

# Guide to the Eau Claire Area American Revolution Bicentennial Committee Scrapbook, 1975-1976

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## Overview of the Collection

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**Reference Code:** USGZE UHC287

**Accession Number:** 06-128

**Collection Number:** University Historical Collection 287

**Creators:** Eau Claire Area American Revolution Bicentennial Committee (Eau Claire, Wis.)

**Title:** Eau Claire Area American Revolution Bicentennial Committee Scrapbook Dates: 1975-1976

**Quantity:** 1.6 linear feet (1 flat box)

**Location of Collection:** A3/2c

**Languages:** Collection materials are in English. Summary: Scrapbook of clippings, correspondence, and programs relating to Eau Claire area celebrations and observances of the American Revolution Bicentennial in 1976.

## Historical Note

The bicentennial of the American Revolution in 1976 provided occasion for Americans to reflect upon the significance of their personal and collective pasts. The federal government encouraged community observations of the bicentennial and provided grants and other assistance to facilitate local celebrations. The Eau Claire Area American Revolution Bicentennial Committee was created in 1975 for the sole purpose of organizing and coordinating events to celebrate the bicentennial. The Committee created three program committees (Heritage, Horizon, and Festival) and planned a wide variety of events throughout the 1976 calendar year. These included historic reenactments, lectures,

concerts, town meetings, a re-dedication of Putnam Park and a dedication of the old city hall bell, and special events at the annual Sawdust City Days.

## Content Description

The scrapbook consists primarily of local newspaper clippings detailing the planning of bicentennial activities, the activities themselves, and public reactions to the activities. Among the clippings are select committee correspondence and organizational records, programs and ephemera from bicentennial events, and transcripts of speeches delivered at bicentennial observations.

## Administrative Information

**Acquisition Information:** Donated to Special Collections & Archives, University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire prior to March 2006.

**Access Restrictions:** Collection is open to the public.

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## Subjects

**Corporate Names:** Eau Claire Area American Revolution Bicentennial Committee (Eau Claire, Wis.)

**Subject Terms:** United States--Centennial celebrations, etc.

**Geographical Terms:** Eau Claire (Wis.) -- History

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