Provenance

Sealed by the Boone County Centennial Committee in 1917 and given to the Lebanon Public Library in 1922 to be kept there until the formation of a county historical society. The box was found in the courthouse in 2007 and donated to the Ralph W. Stark Heritage Center Lebanon Public Library by Penny Bogan, Boone County Clerk, January 18, 2007.

Scope and Content

Collection contains the contents of the Boone County State Centennial Time Capsule. Included in the box were minutes of the county state centennial celebration committee, guest registers, correspondence regarding the county’s celebratory activities, the committee’s treasurer’s records, photographs of committee members and some of the events, newspaper clippings, and ephemera.

Box 1

Series

I: Inventory--Contains inventories (typed and handwritten) of the time capsule contents

II: Minutes--Contains the committee’s minute book and some loose paper designated as part of the minutes

III: Registers--2 volumes containing names and residences of guests attending celebration events

IV: Correspondence--Mainly correspondence between the committee and the Indiana Historical Commission and the committee and dignitaries invited to attend the county’s celebrations. Includes letters from Governor Samuel Ralston.

V: Financial--Records of the committee’s financial matters. Includes treasurer’s reports, checks written by the committee, and bills from numerous local businesses.

VI: Photographs--Contains photographs of some of the committee members and a few images of the parade around the courthouse. Includes positive prints and negatives.
VII: Flag Dedication--Contains the program for the dedication of the flagpole on the courthouse lawn and a list of expenditures

VIII: Ephemera--Contains a variety of memorabilia, including invitations and programs

IX: Indiana Souvenirs--Contains memorabilia pertaining to centennial celebrations outside Boone County, including a booklet of Indianapolis history, a leaflet about the state parks, a program for the Indiana Centennial Jubilee in Indianapolis, and a series of 15 postcards.

X: Miscellaneous--Contains unused stationery and envelopes printed by the committee, advertising stamps, list of sub-committees and members, the ink stamp used by Phil Adler, the committee treasurer, and the original capsule.

XI: Newspaper Clippings--Copies of the newspaper clippings included in the capsule. The majority are from Lebanon newspapers, but they include several items from Indianapolis Star Magazine.

Box 2

Newspaper clippings--The original clippings found in the capsule.

Background

Indiana celebrated its statehood centennial in 1916. Each county in the state assembled a committee to coordinate celebratory events within their respective counties. John Wade, secretary for the Boone County committee, compiled material pertaining to the committee and to Boone County’s celebrations and deposited it in a metal container to be opened in 2016. In 1922, the capsule was given to the Lebanon Public Library. It was later sent to the County Clerk’s office until it was returned to the library in 2007. The time capsule was opened in the Ralph W. Stark Heritage Center on January 13, 2016, by library staff and the County Clerk. The event was endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission as a Legacy Project.

Sources:


Access Restrictions: None. Gloves required when handling photographs and negatives.

Related Holdings: Digital Collections/State_Centennial_Time_Capsule (photographs of the opening of the capsule); Vertical Files-Centennial, Indiana

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