



SURRY COUNTY
AMERICAN
REVOLUTION
BICENTENNIAL
COMMISSION

WHAT IS THE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION?

The Surry County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was formed by resolution of Surry County Commissioners by the instigation of concerned community leaders to celebrate the 200th anniversary of our nation's birth and to commemorate the role of Surry County in the grand enterprise of independence and freedom. The Bicentennial commission is associated and affiliated with both the National and State Bicentennial Commissions. We have been also designated by the National organization as a Bicentennial community.

HERITAGE:

One of the major goals of the Bicentennial Commission is to preserve the past of Surry County. In this connection, our goals should be to encourage an awareness of personal participation, in history, especially, in our roots in the past and its importance in identifying ourselves with the present. Secondly, we should strive to increase communication between younger and older generations in the county; thirdly, to build up contributions to a permanent collection of archival and ethnic materials, probably to be housed at Surry Community College. This includes the gathering of letters, diaries, genealogies and photographs. Also it has been suggested that a museum be an eventual project for collecting artefacts of the county past such as arrowheads, pottery, machinery, farm and industrial, of the past, etc. Certainly volunteers from any organization are more than welcome to participate in any aspect of the bicentennial celebration.

A new complete, definitive history of the county is another primary aim of the bicentennial projects. The last history of the county was written in 1935 (Hollingsworth). With a great degree of truth, it has been said that every generation must write its own history in order to understand its ties with its own heritage. For instance, how many of

you know who the county is named after: the Earl of Surrey, an English nobleman; and when it was founded: 1770. Of course the history of the area goes beyond that date. But our county was a functioning government even before the American Revolution started. Surry had its own part in the American Revolution: under Benjamin Cleveland a force of Surry County men took part in helping defeat Cornwallis in the closing phase of the American Revolutionary War. We also had a few Tories in the population too. But we do have a history to be proud of and one worth preserving for our children in this rapid age of change.

We also have our own Surry County Historical Society with a board drawn from all over the county. Ruth Minick, the Treasurer, is one of many who have been prime movers behind this association. They now have over 200 due-paying members. The Bicentennial Commission is working in close cooperation with the association to preserve the history of the county and to make the Bicentennial a great event. Among our joint projects (one actually started by the association) is the restoration of historic Franklin House. This home of Bernard Franklin, Revolutionary War patriot and the father of yet another patriot, Governor Jesse Franklin, who was governor of the state from 1821 to 1825. There also are about 100 other sites which are considered historic in this county and we are open and eager to learn more of them.

Our Heritage finally is the business and concern of all of us in Surry County. Because we live in one of the thirteen original colonies that fought for our independence and freedom; and because we live in a county whose history stems from even pre-Revolutionary times, we all should be involved in preserving our wonderful heritage for posterity.

FESTIVAL

To celebrate our heritage the Bicentennial Commission has made definite plans to hold a series of spectacles before and during the summer of 1976 with an all-out historical-musical extravaganza in the summer of 1976. These spectacles are intended

not only to commemorate our past but also to create a new civic awareness among all citizens. This civic celebration is to be a fun as well as a serious project. Furthermore, in talking about our community, we become more interested in its affairs. Secondly, the purpose of these pageants is to discover new civic leaders for the county by having all citizens from all parts of the county share committee responsibilities and develop leadership in our community. We find new leaders by involving the young with projects that challenge their ingenuity. Thirdly, the celebration should stimulate local economy by telling those outside the county that we are a progressive, forward-looking community. By drawing crowds to our various spectacles we bring prosperity to our community. Finally we focus attention on the future; as we honor and salute the past, we look forward to the needs of tomorrow. We plan for the future growth in industry, education, commerce, and culture.

To accomplish these admittedly ambitious aims, the Bicentennial Commission hired the Rogers Company, a professional production company, which specializes in celebrations of this type, to help us in putting on the actual celebrations themselves. This assistance is especially vital to the presentation of the spectacular outdoor theatrical production to reenact the past, dramatize the present, and project the future of Surry County.

The Rogers Company has been in the business of producing celebrations of this nature since 1903 and are an acknowledged leader in their field. Dr. Dale Simmons, the president of the Bicentennial Commission has spent several months in researching this company and its initial proposals. The full commission and the executive director have also thoroughly examined the proposal and endorsed it unanimously. The Surry County Commissioners have also lent their support and given approval to this project. We have every confidence that the Rogers Company will help us to do a firstclass job in presenting our history in living form.

Although we have enlisted the services of this company, this does not mean we can all sit down and relax — we must now have volunteers to help

us with the festival. Local people are to participate in every phase of the planning and execution of the celebration. We need among others, 250 actors, several technicians, so on and so forth. The list is endless: tickets, promotions, publicity. Don Nance, the director of the Mt. Airy theater group will be in general charge of the theatrical productions and spectacles. He is one of the first persons to contact if you get volunteers for these projects (phone: 789-3386 — Mount Airy).

We also need the great help of businesses and merchants in our community with this ambitious project — several businessmen have already stepped forward and are already serving on the commission itself or its various committees. But we need others to come forward and commit themselves to the Bicentennial. We must also have the youth to participate and their enthusiasm and effort will have a large part in making the Bicentennial a success.

Finally we need the cooperation from peoples of all ages and occupations for this grand project.

HORIZON

Finally let us turn our attention to the future! What are we planning to derive from the heritage and festival for the future. In connection with the heritage phase, we hope to establish a permanent and constantly growing archives for the documents and photographs of our past, and a museum to house artefacts and such as old farm equipment of historical interest; also representative textile machinery preserving the industrial evolution of our county; to contain the items of everyday life of the past such as spinning wheels so that we have a living memorial of the past and to give especially the young a sense of continuity with the past of Surry County. Both of these will be housed on the campus of Surry Community College in conjunction with an even more ambitious attempt to have a community auditorium seating 2,000 people for civic projects such as theatrical performances, community meetings, etc.

All of these projects need the support and enthusiasm of all in the county. These facilities centrally located at the college will be available to the entire county and hopefully involve the entire community in helping us to know each other and in encouraging all parts of the county to work together.

This probably is our greatest but most valuable goal of the Bicentennial: to knit the entire community of Surry County into a closer unit for planning greater projects and solving problems for the future. As our modern life gets more complex we must strive to bring all communities of the county together whether it be in Elkin, Mt. Airy, Dobson, Pilot Mountain or any other community in the county. This goal is definitely impossible without you. Heritage Festival and Horizon projects is the unifying of our great county into the community of the future, proud of its past, conscious of its great present achievements, and looking boldly forward to a greater future.

The present members of the Bicentennial Commission are drawn from all parts of the county and from a variety of occupations; J. Dale Simmons, President (Mt. Airy), Verona West, Secretary, (Mt. Airy), Hugh Atkinson (Siloam), W. Franklin Badgett (Pilot Mountain), Kathleen Gilliland (Elkin), Dianna Forrest (Mount Airy), Ruth Minick (Mount Airy), David Myers (Elkin), Glenn Robertson (Mount Airy), and William Sanders (Dobson). The Commission recently appointed a full-time executive director, Edward J. Spanski (Elkin) who is also associated with Surry Community College as a part-time instructor. His job is to coordinate all the efforts of the Bicentennial projects. He may be contacted about any aspect of the Bicentennial at the County Courthouse, temporary headquarters of the Bicentennial Commission (phone: 386-8623). The permanent headquarters will be at Surry Community College probably after November 1. Dr. Swanson Richards, the president of Surry Community College has lent full cooperation to assist the Bicentennial in among other things providing the meeting place of the Bicentennial Commission.

**SURRY COUNTY AMERICAN
REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL
COMMISSION, INCORPORATED**



*Official Designation
Ceremony*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1974
3:00 P. M.**

*The Surry County American Revolution
Bicentennial Commission cordially invites
you to be an honored guest at the Official
Ceremony designating Surry County as a
Bicentennial Community*

Sunday, October 13, 1974 3:00 p. m.

**SURRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DODSON, N. C. 27017
COMMISSION**

Edward J. Spanski, Jr.
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Kathleen Gilleland
Ruth Minick
David Myers
Glenn Robertson
William Sanders
Steve Taylor

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A. H. Merritt
Chairman
Gaston Brinkley
Elmer Hodges
Roxie Roth
Claybern Taylor

PROGRAM

Welcome — Emcee — Dr. James A. Harrell, Jr.

Presentation of Colors by Surry Central High School Air Force
Junior R. O. T. C., Julian G. Butler, Director.

Playing of the National Anthem by the North Surry High School
Band, Howard Amoss, Director.

Invocation: Rev. Robert L. Crews, Pastor Flat Rock Presbyterian
Church and President of Mt. Airy Ministerial Association.

Introduction of the County Commissioners
Surry County American Revolution Bicentennial
Commission, the Executive Director,
Edward J. Spanski, Jr.
Honored Guests

Designation Ceremony — Presentation of Certificates

Remarks by members of Regional and State Bicentennial Com-
missions

BICENTENNIAL REMARKS George Marion, Jr.

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS — Honorable Wilmer D. Mizell, U. S.
Congressman, Fifth Congressional District

Benediction

Reception

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April 1, 1976



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Edward J. Spanski, Jr.
SURRY COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
P. O. Box 1776
Dobson, N. C. 27017

Dear Sir:

Due to the demand for flags, our manufacturers are so busy it will be the latter part of April before you will receive your order. We are sorry for this delay.

Sincerely,

ALEX NAGLE

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P.S. This quality flag is being made up as a special order.

P.S.S. When these do arrive we shall have an extra hundred for sale.



ANNIN & CO.

March 2, 1976

Dear Annin Dealer:

Time is running out! Understandably, everyone wants flag orders filled for Spring sales. But although we have greatly increased our production, our backlog of orders remains high - particularly for Bennington flags. Consequently, we are most concerned that we will not be able to ship all of your orders in time to satisfy your customers' requirements.

Many Bennington orders currently in our backlog will be shipped in time for your normally busy "flag season", beginning about May 15 - however, despite our best efforts, many may not be delivered by May 15 - or even July 4. We are unable to issue firm shipping dates since priority is given to standard U.S. flags.

In order to deal effectively with this unprecedented situation, while also recognizing our enormous responsibility to you, our valued dealers, we must reluctantly enforce the following restrictions, effective immediately:

1. New orders for Bennington flags (2x3' and larger) will not be accepted unless it is understood that deliveries might not be made until after July 4, 1976.
2. According to normal policy, all sales of Bennington, ARBA or Betsy Ross flags, special decorations and miniature Bicentennial flag sets are final. Under no conditions will returns be authorized or accepted.

While the current high demand results in delayed deliveries, it is to your advantage to issue separate purchase orders for U.S. flags and other standard catalog items. Do not include them on orders for Bicentennial related merchandise with longer lead times. New, large stocking orders for U.S. flags may also be delayed; check with our Sales Department before ordering if Spring delivery is essential.

Our present activity indicates that most Annin Dealers have been building stocks of flag merchandise that will be most in demand this year. We appreciate your early planning and wish for you a successful Spring and Summer selling season. We'll do all in our power to help make it so.

Thank you again for your business, your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Walter P. Kelley
Vice President Sales

WPK:bt

Opening Ceremony Of The Surry County Bicentennial Year



February 22, 1976

Program For The Opening Ceremony Of The Surry Bicentennial Year

Sunday, February 22, 1976 3:00 P. M.
Rockford Baptist Church, Rockford, North Carolina

PRESIDING — Dr. J. Dale Simmons, M. D. President, Surry County
American Revolution Bicentennial Commission

WELCOME & INVOCATION — by Rev. Ray Davis, Minister of
Rockford Baptist Church

THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY ALL

INTRODUCTION OF VETERANS by William S. Hiatt, Commander
American Legion & Member of Surry County American Revolution
Bicentennial Commission.

READING OF PROCLAMATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BICENTENNIAL REMARKS ON THE HERITAGE OF SURRY
COUNTY by Franklin Folger

PATRIOTIC MUSIC by the Surry Community College Chorus
Dale Sasser, Director

"Mad Anthony Wayne"

"Johnny has gone for a soldier"

Both excerpts from the secular cantata, "A Revolutionary Portrait"

REMARKS ON THE FUTURE OF SURRY COUNTY IN THE THIRD
CENTURY OF AMERICA by Honorable David H. Diamont

CLOSING PRAYER: Patriotic Prayer from Book of Common Prayer
to be said by all.

For Our Country.

ALMIGHTY God, who has given us this good land for our heritage;
We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a
people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land
with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save
us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and
arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and
fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of
many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those
to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that
there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through
obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the
nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with
thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee
to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Immediately following, the Masons of Surry County will hold a
special ceremony in front of the Masonic Lodge at Rockford.
Everyone is cordially invited (by the Rockford Preservation
Committee) to a reception at the Rockford Baptist Church.



**"Come As Your
Favorite Historical Character Contest"**

THE AUTUMN LEAVES FESTIVAL

October 11, 1975

**2:00 P.M. Judging — Bicentennial Booth Main St.
Downtown**

**3:00 P.M. — Winners announced at Downtown
Bandstand**

**3:45 P.M. — Winners presented at Mayberry Mall
Bandstand**

**Deadline For Entering: October 11, 1975
2:00 P.M.**

PRIZES:

ADULT CONTEST: (13 years and over)

FIRST PLACE: \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

SECOND PLACE: \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

THIRD PLACE: \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

CHILDREN'S CONTEST [12 years of age or under]

FIRST PLACE: \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

SECOND PLACE: \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

THIRD PLACE: \$10.00 Cash.

Entry Blanks (no entry fee) available from the Surry County Bicentennial Commission, P.O. Box 1776, Dobson, N.C. or from local banks, savings and loan and local retailers.

County Flag and Seal Contest



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What does the Bicentennial mean? It is the two hundredth anniversary of our nation's birth which began officially with the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776.

Who and what is the Bicentennial? By Act of Congress, the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration was formed to direct the celebration of our nation's birth. This agency requested the 50 states of the union to form State Bicentennial Commissions. In our own state we have the North Carolina Bicentennial Commission. It is their job to direct the Bicentennial throughout the state, and also to help organize local Bicentennial Commissions in each of the 100 counties in North Carolina.

After several meetings of local community leaders, teachers, and students, the Surry County Commissioners approved the formation of a Surry County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. On October 13, 1974 both the national and state Bicentennial Commissions officially designated Surry County a Bicentennial Community. A special national Bicentennial Flag was presented along with an official certificate to Haywood Merritt, chairman of the county commissioners. The flag is now flying over either the County Court House or other public buildings in Surry County.

To commemorate the Bicentennial, the County Commissioners have authorized us, the Bicentennial, Commission to sponsor a County Seal and County Flag Contest. The County does not have an official seal or flag so it is a very important project. The following prizes will be awarded each of the contests, flag and seal:

First Prize: \$50.00 Savings Bond donated by the Dobson Lions Club for the County Seal.

\$50.00 Savings Bond donated by the Mt Airy Lions Club for the County Flag.

Second Prize: \$25.00 Savings Bond for the flag, and \$25.00 Savings Bond for the Seal.

Third Prize: \$10.00 Cash Award for the County Flag, and \$10.00 award for the County Seal.

There will also be honorable mention.

Who is eligible? All residents of Surry County. Age limit? None.

There will be a screening committee to determine who will be the finalists; the County Commissioners will be the final judges and they have the right to make final changes in the design of the flag and seal.

Water color, oil paint, or any other medium is acceptable. It should be color however, not black and white.

When is the Deadline? Feb. 3, 1975. Entries postmarked by midnight on that date will be accepted, but none later.

Who do you sent it to?:

Mr. Edward J. Spanski, Jr.

Surry County Bicentennial Commission

P. O. Box 1776

Dobson, N. C. 27017

Or you may deliver it personally to our office in the County Court House, or the County Manager's office in the same building.

When will the awards be announced? Feb. 15, 1975.

If you are a winner you will get your picture in the newspaper so be the first to submit your winning entry.

INFORMATION: If you need more information about the contest or the Bicentennial either write the address above or phone 386-8623 (Dobson). Good luck and good drawing.

What are the plans for the celebration of our two hundredth birthday and the commemoration of our county's heritage? There are first of all three major themes of the Bicentennial: Heritage, Festival, and Horizon.

HERITAGE:

Let us talk about the Heritage theme first. Heritage is the sum of all things we have received from our ancestors. Old historic home sites and buildings, old diaries, genealogies (family histories), photographs, letters, spinning wheels and other antiques, and yes even grave stones make us our heritage, our past in Surry County. Because all these things are old and many of them date back to the 1700's, our heritage is very fragile, very easily destroyed. A recent event draws painful attention to how so quickly the past disappears before us. On November 18, 1974, the historic Grant-Burrus Hotel built in 1796, the residence of such famous men as Andrew Jackson, was partially consumed by fire. Rockford, located near the Surry side of the Yadkin River was the county seat before it was transferred to Dobson in 1850. After all, Surry County was formed in 1770 a full six years before the happenings of Independence in the Summer of 1776.

What can you do to help save the heritage of Surry County before it is destroyed? We need student's help in finding of family diaries, genealogies, letters, and photographs. Ask your parents and grandparents about your family history and about the documents they may have.

Also family grave sites need to be recorded especially, those before 1914. This is just some of the projects you can attempt. (If you are interested in any Bicentennial Project contact me either by phone, 386-8623 or by mail: Surry County Bicentennial Commission, P. O. Box 1776, Dobson, N. C. 27017). We also plan historical tours of the county and also slide shows for the schools in 1975. If you are interested, please contact the above address.

FESTIVAL:

We are also planning a large-scale festival for the week of July 3-10 of 1976 to celebrate in song, dance, art, sound, and sight our two hundredth birthday. The single biggest event is a musical play of Surry County history with a cast of 250 actors on a huge 350 foot outside stage to be held in Dobson. If you have dramatic or theatrical talent, we are waiting to hear from you now! There will be literally dozens of events in every community in the county: parades; folk and rock, and country western concerts; fiddlers' contests; rocking chair and other contests; street and square dances, and many more. If you have an idea for a contest or event in your community, tell me about it. We need your ideas now! There will be a Youth Day during this festival week and here again we want your ideas for events on this day dedicated to you.

HORIZONS:

The last of the three Bicentennial themes is Horizon—projects for the future of Surry County. Several ideas are now under consideration and more projects are invited. One of the planned proposals is the setting up of a County museum and archives. The museum will house things of the past (artifacts) such as old looms, antiques, Indian archaeology (arrowheads, tools, etc). The archives (a place to store documents of the past for research and safe-keeping) will house letters, diaries, photographs and other historical documents, so that we have a lasting record of Surry County history. There is also plans for a Surry County Auditorium to seat two thousand. This facility would be open to all groups with a special emphasis on youth organizations. Another possible project is the building of bicycle paths throughout Surry County so that both young and old can enjoy their bicycles without danger from cars. It will be also a conservation measure to save our environment from pollution and save gasoline and other valuable energy resources.

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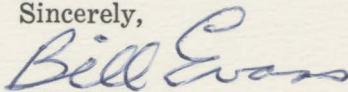
Attention: North Carolina Bicentennial Committees

By special arrangements with Artist Al Fincher, who is painting two subjects in color from each county in North Carolina, we are providing you with an excellent means of Fund Raising. The print on this note paper is an example of the one he has already finished. By distributing these throughout your county you would not only be getting a profit for the Committees work, but at the same time, you would be helping preserve for the future, paintings of some of *your* county's landmarks.

Please read the enclosed Price List and if any questions, please contact us. Also, if you would like to know the two subjects that Al Fincher is painting from your county, please let us know.

We welcome any comment about this project or if we can be of service in any way in your printing needs, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" and last name "Evans" clearly distinguishable.

Bill Evans

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NEWSLETTER

Surry County
American Revolution
Bicentennial Commission



Sept. 11, 1975

HEAR YE! YEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE BICENTENNIAL IS COMING.

The Bicentennial is on its way in Surry County with the launching of the Rocking Chair Marathon, September 11 through September 14 at Mayberry Mall in Mt. Airy, the Armtex parking lot behind the J&M Variety Store in Pilot Mountain, as well as other locations in Dobson and Elkin.

Large Cash Prizes from \$300.00 for the county-wide first prize winner to prizes for local winners at each location donated by Procter-Silex and other concerns. This is just the beginning. The Bicentennial is planning many other events for the Fall of 1976:

Historic Site Tours. Coming soon throughout the county 135 historic sites will be marked by a special red, white and blue temporary Bicentennial Marker. These signs will designate the name of the site and have a code number that will refer to a historic map and booklet which will give the location of the site and a description of it. Both the signs and the maps will be ready in October. Tours for school children will be organized and everyone is urged to pick up a map at local banks and savings and loans so that you can tour these sites during our beautiful Fall in Surry County.

October 10, 11, 12 "Come as your favorite HISTORICAL CHARACTER" PRIZES FOR THE BEST COSTUMES***held in conjunction with the Autumn Leaves Festival.

November 14, 1975 Friday--The U.S. Armed Forces Bicentennial Caravan will be in Dobson beginning 10 a.m. behind the County Courthouse Building. The Bicentennial Caravan is a audio-visual historical presentation of the 200 years of the four branches of the Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines. Each branch will have a separate tractor-trailer van to present its history.

Tentatively planned for the first week of December is a Colonial Tasting Spree co-sponsored by the Home Extension Clubs of Surry County. Old time recipes will be used to present a taste treat for all. There will be admission charge but this includes a book of recipes used in the Colonial Tasting Spree as well as a commemorative plate. The plate will have the newly adopted County Seal on it as well as several historic sites of the County.

Also coming is a Surry County Bicentennial Commemorative Coin with the new County Seal on the front side and the Surry County Bicentennial Logos on the obverse. They will be minted in both silver and bronze. A limited number of boxed sets with both a silver or bronze coin will also be sold.

The Bicentennial is here and now we want your support, participation, and ideas to make our nation's two hundred birthday a great and memorable event--a unique happening to be held only once during our lifetime. If you wish to volunteer or wish more information: Please phone 386-8623 or write Surry County Bicentennial Commission, P.O. Box 1776, Dobson, N.C. 27017.