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The Pittsburg Bicentennial-Centennial Collection

Collection Number	MS 330
Title	The Pittsburg Bicentennial-Centennial Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1967-1976
Collection Size	1 linear foot
Creator	Unknown
Scope and Content	Contains correspondence, forms, lists, and newspapers related to the Pittsburg Bicentennial-Centennial celebration in 1976.
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University.
Languages	English

Historical Note The Pittsburg Bicentennial-Centennial was the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the United States and the 100th anniversary of the city of Pittsburg, Kansas in 1976. The celebration was spearheaded by Edward T. McNally of McNally Pittsburg Manufacturing Corporation. He said the objective was “to celebrate our past in a unique town and instill a sense of pride in the past and the present.” A feature of the Centennial celebration was the Pittsburg Hall of Fame. This was a list of 100 people, approximately 10% alive at the time, that aided the building and development of Pittsburg. Carl Brown, chairman, created the Hall of Fame and with a committee selected the 100 people to be recognized. Planning for the events began in 1973 to celebrate the city’s centennial on its birthday, May 20, 1976, and the country’s bicentennial on July 4, 1976.

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Content Description

This collection is comprised of primary sources and includes the following:

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3. Publications
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1975

1975-76

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1975 Nomination Lists

Biographical Information of Nominees

Elections

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Series 3: Publications

Hall of Fame Guide Lines

The American Legion Magazine October 1974

Immigrants We Were, Americans We Are

Programs and Flyers

1967-76 Newspapers

The Pittsburg Headlight Sun / The Pittsburg Morning Sun about the celebration and other events

Series 4: Oversize

Certificate of Official Recognition from the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration,
1976-Range 29