabeth II that could be obtained on loan for display if suitable security could be provided. He said he hoped to work out details and bring this portrait to New Bern for display in the bank building as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Approved:


Joseph M. Freeman, Jr.,
Chairman.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
September 22, 1975.

A special meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held in a class room of Christ Episcopal Church on Monday, September 22, 1975, at 8:00 P.M. The Chairman, Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., Mrs. Lucy Hagar, Miss Gertrude Carraway, Mrs. Elinor Hawkins, Miss Virginia McSorley, Warren G. Keyes, Mrs. Kathleen Orringer, Mrs. Jane Millns and Charles Taylor. Advisory member in attendance was Rev. Edward Sharp and Lt. Col. Others in attendance were Dr. H. Braughn Taylor, Jim Fendergast, Capt. Goode. Scott Thompson and his assistant.

ARMED FORCES CARAVAN: Mr. Freeman introduced Capt. Thompson and his assistant, who presented a film on the Armed Forces Bicentennial Caravan. Capt. Thompson stated the vans showing the two-hundred year history of the four branches of the U. S. Armed Forces were available for public viewing in New Bern on April 3 and April 4, 1976. Saturday hours to be determined later; Sunday hours would be from 1:00 to 6:00 P.M. He further stated in order to come into a community it would be necessary to have a sponsoring group which would arrange a location site and furnish security guard during off hours. He also suggested other attractions could be planned around this event. Lt. Col. Goode suggested that a Flag Pageant and Marine Band concert could be presented as an opening ceremony for the Armed Forces Caravan.

A motion was made by Virginia Mc Sorley and seconded by Warren G. Keyes that the Bicentennial Commission sponsor the Armed Forces Caravan on April 3 and 4, 1976. This motion was carried.

1976 CELEBRATION: It was determined by the group present that the main emphasis of the 1976 Bicentennial celebration should be staged around July 4, 1976. It was noted that The American Wind Symphony was scheduled to perform in New Bern on May 28, 1976 and it was still the desire of the Commission to arrange an Old Homes Tour in connection with this event. Jane Millns was asked to form a Committee to take the leadership in this event. Other items discussed in connection with the 1976 observance are as follows:

CLEAN UP - FIX UP CAMPAIGN: Virginia McSorley suggested a "clean up - fix up" campaign could be conducted throughout the city and county. This could be accomplished through enlistment of school groups, boy and girl scouts, garden clubs and other groups for thier participation. It was also suggested that W.H.I.T. could be asked to donate Public Service time to such a campaign. It was resolved that a letter should be written to the Mayor of New Bern and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners requesting such a campaign be conducted.

TREE PLANTING: It was suggested by Jane Millns that the Commission consider the possibility of planting trees in the down town area. Mr. Freeman stated he had obtained permission from the Redevelopment Commission to plant trees along the bulkhead at "Bicentennial Park", and he had thought these trees might be designated as memorial trees

to illustrious New Bern citizens. It was agreed by those present that Nat Dixon should be contacted to form a Committee and pursue this plan.

TULIPS: Mr. Freemon announced that a gift of 1,000 red, white and blue tulip bulbs had been donated to the Commission by Mr. Jack C. M. Zonneveld, President, Holland Flowerbulb Specialist, Inc., and he had obtained permission to plant these in the area of the flag pole at Bicentennial Park.

TIME CAPSULE: It was agreed that Bob Cotton (See Minutes of Executive Committee dated August 7, 1974 and September 11, 1974) be contacted regarding his offer of a vault and marker to be used as a time capsule to be opened at the next centennial celebration, and that he be asked to form a committee to carry out this function. The Commission reserved the right to approve the contents of the vault.

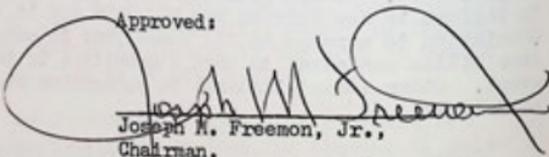
COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE: Rev. Edward Sharp asked the Commission to consider scheduling the Community Worship Service on Sunday, June 22, 1976, rather than Sunday, July 4, 1976, since each church in the area would be planning their own Bicentennial service on July 4th. The suggestion was discussed, and it was determined that actual date would be left flexible dependent upon availability of outstanding desired speaker.

CRAFT EXHIBIT: It was suggested that crafts exhibit be included in plans developed for 1976.

FUNDS: An accounting of funds available for 1976 (as of 9/19/75) was furnished each person present. An itemized statement of expenditures for Bicentennial '75 was also distributed. These reports were reviewed, and Mr. Freemon stated that the Board of Aldermen had stated they would review the budget item for the Commission in January.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Approved:



Joseph M. Freemon, Jr.,
Chairman.

MINUTES
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BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING

A special meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held at the office of the Chairman, Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 11, 1975. The Chairman presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., Mrs. Kathleen Orringer, Rep. Chris Barker, Charles Taylor, Miss Gertrude Carraway, Tom Montgomery, Mrs. Lucy Hagar, Mrs. Elinor Hawkins and Warren G. Keyes. Others in attendance were Edward Sharp, Advisory Member, and H. Braughn Taylor.

1976 BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM: Mr. Freeman announced the purpose of this meeting was to inform Commission members of progress made in formulating the 1976 Bicentennial program, and to determine the wishes of the Commission in other areas of the forthcoming observance.

OLD HOMES TOUR - April: Mr. Freeman informed those present that the Historic New Bern Foundation had agreed to conduct an Old Homes Tour on April 23 and 24, 1976, and that approximately (16) homes in addition to the Jones and Stanley homes and Tryon Palace Gardens would be opened for this event. An Antique Show would be co-sponsored by the New Bern Historical Society on these same dates. Admission would be charged, and the Bicentennial Commission would share in these proceeds.

Mr. Freeman announced a meeting of the Historic New Bern Foundation at Tryon Palace Auditorium at 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 12, 1975, to discuss Old Homes Tour and Antique Show.

COLONIAL CAPITAL CLASSIC - May: Mr. Freeman informed the group that Howard Matthews, High School Tract Coach, had contacted him relative to the Commission sponsoring a tract meet to be held at the High School in May. It was pointed out this could become an annual invitational event, bringing to New Bern athletes from other areas as well as persons who had been prominent in athletics. The Commission considered the \$850 budget which accompanied the request for support. A motion was made by Kathleen Orringer, and seconded by Warren G. Keyes, that the Commission support the tract event. The motion was passed unanimously.

AMERICAN WIND SYMPHONY - May: Mr. Freeman announced that Robert Boudreau would be in New Bern in December to form school committees for the appearance of the performers of the American Wind Symphony in May.

BLACK BEARD SAILING CLUB - June: Mr. Freeman informed the group that the Blackbeard Sailing Club was to contact him later to outline details of an event they planned to sponsor in June.

CIVIC THEATER: He also announced that the Civic Theater group had been asked to plan something appropriate for the Bicentennial Year.

TREE PLANTING: Mr. Freemon informed the Commission member that an application for a grant in the amount of \$5,000 had been submitted to the Weyerhauser Foundation. If received, this grant would be used for the planting of trees at a cost of \$300 per tree.

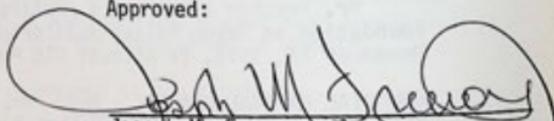
ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM: Mr. Freemon announced that the offer of the old First-Citizens Bank building was still open, and plans for its use as an Art Gallery and Museum were still being pursued, and there was a real possibility this would become a reality in 1976.

TIME CAPSULE: It was determined that Mr. Freemon and Rep. Chris Barker would call on the bankers in the area to enlist their support in obtaining contributions to be placed in trust for the 2076 centennial celebration. It was further determined that a list of the names of the contributors would be placed in the time capsule, and that the city and county governments be custodians of the funds which would be deposited in an interest bearing account.

FESTIVAL - July: It was determined tha the July 4th period festival would follow same format as 1974 and 1975 entertainment. It was pointed out that fireworks had been obligated, and a return appearance of Theodore Bike11 and Flash Cadialac was authorized.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Approved:



Joseph M. Freemon, Jr.,
Chairman.

MINUTES
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Dec. 19, 1975.

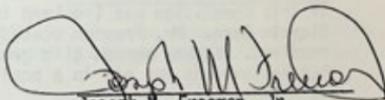
A special meeting fo the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held at the Chamber of Commerce at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, December 19, 1975. The Chairman, Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freeman, Jr., Carmi Winters, Mrs. Lucy Hagar, Mrs. Elinor Hawkins, Charles Taylor and Miss Gertrude Carraway. Dr. H. Braughn Taylor was also present.

SLIDE AND SOUND HISTORY: Those present discussed proposal from The Association, Inc. to make a slide and sound history of New Bern and Craven County. Various sources for funding the program were reviewed, including N. C. Tourism Commission and the local U.S.O. Charles Taylor moved, and Carmi Winters seconded a motion, to have the Commission underwrite the cost of the production as the next priority after the Commission has funded the activities for which they are already committed. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Approved:



Joseph M. Freeman, Jr.,
Chairman.

MINUTES
OF
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
Feb. 19, 1976.

A special meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held in the office of the Bicentennial Commission at 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, February 19, 1976. The Chairman, Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., Tim Montgomery, Warren G. Keyes, Mrs. Lucy Hagar, Charles Taylor, Miss Gertrude Carraway, Mrs. Elinor Hawkins, Mrs. Jane Millns, and Mrs. Kathleen Orringer. Dr. H. Braughn Taylor, Festival Chairman, was also present.

THANK CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS: Miss Gertrude Carraway made a motion to go on record to thank City and County Governments for their support in Bicentennial activities.

RECEIPTS REVIEW: Receipts from all sources for the period September 1973 to February 1976 were reviewed.

1976 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND BUDGET: A proposed Schedule of Events for 1976, estimated cost of the program, and anticipated income was also reviewed.

ECUMENICAL CHURCH SERVICE: Charles Taylor questioned date of Ecumenical Church Service - July 4th or preceeding Sunday. It was pointed out that the stage would not be erected until July 1st.

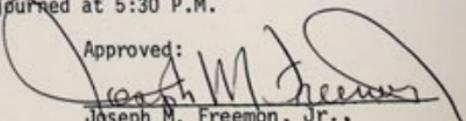
GREAT AMERICAN BICYCLE RACE: The question was also asked if this Commission was involved in the Great American Bicycle Race. Mr. Freemon stated no formal request had been received. It was agreed this group would want to endorse, but believed it was not in a position to fund this event.

U. S. ARMED FORCES BAND AND CHORUS: The Chairman informed Commission members The Sun-Journal had requested the Commission to permit the use of their name in sponsoring the appearance of the U. S. Armed Forces Band and Chorus in New Bern in November. The cost of this presentation to be borne by The Sun-Journal. The members of the Bicentennial Commission unanimously approved this request.

PROGRAM APPROVAL: A motion was made to tentatively accept the program and budget as outlined, subject to such changes as may become necessary. This motion was seconded by Warren G. Keyes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Approved:


Joseph M. Freemon, Jr.,
Chairman.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
April 20, 1976

A special meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held at 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 20, 1976, in the office of the Bicentennial Commission. The Chairman, Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., Warren G. Keyes, Mrs. Peggy Lancaster, Miss Virginia McSorley, Charles Taylor, Mrs. Lucy Hagar and Mrs. Jane Millns. Dr. H. Bruaghn Taylor, Festival Chairman, was also present.

SCHEDULE OF 1976 EVENTS REVIEWED:

EVENTS PASSED:

UP WITH PEOPLE, THE ARMED FORCES CARAVAN and the TVA EXHIBIT.

Mr. Freemon commented on the public participation and response to the three events already presented.

FUTURE EVENTS:

OLD HOMES TOUR AND ANTIQUE SHOW: He announced that in excess of three hundred (300) tickets had been sold to the Old Homes Tour, which was to be held on April 23 and 24, 1976 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; that a great deal of interest had been shown in the Antique Show to be held on the same dates from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. He also said that bus tours had been organized for these two events.

COLONIAL CAPITAL CLASSIC: Mr. Freemon informed the group that plans for the Colonial Capital Classic (Athletic Track Meet) were well underway.

CAROLINA READERS THEATER: Mr. Freemon stated the Carolina Readers Theater would present a drama, "The Great American Fourth of July Parade", at the High School auditorium on May 13th. He asked the group if tickets should be sold for this performance. Charles Taylor proposed to sell tickets at 76¢ each for this event, and also for the production of "Music Man". It was also suggested that the Civic Theater group be asked to sell tickets for both productions. This proposal was adopted.

AMERICAN WIND SYMPHONY: The appearance of the American Wind Symphony Orchestra on May 27th and 28th was discussed. It was also brought to the attention of the group that a two-hundred (200) seat theater was aboard the barge, and a Children's Theater could be arranged for the two afternoons the performers were in New Bern. Tickets for these performances would be sold at \$3.00 per ticket. Decision on the Children's Theater was tabled.

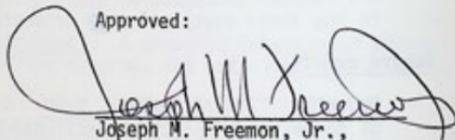
SAIL BOAT REGATTA: Mr. Freemon announced this event was being handled by the sailing club, and would be held on June 12th and 13th.

SOUND AND HISTORY PROGRAM: Mr. Freemon informed the group that the audio/visual history of New Bern and Craven County had been completed and would be ready for viewing around May 15th. He asked the group to consider plans for the first showing of this film. It was decided the presentation would be held at the Tryon Palace Auditorium on May 21st, with invitations being issued to the members of the New Bern Historical Society, Historic New Bern Foundation, New Bern Academy Historical Commission, Judge Gaston Restoration Association, Board of Craven County Commissioners, the City Board of Aldermen, and the Tryon Palace Commission.

FUNDING: Mr. Freemon pointed out there was a difference of \$3,500 between funds obligated by the City and County Governments, the County pledging the lesser amount.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Approved:



Joseph M. Freemon, Jr.,
Chairman.

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
May 14, 1976.

A meeting of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was held at 4:30 P.M. on Friday, May 14, 1976, in the office of the Bicentennial Commission. The Chairman, Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., presided.

Commission members in attendance were Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., Tim Montgomery, Miss Gertrude Carraway, Warren G. Keyes, Charles Taylor and Mrs. Lucy Hagar.

Advisory member in attendance was Donald Taylor. H. Braugh Taylor, Festival Chairman, was also present.

BUDGET: Budget and anticipated expenditures for Bicentennial 1976 were reviewed. Mr. Freemon explained that the \$3,500 difference in City's and County's appropriation was due to non-committment by the County for cost share of audio/visual history of New Bern and Craven County; however, there was a possibility this would be re-instated.

AUDIO/VISUAL HISTORY: Mr. Freemon stated that invitations had been issued to four historical groups and the City and County Governing bodies to view this production at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, May 21, 1976, at the Tryon Palace Auditorium.

ANTIQUA SHOW AND OLD HOMES TOUR: Mr. Freemon stated the Commission's share of the profit on the Homes Tour and Antiqua Show was estimated to be approximately \$3,300.

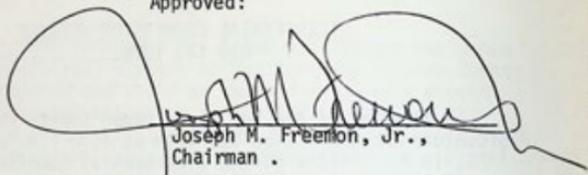
CIVIC THEATER: Mr. Freemon informed the group that the Civic Theater did not wish to charge admission for their performance of The Music Man on June 28th, 29th and 30th. It was the feeling of the group that a charge, 76¢ was proposed, should be made. The opinion was expressed that no control of the crowd could be exercised at a free indoors performance. Mr. Freemon was authorized to approach the theater group again regarding the proposal to sell tickets, and an estimate of number of persons expected for each nights' performance. It was further suggested that merchants could distribute tickets.

THEODORE BIKEL CONCERT: Mr. Freemon told the group Theodore Bikel had cancelled his appearance here on July 1, 1976, due to an offer and acceptance of a contract for a Broadway show that would conflict with his appearance here. Members present discussed whether or not another group should be engaged for this date. It was the opinion of the group that if the \$3,500 was restored by the County a replacement for Bikel's concert should be secured in order to give public all entertainment possible.

ECUMENICAL CHURCH SERVICE: The progress of the community wide church service was reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Approved:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Joseph M. Freeman, Jr.'.

Joseph M. Freeman, Jr.,
Chairman .

MINUTES
of
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING
Dec. 1, 1976

The members of the New Bern/Craven County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission held its final meeting at 4:30 P.M. on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1976 in the office of the Chairman at 213 Broad St., New Bern, N. C. The Chairman, Joseph M. Freemon, Jr., presided.

Members present, in addition to the Chairman, were Mrs. Cathleen Orringer, Robert Stallings, Mrs. Peggy Lancaster, Miss Virginia McSorley, Mrs. Carl Hagar, Warren Keyes and Mrs. Elinor Hawkins. Donald Taylor, Advisory Member, and Dr. H. Braughn Taylor, Festival Chairman, were also present.

FINAL AUDIT:

Each member present was given a copy of the audit of accounts for period 10/1/75 through 10/31/76 prepared by the office of Walter Paramore, Jr., C.P.A. and a recapulation which reflected income and disbursements for the entire period of the existence of the commission. The audit and summary were reviewed and bank balance noted.

DISPOSITION OF REMAINING FUNDS:

Robert Stallings made a motion to pay the bill submitted by Mr. Paramore with the audit, and to equally divide cash on hand between the City of New Bern and the County of Craven, and to present checks for these unused funds at the next regular meeting of the two boards. This motion was seconded by Virginia McSorley. Motion carried.

DISPOSITION OF OTHER ASSETS:

"Guide to Historic New Bern, N. C." A motion was made by Cathleen Orringer, seconded by Peggy Lancaster, that the copyright for the publication, "Guide to Historic New Bern, N. C." be transferred to the Tryon Palace Commission in the event a reprint of the book was desired at some future time. Motion carried. The sale of copies of this book remaining on hand to the Tryon Palace Commission was also approved.

"Time at Two Rivers". Warren Keyes made a motion, seconded by Lucy Hagar, that the audio visual program, "Time at Two Rivers" be placed in the custody of Craven Community College, and that it be made available for use by civic groups and schools, and the availability of the program be announced once each year. Motion carried.

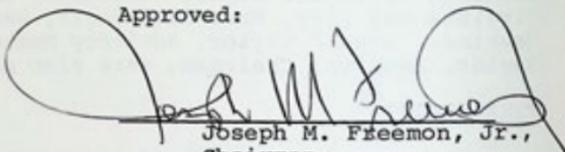
Medallions: It was agreed that the unsold medallions be divided equally between the two governing bodies, City and County, and they be given to them at the same time the unused funds were returned.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION:

Elinor Hawkins, on behalf of the Commission members, complimented Mr. Freemon on his performance as Chairman for the past four years, and expressed the appreciation of the members for the role he and staff, Dr. Taylor and Miss Bunting, had assumed in actively pursuing the completion of the Commission's planned projects.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Approved:



Joseph M. Freemon, Jr.,
Chairman.

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