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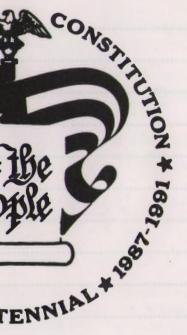


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All the material in this book about programs and activities of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution comes directly from the states and communities themselves.

The events listed herein demonstrate the depth and diversity in Bicentennial planning and are intended to stimulate ideas and preparation throughout America.

Specific questions about events, dates, and places in this book should be directed to the sponsors themselves. All media inquiries should be made at the state or local level, not to the federal Commission.

As the reader will discover, American citizens have devised a number of meaningful and imaginative ways to celebrate our Constitution.

Becoming Designated

Celebrating our Constitution is best done at the local level. That's why the federal Commission has a program to recognize officially any city, town, village, or county that forms a local commission to participate in the commemoration.

To become a Designated Bicentennial Community, the chief elected official and/or governing body of a community authorizes a broadly-based commission to plan meaningful and significant events that will educate the citizenry about the Constitution and its relevance today.

Application is made to the appropriate state commission, which forwards the form to the federal Commission in Washington, D.C. Communities will receive official notification, a certificate, and copies of the national logo to use in the commemoration.

For questions or assistance on becoming a "D.B.C.," contact State/Local Affairs at the federal Commission: (202)653-9808.

Using This Book

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Simply, being a Designated Bicentennial Community means having your local governing body in city, town, village, or county, authorize a commission to participate in the commemoration.

Programs, symposia, and ceremonies should be designed to educate citizens about the history of the Constitution, its development, why it's unique and has served as a model for the rest of the world, and why the freedoms it guarantees are important to Americans today.

The nearly 600 communities that were already designated at presstime of this book listed numerous ways to observe the Bicentennial. Among them:

Establishing special curriculum and materials within the school systems, to include books, films, slide shows; texts on the history of the Constitution, issues and laws decided by the Supreme Court, and assemblies on the Constitutional Convention, with students re-enacting the events of Sept. 17, 1787.

Joining in the national essay competitions or having one just for the community, with appropriate awards and ceremonies, or doing more than one contest.

Staging dramatic presentations in the schools and for citizens in general and to include plays already endorsed by the federal or state commissions, or with original material written to highlight some local event, person, or Constitutional issue.

Linking the Bicentennial to a statehood centennial or major anniversary, or tying the community's founding to the Constitution.

Using the Constitution as a theme for annual events during Memorial Day, July 4th, or Labor Day. Parades, picnics, barbecues, festivals, regattas, concerts, and fairs will carry a Bicentennial theme in hundreds of municipalities.

Presenting symposia, seminars, debates, lectures, classes, and mock trials on famous court cases, legal issues, the history of the Constitution, and the Supreme Court and its Justices. States and communities can enhance this event using a case of particular local interest.

Distributing copies of the Constitution to every citizen. Whether purchased in bulk from the federal Commission or printed elsewhere, scores of communities have set the goal of one pocket-sized Constitution for every man, woman, and child.

Stirring all citizens to read the Constitution once they have it!

Refurbishing and beautifying streets, buildings, and other public areas, with emphasis on historic sites.

Renaming streets, malls, and government buildings after the Constitution or an historic figure.

Sponsoring exhibits in libraries, government buildings, and other prominent sites.

Working with historical societies, humanities councils, and civic, cultural, social, educational, fraternal, and veterans groups, to gather material of local historic significance and put it on display.

Participating in the Living Legacy program to plant trees, or Constitutional gardens.

Rededicating historic sites and courthouses.

Writing a community history, a biography, or researching a local event of significance.

Injecting the Bicentennial theme into halftime shows at football games and sporting events and tournaments. "Constitution marathons" and runs are being planned locally.

Visiting the State Supreme Court or local courthouse to watch trials and other judicial proceedings.

Utilizing the local newspaper for articles on the history of the Constitution, what the local commission is doing to celebrate the Bicentennial, and displaying the national or local Bicentennial logo on the front page nameplate, the mast head, or elsewhere on the editorial page.

Devoting a town hall meeting to the Constitution, with speakers discussing and/or debating issues.

Publishing a local Constitutional calendar with local resources.

Coordinating with local TV, radio, and cable outlets to present informational and educational material about the Constitution, including the sponsoring of debates and mock trials.

Staging ceremonies and/or trips for students and all citizens to historic sites, parks, and regional archives.

Sponsoring school trips to the state capital and Washington, D.C.

Having creative competitions: arts and crafts, posters, paintings, quilting, with national symbols prominent, and interpretations of the Constitution.

Coordination: The planning and coordination of the commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Constitution in Alabama has been initiated as a joint project of the Alabama Humanities Foundation (formerly the Committee for the Humanities in Alabama) and the governor's office of the State of Alabama. Under this arrangement, the Alabama Humanities Foundation will coordinate activities deemed necessary by the governor's office to observe this event through support from the State and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Alabama Department of Archives and History: Expand National History Day programs to increase student involvement in historical research on this topic. Conduct local history workshops for teachers on teaching the Constitution. Develop an exhibit on the history of the Constitution in Alabama.

Alabama Historical Commission: Develop a slide/tape program on buildings related to Fifth and Sixth Amendment cases in Alabama. Prepare information on significant sites of civil rights activities. Devote a session to this topic at the annual statewide conference.

Alabama Public Library Service: Conduct workshops on Constitutional resources and publications for school and public librarians. Expand the collections of materials on the Constitution in Alabama libraries.

Alabama State Council on the Arts: Sponsor programs featuring historical figures from the Constitution era. Conduct dramatic presentations of Constitutional events or debates.

Alabama Administrative Office of Courts: Focus Law Week activities on the Bicentennial of the Constitution. Work with the Conference of Chief Justice on local forums and workshops in Alabama. Develop or distribute materials on teaching legal issues in the classroom.

Alabama Public Television Network: Encourage the development of new media programs on Alabama and the Constitution, focusing on key individuals such as Hugo Black, Frank Johnson, or Clifford Durr, or significant events, such as the civil rights movement. Encourage the inclusion of Bicentennial programs in on-going, locally produced series, such as "For the Record." Distribute information on viewer or study guides for nationally produced programs.

Alabama State Department of Education: Purchase and distribute teacher guides developed by national projects to the 130 school systems in Alabama. Distribute other information to local classroom teachers. Emphasize the importance of the study of the Constitution in rewriting the social studies curriculum and in approval of new textbooks. Develop a foreign language reader on this topic. Establish a Bicentennial newsletter with the Alabama State Council of Social Studies Teachers.

Alabama Commission on Higher Education: Convene a meeting of the four-year institutions to coordinate academic plans for this event. Establish special convocations, exhibits, and essay competitions. Promote town and gown efforts. Create college bowl competitions on American history. Develop scholarly publications. Establish a special newsletter for the academic community.

ALABAMA

<u>Alabama Department of Post-Secondary Education</u>: Distribute information to community and junior colleges. Work with the Commission on Higher Education programs.

<u>Alabama Humanities Foundation</u>: Establish and distribute a statewide Bicentennial newsletter. Develop a statewide speakers bureau on the Constitution. Conduct a state conference on the Constitution in Alabama.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Athens-Limestone County Bay Minette Collinsville Cullman Gadsden-Etowah County Gardendale Lipscomb Mobile County-Baldwin County Rainbow City Talladega Vestavia Hills Waverly Wetumpka

Gardendale has placed "Designated Bicentennial Community" signs on major thoroughfares and a piece of foundation timber from General Washington's first U.S. Army Hospital at Valley Forge will be on display.

ARIZONA

<u>Constitutional Convention</u>: A ceremony, on May 25, 1987, celebrating the opening of the Constitutional Convention. The event, to be scheduled at the Phoenix Civic Plaza, will feature U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor as keynote speaker and will include participation by state and local officials.

Education: The Arizona Center for Law-Related Education is overseeing teacher training programs and classroom activities for better understanding and appreciation of the Constitution.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Benson	
Buckeye	
Duncan	
Eagar	
Gilbert	
Glendale	
Kingman	
Mesa	

Payson Pinetop-Lakeside Saint Johns Show Low Snowflake Tucson Willcox Winslow

Kingman students will spend two weeks at Mohave Community College reenacting the Convention and learning the trades, skills, and lifestyles of the 1700s. Student essay winners will tour the State Capitol and Supreme Court. Mesa, observing Constitution Week since 1973, plans to make Sept. 17, 1987, a holiday with three major elements: a parade, a "Monument to Education," and an evening gala celebration. Snowflake, in Navajo County, will have students participate in story hours told by "freedom heroes."

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Bar Foundation Programs

Equal Justice Under the Law: Has approved a \$5,000 grant for the distribution of the <u>Equal Justice Under the Law</u> teacher's guide and book published by the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society.

<u>Video Project</u>: To increase understanding of the Constitution for junior and senior high schools, the Arkansas Bar Foundation has approved a grant to aid in this production by the Arkansas Educational Television Network. The video series will be aired over AETN beginning in January, 1987.

"The Constitution: That Delicate Balance": The Arkansas Bar Foundation has funded \$1,188 for purchase of between four and six programs in the 13-program, one-hour series. The series was produced by Media and Society Seminars of Columbia University in association with WNET/New York and WTTW/Chicago. The programs will be used by the Arkansas Bar Association's Speakers Bureau and will be distributed in the public schools by the State Education Department.

<u>Toward the Bicentennial</u>: <u>The Arkansas Lawyer</u>, the 48-page magazine published by the Arkansas Bar Association, ran a series of articles in 1985-86 concerning First Amendment issues.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Blytheville Hazen Jacksonville

CALIFORNIA

<u>School Project</u>: The California Commission will prepare school packages that will include miniature versions of posters on the Constitution and video presentations for the students, suggested lesson outlines, games and projects for the students to participate in, and will be encouraging participation in the essay and poster contests. There will also be Bicentennial plays performed in the schools.

Radio Trivia Game: Trivia questions will be asked on the radio and winners will be given free prizes in recognition. Radio and television public service announcements will be short educational vignettes on the Constitution, messages from the California celebrity spokesman, and announcements of upcoming events in California.

<u>Television Game Show Blitz</u>: The Commission will be submitting Constitutional trivia questions to television trivia game shows and asking them to use those trivia questions during the month of September, 1987.

Bicentennial Album: Will highlight the efforts of the Commission as well as the people and companies that made the celebration possible. They will also highlight the winners and participants of the various activities throughout the state.

Parkin Shirley Wynne **Speakers Bureau**: With the help of outside organizations, such as the State Bar of California, will make qualified speakers available for public and private programs.

Sports and the Constitution: The Commission will be contacting high school, college, and professional sporting organizations, asking them to dedicate a half-time or game to the Bicentennial and provide them with information and the help they need to produce special events.

Bicentennial Movie: Centering on the race for the U.S. Senate seat in California, we learn that the Constitution can still address and help solve the pivotal issues of today. Viewers will experience the challenges of learning to apply the Constitution to modern times. The film will be a family-oriented feature length motion picture.

Sept. 17, 1987 Celebration: The main celebration event will be at Independence Hall, an exact replica of Philadelphia's, adjacent to Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park. In the morning, 6,000 new citizens will be sworn in. During the afternoon, people will be able to go through Independence Hall and see a 20-minute presentation about the signing of the Constitution. People will be able to bring picnic lunches and eat on the lawns surrounding Independence Hall. In the evening, a re-creation of the signing will take place in Independence Hall, followed by several of the signers being interviewed by a celebrity reporter. There will be 11 networked banquets with VIPs and governments across California. The signing program will be broadcast to them.

Bicentennial Runs: In 11 cities in California (the same cities that will be part of the networked banquets), Bicentennial runs will take place. A traveling Bicentennial exhibit will travel with the runs, stopping at a different city every week. The final run will be in Buena Park and will be incorporated into the Bicentennial weekend activities there.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

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Camarillo
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Fresno
Huntington Beach
La Mirada
Lafayette
Lawndale
Los Angeles
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Manhattan Beach Milpitas Nevada City Plymouth Sacramento-Sacramento County San Diego County Santa Fe Springs South Pasadena Tulare

Lawndale plans a Sept. 17, 1987, "Let Freedom Ring" celebration commencing with church bells pealing 4:00 p.m. Nevada City, for years celebrating the Constitution, plans major concerts and colonial festivities Sept. 18-20, 1987. Will have a parade, re-creation of the signing of the Constitution, and expect 30,000 guests for that celebration. They have been commemorating the Bicentennial of the Constitution for over a decade and are one of the original Bicentennial Communities, along with San Diego. In San Diego, on Sept. 26, 1987, former presidents of the U.S. will be invited to present their essays on the Constitution on what it means to them with a gala event on a Navy ship. Guests will be invited from all around the world. There will be a diplomatic and celebrity reception, a Presidential Bicentennial Ball, and a Navy parade of lights (done for the first time since V-J Day). Former Ambassador John Gavin is honorary co-chairman.

COLORADO

Resource Catalog, Center, and Newspaper: It is estimated that a bibliography of all the documents, articles, and books written about the Constitution, its Founders, its ratification, its amendments, and its interpretations, would fill the entire Executive Offices of the Governor of Colorado, and to house a copy of each of those documents would require a building larger than the State Capitol building. The Colorado Endowment for the Humanities has volunteered to assist in the acquisition of items for the Resource Center, and has also volunteered to provide space and administrative services for the Resource Center. The Resource Catalog, which the Commission hopes to publish in fall, 1986, is envisioned to contain at least the following Constitutional Bicentennial programming resources.

Speakers Bureau: Will include a listing of Colorado-based Constitutional scholars, their topics, and availability to various audiences. The Commission has developed a list of many potential members of the Speakers Bureau, including but not limited to: professors of law, history, political science, and social studies; judges; practicing attorneys; civic leaders; and members of the Colorado Commission.

<u>Film Library</u>: Will include films from sources within and outside Colorado which can be acquired for a variety of audiences. Included with the film library will be videotapes of Bicentennial events and discussions which are available to organizations, schools, and libraries.

<u>Printed Materials</u>: Section will include listings of publications which discuss the Bicentennial celebrations and suggested classroom activities for secondary school students and college students.

<u>Exhibits</u>: Those available for distribution in Colorado will be listed in the Resource Catalog. It is possible that many of the exhibits being developed by other state and national organizations, because of cost and security constraints, can be placed only in major historical museums.

Bicentennial Calendar and Newsletter: Periodic publications of Colorado Bicentennial Newsletters will describe Bicentennial activities and events, and will include a calendar of events in Colorado and other parts of the country, television programs scheduled for broadcast, etc.

<u>Major Program and Event</u>: The Colorado Commission hopes to sponsor a major event for the State of Colorado to commemorate the Constitution's 200th Birthday. Deliberations are presently underway by the Bar Association to sponsor a statewide conference and/or reenactment of the drafting of the Constitution. The League of Women Voters is considering a statewide project.

Bicentennial Celebration: The Commission is planning to hold a Colorado Bicentennial Birthday Celebration, which will involve as many people as possible. It is hoped that Bicentennial Birthday events also will be held in each of the six Congressional Districts. On or near Sept. 17, 1987, the Colorado Commission would like to provide a program to all grade schools within the State of Colorado when citizenship is the topic for discussion. The Commission would like to co-sponsor, on Sept. 17, 1987, the American By Choice Award given annually to a naturalized citizen in Colorado for outstanding community service.

Copies of the Constitution: A goal of the Colorado Commission is to provide a pocket-size copy of the Constitution to every Colorado home and office. This document also should include a copy of the Declaration of Independence. One of the mementos under consideration is a facsimile copy of the Constitution suitable for framing. The Colorado Commission is planning to award Bicentennial certificates, plagues, and/or mementos to those organizations which sponsor Bicentennial programs, to Bicentennial activities endorsed by the Commission, and to those organizations and individuals who contribute to the financial support of these programs.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

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Constitution Meeting: Plans are underway to sponsor a Constitutional convention involving public and civic leaders. A prominent person would be sought to lead the discussion of significant Constitutional issues, just as was done in 1787.

Newspaper Research: Retrieve important articles and editorials from state archives to re-publish and stimulate debate. A prime source for this project is the Hartford Courant, the country's oldest newspaper of continuous circulation, dating back to 1764.

Charter Study: Effort to tie-in Constitutional process with an analysis of local government charters now being done in the state.

Jefferson Meeting: On the Constitution, being sponsored in Hartford by the University of Hartford, the Hartford Courant, and the Jefferson Foundation, sometime in 1987, with a view to promoting similar programs at other colleges and schools in Connecticut.

Archeological Investigation: Sponsored by the Old State House Association, consisting of an archeological dig to investigate the western property of the Bullfinch-designed Old State House of 1796, seeking the possible site of the 1720 Meeting House and of the 1636 Meeting House (in the former, the ratification convention for the Constitution was held, and in the latter, the Fundamental Orders of 1639 were approved).

Planning Approved: For "Living Constitution" project of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; for a number of programs to be sponsored by the Connecticut Humanities Council; and for programs in a five-year curriculum plan submitted by the Connecticut Consortium on Law-Related Education, Inc.

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Communities of the Constitution State will focus on the history and issues of "The Connecticut Compromise," an important development that led to the Constitutional Convention. A traveling exhibit, "Connecticut and the Constitution," will tour communities.

Litchfield students will visit the local courthouse and the Tapping Reeve Law School, the first law school in America. Voluntown, (pop: 1,900) near New London, will convert an old church building into a museum that will house local historical items and be a center for films, slides, and displays from the state historical society. Wallingford will sponsor a free concert on July 4, 1987, with its own Symphony Orchestra, itself created during the 1976 Bicentennial celebration.

DELAWARE

"Fully, Freely, and Entirely": The Commission's quarterly newsletter is now in its third year. Copies are sent to anyone who requests them and to all celebrating agencies.

James T. McKinstry Constitutional Scholarship Program: Has completed its fifth year. Three high school students receive a total of \$10,000 for college expenses. The students must complete projects relating to the Constitution or the Constitutional period in Delaware.

Annapolis Convention Reenactment: Delaware sent three delegates from New Castle to the Annapolis Convention in September, 1987, in a carriage with 10 outriders. Events were held along the way.

Constitutional Lectures: Provides scholars to speak to community groups at no charge. Partially funded by the Delaware Humanities Forum.

Film on John Dickinson: Planning and scripting phases of a 90-minute dramatic character study have been completed, awaiting production application from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Delaware History Film: The Delaware General Assembly has provided \$100,000 for a 30-minute film now being planned.

Dickinson Plantation: A major restoration of John Dickinson's plantation in rural Delaware will illuminate the agricultural life of the 18th century.

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Designated Bicentennial Communities

Salisbury Stamford Union Voluntown Wallingford West Hartford West Haven Westbrook

Bicentennial Community Improvement Fund: The state offers matching grants to total \$3 million for capital improvements of lasting benefit to local communities and organizations.

<u>Challenge Grant Program</u>: Small matching grants to organizations and individuals working on programs related to the Constitution or to heritage in some way are being awarded.

Jefferson Program on the Constitution: Will be sponsored by the City of Newark and held at the University of Delaware.

<u>Major Artwork</u>: The Commission is sponsoring a national competition for a sculptural work to be placed on the site of the ratification in Dover. This work will be part of a two-block historical restoration and re-creation.

Earl of De La Warr and Countess De La Warr: Will visit the state in 1987. A descendant of the first colonial governor of Virginia, Lord De La Warr will address the General Assembly, and participate in many commemorative activities. As another of his titles is the Viscount Canteloupe, he may give his name to a new species of melon.

<u>Fireworks</u>: Set pieces and narrative will be developed on the Commission theme by Hagley Museum/Library. Additional showings of the program may be arranged for other locations.

<u>Poster Series</u>: The Commission has developed four posters to complement the national Project '87 series of 12. Funded by the Delaware Humanities Forum, these will be given to schools in connection with study materials and distributed throughout the state. The Bank of Delaware will fund the distribution of 50 copies of the 16-poster set.

Firehall Suppers: Held statewide in all cooperating firehalls on Dec. 7, 1986, the 199th anniversary of ratification, with a parade, the unveiling of the artwork, dinners and a ball, a musical presentation, and a reenactment in Dover.

Publications: Delaware History Fourth Grade Text, Delaware Heritage Cookbook, and Delaware 200 Years Ago, sponsored by the Colonial Dames; Votes and Proceedings of the House of Assembly of the Delaware State, 1770-1792, in two volumes; <u>Revolutionary Records</u>, a project of the Society of Colonial Wars, which may be published by the Philosophical Society; <u>Pamphlet on Ratification</u>; <u>Federalist</u> <u>Delaware</u>, a classic work by Dr. John Munroe, will be republished by the University of Delaware; and a <u>Picture Book</u> featuring photographs of land and seascapes and historic sites will be published for Christmas with a geographical/historical introduction. <u>Calendar</u> of similar pictures will be published.

<u>Commemorative Items</u>: Bright logo pins are being sold and distributed, and a front license plate with the same design is available. The design for a Commemorative Stamp, also featuring the logo, has been submitted. Other items are being developed.

<u>Convention</u>: The Historical Society of Delaware has received a \$4,000 grant from the Delaware Bar Foundation to fund a Constitutional convention for high school students in Delaware. Participants will be junior and senior high school students selected by public, private, and parochial schools throughout the state. Each student will be expected to be familiar with the current Constitution, the 1787 Convention, and the general period of history 1750-1800. Each participant will assume a delegate role, similar to representatives from the original Convention. Staff members of the Society will serve as advisors.

Special Exhibition: "Life in Delaware in the 1780s," on display at Old Town Hall Museum, 512 Market Street Mall in downtown Wilmington, from Mar. 24, 1987-Jan. 8, 1988. The exhibit explores the lifestyles of poor farmers, middle-class merchants, and wealthy landed gentlemen in late 18th-century Delaware. Costumes, toys, home furnishings, farming and milling tools, and paintings help to illustrate the hard and simple lives shared by Delawareans during the decade that produced our system of government. Included are objects owned by Delaware signers of the Constitution. A slide/tape show accompanies the exhibit. Admission to the museum is free. The exhibit is sponsored by the Historical Society of Delaware. Partial funding was received from the Delaware Humanities Forum. Contact: Annette Woolard at (302)655-7161.

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Camden will organize walking tours of its historic district, stage a "town fair," and establish a year-long poster exhibit depicting students' interpretations of their American heritage and the Constitution. Milton will renovate and reopen the Lydia Ann B. Cannon Museum. Smyrna conducted its own logo contest in the schools, is seeking funds under its Bicentennial Improvement Program for a new bandstand that will be used in a July 4, 1987 gala, and is striving to have a large sculpture designed for the community rest area.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

American Bar Association National Bicentennial Mock Trial: The national finals of the Mock Trial Competition will be held on May 16-23, 1987.

87-Hour Vigil: National Tribute to the Constitution: The Constitution will be on display and special lectures, exhibits, films, and performances at the National Archives, Pennsylvania Avenue and 8th Street, Northwest, from Sept. 13-17, 1987.

National Independence Day Festival and Parade: Seventh annual event with this year's theme as "A More Perfect Union" on July 4, 1987.

<u>"America the Beautiful, America the Bountiful" Art Exhibit</u>: Gloria LeVaggi, illustrator, displayed 50 ecological paintings to celebrate the beauty and bounty of America, representing each state in the union at the Cannon House Office Building Rotunda, Jan. 1-30, 1987.

Milton New Castle Seaford Smyrna

Washington Antiques Show Loan Exhibition: "Crafting a Nation: A Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Constitution." at the Shoreham Hotel, Jan. 6-11, 1987.

Soldier-Statesmen Signers of the Constitution Portraits: The Army will display these and other portraits, as well as music and a slide show from June 17-21, 1987, at the Capital Center in Washington, D.C. and July 3-5, 1987 at Convention Hall in Philadelphia.

National Park Service Bicentennial Theme Slides: The National Park Service will be showing special Bicentennial slide shows at National Parks around the nation. The slides will be distributed in October, 1986, but a definite schedule is not yet in effect.

National Park Service Play: "Four Little Pages": The National Park Service has produced a play commemorating the Bicentennial of the Constitution and will perform it at National Parks around the nation. A schedule of performances will be available in 1987.

"Constitution Trees," Forest Service, Department of Agriculture: The Forest Service will hold tree planting ceremonies to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Constitution. Most of the festivities will occur in April (Arbor Month), 1987, and subsequent months but no definite schedule is yet in effect.

National Archives Bicentennial Exhibitions: "The American Experiment: Creating the Constitution" tells the story of the origins of the Nation, success and problems under the Articles of Confederation, and the struggles to write a new Constitution between October, 1986-February, 1989; and "The American Experiment: Living With the Constitution "shows how the Constitution has affected daily life. Traces the historical development of enfranchisement, school desegregation, and legislative and executive war powers between April, 1987-September 1988.

FLORIDA

Videotaped Discussions: Sponsored by the Florida Department of State, this series of discussions on Constitutional guestions would be recorded, edited, and distributed throughout the state. Jurists in Florida will meet in the Old Capitol to debate the issues and the relevance of the Constitution today.

Florida Endowment for the Humanities Programs

The South and the American Constitutional Tradition: The College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Law, in conjunction with the Vanderbilt University School of Law, was to sponsor a major conference, March, 1987, on "The South and the American Constitutional Tradition." Specifically, the conference asked its participants to address the question of how, through Constitutional means, the states and societies of the South have gone about organizing themselves under the rule of law. The conference will analyze the historical roots of federalism, judicial power, economic development and the law, race relations, civil liberties and civil rights, and the legacy of the Confederacy.

<u>New Programs</u>: Added for 1987 were three programs: "Constitutionally Speaking," a lecture series at Eckerd College; "Understanding the Constitution," for secondary school teachers; and "Three Constitutional Founders," a dramatic commentary based on the writings of James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and Thomas Jefferson. Contact: Florida Endowment for the Humanities, University of South Florida, CPR 468, Tampa, Florida 33620.

Florida Bar and Florida Bar Foundation Programs

Constitutional Rights: What protections do they offer criminals? Does the Constitution assure society's right to public safety? Should public schools teach creationism? Where do parents' rights end and academic freedom begin? The Florida Bar and the Florida Bar Foundation sponsored two panel discussions exploring these and other controversial legal and political issues at the Bar's June, 1986 convention. Videotaped versions of these discussions will be shown on the state's public broadcasting system in 1987 and in school classrooms throughout Florida. The tapes will be supplemented with other educational materials designed to further assist the viewer in understanding the Constitution. Funding for the project was provided by a \$200,000 grant by the Florida Bar Foundation Interest on Trust Account program under its administration of justice grant program. Some \$50,000 in costs are being underwritten by the Florida Bar.

Law School for Layman: Designed to acquaint lay people with various areas of the law, this will consist of two-hour classes beginning in January, 1987.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Alachua County Cedar Key Cocoa Beach Coral Springs Davie Dunedin Eustis Fort Lauderdale Fort Pierce Hallandale Hardee County Holly Hill Hypoluxo Jacksonville **Key West-Monroe County Keystone Heights** Lake County

Hardee County will see that as many students as possible take a civics trip to Washington, D.C. Key West-Monroe County has undertaken a "Civic Identity Survey" of students and all citizens about their feelings as Americans heading into a third century of democracy. Melbourne's theme for the year is "Honor America." North Bay Village students will write letters to foreign newspapers, beginning with "What I'd like the people of your country to know about the U.S. and our Constitution." The letters will be translated and responses will be printed in local newspapers. Redington Shores will conduct a town commission meeting as it would have been held in 1787.

Lake Worth

- Lakeland
- Lauderhill
- Longboat Key
- Melbourne
- Mulberry
- Niceville
- North Bay Village
- Oakland Park
- Ocoee
- Palm Bay
- Pembroke Pines
- Pensacola
- **Pinellas County**
- Port Saint Lucie
- **Redington Shores**
- Wauchula

GEORGIA

University of Georgia Programs

<u>Public Assemblies</u>: The Carl Vinson Institute of Government was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities last year and sponsored a series of public assemblies on important aspects of the Constitution. The assemblies were held in several cities.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Alma-Bacon County Americus-Sumter County Athens-Clarke County **Barrow County Berrien County** Calhoun-Gordon County Chatham County Chattooga County Cobb County-Kennesaw College Cochran-Bleckley County Colquitt-Miller County Darien-McIntosh County **Elbert County Ellaville-Schley County**

Fayette County Gainesville-Hall County Hartwell-Hart County in a second and an and a second Henry County Houston County Jackson-Butts County Macon-Bibb County Milledgeville-Baldwin County Pembroke-Bryan County Rome-Floyd County Statesboro-Bulloch County inw, this will come **Terrell County** Toccoa-Stephens County

Communities will participate in "Bands Across Georgia" and join with the Georgia Department of Education in videotaping and showing pertinent school programs. All communities are being encouraged to place Project '87 Constitution posters in public buildings and to participate with the Georgia Department of Education in school programs, particularly the Agency for Instructional Technology Video Project. Plans are underway for a statewide celebration on Sept. 17, 1987, and for Jan. 2, 1988, to commemorate Georgia's ratification of the Constitution.

Cobb County-Kennesaw College has scheduled a series of Constitutional seminars through 1987. Hartwell-Hart County, listed in the National Historic Register, will have state Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Marshall conduct a formal marking of the historic county jail building.

HAWAII

Zenger Trial: In April, 1986, a dramatic reading and symposium based on the trial of John Peter Zenger was presented in a courtroom at the Hawaii Supreme Court building. The play was videotaped by a local cable network and made available to schools and libraries throughout the state.

Town Meeting: In August, 1986, a multi-agency Citizenship Institute held its five-day conference on "Historical and Philosophical Considerations for the U.S. and Hawaii State Constitutions." The Commission also plans to hold a citizen's conference in the format of a town hall meeting to discuss contemporary Constitutional issues with leaders in the community. AST OF STATE OF STATE

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1987 Law Day Ceremonies: Bar associations and legal organizations throughout the state celebrate the first day in May of each year with "Law Day" ceremonies, reflecting on the importance of the rule of law in American society.

1987 Judicial Conference/State Bar Meeting: The state judiciary and the Idaho State Bar Association have proposed joint annual summer meetings, devoting a full day seminar to the topic of "The Role of the U.S. Supreme Court." Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will keynote the seminar in Sun Valley in 1987.

Education Programs for the Schools: Model lesson plans will be developed through the State Department of Education on at least three educational levels in cooperation with volunteer lawyers and judges.

Press Coverage: A series of media events are proposed to direct attention to the Sept. 17 date.

Essay Contest: A statewide essay contest for K-12 students and an open competition. Winning essays on pre-selected topics will be given cash awards and be printed in newspapers across the state.

Legislative Ceremonies: Commemorative ceremonies will be conducted by the State Legislature in 1987.

Governor's Proclamation: An appropriate proclamation will be issued in accordance with the Sept. 17, 1987 anniversary date and other important **Bicentennial activities.**

Law Review Symposium Issue: Idaho Law Review may consider a symposium issue in 1987 devoted to articles about important Constitutional issues affecting Idaho law.

Speakers Bureau: A statewide bureau is being developed for the duration of the commemoration.

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ILLINOIS

Clearinghouse: The Committee to Commemorate the Constitution in Illinois will serve as a central clearinghouse of information about Bicentennial plans, resources, and events, and will establish a toll-free telephone line for incoming calls requesting information and assistance with commemorative activities.

Calendar: The Committee will publish a calendar of commemorative dates during the Bicentennial period, and will issue a schedule of events planned throughout the state. An "electronic bulletin board"--a computerized listing of planned events and activities--will be established.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Weston and a subman in the second second second and the second second second second second second second second second <u>Training Conferences</u>: The Committee will conduct regional training conferences for local Bicentennial planning organizers. Modeled after the Minnesota Conference, sponsored by the American Bar Association, the training conferences will emphasize the educational aspects of the commemoration, and provide ideas and resources for local activities.

Handbook: The Committee will develop and distribute a handbook on planning projects and events.

<u>Newsletter</u>: The Committee will publish and distribute newsletters designed to promote participation at the local level. Each issue will contain a calendar of events, historic information, teaching ideas, and a "networking" section.

<u>NBC--Chicago, Channel 5 Television</u>: "We, the Students," a half-hour program featuring discussions by Chicago-area teenagers about the Constitution. A followup program designed to provide students with a closer look at the judicial system may be produced. A "press conference" featuring Illinois judges and the editors of high school newspapers is being discussed.

Illinois State Bar Association Programs

Newspaper Project: Students will prepare a historic newspaper--the Sept. 18, 1787 Edition of the Philadelphia Chronicle. The requirements include an editorial on federalism, citing appropriate Federalist Papers, Illinois history as "News From the Frontier," biographical stories on the founders, and other typical newspaper features. A bibliography of resources will be provided. The newspapers submitted will be evaluated by a team of educators, lawyers, journalists, and historians.

<u>Mock Trial Competition</u>: All senior high schools will be invited to participate in a mock trial competition. The trial will be based on a Constitutional issue. The winning school team will be sent to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National Mock Trial Competition which will be part of a week-long experience sponsored by the American Bar Association and Close-Up Foundation.

Symposium on the First Amendment: On Nov. 20, 1986, this program featured a panel/forum discussion on issues arising from the First Amendment. Speakers included nationally recognized journalists, lawyers, judges, and other related professionals. This symposium was the official "kickoff" for the Bar Association's Commemoration of the Bicentennial.

<u>Articles</u>: The <u>Illinois Bar Journal</u> will feature one article per month on a Constitutional theme. Each article will be authored by a prominent member of the legal community, and will have a historical perspective appropriate to the Bicentennial commemoration. The first article in the series by Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice William G. Clark included a chronology of Bicentennial dates.

Illinois Law Briefs: Devoted to the Bicentennial this is a series for television designed to educate Illinois citizens of their rights and duties under the law.

Illinois Bar Foundation Programs

<u>Understanding the Illinois Constitution</u>: A textbook for senior high school students, this work is designed to be the text for studies preparing students for the required "Constitution test."

Chicago Historical Society Programs

<u>Permanent Exhibition</u>: "We the People: Creating a New Nation" will tell the story of the founding of the Republic. The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded the Chicago Historical Society \$275,000 in outright and matching funds for this project.

Newberry Library in Chicago Programs

<u>Major Exhibit</u>: Opened Sept. 16, 1986, the collection of Rudy Ruggle, a Chicago attorney, includes 400 items, many of which relate to the history of the Constitution. Included are: Thomas Jefferson's personal copies of the Federalist Essays, containing his own notations; one of the four remaining copies of Federalist Essay No. 3, by John Jay; George Washington's signature on a handwritten commission appointing John Jay as the first Chief Justice of the U.S.; and letters from President John Adams and John Marshall asking John Jay to serve again as Chief Justice, and his letters declining the position. A travelling exhibit which will spend two months in each of the five states of the Northwest Ordinance will be located at the Newberry Library. This project depends on funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. It represents a cooperative effort with the Northwest Ordinance States and the Lilly Library at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Illinois State Board of Education Programs

<u>Tapes</u>: Illinois is participating in a national video project in production at Indiana University. The result will be a series of half-hour videotaped lessons on the Constitution. These tapes will be distributed by the State Board to high schools across Illinois. Teacher training workshops on the use of the new text book, <u>Understanding the Illinois Constitution</u>, and the use of Jefferson Meetings on the Constitution, will be conducted.

State of Illinois Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation Programs

"Constituting a Representative Government": A grant-supported project which will provide an opportunity for high school age youth to interact and propose rules for a representative government. Each year, for four years under the project, over 4,000 students and 150 teachers will be exposed to reference and instructional materials on the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions. Illinois youth will be provided with the opportunity to compete in a statewide writing competition and to participate in a summer convention on Constitutional issues.

National Radio Theatre of Chicago Programs

Dateline 1787: A series of dramatized radio broadcasts "reporting the Constitutional Convention." Produced by Chicago's National Radio Theater and supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities, this 13-part series of weekly half-hour newscasts will be offered free to all public radio stations and will be available on cassette to schools and libraries. <u>Dateline 1787</u> will cover the Convention as if it were a modern news event, reporting developments "as they happen." Actors play historical figures, actual broadcasters play anchormen and reporters, and two scholars play commentators.

Rock Valley College, Rockford: The College will sponsor a series of speakers to discuss Constitutional history and current Constitutional issues.

Libertyville--Mundelein Historical Society: The Historical Society will conduct guided tours of the historic Ansel B. Cook Victorian Mansion and Museum.

South Holland Historical Society: The Historical Society will dedicate its annual Labor Day Heritage Festival to the Bicentennial of the Constitution. This celebration features historic house tours, concerts, programs, and arts and crafts fairs.

Putnam County Historical Society: The Historical Society is planning a series of lectures on the history of the Constitution. The lectures will include both adult and school age audiences.

Ogle County Historical Society: The Historical Society is spearheading activities, events, and celebrations for Ogle County.

Vermilion Valley History Roundtable, Fithion: This organization will sponsor activities in commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Constitution, with the cooperation of Danville Area Community College; Governor Bradford Chapter; Daughters of the American Revolution; Vermilion County Museum Society; Illiana Genealogical and Historical Society; and Forest Glen County Park. A one-day seminar and one-day surveying fair has been scheduled.

Czechoslovak Heritage Museum, Berwyn: The Museum is planning an exhibit documenting the signer of the Constitution that was of Czech descent, and the significance of Czech contributions to American life and culture.

Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, Chicago: During June-August, 1987, there will be an exhibit on the Lithuanian contribution to the growth of the U.S.

Printers Row Printing Museum, Chicago: This working 19th-century print shop/museum will have open houses and will develop antique graphic designs and printing using authentic printing presses.

Oglesby Public Library: Will be scheduling displays on our Constitutional heritage which encourage the participation of their patrons.

McHenry Public Library: The library is in the process of developing old glass negatives of the McHenry area and early residents. A display of these and other Constitutional materials in planned for the library, as well as displays all around the city of McHenry.

Rolling Meadows Public Library: Plans include an exhibit on the Bicentennial of the Constitution which will include posters and brochures. Bibliographies will be compiled and made available.

Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin: Will have a lobby display featuring books on the Constitutional history and a coordinated program.

St. Charles Public Library District: During September, 1987, the library will provide bibliographies of materials available in the Adult and Children's Departments on the subject of the history of the Constitution. Displays in both departments will run through the month. Primary focus will be on the signers of the Constitution, with brief biographies on each as part of the display and accompanying booklet.

Neoga Township Library: The library will promote public awareness of the Bicentennial through book displays and provide bibliographies on materials available at the library.

Dixon Public Library: The library is expanding its collection on the Constitution and presenting a display. It will work with local chapters of DAR and AAUW for a program relating to the Constitution, and are designing a program through their washes public to such she weaver allowing out or children's department.

Constitution Reading: By Chicago area celebrities in Daley Plaza on Sept. 17, 1986.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

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Aledo will have a Constitution festival in its museum and library and will incorporate the Bicentennial into the homecoming and dedication to the Civil War Monument and the Oktoberfest. Bolingbrook Jaycees will introduce a Constitution theme into its student government day held each spring. Bradford will bury a time capsule during Labor Day ceremonies. Downers Grove will tie-in its 115th birthday with the Bicentennial. Livingston will have a February, 1988 ball featuring colonial dress. McHenry County will bury a time capsule and invite former state governors to attend. Murphysboro will have a 10-mile race to Carbondale for walkers, hikers, runners, and wheelchair participants on Memorial Day, also recognized locally as part of Old Fashioned John A. Logan Days.

Chicago Programs

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Indiana Historical Society Programs

<u>"The Pennsylvania Packet"</u>: In the collection of the Indiana Historical Society are more than 1,400 issues of <u>The Pennsylvania Packet</u>, one of the most significant newspapers of the Revolutionary War generation. The Indiana Historical Society's issues date from 1786 to 1790 and include the <u>Packet</u>'s printings of the Northwest Ordinance and Constitution. "Newsprint and New Beginnings" is an exhibit allowing the public to view the issues of the <u>Packet</u> which were printed exactly 200 years ago to the day. Each week, six issues of the <u>Packet</u>, corresponding to the dates in our current calendar, are on exhibit. The climax of the exhibit will come during summer and fall, 1987, when the Constitution and Northwest Ordinance issues are put on display. Through the cooperation of Indiana Chief Justice Richard M. Givan and the Indiana Supreme Court, the exhibit is on display on the third floor of the Indiana Statehouse, outside of the Supreme Court chamber.

"From the Packet" Series: Each week throughout 1986 and 1987, the Indiana Historical Society sends numerous Indiana newspapers articles which appeared in The Pennsylvania Packet exactly 200 years ago to the week. It is the hope of the Indiana Historical Society that through these newspaper articles the citizens of Indiana will gain a greater understanding of the time period which guided this country's early leaders to compose such significant documents as the Constitution and the Northwest Ordinance.

<u>Publication of "We the People"</u>: This is the publication of lectures presented during the Indiana Association of Historians' lecture series, "We the People: Indiana and the Constitution."

Bicentennial Handbook: This Indiana Historical Society publication will be a paperbound, 100-page book which includes two essays, an annotated Ordinance text, illustrations, a bibliography, an end pocket containing a map of the Old Northwest, and a facsimile of the Ordinance. Twenty Indiana historians are contributing to this publication, which will be distributed to public and private groups and institutions interested in studying the Ordinance.

Northwest Ordinance Exhibit: This exhibit will use a variety of interpretive techniques to help people understand the importance of the human and political issues involved in the Northwest Ordinance, and show the public how the Ordinance's resolutions of these issues continue to affect the way they live today.

<u>Conference on the Northwest Ordinance</u>: Sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society of South Bend, the major thrust of this conference is to provide lectures and workshops on the Northwest Ordinance and the Northwest Territory for genealogists from the five states of the Old Northwest. Representatives of major genealogical organizations in these five states are planning the conference. In addition to the sessions for genealogists, the Indiana Historical Society will also sponsor numerous sessions focused on other historical aspects of the Northwest Ordinance.

July 10-11, 1987 Conference: "Pathways to the Old Northwest," this conference, sponsored by Franklin College and the Indiana Historical Society, will bring

academics together with the public to assist in broadening the public's knowledge of the Old Northwest and its legacy.

Indiana Committee for the Humanities Programs

Indiana Jefferson Meeting: With the Jefferson Foundation, are co-sponsors of an assembly of citizens of Indiana to examine and reassess government institutions through a series of public discussions about government and the meaning of citizenship. Opening discussion sections: holding a new Constitutional convention, limiting presidents to a single six-year term, limiting judges to a 15-year term, abolishing the Electorial College, extending Congressional terms to four years, but limiting service to 12 years, and allowing the president a line item veto. A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities provides the booklets on Constitutional issues without charge.

<u>Capital Lecture Series</u>: A series of four to six lectures into 1988. Speakers will come from the areas of Indiana business, education, religion, and the judiciary. Presented in Indianapolis and other major Indiana cities, the series will offer an opportunity for significant Indiana leaders to reflect on the Constitution and how it affects their area or profession. Governor Robert D. Orr opened the series on Sept. 9, 1986, as part of the statewide Jefferson Meeting.

Bicentennial Lyceum: Presented at 10 sites throughout the state, the lyceums will be organized in the spirit of the 19th- century lyceum. They will consist of a roleplaying presentation of great figures in Indiana history, a play, and local participation in the form of speeches or debates. Indiana Committee for the Humanities will provide reading materials to local libraries in participating communities.

Bicentennial Bookshelf: Is coordinating a National Endowment for the Humanities matching grant project for libraries. Matching funds are available for the purchase of Constitutional books and materials published for the Bicentennial. Contact: Kenneth Gladish, Executive Director or George Gelb, Program Coordinator at (317)638-1500.

Indiana Council for the Social Studies Programs

National Bicentennial Teleconference: On Nov. 15, 1986, sponsored the Indiana workshop for the National Council for the Social Studies Constitution Day program. This national event involved 12,000 social studies teachers in all 50 states, and it featured a live broadcast from the NCSS meeting in New York, including the address of Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and a panel consisting of Representative Lindy Boggs of Louisiana, Lynne Cheney of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and William Lucas of Michigan.

Big Ten Alumni Association Programs

Northwest Ordinance--A Bicentennial Celebration: "The Northwest Ordinance--Liberty and Justice for All": This conference will be held on campuses of sponsoring universities, and Ordinance scholars will address Ordinance-related topics to an audience of students, faculty, and public. Articles will be prepared in conjunction with the conference for dissemination to alumni and university publications. Public education packets will also be developed.

"Liberty's Legacy--Our Celebration of the Northwest Ordinance and the Constitution": A nationally significant exhibit of original historical materials relating to the Ordinance and Constitution, this exhibition will travel to sites in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Public programs and a catalog will accompany the exhibition. The exhibit will open at the Lilly Library, Indiana University, Bloomington, in September, 1987. Contact: Dr. Herb Smith at (812)335-7632.

Indiana State Bar Association Programs

National Bicentennial Competition on the Constitution and Bill of Rights: Student involvement includes a six-week course of study on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and participation in a Constitutional hearing on issues of the Constitution. Designed for upper elementary and secondary students, this program is co-sponsored by the Governor's Task Force on Citizenship Education and Indiana Law-Related Education.

Newspaper in Education: A salute to our Constitution and Bill of Rights. Indiana Law-Related Education and the Indianapolis Star/News have developed lessons on law and Constitutional principles at three grade levels: 1-3, 4-6, and junior high. Contact: Connie Yeaton at (812)372-1866.

Indiana Civil Liberties Union Programs

Bill of Rights Essay Contest: Open to 12th-grade students in Marion and contiguous counties, it is hoped this pilot program can be developed into a statewide annual contest. The subject of this first competition is "Life Without the Bill of Rights." Contact: Carol Colombo at (317)635-4059 or Michael Gradison at (317)253-1261 or Rozann Rothman at (317)635-4056.

Indiana Library and Historical Department Programs

Traveling Exhibit: "Schools and the Means of Education Shall Forever Be Encouraged: A History of Education in the Old Northwest, 1787-1880." The Ohio University Libraries will use examples of documents from states of the Northwest Territory; Indiana's experience will be the focus of a section on public schools. The exhibit will be in the Indiana State Library in October, 1987. Contact: Jean Jose at (317)232-1938.

On-going Educational Programs

Close Up: Established to encourage high school teachers and students to gain a better understanding of our government and our roles as citizens, the 1987 theme will be centered around the Constitution. The Indiana Close Up workshop is sponsored by the Indiana Historical Bureau, the Indiana Department of Education, Indianapolis Public Schools, the Indiana University Social Studies Development Center, the Indiana Council for the Social Studies, and Gary Community Schools. Contact: Indiana Historical Bureau at (317)232-2537.

National History Day: A national competition for grades 6-12, National History Day's 1987 theme is "Liberty: Rights and Responsibilities in History." Essays, projects, and live and media presentations are then subject to regional and state level competitions in spring, 1987, and national competition on June 7-11, 1987 in College Park, Maryland. The Indiana program is open to grades 4 and 5 also. Contact: Indiana Historical Bureau at (317)232-2537.

Lincoln Era Essay Contest: Held annually, the 1987 contest has the theme "President Lincoln and the Constitution." Ten \$100 awards are presented to the top high school entries. This program is funded through the Indiana University Foundation from the Frank L. Jones Estate and is sponsored by the Social Studies Development Center, Indiana University Department of History, and the Lilly Library. Contact: Social Studies Development Center, Indiana University, 2805 East 10th Street, Suite 120, Bloomington, Indiana 47405, (812)335-3584.

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Kokomo will culminate its Constitution Week celebration with a re-enactment of the Convention, followed by a performance by the Kokomo Symphony Orchestra and a 700-voice choir from city church choirs. South Bend has a number of cultural and civic programs planned. One sure to receive television coverage: a Bicentennial program during halftime of the Notre Dame-Michigan game.

IOWA

Seminar: The Iowa City Public Library is sponsoring a seminar entitled, "Religious Freedom: What is Guaranteed by the First Amendment?" Funded by a \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the library is looking for ninth and 10th graders to produce a videotape dramatizing the making of the First Amendment.

Symposium: The University of Iowa College of Law, with a grant from the Iowa Humanities Board, sponsored a two-day symposium on the Constitution.

Plans and Events: The Young Lawyers Section has designated the Bicentennial as its primary project for 1987 and is planning activities on both a statewide and a district-wide basis. The group is targeting its educational effort toward the elementary and secondary school level. Packets of informational material will be available to classrooms. Quizzes and trips to Washington, D.C., poster contests, articles in school newspapers, and career days at local junior and senior high schools are being planned.

Other Activities: Re-dedication of county courthouses, Iowa Public Broadcasting to show Constitutional movies as a series, features in the Iowa Bar Association newsletter, display at State Museum, and grocery bag advertising.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Indianapolis Kokomo Muncie Salem South Bend

University of Iowa Programs

Young Lawyers Section, Iowa Bar Association Programs

Buena Vista College Programs

Freshman Humanities Core Program: Freshman program requires students to read a series of articles which are representative of western philosophy from Plato to Martin Luther King, Jr. These readings are then used as the theoretical for discussion of contemporary issues.

Drake University Law School Programs

Conference: On affirmative action and economic justice issues, examining the legality of affirmative action from both a Constitutional and a statutory perspective, and re-examining its legitimacy and need from a humanistic, ethical, historical, and philosophical viewpoint. The conference is to be related to the affirmative action cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Coe College Programs

Programs: Faculty lectures to be given on campus and at other sites, nationallyknown speakers, videotape showing of "The Constitution: That Delicate Balance," library exhibits, art exhibits, publication of lectures, and a multi-media presentation to introduce the series.

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Designated Bicentennial Communities

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Johnson County

Workshop: The Task Force is working with representatives of the Johnson County school districts to conduct a workshop for teachers on teaching about the Constitution.

Exhibit: The Johnson County Historical Museum is purchasing a number of copies of a traveling exhibit which can be used by schools to teach about the Constitution.

Shawnee Mission School District: Planning a program whereby high school students study different portions of the Constitution, consider changes that might be made, and participate in a Constitutional convention.

Dinner: The Johnson County Bar Association is planning to sponsor a large celebrational dinner on Constitution Day, Sept. 17, 1987, with a nationally known speaker.

Drama: The Kansas Committee for the Humanities will help sponsor a rendition of its "Striving Towards America's Roots" program in Johnson County. This will feature dramatic presentations by actors portraying historical persons involved in the debate over the Constitution.

Libraries: The Johnson County libraries are collaborating to develop bibliographies and collections of materials on the Constitution for the public.

Daughters of the American Revolution Programs: The DAR is considering expanding its annual library exhibit during Constitution Week to all public libraries in the area, subject to the availability of their membership. An essay contest is also planned.

Speakers Bureau: Being formed to provide speakers on Constitutional issues for civic and other groups interested in the topic.

Olathe's Old Settlers Day: Celebration will have as its theme the Bicentennial of the Constitution. The City of Shawnee is considering doing the same for its Shawnee Days celebration.

Calendar of Events: Available to the local newspapers informing the public of programs.

Other Plans: Compiling materials for newspapers to inform the public of issues in Constitutional law; working with the Mayors' Association to encourage all cities to issue appropriate proclamations celebrating the Bicentennial; having the Parks and Recreation Board consider "We the People" runs or triathalons; consulting with the League of Women Voters concerning the possible re-issuing of a series of papers titled "The Federalist Papers Re-Examined"; and considering the burying of a time capsule.

KENTUCKY

Seminars: The Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Humanities Council conducted seven Constitution seminars for teachers in each of Kentucky's Congressional districts. The seminars gave the elementary and secondary teachers additional knowledge of the early republic era through workshops conducted by resource people in the areas of Constitutional history and Constitutional law. They also served as a forum to develop classroom materials for teachers K-12 statewide. A Bicentennial Book of Teaching Ideas is being compiled at the Department of Education, and will be available to local school districts for the 1986-87 school year.

Wagonstar--Riding Kentucky's Past into the Future: Three horse-drawn, covered wagons that will travel Kentucky presenting educational themes on farming and Kentucky's farming culture as well as musical concerts and plays.

Six Videotapes: Broadcast by the Kentucky Education Television Network on the Constitution in 1987.

Statewide 4-H Project '87: Will be used by extension agents with all 4-H clubs.

Kentucky Humanities Council Speakers Bureau: Fifteen funded speakers available to communities across the state to discuss the Constitution.

People's Law School: Conducted by the Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys.

Teaching Materials: About the Constitution era by teachers and the Kentucky Department of Education. Summer seminars on the Constitution for teachers across the state. (The seminars will be modeled along the guidelines of Dr. Tachau's Project '87 funded summer, 1985 program for teachers.) The development of a Constitution "Historymobile" exhibit developed by the Kentucky Historical Society to travel across Kentucky attending events like the Kentucky State Fair.

Student Materials: The distribution of school materials relating to the Constitution in grades K-12 by the Kentucky Department of Education. In-service training to school districts conducted during fall, 1986.

January-March, 1987: Planning of the birthday party activities of the week of Sept. 17, 1987, by the Department of Education, interested organizations, and steering committee members. Public forums that bring together judges, lawyers, legislators, scholars, the media, or interested citizens to discuss "The Constitution: That Delicate Balance." Kentucky Celebration Planning Committee of the Kentucky Department of Education contacted to include the Constitution as a theme. All State Chorus, All State Band, 4-H Contests, and Speech and Drama Contests utilize Constitution theme. KET video on the Constitution incorporated into 7-12 curriculum.

April-August, 1987: Kentucky Celebration of the Arts sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Education showcasing student performances of material relating to the Constitution era or to patriotism. Kentucky State Parks have a program from the local community spotlighting Kentucky in the 1780s. "Historymobile" continues across the state with Constitution era theme. Kentucky State Fair has "Historymobile" showcased with performances of students from the Youth Performing Arts School and other interested schools. The judging of poster, essay, and academic contests are sponsored by civic groups. Main Street Managers highlight the architecture of the colonial era in cities across the Commonwealth during Preservation Week. Local businesses and civic groups incorporate students and teachers into their Constitution projects, such as: student clubs help with parade floats for festivals; students showcase 4-H or FHA projects in malls or clothing stores; and civic groups award medallions to their local schools for their participation in the Constitution Bicentennial project. Social studies teachers and students are asked to speak about the significance of the Constitution today by local civic clubs. Finals of the mock trial competition. Final preparation of the student signing of the Constitution.

Sept. 12-17, 1987--Birthday Party: Saturday, Sept. 12, 1987--Louisville Center Youth Performing Arts School and other interested schools perform "1776" or a relevant patriotic work.

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13, 1987--"Colonial Weekend" on the Belvedere. Salute to the Constitution by the Arts, Heritage Festival Weekend.

Monday, Sept. 14, 1987--All Kentucky school children in grades K-12 will sign a replica of the Constitution that will be collected by local school officials and sent or brought to Frankfort for the birthday party on Sept. 17, 1987.

Thursday, Sept. 17, 1987--Parade for Frankfort organized by local volunteers. A performance by students of clogging and other relevant performing arts acts. Old State House--The signing of a replica of the Constitution by state leaders and the Kentucky federal delegation. The recognition by state officials of students who have won awards or competitions relating to the Constitution project. "Kentucky in the 1780s" crafts fair for downtown Frankfort. Fireworks and music appropriate for the event!

Bicentennial Booklet: Elementary and secondary teaching ideas that were formulated during seven Constitution Seminars. The Kentucky Department of Education has printed and distributed 4,000 copies.

Essay: Morehead State University Bicentennial Writing Competition for high school seniors offering the winning student a \$1,380 scholarship renewable for three years, for a total of \$5,520. The essay topic is the same as the National **Bicentennial Writing Competition.**

Kentucky Derby: Festival Pegasus Parade -- "Reflections of America" -- will be the parade theme in the 32nd annual march down Broadway in Louisville during festival week in April, 1987.

Public Service Announcements: The Kentucky Court of Justice will produce PSAs recognizing Kentucky judges and lawyers who have made a significant contribution to the Constitution. The Kentucky Education Television Network also plans to aid in the development of PSAs highlighting the Bicentennial in Kentucky.

Conferences: "Brandeis: A Piece of One Mind" Symposium--sponsored by the University of Louisville and the National Endowment of the Humanities, Apr. 23-24, 1987. Eight speakers related to Brandeis will be featured. Also, "Celebrating the Constitution through Law-Related Education," sponsored by the Kentucky Bar Association, the Kentucky Court of Justice, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Apr. 24-25, 1987, in Lexington. "James Madison," sponsored by the Madisonville-Hopkins County Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution. Madisonian scholars will make presentations on selected topics, June, 1987, in Madisonville.

Mock Trial Competition: This competition for junior and senior high school students is in its fourth year of competition. It is sponsored by the Kentucky Bar Association, Kentucky Court of Justice, and the Kentucky Department of Education. A Constitutional issue case will be the focus with state finals on Apr. 24-25, 1987. The state-winning team will travel to Washington, D.C. in May, 1987 for a week to compete in the national finals and attend Bicentennial related activities.

Campbellsville-Taylor County Carrollton Elsmere Eminence

Madisonville-Hopkins County named after the "father of the Constitution," will celebrate "James Madison Days" from June 19-27, 1987, beginning with a symposium.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Hartford

- Louisville-Jefferson County
- Madisonville-Hopkins County Radcliff

LOUISIANA

Sept. 17, 1987: Re-enactment of signing of the Constitution, fireworks, tree planting, aerial show, and musical and dramatic entertainment.

General: Planning a year-long observance, including workshops for local government, organizations, civic groups, and businesses; newsletter distribution; speakers; public forums and seminars; mock Constitutional convention; and informative essays.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Baton Rouge Bogalusa Eunice Gonzales Jamestown Lake Charles

New Orleans Port Barre Shreveport West Carroll Parish Monroe Lafayette West Monroe

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Kickoff Conference: A one-day conference was held in Augusta on Sept. 17, 1986, exactly one year before the Bicentennial day.

Major Mailing: Invitations to hundreds of Maine organizations and individuals as well as publicity for the general public on the events.

Capital Event: Planning is underway for a special commemorative program of statewide significance on Sept. 17, 1987. The federal and state judiciary are planning to swear in new lawyers and new citizens.

Mar. 25, 1987 Conference: Keynote speech by Governor John McKernan and workshops on Bicentennial activities by the Maine Civil Liberties Union, the Maine Bar Association, the American Legion, and Bicentennial Communities.

July 4, 1987 Program: A tall ship or small ship parade, a brass quintet providing 18th-century music on the courthouse lawn, strolling entertainers, an 18th-century barbecue, a procession of judges in robes led by a drummer or bell ringer and greeted by the sheriff of the county, an 18th-century musical production, a militia muster of colonial and Scottish militia, and a panel discussion on the Constitution.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Alna Orono Bangor Bar Harbor Bath Dresden East Millinocket Jay Kennebunk Livermore Falls

Dresden is formulating programs with emphasis on John Adams, who held court in Dresden (then Pownalborough). The Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk is cosponsoring a major Constitutional exhibit with the Maine Historical Society, Old York Historical Society, and the York Institute Museum. Skowhegan will include a special Bicentennial category in its annual mid-state art show in June and will sponsor a day to honor one of its own, former Senator Margaret Chase Smith, on Aug. 2, 1987. Skowhegan's state fair, Aug. 13-22, 1987, which has the nation's oldest continuous agricultural exhibition, will feature the Bicentennial. Topsham is utilizing the official logo in all its schools and plans a mass gathering at the local fairgrounds on Sept. 12, 1987, to recite the oath of allegiance to the U.S.

MARYLAND

Educational Programs: The first project undertaken was production and publication of an educational packet for the fourth grade. Written at fourth-grade level, the packet contains exercises and quizzes designed to help children understand what a constitution is and to appreciate Maryland's role in the creation and adoption of the Constitution. A map exercise, word search game, 18th-century recipes and games, and a "write your own constitution" classroom activity are designed to make learning about the Constitution both stimulating and fun. The packet was distributed to every fourth-grade classroom in the state in August, 1985. Requests for the packet have been received from school systems and educational centers across the country. A high school packet will be distributed.

Senior Citizens: Two needlework kits, one in counted cross stitch and the other in needlepoint, were produced. The design of the kits is the Federal Snake, a 13-part snake with the motto "unite or die," which appeared as a cartoon in 1788 in a Baltimore newspaper article urging Maryland's ratification of the Constitution. A broadside packaged with the kits describes the role of women in the Constitution era.

Lollipops and Mugs: The Maryland Bicentennial Office also had the Federal Snake cartoon imprinted on 6,000 lollipops. Plastic coffee mugs with the same snake cartoon were produced for the 1985 Maryland State Teachers Association Convention, enabling the Maryland Bicentennial Office to get excellent coverage of the 2,000 teachers who attended.

Maryland Federalist Foundation: Chaired by businessman John Driggs, it will reconstruct the 15-foot, ship-rigged vessel called The Federalist, which was the centerpiece of Maryland's ratification parade in 1788.

Orono Paris Saco Sanford Skowhegan Topsham Westbrook

Wilton

Lecture and Gala: St. John's College hosted a public lecture on the Constitution and the Ballet Theatre of Annapolis produced the ballet, "Annapolis Yesteryear." After the ballet, the Ballet Theatre sponsored a "Colonial Ball," which was open to the public. An 18th-century fair was also held.

Work Sessions: The Maryland Humanities Council sponsored a day-long conference on Maryland and the Constitution. Afternoon workshops helped teachers and other interested individuals and groups plan strategies for taking the Constitution into the schools and communities around the state.

College Programs: The Maryland Bicentennial Office, with support from the Maryland Humanities Council, has a nine-program series called "An Evening With the Constitution," which emphasizes audience participation with the evening's featured guest. This series will be hosted by community colleges across the state.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Annapolis Calvert County Crisfield Caroline County Talbot County

Charles County

Annapolis staged the national commemoration kickoff in September, 1986, when it re-created the 1786 meeting that led to the Philadelphia gathering. The principal activity of the Maryland Bicentennial Office in 1986 was planning the four-day commemoration of the Annapolis Convention Bicentennial, Sept. 11-14, 1986. The commemoration served as the official kickoff of the Bicentennial celebration in Maryland. The Maryland Bicentennial Office worked with the federal Commission. the Department of the Army, the Maryland Humanities Council, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the City of Annapolis to use the occasion to effectively launch the nation's observance of the Constitution Bicentennial.

MASSACHUSETTS

Official Logo: The Design Research Unit of the Massachusetts College of Art will develop a logo that will be the official "signature" of the Massachusetts **Bicentennial initiative**.

Poster: The Charrette Corporation will sponsor the design and printing of the first 1,000 posters for the Massachusetts Bicentennial effort. The design will also be done by students at the Massachusetts College of Art.

Constitution Trail: The Tourism Board for Massachusetts will establish a "Constitution Trail," so tourists can visit famous landmarks pertaining to the Bicentennial.

Parks and Beaches: Special events will be planned and coordinated within Commonwealth parks and beaches by the Metropolitan District Commission. A special Bicentennial event will be scheduled for September, 1987.

Awareness Campaign: Mailed packets to every library in the Commonwealth which include posters from the American Bar Association, along with other Bicentennial information; mailed letters from Governor Michael S. Dukakis and

Chief Justice Edward F. Hennessey to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen or the Mayor of every city and town in the Commonwealth requesting that these officials coordinate the formation of Bicentennial Commissions at the local level; met with the Commissioner and key staff people in the Massachusetts Department of Education to coordinate activities and to seek the Department's support for programs in the public school system; mailed letters to every major newspaper, and radio and television station within the Commonwealth encouraging them to undertake special Bicentennial initiatives to educate the general public; and mailed letters to colleges, universities, and law schools in the state. There will also be a new letter and speakers bureau.

Shays' Rebellion Activities: The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, 194 State Street, Springfield, Massachusetts 01103, (413)732-3080, will host, through April, 1987, the Commonwealth Museum's Outreach Exhibit commemorating the Bicentennial of Shays' Rebellion. An essay contest, for high school students focusing on Shays' Rebellion or the Constitution, was sponsored by Greenfield Community College. The winners will receive prizes and the essays will be published in the PVS Newsletter. Contact: Ben Drabeck at Greenfield Community College, College Drive, Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301, (413)744-2131. On Apr. 18, 1987, Greenfield Community College will hold a symposium featuring the showing of "A Little Rebellion Now and Then" followed by papers related to the Rebellion.

Speech: On Apr. 14, 1987, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Harry A. Blackmun will speak at Lowell Lecture series sponsored by Boston Public Library, Massachusetts Historical Society, and American Antiquarian Society.

Museum: The USS Constitution Museum will sponsor a series of forums at five separate sites within the Boston area. Each forum will focus on a single article or issue involving the Constitution. The format will include a dramatic "flashback" to place the issue in historic context. A moderator and panel will then open the discussion of the article as it is applied today. Acting in advisory capacity are Professor Thomas H. O'Connor of Boston College; Judge Levin Campbell, Chief Justice of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the First Circuit; Professor William Fowler of Northeastern University; Professor Arthur Miller of Harvard Law School; and Edward Hanify of Ropes and Gray. Videotapes will be made of the debates, September, 1987-February, 1988. Locations and topics for USS Constitution Museum Forums are <u>USS Constitution</u>, "War Powers"; Old South Meeting House, "Freedom of Speech and of the Press"; Faneuil Hall, "Freedom of Religion"; John F. Kennedy Library, "Personal Liberties--Protection from Unreasonable Search and Seizure, Privacy of Home and Property"; and the Federal Reserve Bank, "Interstate Commerce." Contact: USS Constitution Museum at (617)426-1812.

International Meeting: At Clark University, as part of the 100th anniversary, the Commission has been invited to support a special international conference at which representatives from developing nations will meet to discuss the Constitution and its continued influence on the framing of constitutions in these new nations.

Citizen Information Programs: The Massachusetts State Library will establish a permanent collection housing materials documenting the way in which the Bicentennial was commemorated in Massachusetts. Materials will include books, pamphlets, posters, commemorative objects, and other memorabilia produced by private organizations, bar associations, historical societies, civic groups, schools, universities, and state agencies.

The Office of Secretary of State of Massachusetts will make available the use of the Citizen Information Service to communicate Bicentennial information through its metropolitan and WATS lines.

Media: WNEV/Boston (Channel 7) will devote the next year to the Constitution as part of its public affairs programming. The Boston Globe is also planning a **Bicentennial series**.

Special Educational Programs: Society for the Preservation of New England Antiguities (SPNEA) will present a program, "Two Boston Federalists," to teach students how to do historical research and expose them to the heritage of New England.

Old Sturbridge Village will do interpretive programs to engage modern Americans in exploring how the Constitution was taught, understood, and used as a symbol and model during the first two generations after the Framers.

The Navy Office of Information is proposing a series of events to commemorate the Bicentennial. These proposed events include multi-screen video presentations, a special turnaround cruise of the <u>USS Constitution</u> and other events. The Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington will present an exhibition "To

Form a More Perfect Union: The Constitution, 1787-1987." The exhibit will run from Apr. 19, 1987-Mar. 15, 1988. The educational exhibit is presented in cooperation with the Massachusetts Historical Society and will include several rare documents.

Massachusetts Bar Association, Boston Bar Association, and other municipal and county bar associations are developing legal education programs for lawyers and non-lawyers. Plans are being made for special publications and also for Law Day events. Contact these organizations directly for additional information.

Massachusetts Law-Related Education programs link teaching capacity of courts and court personnel to classroom. Some of these programs include a National Training and Dissemination Project; National Bicentennial of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights Curriculum Field Testing; Summer Institute for Teachers; and the 11th Annual Teaching About the Law Conference--the annual conference was held at the University of Massachusetts.

National History Day Competition, organized by the Massachusetts Council for the Social Studies, with support by local historical societies and the District Court Law-Related Education Program, will encourage students in Massachusetts schools to develop special visual projects, posters, models, plays, etc. based on a Constitutional theme. Competition finalists will participate in the national competition to be held at the University of Maryland.

The Massachusetts Council for the Social Studies will use the Bicentennial of the Constitution as the theme for its annual conference in spring, 1987.

Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus is reviewing proposals for appropriate projects which will commemorate black history and the Constitution. The project may include the Afro-American History Trail in Boston as part of the programing.

Peabody Museum in Salem has programs on naval history and China Trade. These programs emphasize an important segment in the historical development of Massachusetts under the Constitution.

Major Library Programming: The New England Library Association has received a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support a series of programs focusing on the framing of the Constitution and the character of 18thcentury New England. The programs will take place in six states and use three formats: scholar-led book discussions, a dramatic presentation with discussion, and musical performance with lectures.

Special Events: The Metropolitan District Commission has pledged support for a concert in Boston to commemorate the Bicentennial. This will take place in September, 1987, on a date to fit in with the national celebration. The USS Constitution will also move into Boston Harbor as part of the ceremony.

Research Projects: Funds are available for the following research projects: "The Influence of American Constitutionalism Abroad"--Professor George A. Billias, Worcester,

"Evangelical Origins of American Constitutionalism"--Dr. Stephen A. Marini, Wellesley.

"The Massachusetts Constitutional Ratification and Its Impact on the Nation"--Ms. Michelle M. McGlone, Brockton,

"Democracy and Freedom in American Constitutional History"--Mr. Richard J. Mooney, Cambridge.

"Was the First Bank Constitutional? A Question of Strict Versus Loose Interpretation"--Mr. Joshua J. Lippard, Cambridge. "The Founding Fathers and Slavery"--Mr. Robert J. Allison, East Boston. "Congressional Development and Colonial Society" -- Mr. Anthony J. Steinhoff,

Waltham.

"Substantive Meaning and Intent of the Constitutional Provision Guaranteeing Freedom of Expression "-- Mr. Jonathan C. Dailey, Williamstown. "The Accountability Provisions of Article I: Historical Origins" -- Mr. Daniel L. Alexander, Lexington,

Constitutional Liberty in the Age of Equality: Marginal Persons and the Liberal Self" -- Mr. Harry N. Hirsch, Cambridge. "Shays' Rebellion Television Script" -- Mr. Randall Conrad, Somerville.

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Boston

Essay Contest: A city-wide contest, part of a national competition, involving students at all grade levels, on issues related to the Constitution.

Neighborhood History: Neighborhood Historical Association programs targeted specifically to the Bicentennial Observances.

School Materials: A special set of materials to be developed within the school curriculum.

National Endowment for the Humanities Programs

Designated Bicentennial Communities

- Needham
- Newton
- Northampton
- Orleans
- Rochester
- Salem
- Stoneham
- Wareham
- Wellfleet
- Westfield

Plaza Dedication: Dedication of a "Constitution Plaza" in the City of Boston in 1987 at a site to be selected.

Events: Special parades and other civic observances coordinated to the national program of activities.

Democracy Museum: Development in Boston of a National Museum of Democracy, to be known as "Democracy Hall," a project being undertaken by the City of Boston in collaboration with Boston University's Center for Democracy. The target date for dedication of the museum is September, 1987, as part of the national observance of the Constitutional Bicentennial. Actual opening of the museum would be as soon thereafter as possible but, in any event, no later than the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights in 1991.

Concert: A city-wide concert in summer, 1987, at the Boston Opera House, conducted by Sarah Caldwell.

Library Activities: The Boston Public Library, both at its main branch and at neighborhood libraries, will play a central role for greater public awareness of the Constitution's Bicentennial through a film festival, lectures, and special exhibits.

Special Publication: As the result of the combined efforts and contributions of legal, academic, and other experts on Constitutional issues and civil liberties concerns, the City of Boston will publish a special report on topics related to current themes in our society covering the Constitution as a living document.

Northampton schools will restudy Caleb Strong, a Constitutional advocate from Western Massachusetts. Westfield began its commemoration on Sept. 17, 1986, with a local event that included materials on Shays' Rebellion prepared by the University of Massachusetts Continuing Education Department. Wellfleet will have a lecture series on New England and the Constitution funded by the New England Library Association and the New England Foundation for the Humanities.

MICHIGAN

Statewide Public Displays: Michigan Public Libraries to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Constitution by describing the historical significance of this document.

Dramatization: Play about the First Amendment issues raised in the John Peter Zenger Trial, to be held at Greenfield Village.

Theme Issue: Michigan Bar Journal will devote an issue to the Constitution.

Constitution Theme: At the State Bar annual meeting to be held in Grand Rapids in September, 1987.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Flint-Genesee County Swartz Creek Grand Rapids-Kent County

Flint-Genesee County has compiled a year-long program entitled "Basically Bicentennial Festival" to include a "George Mason Day in Flint," honoring the Virginia leader whose plan for state government was widely imitated. Grand Rapids-Kent County expects a major speaker and discussion on the Constitution when the State Bar Association meets there in September.

MINNESOTA

Minnesota Humanities Commission Programs

Workshops: High school/college history teacher workshops, Bicentennial resource center for use as a base for planning Bicentennial activities, discussions of the primary texts, a grant-in-aid program of \$50,000, a speakers bureau for use by organizations seeking speakers for Bicentennial events, and the purchase of audiovisual materials, including the television series "The Constitution: That Delicate Balance" to be used as local programs.

Minnesota Historical Society Programs

Magna Carta: Illustrate the meaning of the U.S. and Minnesota Constitutions; a Magna Carta display featuring one of the five copies of Magna Carta; a Northwest Ordinance celebration with traveling exhibit, "Liberty's Legacy," co-sponsored by the Big Ten Alumni Association; a lecture series; and a fall, 1987, conference on regionalism.

Minneapolis YMCA's Metrocenter Programs

Meetings: Citizens forums/town hall forums, reconstituting leaders youth convention, historical citizens acting troupe, Chatauqua Event on Sept. 17, 1987, and a youth-in-government program.

U.S. District Court Committee Programs

Court History: A booklet on the history of the U.S. Court in Minnesota; update this history using the various judges and cases from Minnesota courts. Establish a physical presence in each of the three federal court houses in the state which will highlight the Constitution. Also, produce a video program and sponsor lectures.

Hennepin County Bar Association Programs

Law Firms: Work closely with the schools by implementing an "Adopt-a-School" program for law firms. Try to establish a broadcast "Point of Law" with local personalities. The format would be similar to "The American Viewpoint."

Citizens League Programs

Debates: A series of Bicentennial meetings throughout the state using an art medium as a technique to draw public attention. A regional meeting to debate various proposed changes to the Constitution. The organization is in cooperation with the Humphrey Institute.

Minnesota Newspaper Foundation Programs

Free Speech Project: A survey will research individuals' attitudes on their own rights and opportunities for freedom of expression. Based upon the results of this survey, a statewide advertising campaign will be designed to focus public attention on First Amendment rights and freedom of expression. They plan to work with and encourage other organizations and groups to carry out First Amendment-related activities.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Brainerd Brooklyn Center Brooklyn Park Goodridae

Hopkins Long Prairie Rushford Winona

Hopkins

City Newsletter: Will contain an article about the Constitution. The city newsletter will also feature a calendar of significant dates leading up to the signing of the Constitution.

Electronic Bulletin Board: To run continuously on local cable network and feature items explaining significant dates leading up to the signing of the Constitution.

Bicentennial Committee: Will sponsor a cable television show on the importance of the Constitution; will work with local library in setting up displays on the Constitution; will have a poster contest on a Bicentennial theme; will sponsor a Bicentennial band concert featuring patriotic music; will hold parade in July, 1987.

Historical Society: Will prepare a display about the history of Hopkins, including a brief description about what the area was like when the Constitution was signed.

Heritage Festival: Held in the autumn each year, the 1987 Festival will incorporate the Bicentennial theme.

MISSISSIPPI

The Mississippi State bicentennial Commission, formed in April 1987, is planning major education programs for the schools, a gala event in the state capital, Jackson, on Sept. 17, and musical salutes, speeches and fireworks for Constitution Day. Designated Bicentennial Communities have been established in Biloxi and the County of Jackson. Also supporting the Bicentennial effort is the State Bar Association's Committee, "Public Understanding About the Law."

MISSOURI

agencies and departments, civic and professional organizations, as well as local public bodies and societies.

Education: The Education Committee is preparing statewide educational programs among all public and private educational institutions. Contests will be arranged that include a variety of fields such as essays, poetry, oratory, graphic arts, and music and will be open to entrants from all walks of life, grouped by age and educational background.

Fairs and Festivals: Celebrations that are uniquely Missouri have adopted the Bicentennial as their theme in 1987--one of these is the famous Veiled Prophet Fair in St. Louis. Dating back to 1878, the Veiled Prophet Fair and Parade highlight the festivities in St. Louis. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger will attend, along with other dignitaries and celebrities. At the same time, the people of Kansas City will be enjoying their "Spirit Festival" which has also adopted the "Bicentennial of the Constitution" as the theme for the 1987 Festival.

Albany Atchison County Branson Bridgeton Chillicothe-Livingston County East Prairie Ferguson Hermann Hiabee Independence Jackson Jefferson City Kimberling City

MONTANA

Constitutional Connections Committee: Affiliated with the Centennial Office, has adopted a role and scope statement which will endorse special observances for each year from 1986 to 1991.

Newsletter: Will be issued periodically to more than 3,000 schools, libraries, civic and fraternal clubs, legal and other professional associations, youth and veterans groups, and others. Rather than endorsing specific projects, the Committee will use the newsletter as a means to publicize all resources and events brought to its attention.

State Commission: Has developed a comprehensive program incorporating state

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Lamar Lathrop Marvville Moberly Monett Mount Vernon Osceola Paris Saint Ann Sullivan Warrensburg Waverly

Meeting: In October, 1986, a major public meeting at the state capitol debated aspects of the Constitution. Highlighting issues related to separation of powers, delegates debated and then voted on certain propositions.

Legislature: Montana's 50th legislative assembly convened in January with the anniversary being appropriately noted with respect to federal-state and state-local relations. On Sept. 17, 1987, a major event is being planned simultaneous with other observances of the signing of the Constitution around the nation.

NEBRASKA

Committee for the Humanities Programs

Bill of Rights in Nebraska: A project supporting the development of new lawrelated Bill of Rights curricula for four grade levels--primary, intermediate, and junior and senior high school. Six regional conferences brought together community leaders, lawyers, and teachers who were acquainted with the curriculum units and how they will relate to the Constitution Bicentennial. Training for additional teachers is planned for the next several years. Under the new curricula, junior and senior high school programs consider issues such as freedom of expression, fair trial, and free press, and students participate in mock courts and debates. Younger students will focus on the concepts of power, justice, property, and equality, and use dramatization to render these abstract concepts more understandable. Contact: Dr. Alan F. Frank, Project Director, University of Nebraska, College of Law, Lincoln, Nebraska 68588-0431, (402)472-1242.

Nebraska Project '87: Involves the members and communities of 25 home extension clubs or councils throughout the state in a study of Constitutional issues. The poster-panel exhibits developed by the national Project '87 will be placed in public buildings in the communities for viewing during the three-year Bicentennial celebration. In 15 communities, Nebraska scholars of history, political science, government, jurisprudence, literature, and philosophy will give presentations and lead discussions on Constitutional themes ranging from the historical background of the document to the concept of federalism. In 10 other communities, extension club members and their guests will use a book of readings on topics ranging from the philosophic origins of the Constitution to its adaptation to 20th-century society to explore Constitutional issues in depth with the assistance of a gualified scholar. Contact: Roberta E. Sward, Project Director, Assistant Dean, College of Home Economics, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska 68588-0703, (402)472-2968.

Film and Speakers: Purchased were "The Constitution: That Delicate Balance" for its Humanities Resource Center and available to groups. Also established a special Speakers Bureau for the Bicentennial. The seven scholars and their topics are: David Haberman, Creighton University, "Freedom of the Press and National Security"; Bruce Winter, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, "Constitutional Expansion: Beyond the Amending Process"; Donald Hickey, Wayne State College, "The Birth of the Constitution"; Dennis Mihelich, Creighton University, "Values, History, and the Reagan Revolution"; Robert Sittig, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, "Constitutionalism: Past, Present, and Future"; Kent Kirwan, University of Nebraska, Omaha, "The Presidential/Congressional Struggle: The Founders' View of Leadership in a Liberal Democracy"; and Tom Mans, Creighton University, "The Puzzle of Presidential Selection."

Aurora Hartington Logan County North Platte

NEVADA

Justice in Balance--Courthouses of Nevada: An exhibit developed by the Nevada Historical Society and the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, held in January, 1987.

Nevada Supreme Court: An historical exhibit on the Nevada Supreme Court and its justices prepared by the Department of Museums and History. On display at the Nevada Supreme Court in Carson City with later showings to be scheduled in Reno, Las Vegas, and Elko.

Lectures by Paul Smith: Distinguished Visiting Hilliard Professor Paul Smith of the Library of Congress will be in residence at the University of Nevada, Reno, between Mar. 23-29, 1987, meeting with students and faculty and giving several public presentations. He is an authority on the Constitutional Congress and is currently editor of Letters of Delegates to Congress, 1774-1789. Contact: James Hulse, Department of History, University of Nevada, Reno at (702)784-6567/6855.

Nevada Youth Constitutional Convention: On Apr. 24-25, 1987, a mock Constitutional convention to consider a balanced budget amendment. A culmination of a year-long series of educational opportunities sponsored by the Clark County School District with invited participation by all school districts. Contact Phyllis Darling at (702)799-8468.

School Assemblies and Public Lectures: Mock trials on the right to die will be held in schools throughout northern Nevada. This statewide project is sponsored by the State Bar of Nevada Law-Related Education Committee. Funded by the Nevada Humanities Committee, Grace Danberg Foundation, and Nevada Law Foundation with services provided by the State Bar, the state's 16 school districts, and 90 practicing judges and attorneys, in spring, 1987. Public lectures by Professors Donald Driggs and James Hulse of the University of Nevada, Reno, will focus on the Constitutional issues involved in the right to die debates. Contact: Phyllis Darling of the Clark County School District at (702)799-8468

Exhibit: "Nevada: From Its Documentary Beginnings to Shaper of the Nation's Constitution." This exhibit will display early documents of Nevada's political history including many originals from the Nevada State Library and Archives and the Nevada State Museum. The exhibit is scheduled to travel from Carson City, to Sparks and Elko, arriving in Las Vegas for the Constitution Day Celebration on Sept. 17, 1987.

El Doraldo High School: Mixed Choir will represent Nevada in the Festival of States celebration in Philadelphia on July 15, 1987.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

O'Neill Plattsmouth Scottsbluff-Gering Seward Seward

School Assemblies and Public Lectures: Mock trials on the right to die will be held in schools in southern Nevada with Michael Bowers of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, giving public lectures in fall, 1987.

<u>Constitution Day Celebrations</u>: "We the People," a major celebration to be held at the Mack and Thomas Center at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Other communities are being urged to plan commemorate events for Sept. 17, 1987.

Films and Tapes: "The Constitution: That Delicate Balance," a 13-part series produced and broadcast by Channel 5 in Reno and Channel 10 in Las Vegas in fall, 1985 and 1986. The programs provide an introduction to Constitutional law and public policy. The programs in the series are: "The President Versus Congress: Executive Privilege and Delegation of Powers" and "The President Versus Congress: War Powers and Covert Action."

State Bar of Nevada Programs

Events: Final plans are in place for speakers bureaus; mock trials with teams of lawyers covering all the school districts of the state will be held, aimed at an audience of high school students, parents, teachers, and the general community; and a Constitutional convention is set for high school students representative of all the districts in the state, to be held in Las Vegas, Clark County.

University of Nevada Programs

<u>Video</u>: The University of Nevada System's telestudies project has one video completed which will be offered to the high schools for credit this school year. These videos relate to state and national Constitutional aspects.

Designated Bicentennial Community

Sparks

Sparks will place attractive, framed copies of the Constitution in every court and public office with dedication ceremonies.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

<u>Research--After the Revolution</u>: The New Hampshire Commission contracted with the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities for a joint project to be a multifaceted research project on New Hampshire life and people in the post-revolution period. The basic plan proposed research of eight New Hampshire communities. These were selected as representative of the sectional occupations, population, and from seacoast affluence to frontier log cabin existence. Professional historians were assigned to each community and amateur researchers from all areas and interests were encouraged to participate. Local meetings were called by the historians, attended by the amateurs, and subjects of research were agreed to. These varied from studies of meeting houses, religions, highways, newspapers, and others. Plans call for the eventual publication of a popular-type pictorial book covering all of the New Hampshire Constitutional story and including the scholarly presentation of the researched material. Building a Nation, Building a State: The accumulation of information during the research period brought forth pictures, maps, broadsides, articles, letters, historic anecdotes, etc. Using this material, a traveling display was erected. It is a free standing, hinged series of panels that can be arranged to fit any reasonable space.

<u>Reader's Theater</u>: A Reader's Theater script has been written by David Magidson, head of the University of New Hampshire Drama Department. The play theme is based on the debates held at the two New Hampshire Commission meetings of 1788 when approval of the Constitution was secured. It climaxes as New Hampshire becomes the ninth and deciding state to approve and thus make it the basic law of the new country. Drama students from the University System have enacted the play several times. The first showing was held in the State Legislative Hall. Channel 11, the state television station, recorded the play. It is now on tape, ready for presentation to audiences across the state.

<u>Commemorative Medal</u>: New Hampshire is making much of its important position as the ninth and deciding state. A commemorative pewter medal has been designed, using the New Hampshire Commission logo as the reverse side. The obverse celebrates the Sept. 17, 1787 birthdate of the Constitution.

<u>Postage Stamps</u>: The New Hampshire Commission has proposed the use of its logo for a commemorative postage stamp to be issued in spring, 1988. A series of stamps and cancellations is planned. New Hampshire will follow up its design suggestion.

Document: The original document announcing New Hampshire's Ninth State approval of the Constitution was recently discovered in an unused vault in the State House. It is in beautiful script, dark, showing the maturity of age. It also includes a series of suggested amendments--many of which eventually were included in the Bill of Rights. Reproductions in full and half size are available for sale.

Franklin Pierce Program: Franklin Pierce, a New Hampshire Law School, is named after the former President. Students have planned a one-week seminar on the Constitution to be held in spring, 1987. They plan to invite prominent legal and other experts on the Constitution to lead the seminar sessions.

Magna Carta: The Council of the 13 Original States, Inc., headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, will arrange the display of Magna Carta during summer, 1987.

<u>Education</u>: The Bicentennial of the New Hampshire Constitution was celebrated in 1984 under the direction of (then) New Hampshire Supreme Court Justice Charles G. Douglas, III. An educational program for school students covering the Constitutional principles was developed by the Douglas Commission. More recently, the State Legislature financed the classroom books and teachers' guides. It has now moved into New Hampshire schools under the guidance of the Douglas Commission and the State Education Department.

Adult Education: Plans have been developed to hold a seminar to which high school civics teachers will be invited. Lectures covering the origin and development of the Constitution will be presented to enhance their already extensive knowledge of the Constitution. The second step will be a mail campaign to all the civic organizations, and womens and church groups suggesting they place a program on the Constitution and recommending inviting the civics teachers to speak on the subject.

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Alstead plans an open house at its historical society with state papers and the town charter from 1763, plus school visits to many area sites, including many Revolutionary War graves for headstone rubbings. Nashua will dedicate its Bicentennial Plaza on Sept. 17, 1987, and conclude a day of appropriate events with a fireworks display. Orford churches will hold Thanksgiving services on June 20, 1987, to commemorate New Hampshire becoming the ninth state to ratify the Constitution, thus making it official. Ridge Houses listed in the National Register of Historic Places will be open for tours and the center of town will be refurbished and named Constitution Mall. Winchester will hold a pageant depicting colonial life with a ceremony honoring its delegate to the Constitutional Convention and will have a town crier in colonial dress announce "news of the day" on Town Common and in the schools on certain days.

NEW JERSEY

Commemorative Programs: Possible themes to be sponsored by the Commission recall the contributions made by Princeton University and its early graduates to the Constitution, the introduction of the Paterson Plan at the Philadelphia Convention on June 15, 1787, and New Jersey's ratification of the Constitution on Dec. 19, 1787. In addition, many state agencies, municipalities, and private organizations are sponsoring educational and cultural programs to honor the Constitution's Bicentennial.

Educational Programs

"An Economic and Political View of New Jersey in the 1780s," by the New Jersey Historical Commission, 1987.

"The Politics of Virtue in America: What Kind of People Are We? Our Constitutional Heritage," Bergen County Community College, Paramus.

"The New Jersey Constitution -- A Historical Assessment," lecture series, Bergenfield Public Library, Bergenfield.

The Constitution of the United States of America, published by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation.

"Study and Reenactment of the Constitutional Convention of 1787," County College of Morris, Randolph.

The Politician Out-Witted, Samuel Low's 1788 play embodying debate about the Constitution, East Lynne Company, Secaucus.

"New Jersey and the Constitution: The Four Supreme Court Justices from Our State," Humanitas special issue, spring, 1986. "New Jersey's Role in the Constitutional Convention," Dec. 6, 1986, New Jersey Historical Commission Annual Conference. Relating the Constitution to New Jersey," New Jersey Historical Commission

Teachers' Workshop, 1985-87.

Constitution, New Jersey Historical Society, Newark. "The Birth of a Democratic Nation: The Constitution," Crossroads USA, Vol. XIII, Nos. 4-5 (January-February, 1986), New Jersey Historical Society, Newark.

Constitution Bicentennial Resource Conference, New Jersey State Bar Foundation. Publication of Writings of William Paterson, sponsored by New Jersey Historical Society and New Jersey Historical Commission/Department of State.

"New Jersey's Role in the Constitutional Convention of 1787," St. Thomas Christian Academy, Brick.

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Hightstown has already declared Sept. 13-19, 1987, as Constitution Week, with specific days and programs for Religious Freedom, Constitutional Law, Women's Rights, Civil Rights, Constitution Enactment, Freedom of Speech and Press, and a parade and picnic finale. Lawrence Township will restore the 1761 home owned by Constitution signer David Brearley and will have an observance there in September, 1987. Monroe Township will rededicate its "300-year-old oak" in the center of town to the Bicentennial.

Wall

NEW MEXICO

Logo Contest: A contest was held for art students in New Mexico schools for the design of the Commission's logo. It will be used on the Commission's stationary with the "We the People" logo.

Festivities: The Commission sponsored a Governor's Diamond Jubilee Ball in October, 1986, in Santa Fe. Keep New Mexico Beautiful, Inc. was to sponsor a state birthday party on Jan. 6, 1987, around the state and in the State Capital.

Exhibition of Archival material related to New Jersey's contributions to the

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Mendham Middletown Millburn Monroe (Gloucester County) Monroe (Middlesex County) Mountainside Ocean City Old Bridge Park Ridge Roseland Sandyston Spring Lake Heights Sea Isle City Teaneck

Education: In October, 1986, the State Department of Education, the Council on the Social Studies, and the Law-Related Education project sponsored a planning session on Constitutional issues for teams of teacher and community members from 45 school districts.

Publications: New Mexico Magazine is planning an issue on statehood with special articles throughout the year. The Commission will begin issuing a quarterly newsletter.

Beautification: Keep New Mexico Beautiful, Inc. will use the planting of Liberty Trees to commemorate the Constitution.

Libraries: New Mexico State Library is collecting bibliographies on the Constitution. New Mexico State Library will offer a summer reading club for children in 1987 on statehood. The State Library and New Mexico Library Association are featuring statehood and the Constitution in their public relations program for 1987.

Museums: The International Space Hall of Fame in Alamogordo is planning a special exhibition in 1987 on the theme "There's Space in New Mexico."

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Alamogordo	
Albuquerque	
Aztec	
Bosque Farms	

Gallup-McKinley County Las Cruces Los Alamos County Mesilla

New Mexico communities will be tying in various ceremonies and educational programs to their state's 75th anniversary celebration.

Albuquerque planned Jan. 6 and Sept. 17, 1987, as local commemorative days, linking statehood with the Constitution, and a July 4 Summerfest with ethnic festivals.

NEW YORK

Alexander Hamilton Day: On Jan. 11, 1987, activities commemorating his birthdate, including a concurrent resolution, a Governor's Proclamation, presentation at the Hamilton-Grange in New York City, and presentation at the Schuyler Mansion (where Hamilton was married) in Albany.

Kickoff Event: On Feb. 10, 1987, commemorating Congress's calling a convention, including a one-day exhibit of selected state documents co-sponsored by the State Archives on the Concourse of the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

Legislative Reception: On Mar. 3, 1987, at the Corning Tower, Observation Deck, in Albany, for state legislators, to unveil the Commission's commemorative poster and a multi-image show.

Commemorative Poster: WPA Mural, depicting the ratification of the Constitution by the New York Convention, completed in 1938, at the Post Office in Poughkeepsie.

Public Service Announcements: Contributions of New Yorkers to the American Constitutional Experience, including not only Alexander Hamilton and other Founding Fathers, but also Hiawatha (New York's first Constitution-maker), Peter Zenger, Susan B. Anthony, Benjamin Cardozo, and Thurgood Marshall.

State Social Studies: Proposal for a co-sponsored statewide program of curriculum guides and teacher-development workshops keyed to all units of the new 11th-grade curriculum on Constitutional subjects.

Forums: Proposal for the New York State Bar Association to develop a Law Day program of County Courthouse Forums statewide.

Radio Program: On WQBK/Albany, a one-hour interview, with staff and others, hosted by Bob McDougall on his weekday morning show for commuters. Subjects include the role of New York in the adoption of the Constitution, the contributions of New Yorkers, and the relevance of the Constitution today.

Panels and Seminars: Panel on Separation of Powers, State Constitutional Law in the Third Century, in Philadelphia, Mar. 17, 1987; Panels on State Ratifications, Federalism in the Constitutional Period, and Lawyers View the Constitution, American Political Science Association, and Labor Day Weekend, in Chicago.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Albany Dobbs Ferry Dutchess County Franklinville Gouverneur Huntington llion Johnson City Mamaroneck Mount Vernon New York Niskayuna

New York City

National Capital: Already planning for three years of activities, New York City will highlight its role as the one-time national capital. Special projects, exhibitions, programs, and educational activities are being developed for 1987. Already in the works are major programs for 1987-88.

<u>New York Historical Society</u>: "Government by Choice: Inventing the Constitution" (Sept. 17, 1987-Jan. 17, 1988) will be drawn from the permanent collections of the Society's library and museum, which possess some of the most significant materials relating to the Constitution. Called "one of the most important in the country," the Constitutional exhibit will include documents, letters, and manuscripts, as well as portraits and decorative arts connected to the

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principal figures of 1787. The handwritten minutes of the secret debates at the Federal Convention by one of the actual participants, Rufus King (King Street in Greenwich Village bears his name) will be on display. The original manuscript of "The Federalist" (no. 64, written by John Jay), William Livingston's copy of a preliminary draft of the Constitution (with last-minute changes made by the founders), and James Madison's correspondence with the other founders "as they agonized over the issues that divided the Federalists and Anti-federalists" are among the other highlights of this notable exhibit. Many of the framers of the Constitution were also involved with the founding and early history of the New York Historical Society, located at 170 Central Park West (at 76th Street), (212)873-3400.

Museum of the City of New York: In addition to its continuing multi-media display on New York City history, the museum plans special exhibits marking the Constitution's 200th birthday. These exhibits will spotlight the museum's archives and collections of New York documents, pictorial materials, costumes, artifacts, furniture, and furnishings. The Museum is at Fifth Avenue and 103rd Street, (212)534-1672.

New York Public Library: The Library's celebration will include a major exhibit in the Gottesman Hall of the Central Research Library -- an exhibit drawn primarily from its own collections. There will also be a series of public programs for general audiences exploring Constitutional controversies, a book on the making of the Constitution, and many other programs and research projects. Free group tours from the main lobby. The New York Public Library is at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, (212)930-0501.

Fraunces Tavern Museum: Located in the colonial (1762) tavern that was the site of George Washington's farewell to his troops in 1783, this on-the-site museum in historic Lower Manhattan is now presenting (through June 12, 1987) an exhibit "Capital City: New York After the Revolution." It will examine the city's role as the political center of the nation during the late 18th century. Objects and documents from Fraunces Tavern Museum's permanent collection include: "Federal Hall, the Seat of Government," an engraving by Amos Doolittle; "Six Views of New York," oil paintings by William Chappel; "The Signing of the Constitution," an oil by Thomas Pritchard Rossiter; "Alexander Hamilton," a marble bust by Giuseppi Cerrachi; "The American Gazeteer," a printed book by Jedediah Morse; "The Federalist Papers...Written in 1788" by "Publicus" (Hamilton, Jay, and Madison); and a door of the carriage used by George Washington at the time of his first inauguration. The Museum is at 54 Pearl Street, (212)425-1778.

Bronx County Historical Society: Founded in 1955, the Society administers the Museum of Bronx History, the Edgar Allan Poe cottage, and a Research Library and Archives. The Society is at 3309 Bainbridge Avenue, The Bronx, New York 10467, (212)881-8900.

Freedom Bus: A multi-media traveling exhibit which will visit schools, street fairs, senior centers, and major shopping areas. We hope to have two exhibits traveling simultaneously beginning in July, 1987 and continuing through 1988.

Self-Guided Tours: Tours of the major historic sites in Manhattan and other boroughs beginning in September, 1987.

Public Education: Public service advertising campaign; a speakers bureau; a bimonthly calendar will be published of all Constitutional exhibits and activities; and special media kits and publications.

Institutional Liaison: Will provide support to the many New York City institutions, such as the Board of Education, Museums, and Libraries currently planning Constitutional projects.

Dutchess County has numerous activities planned around its unique geography in the Bicentennial: New York State ratified the Constitution at the county courthouse on July 26, 1788. A Parade of Freedom and rededication ceremonies will highlight events. Gouverneur, named after Gouverneur Morris, a drafter of the Constitution, plans special events and school programs around its native son. Niskayuna plans a "Government Day" and major beautification efforts and rededication ceremonies. Village of Old Brookville has set a Revolutionary War ceremony for Sept. 12, 1987, the Bicentennial of the day Gouverneur Morris sent the Constitution to the floor for evaluation. Somers will reenact the 1782 march of General Rochambeau through the community.

NORTH CAROLINA

Education: Commission is offering programs across the state to improve people's understanding of Constitutional principles and Constitutional history. The Commission will coordinate activities throughout the state, and will serve as a resource for information on events in the state and nationally.

Teacher Project: The Commission and the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction are engaged in a pilot two-year program of teacher training workshops around the state. During fall, 1986, 10 programs were held for 350 11thgrade social studies teachers on the history and meaning of the Constitution. These were followed up by training sessions in local high schools, featuring videotapes produced at the Commission. Under the provisions of the special appropriation from the North Carolina General Assembly, copies of Lessons on the Constitution were purchased for all 11th-grade social studies teachers. During fall, 1987, programs for teachers will focus on the role of North Carolina in the formation, ratification, and execution of the Constitution and the national government. Special materials relating to North Carolina history will be prepared by a team of historians, political scientists, and curriculum specialists. This program will also be followed up by a series of videotapes produced at the Commission.

Newsletter: The Commission publishes a quarterly newsletter, One Common Interest, that will be the principal means in North Carolina for the sharing of information on Bicentennial projects. The newsletter also has articles of historical interest.

Conferences: In 1986, the Commission and the North Carolina Editorial Writers Association jointly sponsored a conference on the Constitution. Attending were editorial writers and managing editors/news editors from across the state. The conference presented talks on the history of the Constitution and current Constitutional issues. Plans for additional conferences are underway. These conferences will be on topics relating to the growth and development of Constitutional rights and protections. Topics to be included are the role of

minorities in the forging of new Constitutional protections; commerce and the Constitution; and the role of women as Constitutional reformers. Proceedings from the conferences will be published.

County Committees: The Commission has organized 100 county Bicentennial committees. These committees will develop local programs and celebrations and will assist the state Commission in the promotion of statewide programs such as Jefferson Meetings, celebrations of our first and second ratification conventions, and the organization of county Bicentennial exhibits. To assist the county Bicentennial committees in their planning efforts, the Commission held five meetings across the state and planned a statewide meeting.

Speakers Bureau: Together with the Lawyers Advisory Council of the Commission, the Commission is organizing a speakers bureau for the presentation of short talks on the Constitution to civic associations, veterans groups, and others. A special list of major speakers will also be prepared, along with a listing of scholars and lawyers particularly interested in working with primary and secondary school students.

Other Events: The University of North Carolina Law School will host a major conference on the Constitution during April, 1987 (jointly with the Commission). North Carolina State University will conclude its three-year project on the Constitution with a one-day workshop and dinner, including addresses by national figures in May, 1987. The project at North Carolina State University was funded by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The National Humanities Center will host a three-day conference on "Ratifying the Constitution: Ideas and Interests in the Several American States" in late May, 1987 (jointly with the Commission). Funding for the conference comes from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Cherokee County Hertford County Hoke County

Robeson County Wilmington

Robeson County has prepared its own bronze medallion.

NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota Constitutional Celebration Committee: Provides clearinghouse services for information, ideas, and cooperative efforts among communities and organizations in the celebration of the Bicentennial of the Constitution. The Committee maintains a master calendar of Bicentennial events. The Committee is assisting in the development and broadcast of radio and television public service announcements to encourage recognition of the Bicentennial and is considering the sponsorship of a statewide meeting on Sept. 17, 1987.

North Dakota High Schools Programs

University of North Dakota: Through the Bureau of Governmental Affairs, it is coordinating a statewide program for high school students involving basic learning and competitive events. A teacher's manual, including various kinds of learning exercises and projects, will supplement the text.

Know Your Constitution: "Know Your State" has been an annual event for high school students sponsored by the University and the Masonic Lodge of North Dakota. In 1987, the topic will be changed to "Know Your Constitution." Instead of testing students for knowledge of the state, they will be tested on the Constitution. Tests will be given locally for computer scoring by the Bureau of Governmental Affairs. County winners will advance to state competition at University of North Dakota.

Essay: This competition will stress interpretive and analytical skills rather than factual knowledge. Students will write essays of 400 words or less on one or more selected topics relating to the Constitution. The top essayists will advance to regional and state competition where the competition will consist of writing new essays in a specified period of time on a facet of the Constitution.

Art: For this competition, students will render a work of art on some subject or concept related to the Constitution. The top artists will proceed to state competition at University of North Dakota.

Interpretive Reading from the "Federalist Papers": Competition will consist of 3-4 minute readings from the Federalist Papers, a primary source of information about the Constitution. Competition will begin at the regional level and top regional students will enter state competition.

Original Drama: Original dramatic presentations, using a maximum of five players, will be five to 10 minutes in length. Themes must be taken from the Constitution or historical incidents relating to the Constitution. First level of competition will be regional, with top presentations appearing at state.

Original Poetry: Students will compose original poetry, not exceeding 40 lines, for judging at the state level. Since emphasis will be on writing, entries will be judged on content.

Newspaper: Three categories of competition for high school newspapers will be cartoon, feature, and editorial. Entries will be sent to state competition and judged at University of North Dakota. State competition will take place at the University of North Dakota from Mar. 15-17, 1987. Room and meals will be furnished by the University. School districts are expected to cooperate in providing transportation. Scholarship prize money will be raised from private sources.

Bismarck

Bismarck will decorate itself in banners and buttons with proceeds from sales funding local activities.

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OHIO

History and Culture: Create a settlement trail to run throughout Ohio and the six states of the Northwest Territory, feature a "Railcar Museum on Wheels" using the existing railway track throughout Ohio, commission the Great Lakes Shakespeare Company to dramatize the period, have Congress re-issue the Northwest Ordinance on July 13, 1987--the 200th anniversary of the original signing. Arrange an exchange of art work and symphonies among the major cities of Ohio and the Northwest Territory states, and encourage local communities to sponsor homecoming events for present and past residents.

Commemorative Activities: Stamp commemorating the Ordinance, logo depicting the Northwest Territory and highlighting Ohio, license plate stickers, commemorative book, and Northwest Ordinance Flag.

Tourism and Special Events: Statewide travel/sightseeing itinerary packages sponsored by the AAA, cookbook with recipes from Ohio and the Northwest Territory, a "Made in Ohio" fair, Northwest Ordinance theme at the Ohio State Fair, county fairs and festivals featuring the Bicentennial, antique shows, Great Lakes Regatta, bicycle race throughout Ohio, hot air balloon race over the Great Lakes, "Mini World's Fair" to be held at Kings Island depicting the history of the Ordinance and Ohio's place in the Northwest Territory, and "Stars Come Home" pageant and ball.

Education: Encourage primary and secondary schools to focus on local history through teacher's guides, traveling exhibits, contests, and fine art projects. Work with colleges and universities to establish research grants/awards, symposia, lectures, and workshops. Publish educational materials, establish a statewide speakers bureau, assist libraries to develop bibliographies, lectures, and presentations of historical films and tapes. Encourage historical societies and museums to produce special exhibits, programs, and printed materials. Work with PBS and commercial television outlets on program projects, including: television mini-series and/or film based on the creation of the Ordinance and the subsequent creation of the state of Ohio; programs sponsored by National Geographic, Sohio, etc. on the significance of Ohio, first state of the Northwest Territory; Charles Kuralt's "Sunday Morning" or "On The Road" to feature a Northwest Ordinance/Territory segment; and "Northwest Territory Minutes." Encourage each Ohio community to establish a Heritage Committee to research the community's history. Develop a major traveling exhibit of Bicentennial materials to tour the states of the Northwest Territory.

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Adams County Ashland County Aurora Belpre Chardon Chillicothe-Ross County Clermont County Crawford County East Liverpool Edgerton Euclid Fairborn Groveport Hillsboro Huber Heights Jefferson County Kettering Killbuck

Belpre and Little Hocking have developed plans that will focus on their historical roots: second oldest settlement of the Northwest Territory, home of the first library, and site of the first woman school teacher. Crawford County has a 202-page Resource Handbook of local plans and resources. Copies are \$15. Contact the committee at Post Office Box 55, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820. Kettering will have a major exhibit of old framed copies of famous documents relating to the Northwest Ordinance and Constitution. Louisville will present an "Avenue of Flags." Marietta, first permanent settlement in the Northwest Territory, will be tying the Constitutional theme to its own 200th birthday in April, 1988. Oberlin has named its commemoration "A Year of Reflections."

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities: Is buying multiple copies of the Blessing of Liberty poster series and other resource materials for use in the libraries, museums, and schools of Oklahoma.

Media: Newspapers are printing articles on the Bicentennial and reporting on activities sponsored by Constitution 200. Television and radio stations have scheduled interviews with Constitution 200 officials, and are using Bicentennial Minutes available through the national networks, as well as some produced locally.

Oklahoma Bar Association: Member groups from cities and counties plan a series of projects focusing on Law Day during the Bicentennial period. The projects include speakers on the Constitution, its ratification, the formation of the new government, and the Bill of Rights. The Oklahoma Bar Association is funding a project to provide every high school age child in the state with a copy of the Constitution.

Oklahoma Libraries: Have contributed to the work of Constitution 200 by preparing a series of bibliographies. The Tulsa City-County Library put out a short

Knox County Lawrence County Licking County Louisville Mansfield-Richland County Marietta Medina County Meigs County Mercer County Milford **Mingo Junction** Mount Gilead North Olmsted Oberlin Saint Bernard Willoughby Woodlawn

annotated bibliography last year. The Oklahoma University library system is working on an extensive bibliography oriented to researchers as well as the public. Many Constitution 200 meetings are held in libraries around the state.

Public School and University Teachers: Have made the Constitution a priority in their curricula during the Bicentennial period. Money has been budgeted, materials purchased, and information exchanged through newsletters and in-service presentations.

Oklahoma Museums: Have included a major feature on the Bicentennial in their state newsletter. Several revolving displays on the Constitution will appear at local museums around the state. The Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa will present a special exhibit of materials relating to the Constitution. The centerpiece will be its portrait of James Madison by Charles Willson Peale. The exhibit will also include documentary materials relating to the Constitution from the Gilcrease collection. Study guides will be prepared to aid teachers and others viewing the exhibit.

Civic Learning Program: The University of Oklahoma will continue to sponsor several lectures on Constitutional subjects. During 1987, the seminars will focus on the "Founders." This series will include presentations on framers of the Constitution.

Celebrations: On Sept. 17, 1987, Tulsa will have a "Stationary Parade" that will include floats and exhibits prepared by civic groups and school children. The major part of this will be a "Ship of State" like the ones used in the parades in New York and Philadelphia in 1788. The Tulsa Public Schools will publish a newspaper with articles written by high school students on events and conditions of Sept. 17, 1787. The celebration will culminate with a signing ceremony by 39 school children of all races, and both sexes, and from as many schools, public and private, as possible. The signing ceremony will be heralded by the ringing of church bells all over Tulsa. The Tulsa Philharmonic will present a special program of American music on the night of Sept. 17, 1987.

Tulsa Junior College-Oklahoma State University: Will present a play dramatizing the case of McLauren v. Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education (1950), which set in motion higher education desegregation and the better known case of Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka (1954). James Vance, a Tulsa playwright, is writing this drama. Besides its run at Tulsa Junior College, Constitution 200 is promoting it with other theater groups around the state. It will be taped and televised throughout Oklahoma on the Oklahoma State University Telecommunication system.

Logan County Historical Society: In Guthrie, is planning a project and historical presentations on the case of Coyle v. Smith, which concerned the removal of Oklahoma's capital from Guthrie to Oklahoma City.

Cherokee Historical Society: Preparing a conference in Tahleguah on the U.S. Supreme Court cases of Worcester v. Georgia and the Cherokee Nation v. Georgia, two cases which form part of the background of Indian removal in the 1830's. The papers presented at this conference will be published in a volume of conference proceedings.

Ratification: Will be commemorated by a one-woman dramatization of the antifederalist Mercy Otis Warren. Oklahoma audiences will also be provided with

extracts from the Federalist Papers. This presentation will emphasize the importance of debate and disagreement in a democracy.

Great Constitutional Decisions: Program will also highlight celebration of ratification. This will involve a series of discussion sessions on a variety of Constitutional questions including ratification, whether to have another Constitutional convention, etc. They will be held at the Tulsa city-county libraries and will be co-sponsored by Tulsa's League of Women Voters. Similar discussion programs are in process of development in other communities. Some are opting to use the Jefferson Meeting format.

Bill of Rights: Bicentennial will be marked by a major conference in 1989 on "The Public, the Press, and the First Amendment." A symposium was held in March, 1986, in Tulsa, to plan for this conference. Constitution 200 is now beginning development of an international conference on human rights in 1989. This will entail observance in Europe and the U.S. of the Bicentennial of our Bill of Rights (1789), the tricentennial of the English Bill of Rights (1689), and the Bicentennial of the French Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen (1789).

Higher Education Consortium: A network of speakers on Constitutional topics will be available for groups and events during the Bicentennial. Historians, political scientists, lawyers, and judges will form seminars in each of the six congressional districts in Oklahoma. These will remain active during the entire Bicentennial period through 1991.

<u>Oklahoma Lectureships</u>: A project to fund the writing and presentation of papers on the Constitution by a group of distinguished Oklahoma educators, jurists, and political and civic leaders. The lectures will be presented during the Bicentennial period. The papers will be edited and published by Constitution 200 in a commemorative volume.

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Marietta will have a celebration on Sept. 17, 1987, that will begin a 4:00 p.m. to commemorate the actual time of the signing of the Constitution. Tulsa, with the City-County Library System and Oklahoma University's Civic Learning Program, will sponsor a seminar on "John Adams, the Founder Who Was Not There." A tour of England, where Adams was U.S. Minister at the time, will follow.

Norman Pawnee Sac and Fox Tribe of Indians Sapulpa Tatums The Village Tulsa

OREGON

Magna Carta: "Liberty Under the Law," an exhibit in 1986 at the Oregon Historical Society, exhibiting the Lincoln Cathedral's exemplar of Magna Carta, artifacts, documents, and paintings.

Project Constitution: A series of seven one-hour video cassette programs, the first of which will cover the period from Magna Carta to the Constitution, while subsequent episodes are directed to specific portions of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The series is intended for use on public television broadcasting and also for use in high schools and colleges.

Oregon Law-Related Education Project: Located at the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College, Portland, this project, directing a number of programs in connection with the Oregon Department of Education, is designed to assist curricula for teachers, counselors, and administrators in the Oregon school system.

Oregon State University Programs

Symposia: A series of symposia covering the Constitution. Presentation of this program is under the direction of the College of Liberal Arts at the University.

University of Oregon Programs

Annual Ball Convocation: Participation will pivot around the annual ball convocation of the University in 1987.

Oregon State Bar Programs

Program: Preparing a program in connection with the American Bar Association and several county bar associations throughout the state.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Beaverton Clatskanie Hood River County Molalla Roseburg

PENNSYLVANIA

Information Packet: Being mailed to approximately 10,000 local governments, schools, libraries, non-profit organizations, etc. The packet contains a message from the Governor, suggested Bicentennial activities, a letter from the Commission chairman, and a comprehensive "Calendar of Events" regarding state projects and events scheduled during the next several years to commemorate the Bicentennial. The calendar will be updated periodically and the Commission may also publish a newsletter to disseminate information on the Bicentennial.

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission: On June 2, 1986, held Leadership Seminar on the Constitution at the State Museum of Pennsylvania.

Center State of the Union: Exhibit treating the controversy over Pennsylvania's ratification, featuring portraits and objects relating to Pennsylvania participants in the Constitutional Convention, opening July 1, 1987.

The Constitution and a National Currency: On June 2, 1987, exhibit opening at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg.

Mobile Museum: To tour all 67 Pennsylvania counties, exhibit on the Constitution for a two-year period beginning in early 1987.

Series of Articles: On the Constitution and Pennsylvania to be published in the Pennsylvania Heritage magazine beginning with the fall, 1986, issue.

Booklets: To Secure the Blessings of Liberty: Pennsylvania and the Changing Constitution by Dr. Louis Waddell, and To Form a More Perfect Union: The Federal Constitution and Pennsylvania by Dr. Paul Doutrich.

Planning Guide: The Constitution and the Community, for distribution to all Pennsylvania school districts. Copies have been sent to the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and the State Library System.

Lesson Plans: Developed dealing with Pennsylvania topics as they relate to the Constitution and the U.S. Supreme Court. This resource will be used with junior and senior high school students. They will be distributed to all school districts in the Commonwealth.

Video Project: The Department has arranged for staff and consultants to participate in a "Video Project to Increase Understanding of the Constitution for Junior and Senior High School." It is being developed by a consortium of states under the direction of the Agency for Instructional Technology in Bloomington, Indiana.

Court Cases: The Department will purchase from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission a book on the U.S. Supreme Court cases pertaining to Pennsylvania and the Changing Constitution, developed for secondary students by Louis Waddell. All school districts in the Commonwealth will receive free copies.

Exhibits: The Department will cooperate with the Pennsylvania Historical Association and several county historical associations in the preparation and presentation of exhibits that focus upon local contributions to the Constitution.

Curriculum: The Department has developed curriculum implementation suggestions for the Pennsylvania Humanities Council for a series of posters and lesson plans based on the signers of the Constitution. Distribution will be made to all Commonwealth schools upon completion.

Workshop: The Department will participate in a tri-state teacher workshop on "Shaping American Democracy: U.S. Supreme Court Decision." The workshop will develop teaching strategies to enhance Constitutional studies.

Materials: The Department has agreed to purchase and distribute to all Commonwealth school districts the following: a booklet by Dr. Louis Waddell

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entitled To Secure the Blessings of Liberty: Pennsylvania and the Changing Constitution; a booklet by Dr. Paul Doutrich entitled To Form a More Perfect Union: The Federal Constitution and Pennsylvania; a pamphlet on Pennsylvania and the Federal Constitution; and five issues of Pennsylvania Heritage magazine, which will continue a series of articles on the Constitution and Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Humanities Council Programs

Leadership Symposium: On the Constitution for the State of Pennsylvania under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; "To Bring Forth a Nation" lecture by Henry Steele Commager at Independence National Historical Park; two reading-and-discussion groups in Pottsville and Gettysburg funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging; five travelling lectures on the Constitution available through PHC's Commonwealth Speakers Program; lecture by E. L. Doctorow on the Constitution at Independence National Historical Park; six teacher training programs in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh funded by the Philadelphia National Bank and the Allegheny County Bar Association; in 1987, distribution of 120 copies of Project '87's "Blessings of Liberty" poster exhibit to cultural and educational organizations, funded by the J. Howard Pew Freedom Trust; production and distribution of 10,000 sets of posters on the Framers of the Constitution featuring portraits by Leonard Baskin, to Pennsylvania schools, funded by the J. Howard Pew Freedom Trust; publication of two newspaper supplements in <u>The Philadelphia Inquirer</u> in May and September, 1987 followed by a special newspaper in education supplement to be distributed to 160,000 high school seniors, funded by the J. Howard Pew Freedom Trust; two Bicentennial lectures on the Constitution at Independence National Historical Park; travelling lecturers on the Constitution available through PHC's Commonwealth Speakers Program; reading-and-discussion programs on the Constitution; teacher training programs on the Constitution; series of bus placards on the Constitution; and conference on the future of the Constitution.

Pennsylvania Bar Association Programs

Statewide Television Production: Is working with the state public television network to develop an hour-long program designed to be broadcast to the general public and distributed to schools across the state. Funding is still being sought.

County Network and Committees: Plans to distribute information packets to all county bar presidents and executive directors to encourage participation with the statewide efforts.

Speakers Bureau: Is examining the possibility of coordinating a group of experts (lawyers, judges, professors, community leaders, students, etc.) to be available for speaking engagements such as lectures, guest appearances, media interviews, etc.

Statewide Student Mock Trial Competition: The Young Lawyers Division, Youth Education for Citizenship Committee, will bring together students, teachers, and volunteer local lawyers in simulated legal trials throughout 1987. The case will focus on a Constitutional issue.

Mass Mailing to State Attorneys: Will write to Pennsylvania lawyers asking for their pledged support to the Bicentennial of the Constitution celebration. We hope to encourage attorneys to write columns for newspapers and magazines, attend

major meetings as guest speakers, and agree to be interviewed by radio and television stations statewide.

Historical Booklet and Pocket-Size Bill of Rights: Is exploring the possibility of creating a small booklet containing profiles on all the Pennsylvanians who signed the Constitution and a pocket-size card listing the Bill of Rights. Both items will be distributed throughout the state in 1987.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Allegheny County Chester County **Clinton County Delaware County** Fulton County

The year-long celebration in Philadelphia, the main focus of the Bicentennial in 1987, has been planned by "We the People 200," the local Bicentennial commission. More than 100 commemorative events are scheduled for Philadelphia this year. The National Park Service and the Friends of Independence National Historical Park have played a major role in the preparations, with many of the events occurring in Independence National Historical Park. Among the ongoing programs scheduled in historic Philadelphia:

"Miracle at Philadelphia": Premier historical exhibit on the framing of the Constitution, located at the Second Bank of the U.S. in Independence National Historical Park and sponsored by the Friends of Independence National Historical Park, with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Pew Memorial Trust. The exhibit includes documents through which the public can learn the story behind the creation of the Constitution, through Dec. 31, 1987.

"A Promise of Permanency": A \$1.2 million permanent computer exhibit on the Constitution in contemporary society, sponsored by Bell of Philadelphia at Independence National Historical Park Visitor Center. The exhibit will feature touch-sensitive video monitors with games and guizzes about the Constitution, open to the public May 13, 1987.

Fife and Drum Parades: From Flag Day, June 14, 1987, through September, fife and drum bands will march every day through the historic district around Independence Hall.

"All Roads Lead to Philadelphia" -- May 22-25, 1987: A weekend of events which will kickoff that city's summer of activities, commemorating the anniversary of the formal opening of the Constitutional Convention. Included among the plans are: a "Born in America" star-studded concert on May 22 celebrating the diversity of American music; a "1787 Festival" at Independence Mall on May 22-23, recreating everyday life the year the Constitution was drafted; a Governors' Conference on May 24, in which the governors of the original 13 states will meet to examine the "state of the states" after 200 years under the federal Constitution; a ceremonial commemoration of the anniversary of the day the Convention began, on May 25, at Independence Park; and a summer of performances, starting May 25, with the National Park Service's 25-minute musical "Four Little Pages," at Independence Park.

- Mercer County
- Philadelphia
- Pike County
- Portage
- West Chester Borough

Philadelphia

<u>"Freedom Festival"--July 3-5, 1987</u>: The celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence is combined with the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution during this weekend of events. Included among the plans are: two performances daily of a "Spirit of America" concert by the U.S. Army Band, at Convention Hall, presenting a pageant of American history featuring a cast of 500; a July 3 "Freedom Festival Parade" from Ben Franklin Parkway to Independence Mall, including marching bands from around the country; a five-day "Constitution Relays" track-and-field meet, from July 1-5, including thousands of youngsters from 38 states; and a "Constitutional Concert" on Ben Franklin Parkway on the evenings of July 3-5, followed by fireworks.

"Constitution Day"--September 17, 1987: Celebrations around the city will include a re-creation of the Grand Federal Procession of 1787, in which a parade will converge on Independence Hall from the four points of the compass. Its organizers hope that it will be the largest parade ever held in America. In addition, there will be: "Celebrate America Picnics," an enormous Bicentennial picnic along the Delaware River waterfront; a formal commemorative ceremony at Independence National Historical Park, with leaders of the three branches of the federal government in attendance; and a series of theatrical vignettes portraying 200 years of American history in an imaginative, fast-paced form at Philadelphia Actors' Theater, which will then tour area schools through December.

<u>Constitution Bicentennial Concerts</u>: The Philadelphia Promenade Orchestra recreates Philadelphia's musical life in 1787 through a series of lectures and recitals, at the Port of History Museum at Penn's Landing (Jan 18, Feb. 8, Mar. 15, and Apr. 26, 1987).

Born Out of Time: A sound and light show on the contributions of Benjamin Franklin at the Franklin Institute (ongoing, beginning Jan 19, 1987).

<u>Constitution and You</u>: Institute for the Study of Civic Values and the American Civil Liberties Union sponsor a monthly series of town meetings examining neighborhood issues in the context of the Constitution (Feb. 3, 1987).

Philadelphia Orchestra Constitutional Commission: At the Academy of Music, a series of specially commissioned works are performed in honor of the Bicentennial (Jan. 8-10, Feb. 26-28, Mar. 3, Apr. 2-4, Oct. 8-10, 13, 29-31, Nov. 2-3, Dec. 18-19, 29, 1987).

Framing the Constitution: The Artists' Record: An exhibit at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts of Colonial portraiture, sculpture, and prints portraying the framers of the Constitution and of Philadelphia at the time (Feb. 27 to Dec. 13, 1987).

"We the People": An original musical for children on the Constitution, produced by American Theater Arts for Youth (Mar. 21-28, 1987).

Antiques Show: "A Federal Procession: A Salute to the Constitution" is an exhibit of objects made circa 1787 by tradesmen who marched in the 1788 Grand Federal Procession, at the 103rd Engineers Armory (Apr. 4-8, 1987).

"Designing a Nation: Science, Technology and the Constitution": An exhibit at the American Philosophical Society Annex, complementing the main "Miracle at Philadelphia" exhibit (Apr. 30-Sept. 30, 1987).

We the Women 200: A series of five panel discussions examining the evolution of women's status under the Constitution from 1787 to 2087, sponsored by the Women for Greater Philadelphia (begins May 1, 1987).

High School Constitutional Convention: A region-wide program of the School District of Philadelphia, the World Affairs Council, the Philadelphia Bar Association Youth Law Section, and Temple University Law School culminates in this mock convention for high school students (May 5, 1987, not open to the public).

<u>Re-enactment of George Washington's Arrival</u>: The Chester County and Philadelphia Bar Associations, along with other groups, will re-enact George Washington's triumphant arrival in Philadelphia for the Federal Convention, after a four-day trip from Mount Vernon, Virginia. The re-enactment will start at the Old Courthouse in Chester (May 13, 1987).

Delegates Library: Ideas That Shaped Our Constitution: This exhibit at the Library Company of Philadelphia complements the main "Miracle at Philadelphia" exhibit, including 100 works actually used by the framers in 1787 (May 15-Oct. 9, 1987).

Red, White, and Blue: Childhood and Citizenship: A Bicentennial hands-on exhibit at the Please Touch Museum, identifying the processes that children go through to develop patriotism, citizenship, and a sense of American identity (June, 1987-May 1988).

<u>Festival of States</u>: A two-month celebration of the 50 states, with each state having one day to showcase its finest in Philadelphia (May 29-July, 1987).

<u>An Artistic Celebration of the Constitution</u>: A show within a show at Rittenhouse Square, featuring current fine art pertaining to Philadelphia and the Constitution in 1787 by professional artists (June 3-7, 1987).

<u>Constitution Transatlantic Boat Race</u>: Sailboats representing the nations of the Common Market and Philadelphia will arrive for an award ceremony June 7 after their transatlantic race from Belgium. The boats will remain for about two weeks.

<u>Core States Bike Race "The Constitutional"</u>: A special edition, in honor of the Bicentennial of one of the premier events of the biking world (June 14, 1987).

"A More Perfect Union": The American People and the Constitution: An exhibit addressing the evolution of the Constitution through two centuries, at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania (June 18-Dec. 14, 1987).

Athens of the Western World: Federal Philadelphia 1785-1825: An exhibition demonstrating the vitality of the arts in Philadelphia between 1785 and 1825 (July 5-Sept. 20, 1987).

<u>Constitutional Mile</u>: A world-class mile race along the Ben Franklin Parkway featuring top runners from around the globe, finishing in front of Independence Hall (July 9, 1987).

Legislative Session of Congress: The Congress has been invited to convene in special session in Philadelphia for the first time since 1800 (July 16, 1987, limited public participation).

World Congress of World Association of World Federalists: The 20-member international organization will meet in Philadelphia in honor of "the world's most influential federal Constitution" (July 6, 1987).

Interfaith Candlelight Service: A large candlelight service on Independence Mall commemorating the signing of the Constitution and its guarantees of religious freedom.

Duality: The Struggle Continues: The nation's foremost black historians, jurists, and scholars will examine the evolution of the status of American blacks under the Constitution from the early days of our nation through the present. At various sites throughout the city (Sept. 22, 1987).

Delegates Library Symposium: A symposium exploring the intellectual background of the Constitution, at the Library Company of Philadelphia (Oct. 31, 1987).

Model World Constitutional Convention: High school teachers and students will examine the Constitution as a model for a world organization that works to solve global problems, at Independence Park (Oct. 15-17, 1987, including a public ceremony on the last day).

For more information on Bicentennial events in Philadelphia, contact We the People 200 at (215)597-1787.

PUERTO RICO

Judicial Conference: In fall, 1987, Puerto Rico's meeting will be devoted to the Constitution and Constitutionalism. Throughout the year, law schools will cooperate with the Bar Association on programs for attorneys and judges.

International Seminar: Proposed for Madrid, Spain, under the auspices of the Spanish Constitutional Court and the Puerto Rico Supreme Court.

Law Conference: An international meeting is planned under the aegis of the Bar Association and the Law Schools, with special attention on Constitutionalism in Latin America. Emphasis will be on countries which have moved from dictatorships to democracies. Papers presented at the conference will be published and distributed internationally.

Celebrations: Special events and themes are being developed for July 4 and July 25, 1987 commemorating the Declaration of Independence and the Commonwealth Constitution, respectively.

Resources: A speakers bureau is being established, articles about the Constitution will be published in local newspapers, radio and television spots will be developed, and the Department of Education will create written and audiovisual materials for primary and secondary grades.

RHODE ISLAND

Essays on States: The Rhode Island Publications Society, in cooperation with Madison House of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the Bicentennial Council of the 13 Original States, is publishing a volume entitled The Constitution and the States, consisting of a general introduction and 13 illustrated essays dealing with the role of each state in the framing and adoption of the federal Constitution. The editor of this book, to which nationally recognized historians are contributing, is Dr. Patrick T. Conley of Providence College, Chairman of the Rhode Island Bicentennial Foundation.

Booklet: The Rhode Island Bicentennial Foundation will publish a booklet on Rhode Island's role in the framing and adoption of the Constitution.

Volume on Federalist: The Foundation plans to publish a two-volume scholarly edition of the Papers of William Ellery, a Rhode Island signer of the Declaration of Independence and a leading Federalist in the 1787-1790 era. The edition will be prepared by Constitutional scholar, John Kaminski.

College Symposium: Salve Regina College will host a scholarly symposium entitled "Roger Williams' Rhode Island, Religious Liberty, and the First Amendment" involving nationally recognized scholars on this theme.

Church-State Study: Providence College will host the 1987 annual meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association. A theme of the conference will be the Constitutional aspects of church-state relations.

Marshals: The U.S. Marshals Service, under the direction of Marshal Donald W. Wyatt, is compiling biographical sketches of Rhode Island's U.S. Marshals from 1790 to the present.

Federal Court Awareness: Chief U.S. District Court Judge Francis J. Boyle has appointed a Federal Court Committee to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Constitution. The committee will encourage public awareness of the significance of our Constitutional form of government, the history of the achievements of those who participated in its drafting and adoption, and an appreciation for the social benefits and advantages which have been the result of the Constitution and the application of its provisions by the courts of this country.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Symposium: Working closely with the South Carolina Committee for the Humanities and the South Carolina Historical Society to prepare for a three-day symposium in spring, 1987, to commemorate the Bicentennial of the opening of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia; a significant part of the SCCH grant for this project will go toward funding six regional coordinators for Constitution Bicentennial program development (a major responsibility of each coordinator is to establish local Bicentennial committees for each county).

Biographies: Producing a brochure featuring biographies of South Carolina's four signers of the Constitution.

Television: Planning a cooperative project with South Carolina Educational Television to produce a broadcast or a series of broadcasts relating to the Constitution era (SCETV and the South Carolina Bar Association have already produced several Constitution-related programs to air in 1987).

South Carolina Becomes a State: Working toward an update of a publication produced during the American Revolution Bicentennial period, entitled "South Carolina Becomes a State" to carry forward into the period of the Constitution ("South Carolina: The Road to Ratification").

Ratification Day: A major Bicentennial-related ceremony at the State House in Columbia to commemorate South Carolina's ratification of the Constitution.

South Carolina Constitution: Planned for 1990, the final Constitution era commemoration--that of the South Carolina General Assembly ratifying the state's own Constitution of 1790 in its first meeting in Columbia, the new capital city.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Aiken Cayce Charleston **Greenwood** County

Perry Prosperity Rock Hill

Cayce has secured written and taped histories from longtime residents, describing the community's progress through years of Constitutional government, and recording their experiences and accomplishments. Prosperity will hold a special townwide forum on Sept. 17, 1987, to discuss the Constitution.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Forum: "The Constitution Bicentennial Community Program," a series of three programs in each of eight communities. Program topics are "The Constitution and the De-centralization of Political Power," "The Constitution and the Quest for Equality," and "The Constitution and Individual Liberties." Sponsored by the Committee on the Humanities, Dr. Robert Burns, project director, between January-April, 1987.

Meeting: National Conference of Chief Justices and State Court Administrators on Aug. 2-6, 1987, in Rapid City, coordinated by State Supreme Court Administrators Office. Contact: Dan Shenk.

National History Day: "Liberty: Rights and Responsibilities in History," cosponsored by South Dakota Historical Society and Stephan Ward, University of South Dakota Department of History, Vermillion. State Contest in Pierre on May 2, 1987.

Speakers: Constitution Bicentennial Speakers Bureau, sponsored by the South Dakota Committee on the Humanities. Four topics are "The American Social, Economic, and Political Setting of 1787"; "The Constitution and Dispersion of Political Power"; "The Constitution and the Evolution of Individual Liberties"; and "The Constitution and the Quest for Human Equality." Coordinated by Professor Bob Burns, South Dakota State University Political Science Department.

Summer Institute: For school teachers, focusing on the Constitution, its history, its philosophical precepts, literature that influenced it, ramifications as a legal document, etc., sponsored by the South Dakota Committee on the Humanities, Black Hills State College, Spearfish, in summer, 1987.

Television Series: "We the People" on ETV in fall, 1987, sponsored by the American Bar Association.

Seminar: "The Living Constitution: Constitutional Development and the Challenge of Modern Governance," was sponsored by the South Dakota Committee on the Humanities, in October, 1986.

Sturgis

TENNESSEE

Tennessee Humanities Council Programs

Education Projects: A speakers bureau, community forums on Constitutional issues, and a Constitution convention for high school students are planned. The Council held a Jefferson Meeting in Nashville, in September, 1987, to initiate public education programs on the Constitution.

Speakers Bureau: Booklet will be mailed to civic, social, educational, and professional organizations across the state. Organizations need only contact the speaker they want and arrange a time and date and then mail in the speaker application form contained in the booklet. The speaker's fee and transportation costs will be covered by the Council.

Community Forums: Intend to hold 12 community forums on Constitutional issues across the state. The issues include: a single, six-year term for president; direct election of the president or electoral college reform; longer terms for members of the House of Representatives; terms of office or a retirement age for Supreme Court and federal justices; campaign contribution limits by Constitutional amendment; the concept of "cruel and unusual punishment" as it relates to current prison reform efforts in Tennessee; and prayer in school. Forum participants will meet one night a week for five consecutive weeks. Each forum will be led by a twoman team consisting of a historian or political scientist and lawyer. Forum participants will be given a study guide for each issue prior to the first meeting.

Convention: The Council, Tennessee State Museum, and Tennessee Tomorrow are formulating plans for a Constitutional convention for high school students. The convention will follow the format of the Jefferson Meeting as designed by the Jefferson Foundation and successfully tested in Illinois and Virginia.

Exhibit: The Tennessee State Museum will be the site for the "Liberty Under the Law: Magna Carta to the Constitution" exhibit. Also, the Museum's education

Designated Bicentennial Community

division is presently with USA Today on the production of a weekly reader-type publication on the Constitution for distribution to elementary schools across the state. Contact: Trish Rasbury (educational projects) or Jim Kelly (exhibits) at (615)741-2692.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Athens Atwood Chattanooga **Cleveland-Bradley County** Clinton Dayton East Ridge Farragut Gallaway Germantown

Hawkins County Jackson Johnson City **Knoxville-Knox County** Lawrenceburg Manchester **Polk County** Powell's Crossroads **Red Bank** Woodland Mills

Germantown will search for descendants of Constitutional signers within the community, beginning with a newspaper article and concluding with a ceremony at a town meeting. Johnson City has already proclaimed Constitution Day and Week. Knoxville-Knox County will begin Sept. 17, 1987, with a naturalization ceremony for citizens, continue with a concert and 18th-century fair, and close with a dramatic presentation and fireworks.

TEXAS

State Bar of Texas Programs

Teacher Training Institutes: Two-week training programs for K-12 social studies teachers in every area of the state. These institutes would bring scholars, educational consultants, and some 40 master teachers together to study Constitutional issues. The teachers then return to their districts to pilot the lessons and train other educators locally. The State Bar of Texas already offers an annual two-week institute, but wants to expand the program to a series of regional institutes.

Weekend Retreats: For adults and educators, this approach would combine a teacher training program with a public forum to which the public is invited. Combining materials from the Jefferson Meeting, Project '87, and law-related education, the program would create a dialogue on Constitutional issues similar to those of the founders.

Courts and the Community: Lawyers and judges plan public discussion groups, speakers bureaus, and information packets for the local level to improve the public understanding of the judiciary.

Lawyers in Classrooms: A series of eight speaker packets are available to assist attorneys as speakers in elementary and secondary social studies classes. Topics include: "Right to Counsel," "In Defense of the System," "Freedom of Expression," "Due Process of Law," and "Juvenile Justice."

revised and updated for the Bicentennial. Topics include: "The Constitution" (8-Focused Activities" (4-6), "The First Amendment--Freedom of Expression" (8-12), "The Criminal Justice System" (8-12), "The Courts" (8-12), "Free Press Versus Fair Trial" (8-12), "The Police" (8-12), and "Handbook of Strategies" (essential for secondary).

Bicentennial Resource Guide: A collection of activities on the founding period and the Constitution as a framework for limited government.

Public Service Announcements: A series of five 30-second television PSAs will be developed using Texas personalities and Constitutional issues affecting Texans. Copies will be made available to public, commercial, and access television stations in the state. The series is entitled "Learning About the Constitution: It is a Part of Your Life."

Videotapes on the Bill of Rights: Two videotapes on Constitutional issues (search and seizure and freedom of expression) will be produced in conjunction with the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association.

Lesson Plans on the Constitution: Unit will be developed that focuses on either the judiciary or the relationship between the U.S. and Texas Constitutions.

Lawyers at the Constitutional Convention: In cooperation with the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association, a handbook will be developed which describes the efforts of young lawyers in writing the Constitution.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Bay City Blanco Blanket Denton Eagle Pass Fairfield La Grulla Llano County Martin County

Springtown will have a quilting contest. Stafford high school students will make a replica of the Constitution and sign it.

Law in a Changing Society Curriculum: A series of supplemental units are being 12), "Rules and Laws for Citizenship" (K-3), "Intermediate or Upper Elementary Law

Texas Young Lawyers Association Programs

Mesquite

North Richland Hills

Odessa-Ector County

Panola County

Plainview

Shoreacres

Springtown

Stafford

Terrell Hills

UTAH

July 4, 1987 Events: Program and fireworks display at Rice Stadium as part of the Deseret News Cavalcade; Freedom Festival with fireworks in Cougar Stadium, Provo.

Salt Lake Tabernacle Event: On Sept. 17, 1987, a 75-90 minute script on patriotic and Constitution-related themes, with a selection of patriotic music provided by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir or the Mormon Youth Symphony and Chorus.

Utah State Fair: From Sept. 10-19, 1987, adoption of Bicentennial theme by Fair, incorporated into events as appropriate.

Days of '47 Parade: On July 24, 1987, parade theme for 30-40 floats.

Ice Capades Performance: Patriotic finale to performance honoring Bicentennial. Ice Capades will be in town during actual Bicentennial date.

Bicentennial Ball: In September, 1987, at the State Capitol, a gala ball produced by the Junior League for VIP guests to honor the Bicentennial. Period costumes to be worn by attendees. Dancing in Capitol rotunda.

Dramatic Production: With Utah Endowment for Humanities, produce a play for general audiences.

<u>Utah Arts Council</u>: To encourage Bicentennial theme adoption by various grant recipients.

Utah Association of Counties: Association Board to request support.

<u>Utah Judicial Council</u>: Comprehensive plans for "A Day at the Courthouse" project now underway, geared to bring state and federal judiciary, accompanied by a traveling exhibit, to 29 Utah counties.

<u>Utah League of Cities and Towns</u>: Invited Commission participation at convention. More than 220 Utah communities represented and will receive promotional materials and formal address in theatre-style format.

Utah State Tax Commission: Tax compliance courses in planning stage, to outline "Constitutional privilege to pay taxes."

<u>Postal Service</u>: Twenty-five commemorative stamps to be offered. First Day Cancellations available through Philadelphia on Bicentennial date. Advised no special cancellations available here due to cost considerations.

<u>Utah Mailing Service</u>: Receptive to using postage meter dies commemorating Bicentennial on state mailings during Bicentennial period.

<u>Public Education</u>: Elementary school pageants, assemblies, and programs including: vocal and/or instrumental music, short skits or plays, essay and/or poster contests, and school-wide pageants. Efforts will be made to distribute appropriate Bicentennial materials through the Principals' Academy. Secondary schools programs include: mock Constitutional convention and essay contest; national mock trial competition; patriotic assemblies; study presentations on essays, speeches, art work, posters, music, poetry, bulletin boards, crafts, historical reviews, dances, and skits; local presentation of model Constitutional convention with script developed by school or community creative efforts; lecture series involving special resource speakers; Parent Teacher Association involvement; association with Career Ladder Curriculum Projects; and on-going teacher training in concepts, materials, and strategies for teaching the Constitution.

University of Utah: "Arts in a Free Society." Special concerts, plays, and art exhibits heralding American artistic works produced by the following departments: Art Museum, Ballet, Modern Dance, Music, Marching Band, and Theatre. Also, "Special Course on the Constitution for Town and Gown." Also, Liberal Education 200, "Miracle at Philadelphia--The Constitution of the U.S." (five credit hours). Course limited to 225 students, while 175 townspeople may attend free of charge. Ten lectures/criticisms in series with nationally known speakers invited to address classes.

Brigham Young University: Continuation of conference series coordinated by Professor Gary Bryner. Publication of papers presented at previous conferences. Emphasis on role of Constitution in international affairs.

<u>Utah State University</u>: O. C. Tanner Lecture in the Humanities, "The Right of Englishmen," Professor Jeoffrey Elton, Cambridge University. Publication of <u>Essays</u> on the Constitution.

Weber State College: Gala celebration of fireworks and symphony orchestra with Bicentennial theme.

Southern Utah State College: Continuation of "Convocation" series.

Utah State Bar Association: Will be involved in a variety of Bicentennial activities, spanning several committee areas.

<u>Constitutional Crier</u>: A portly, bespectacled Ben Franklin-type dressed in period costume, to "crash" various events throughout the state and announce that "On this date in 1787, the Philadelphia Convention did

<u>Constitutional Comment Series</u>: Thirty-second radio/television public service announcements where state VIPs express their views on particular Constitutional issues.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Big Water	P
Blanding	P
Brigham City	R
Cedar City	R
Green River	S
Canab	S
Caysville-Fruit Heights	S
Manila	S
Aurray	V

Green River schools will be visited by great names from the past, such as John Hancock and Ben Franklin. Kanab is striving to enroll every adult in a series of

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classes on the meaning of the Constitution. "America's Freedom Festival at Provo" will hold 25 events beginning this spring, ranging from a Patriotic Service to a scholarship pageant and fireworks gala. Sandy will have its Historic Preservation Committee dedicate a monument to the Constitution.

VERMONT

Vermont Council on the Humanities and Public Issues

History: Republished with the Vermont Heritage Press, the pioneer memoirs of Seth Hubbell of Wolcott. Distributed sets of six Bicentennial histories to 80 Vermont libraries.

Speakers Program: Group has been organized to present Bicentennial talks and related programs on the French Revolution and other historical themes.

Seminar: A 12-week seminar on "Individual Rights and Community" was held for teachers during the fall of 1986 and will continue into spring, 1987.

Book Discussions: Constitutional era themes and subjects discussed in dozens of communities since 1984.

Civics Program: Designed to have a Constitutional era civics program for newly literate clients of Adult Basic Education. The goal is to bring new readers into the civic mainstream through appropriate humanities reading and discussion programs. Illiterate adults are a special focus of this effort.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Arlington Athens Plainfield

Rutland Windsor Winhall

Windsor, where the state constitution was adopted in 1777, has planned a major series of newspaper articles and televised debates on Constitutional issues.

VIRGINIA

Court Days Forum: The Virginia Court Days Forum is staffed by the University of Virginia's Institute of Government to promote public understanding and appreciation of the Constitution. Court Days Project is a series of 20 public forums to discuss Constitutional issues. Questions of both immediate and historical Constitutional importance provide the topics. Each forum presents a panel of experts; discussion and questioning by the audience are encouraged. The forums are held in historic courthouses across the Commonwealth. The Institute of Government publishes articles on each forum topic, available to the public. Local television station, WCVE/Richmond, has taped each forum, broadcasting them as edited, one-hour programs. This project has received funding sponsorships provided by the National Endowment of the Humanities, the Gund Foundation, and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities.

throughout the Commonwealth regarding the origins and importance of the Constitution.

Ratification Film: The Virginia Commission is developing a film about the ratification of the Constitution in the state of Virginia.

Designated Bicentennial Communities

Alexandria Alleghany County Augusta County Buckingham County Carroll County **Charles City County** Charlotte County **Charlottesville-Albemarle County Chesterfield County** Chincoteague Clifton Forge **Colonial Heights** Covington Essex County Fairfax County Fauquier County Fluvanna County **Gloucester County**

Alexandria will have Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor deliver a keynote address at a seminar on George Mason on Oct. 2-3, 1987. Charlotte County will plant a "Constitution Oak" on the grounds of the courthouse designed by Thomas Jefferson. The county will also sponsor a puppet show developed by high school students for presentation to school children with law issues and how the Constitution affects us. Colonial Heights will furnish its library with materials and letters to Daniel Webster for a permanent exhibit that will also be part of an annual jubilee to honor the Constitution. Fairfax County will be holding special programs and seminars to honor two former citizens: George Washington and George Mason. Hanover County plans special programs and a commemorative stamp to honor native son Patrick Henry. New Kent-Charles City Counties will have an 18thcentury fashion show featuring styles of dress for craftsmen, field workers, and formal dress on Sept. 16, 1987. Orange County plans special symposia and ceremonies to honor native son James Madison. Westmoreland County students will participate in a contest to select a proper name for State Route 204, which leads to George Washington's birthplace. York County will observe June 25, 1988, when Virginia became the 10th state to ratify the Constitution.

Lectures and Seminars: There are various lectures and seminars planned

- Hampton
- Hanover County
- Harrisonburg-Rockingham County
- Highland County
- Hopewell
- Manassas Park
- New Kent County
- Nottoway County
- Orange County Petersburg
- Portsmouth
- Prince George County
- **Roanoke-Roanoke County**
- Suffolk
- Virginia Beach
- Westmoreland County
- Williamsburg-James City County
- York County

WASHINGTON

Exercise Your Constitution: In 1984, 2,600 high school students were registered to vote in this, first-ever peer voter registration project in the U.S. This model will be institutionalized through the Washington State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section. Justice Robert Utter is Honorary Chair for this committee and will fly around the state to motivate young people to exercise their right to vote.

Open House in the Courts: This project will involve tours of the courthouse, city and county government offices, and special activities to include trials, hearings, and council meetings. The purpose will be to enable members of the public to better understand how the courts function on a day-to-day basis. Contact: Judge Gary M. Little, Project Coordinator, King County Superior Court.

<u>Mock Trials</u>: High school students throughout the state compete in a statewide Mock Trial Competition, which is held in preparation for the U.S. Mock Trial Competition to be held in May, 1987.

<u>"American Space Colonies" Constitution Writing Camp</u>: The first Space Colony Constitution Writing Camp for high school students was convened at YMCA Camp Orkila on Orcas Island. Professor James Vache, Gonzaga University Law School, serves as the Chair of this committee.

<u>Community Forums</u>: This effort coincides with a series of community programs co-sponsored across the country with the American Bar Association that focus on the First Amendment. In fall, 1986, KING-TV, in cooperation with the statewide education program, "Today's Constitution and You," and the Washington State Bar Association, filmed a mock trial.

<u>Constitutional Newspaper Articles and Material</u>: Judges, scholars, and attorneys from our state are invited to prepare newspaper columns from both historical and contemporary perspectives. These materials could also serve as the foundation for radio and television programming.

<u>Goldmark Debates on Constitutional Issues</u>: Each year, a series of debates are conducted on Constitutional issues in the news. Topics which have been debated include: exit polling, sanctuary, gun control, search and seizure, DUI, roadblocks, abortion, fair employment, and education and values.

Bibliography: A grant from the Washington Commission for the Humanities is supporting the development of a bibliography on the Constitution. Items in the bibliography will be organized by topic, will include a brief description of each item, and will be made available through local libraries and "Today's Constitution and You."

<u>Reading Groups</u>: Under a grant from the Washington Commission for the Humanities, Gonzaga University, and the University of Washington in cooperation with "Today's Constitution and You," are presenting a series of study groups. Each of the four sessions will be based on essays in <u>The Constitutional Handbook</u> prepared for the Bicentennial of the Constitution under a project funded by the Washington Commission for the Humanities. The study group will be instructed by Dr. Michael Leiserson, Chairperson of Gonzaga University's Department of Political Science, and in Seattle by attorney Kelby Fletcher. <u>Radio Programs</u>: Fifty-two 60-second public service announcements will be produced by "Today's Constitution and You" to be aired statewide. Programs will include Constitutional history, historical figures, and current Constitutional topics.

<u>Attorney-Teacher Pairing</u>: Each teacher involved in the teacher training inservice will be paired with an attorney from the community to serve as a resource both in and out of the classroom. This project is co-sponsored by the Washington State Bar Association. Funding from the American Bar Association has paid for the development of this model.

High School Curriculum: The "Today's Constitution and You" program trained 250 teachers in a curriculum that examines the basic principles that serve as the foundation for our government. School districts interested in arranging a teacher training session in 1986-87 should contact Ann Sweeney, High School Program Coordinator.

Database and Communication: "Today's Constitution and You" and the National Shuttle Corporation of Redmond, are compiling an on-line database that will be accessible through personal computers and telephone lines. Teachers, students, and community organizers will be able to use all the materials compiled by "Today's Constitution and You" for the Bicentennial. By having event schedules, background information on public service annoucements, names and locations of resources, bibliographies, and curriculum guides available on this database, this and other information will be more accessible. In addition, a pilot program is planned for elementary students to "talk" via computers statewide.

<u>Handbook on the Constitution</u>: The Handbook on the Constitution is designed to provide a basic background on the Constitution. The essays outline the key features of the American governmental system--four themes which are central to our understanding: "Constitution Making: The American Way," by Richard Johnson; "The Nature of Federalism," by Walfred Peterson and Richard Conlin; "The Separation of Powers," by Blaine Garvin and Michael Leiserson; and "Individual Rights and the Constitution," by Justice Robert Utter.

Lewis and Clark Trail Run: The 470 miles along the Snake and the Columbia that Lewis and Clark covered during their 1804-5 visit to Washington State will be the site for a dramatic long-distance run in April, 1989. Teams of 10 runners will take eight days to make the trip from Clarkston to Cape Disappointment (so each runner will run about 47 miles in eight five- to seven-mile segments). The Lewis and Clark Trail Run is being organized by the Lewis and Clark Trail Association, the Olympia Rainrunners, and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. Contact: MS KY-11, Olympia, Washington 98504.

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Asotin County Clallam County Clark County Dayton-Columbia County Grant County Grays Harbor County Lincoln County

Snohomish County Stevens County Thurston County Walla Walla County Wahkiakum County Yakima

Communities will be staging numerous programs and activities that commemorate the Bicentennial of the Constitution and the Centennial of I represe the according to the second to the Statehood.

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Constitution Day Event: Planned for Sept. 17, 1987, in the State Capital; details for celebration being developed.

Newsletter: Provides information on statewide and national programs and serves as a forum for discussing Constitutional issues.

Education Programs: The Department of Education will sponsor a statewide conference on Bicentennial activities; will develop classroom activities and publish materials to celebrate the Constitution; and will incorporate the Constitution theme into annual Youth and Government seminars, plus the State Social Studies Fair in May, 1987.

Master Teachers: The Department of Education will join with the Humanities Foundation to select a master teacher from each of the 55 counties. They will be invited to Charleston in April, 1987, and provided materials and instruction for conducting workshops within their home counties prior to the next school year.

Humanities Foundation of West Virginia Programs

Publicity Campaign: In association with Marshall University, has established and funded an office, Constitutional Connections '87, to coordinate and publicize Bicentennial activities. The office will issue a newsletter.

<u>Civil Liberties Symposia</u>: A major event is being planned in the State Capitol in Charleston. "Civil Liberties in the Mountain State," a program sponsored by the Humanities Foundation in cooperation with the West Virginia State Board of Education, will bring together social studies students, scholars, and public officials for a series of seminars in October, 1987, for discussion of issues related to the Bill of Rights. In preparation for this event, conferences will be held with teachers around the state to develop materials on civil liberties issues.

Constitution Conference: A conference entitled "Challenges for the Constitution in the 1980s: A Bicentennial Celebration," will be held at West Virginia State College. Scholars, law professors and practitioners, public officials, and clergy will discuss current issues which have been linked to attempts to modify the application or interpretation of key Constitutional provisions. These forums will extend over two weeks in April, 1987.

District Office: The office of Congressman Nick Jo Rahall is in the process of establishing a District Commission for the Celebration of the Bicentennial in West Virginia's Fourth Congressional District. His office will also be organizing a mock Constitutional convention involving secondary school students to take place in October, 1987. Nitro Parkersburg

Nitro citizens and students will have a chance to meet Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson during separate day-long ceremonies and events throughout the year.

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<u>Constitutional Minutes</u>: The commemoration of the Constitution through 26 "Constitutional Minutes" videotapes. By shooting segments at locations around the state, the use of different on-camera hosts, and topics of both national and state importance, the "Constitutional Minutes" will achieve a more universal quality while maintaining a Wisconsin angle. If a locale or person from an area is featured in a "Constitutional Minute," a television or cable system may be more inclined to use the videotape because of the local tie-in. Twenty-six "Constitutional Minutes" will permit the broadcast of a new "Minute" every other week, or it will allow the series to be rerun during the Bicentennial year.

Exhibit: In conjunction with the State Historical Society, an exhibit of items concerning the Constitution and its direct relationship to Wisconsin. The exhibit, prepared for an opening and display in or near the Wisconsin Supreme Court chambers in the Capitol, will be designed to travel for use in county courthouses, local and county historical societies, and the Wisconsin State Fair.

Radio: Produce seven 30-second and three 60-second radio spots (public service announcements) that will include information on the Bicentennial, announce upcoming activities, and encourage public involvement in these activities. The scripts and talent for the production of the PSAs would be provided by the State Bar staff working with volunteer lawyers.

Television: Production of seven television spots of 30-second length and three spots of 60-second length to be broadcast once a week on commercial television stations throughout the state. These public service announcements will include information on the Bicentennial, announce activities, and encourage public participation.

Newspaper Advertising: Ads prepared by the State Bar Communications Staff will run in newspapers throughout the state. The content for these ads would depend upon the area of the state and the activities planned by the Bicentennial Committee. These ads will promote committee activities in specific geographic areas, such as the 1987 on-going county courthouse rededication ceremonies (planned by the Local Bar Programming Subcommittee).

Constitution and the Age of the American Revolution: The State Historical Society of Wisconsin and the Center for the Study of the American Constitution propose to develop a program of book discussion groups on the topic of "The Constitution and the Age of the American Revolution, 1774-1789." The program will have three phases: a pilot program developed in Madison, a broader program

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Point Pleasant Shepherdstown implemented in 10 libraries throughout the state, and a single program based in Madison open to the legal community.

Involvement of Service Clubs and Veterans Groups: Create a clearinghouse for all information regarding activities of the Bicentennial of the Constitution celebration.

Local Bar Association: The committee has a program to encourage rededication of county courthouses in conjunction with the Bicentennial year. The local bar association has been asked to plan and direct those ceremonies. "By-the-Numbers" will contain such items as a planning and procedures manual on such topics as "Getting the Media Involved," "Getting Local Officials Involved," and "Getting the Pubic Involved"; and suggested speech texts, proclamations, and model programs.

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Fair: Scheduling events around the county fairs which take place in all of Wyoming's 23 counties in fall, 1987. In addition, there will be competitions through the county fair system to conclude at the annual state fair which is held every year in Douglas. Through this program, a variety of events and competitions will focus attention on the significance of the Constitution to the American way of life.

Federal and State Constitutions: Informational events that will compare and contrast the U.S. and Wyoming Constitutions. Will involve the widest spectrum of Wyoming residents in the celebration, including the members of the Wind River Indian Reservation tribes.

History Day Project: The Commission will co-sponsor the annual History Day Contest, with emphasis on the Constitution.

Project '87--"Blessings of Liberty" Poster Set: The Commission proposes to purchase and distribute the 12-poster series with teaching guide to each county library, one to each secondary school and one to each of eight special academic libraries in the State. In conjunction with the Wyoming State Bar Association, community debates and discussions will be held to develop an understanding of the Constitution at the community level.

Constitution Pamphlets: The Commission proposes to develop and distribute 50,000 pamphlets which contain historical information and background data on the Constitution. They will be single sheet tri-fold, for easy distribution statewide in professional offices, stores, and waiting rooms.

Summer Educational Institute of Constitutional Studies: A series of three educational seminars hosted by the University of Wyoming for Social Studies teachers, so that they may earn recertification credit.

Traveling Constitution: The Commission will host a Traveling Constitution so that every citizen in the state has an opportunity to sign. The governor, legislature, and members of the judiciary will sign it. The Constitution will be put on display in the Capitol during the legislative session for citizens to sign. After the legislature adjourns, the Constitution will travel around the state via the Designated Bicentennial Community Network. A short educational media presentation will accompany the Constitution.

Media Coverage: The Commission will contact state radio, newspaper, and television enterprises requesting them to sponsor Constitutional minutes and/or daily trivia questions and The Mini Pages, in conjunction with school curriculum units, March-May, 1987.

Wyoming Association Network: The Commission will contact all the associations in Wyoming which publish on a regular basis and provide these associations information on the Constitution in a media-ready format, to include in their publications.

Stamp Collectors Series on the Signers: Project to design and produce a booklet that will have the stamps of the 39 signers of the Constitution in addition to their signatures and historical information related to the Constitution. Wyoming Restaurant Associations: Encourage the Restaurant Association to print placemats that contain information on the history of the Constitution in addition to information of the Commission.

Parades: During 1987, contact parade committees, requesting them to have the bands play Constitutional music and disseminate Constitutional minutes or trivia information during breaks, in the rodeo and night shows.

Product Sponsorship: The Commission will contact local corporations and request them to place information about the Constitution on their product containers, such as milk cartons, pop cans, and juice cartons.

Commercial Trivia Contest: The Commission will contact corporations that have a high profile in the state and encourage these corporations to have a scratch-off trivia question contest, with the grand prize to be an all-expense paid trip to Philadelphia for the re-enactment of the signing on Sept. 17, 1987.

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