

BHC Special Collections Connecticut Tercentenary Commission Special Publications By Jaime Pettit March 2025

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Bridgeport History Center

Title: Connecticut Tercentenary Commission Special Publications

Dates: 1931-1935

Quantity: 0.417 linear feet

Abstract: The General Assembly created this commission in 1929 to plan for the commemoration of the 300th anniversary of Connecticut's settlement. This group of materials contains event programs, city and state histories, recreational guides, and maps produced by the Tercentenary

Commission. **Language:** English

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Administrative History:

The General Assembly created this commission in 1929 to plan for the commemoration of the 300th anniversary of Connecticut's settlement. The Commission expanded from seven members, headed by Dr. G.C.F. Williams, to eleven, supported by an executive secretary, Herbert L. Crapo, and staff. It created several subcommittees to conduct work. Samuel H. Fisher was Chairman after January 4, 1934. Its program included publications, exhibits, public ceremonies, musical events, pageants, parades, school activities, an industrial exhibit, religious observances, and the sale of medals, plates, and auto tags. Twenty-two information bureaus were established, and many localities organized their own related programs. The final exercises took place on October 11, 1935, and the commission wound up its work on June 30, 1936.

Scope and Content note:

This group of materials contains event programs, city and state histories, recreational guides, and maps produced by the Tercentenary Commission. In addition, there are pamphlets for exhibitions held in honor of the Tercentenary.

Arrangement Note:

The materials have been arranged semi-chronologically and by their type, meaning materials such as town celebrations have been grouped together in one folder.

Administrative information:

Provenance: Found in collections.

Preferred Citation:

Please cite individual publications.

Names and Subject Tracings

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Connecticut Tercentenary Commission
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Subject tracings
Exhibitions
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Towns

Detailed box and folder listing

Box 1

Folder 1 – Reports and General Celebration Pamphlets

- 1. Report of the Tercentenary Commission to the General Assembly (1931)
- 2. Preliminary Program of the Celebration of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the State of CT (1935)
- 3. Tercentenary Commission of the State of Connecticut Supplementary Program (1935)
- 4. Suggested Music for Tercentenary Observances (1935)
- 5. Tercentenary Commission of the State of Connecticut Committee of the Clergy: Suggestions for a Church Service (1935)

Folder 2 - Town Program Pamphlets

- 1. Connecticut Tercentenary Celebration Pamphlet (1935)
- 2. Connecticut Tercentenary: Hartford's Participation Program (1935)
- 3. New London Tercentenary Celebration Program (1935)
- 4. Westport Tercentenary and Centenary Celebration Program (1935)
- 5. Stamford Tercentenary Event Program (1935)
- 6. Ridgefield Tercentenary Celebration Program (1935)
- 7. Madison Tercentenary Celebration Program (1935)
- 8. Westport Tercentenary and Centenary Program (1935)
- 9. West Haven Tercentenary Event Program (1935)

Folder 3 – Small Pamphlets and Histories

- 1. The Connecticut Tercentenary History and Program (1935)
- 2. Connecticut Tercentenary: East Haven's Oldest Landmarks (1935)
- 3. Inventory of the Estate of Thomas Curtis Oldest Probate in CT (1935)
- 4. Little Journeys Through Connecticut Recreational Guide (1935)
- 5. Mill Sites of Colebrook, CT (1935)
- 6. A Brief Sketch and Maps of the Town of Norfolk (1935)
- 7. Bridgeport Sketch and Points of Interest (1935)

- 8. Bridgeport Sketch and Points of Interest, 2nd Copy (1935)
- 9. Branford Sketch and Maps (1935)
- 10. The Boston Post Road from New York to Stratford, CT (1935)

Folder 4 – Exhibition Pamphlets

- 1. Three Centuries of Connecticut Furniture (1935)
- 2. Connecticut Tercentenary Industrial Exposition (1935)
- 3. Early Connecticut Silver (1935)
- 4. Paintings by John Trumbull and Samuel Finley Breese Morse (1935)
- 5. Connecticut Portraits by Ralph Earl (1935)
- 6. Maps of Connecticut Past and Present (1935)

Folder 5 – Large Pamphlets

- 1. Program of Final Tercentenary Events (1935)
- 2. Roger Ludlow: Father of Connecticut (1935)
- 3. Marital Tidings: Being a Chronology of Quaint and Interesting Accounts, Legendary and Otherwise of the Revolutionary War in Fairfield County (1935)
- 4. A Brief History of the Pequot War (1935)

Folder 6 - CT Jewish Historical Album

1. Connecticut Jewish Historical Album (1935)