To His Excellency, Hugh L. Carey, Governor of the State of New York, and the Honorable Members of the Senate and Assembly:

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 530 of the Laws of 1968, the New York State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission hereby respectfully submits its Sixth Annual Report.

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March 1, 1975
The New York State American Revolution
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Reporting:

"Here are the headlines—most of them bad," was the candid opening of a morning news roundup recently from a radio announcer who rarely flavors his report with anything. He was probably not reprimanded for that one-line editorial, either by his listeners or his station manager. Americans generally have been prepared for the presidential announcement in January that the state of the Union is "not good."

Adversity can have a unifying effect on a nation, though it is not to be counted on for long. There must be a better way to encourage a legitimate sense of the destiny today's Americans have a share in. In another time of troubles, Lincoln asked his countrymen to heed "the mystic chords of memory," which, if not the same for everyone, might still find a harmony. Lincoln’s appeal to the heart of patriotism has always been timely, but never more so than now. The arrival of the two-hundredth anniversary of the common adventure in nationhood makes our time a special one. And in New York we mark our beginnings as a state from the same time.

Several years ago, the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (then known as a Commission) announced that it would encourage three modes or styles of bicentennial observances. They were designated Heritage USA, Festival USA, and Horizons USA. Roughly put, these correspond to an appreciation of what is past, a celebration now of the occasion itself, and a dedicated planning for the future—the third century.

In New York State as elsewhere, hopes, plans, and programs have been developed along all three lines at the local level, which is where the bicentennial idea is already finding its strongest nourishment. It has been a consistent policy of the State Commission to stimulate and support such local activities. That there are now over 350 local and regional organizations formed specifically for the bicentennial suggests that something lively is happening. (There were 111 one year ago; and 33 two years ago.)

Statewide preparations under the guidance of this Commission have taken a form that recognizes a relationship among the three national themes. Emphasis from the beginning through the present year has been on the heritage theme, with its preparatory and educational function logically preceding the others. Without abandoning that, the Commission is preparing to build upon it over the coming two years with a program emphasizing the Festival USA theme for New York State.

What forms the post-1976 observances will take at the statewide level cannot be forecast now with any precision, but that they should stress a building for the third century—The Horizons Theme—would logically follow. "Building" in the literal sense of capital construction is not within the means or the ambitions of the present Commission. The dedication of people is the aim, not the dedication of buildings.

Such a sequential pattern of emphasis—from Heritage to Festival to Horizons—is logical only if it is not reduced to a formula. Festival occasions have properly begun already. Understanding and commemorating past events cannot be allowed to stop arbitrarily on a chosen date—the War for Independence was fought mostly after 1776 and ended with victory only in 1783. A dedication to achieve a better society starting now is welcome now, whether that dedication is focused on the need for a surer justice, a cleaner environment, or elsewhere.
Making the bicentennial years memorable for the people of New York is not the monopoly or sole responsibility of this Commission. Other statewide government agencies and private groups, as well as local organizations, are contributing significantly. Specific acknowledgement of their roles must be held for the Commission's final report, however, if balanced and succinct reports are to be given. For now it should suffice to emphasize that the Commission continues to welcome and encourage appropriate bicentennial programs sponsored by state agencies and private organizations, including business corporations and labor unions.

Activity on the bicentennial front has broadened in the past year to the extent that any report of even the Commission's work must be subdivided topically. The following pages summarize activities during the year now ending and glance ahead to the years which will soon be on us—years in which some headlines, at least, will be "good."

From the St. Lawrence to the Hudson, from Lake Erie to Long Island Sound, New York is 49,576 square miles of land and people whose history and development from the beginning has been directly tied to the waterways of the state.

The bicentennial in New York belongs to everyone, a celebration to be shared equally by people from Sag Harbor to Niagara Falls. How best to do it was an open question a year ago, but in the course of the past 12 months, the thinking of planners came back to the start—use the waterways, which played such a crucial role in the growth of the King's colony to the Empire State, as the host for our 200th anniversary as a nation.

In the spring of 1974, Duane La Fleche, editorial page editor of the Albany Knickerbocker News, first placed in the public eye a proposal for a "Freedom Flotilla", a caravan of barges which would cross the state as a bicentennial showcase. The idea of a tour-

ing exhibition was received by the Commission as an appealing alternative to a single site program that would require New York's 18.5 million people to travel to one location if they were to participate in the main event. The waterways, with their historical significance and their geographic span, seemed a logical avenue to explore.

With that idea in mind, the Commission authorized a feasibility study of the project in June and with the appointment of one staff member several weeks later, an intensive investigation was undertaken during the summer and early fall.

Working with the New York State Department of Transportation and the Office of Parks and Recreation, it was determined early that a vessel could move the length and breadth of the state as long as its size conformed to the limited dimensions of the barge canal. And since the canal until recent years was a major route for commercial traffic, barges do exist that were built to make the journey and designed to fit under the fixed clearance bridges in the western part of the state. The largest of them offer deck space of more than 200 x 40 feet, and a choice was made in favor of planning for one such barge rather than a string of smaller ones.

The next step was to determine the content of the exhibition, and to that end a group was formed within the commission staff to explore potential themes. Viewing the Revolutionary War period in New York, the group determined that what might be most relevant to people today was not a recitation of campaigns and battles but a view into the lives of New Yorkers 200 years ago. By emphasizing the social and cultural history of the period, the group believed that some insight into the experience of New York's founding as a state might be more meaningful to today's population.

With the exhibit concept and the conveyance in mind, staff then sought a designer. A screening committee was formed which included representatives from the New York State Museum's exhibit planning and design staffs. After presentations by seven leading New York firms, the group chose to recommend Johnson Hehr Nehin, Inc., of Buffalo, to initiate design work. At its October meeting, the Commission approved this choice and authorized the negotiation
of a contract for work through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Throughout the planning process, one guiding principle was that people across the state should have opportunities to share in the program by participating in it directly. In that spirit, the community festival concept developed. As the barge moves along its route, area festivals will be organized at each of the docking sites, meshing the local contribution with a statewide program. The project as conceived now included exhibits, crafts and live performances, all offered free to the public at sites adjacent to the barge docking area, thus transforming an event into a genuine celebration.

A preliminary investigation of sites was made in late 1974 and the selection process continues at this time. But to get a proper grip on potential locations, a schedule and a route were developed. It was determined that the calendar boundaries of the program should be the beginning of daylight savings time, the last week in April, and Labor Day, the traditional close of summer. Weather considerations were also a factor in determining the route, so the debut has been planned for New York City on April 27, 1976. From the city, the barge will tour Long Island Sound, a more practical alternative to the open ocean waters on the southern shore of the island. From there, the barge would visit sites around Manhattan before heading north up the Hudson River and toward the Canadian border on Lake Champlain. Turning south and heading west, the barge would move along the state barge canal with side trips up into the St. Lawrence Seaway and into the Finger Lakes before ending at Buffalo, 4½ months after its opening.

More than 93 percent of New York’s population lives within 50 miles of this route. Many of these residents will live within commuting distance of more than one barge stop. This fact, coupled with the population in neighboring areas of adjoining states, the increased travel resulting from the summer Olympic Games in nearby Montreal, and the expanded tourism in New York for the bicentennial year, gives the barge program an enormous potential audience.

During March and April, assuming that adequate funding is available, the program will move ahead with the selection of communities to serve as hosts, with the acquisition of the barge, and with the completion of the conceptual design of the project. Also expected by late spring will be fully developed outlines for the live performances to be offered at each site.

As the community festivals begin to take shape, a barge preview program will be launched in the summer of 1975 with a scale model of the exhibition to be taken to communities across the state as an early look at what will be arriving a year later. This is expected to help build enthusiasm and a sense of anticipation for the project as well as provide necessary site information for project planners.

So from the belief that all New Yorkers should be able to participate equally in their state’s celebration of the bicentennial, the barge project came into being as not only a practical solution but an inspiring prospect as well.

As of the time this report goes to press, state funding for the barge project has not been assured. A budget request of $625,000 has not been included in the Executive Budget, which limits the Commission to $350,000 for all purposes, its fiscal 1974-75 appropriation. The Commission does not choose to abandon the barge project, however, and will seek a way to assure its funding. It is the one major statewide festival program planned for New York, and the Commission will continue to work for it.

Always an important part of the program, publications have been undertaken and issued at an increasing pace during the past year. One book deserves first mention because above all the others it promises to retain its usefulness in the years beyond the bicentennial era. It is New York in the American Revolution: A Bibliography, compiled by Milton M. Klein. Containing 1,089 annotated entries, an intro-
American Revolution. This organization of men and women from all walks of life devotes its energies to recreating, reliving, and reenacting the life of the American Revolutionary soldier. Equal emphasis has been placed on soldiers of both armies involved, and their everyday camp and field life, along with their military skills. During 1974 the Brigade mustered for two-day encampments at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow, at Kingston, at Richmondtown, at Colonie Town Park, at Fort Ontario, and at Saratoga National Historical Park.

Filming...

The Commission's first film, "And Take Me By the Hand" which highlights 20 of the state's Revolutionary sites, was completed a year ago and has been the cause of thousands of requests for screenings during the past year. Several prints of the film are on deposit in the New York State Film Library to meet requests made through local public libraries. Some prints are also available for loan on request to the Commission's office for school and classroom use, and the Commission has deposited a print of "And Take Me By the Hand" in each of the BOCES Film Libraries across the state. Videotape and video cassette copies of the film are also available for classroom use from the Media Duplication and Distribution Service of the Bureau of Mass Communications in the New York State Education Department.

A second film of a very different sort has reached the final scripting stage as of early 1975, and funds for its production are being sought from the National Endowment for the Humanities. NEH lent support to the script development stage after receiving an outline and proposal submitted by the Commission working in collaboration with Quest Productions of New York City.

A third film project has also begun with a contract for the scripting of a documentary treatment of the life of the Continental soldier going to Jack Ofield of Bowling Green Films, Inc. The Commission's Film Committee is monitoring each of these two undertakings conscientiously, and although other attractive proposals for films have been made, it has decided to limit its attention to these two exclusively for the foreseeable future.
Microfilming...

Initiated late in 1973, the historical records microfilm program has reached the stage of substantial achievement and spreading popularity. This program reflects the Commission’s desire to preserve on microfilm the historical information included in manuscript records from New York’s early years. Such valuable records are often neglected and unprotected from fire, theft, and natural deterioration.

Records are filmed on location with a specially designed portable microfilm unit. Filming has been completed at over 60 locations and at least 75 additional collections are scheduled to be filmed. Early town, village, and other municipal records comprise most of the filmed materials but significant church, business, and private papers are also included.

Although the eastern part of the state has so far yielded the oldest records, significant early records have been located throughout the state. Special attention has been given to the rich collections held by the Albany County Clerk and the Montgomery County Department of History and Archives; both collections include rare colonial court records.

The program is administered by the Public Records Section of the Office of State History. All films will be deposited in the new State Archives to be available for research.

Writing...

The Correspondent, a newsletter which has been the Commission’s most regular communication with a wide public, has ended its fourth year with circulation rising to 20,000 copies per issue and its frequency of issue increasing to six times a year from four. As the bicentennial grows in new value, the communications staff has been increasingly active in responding to requests from editors, reporters, and broadcasters for information and feature material. News releases of statewide interest are sent to a list of more than 250 newspapers and periodicals across the state, and feature articles of special regional interest are distributed on an occasional basis.

A new commendation certificate has been authorized during the past year as a means of recognizing individuals and groups displaying exceptional interest and effectiveness on behalf of the bicentennial, either locally or at the state level of activity. Ten such individuals and groups have been awarded commendations in the four months since the first group was approved by the Commission.

Fund Raising...

In late 1974 the ARBA announced that each state would be allocated up to $240,000 for disbursement by the state commissions through June 30, 1976. Therefore, federal matching grant applications have again been invited from New York State governmental units and non-profit organizations during 1974, and the Commission has approved 15 proposals totaling $23,993 as of January, 1975.

The Grants Committee will periodically review applications during the coming year. Additional details will be publicized in The Correspondent and through the use of statewide press releases.

The Commission’s official bicentennial medallion continues to be popular both with state and out-of-state residents. Beginning next year, the Commission and the manufacturer, Medallic Art, Inc., will offer to each local bicentennial commission and committee in New York State the opportunity to distribute the medallion. The funds accrued from the sale of the medallion will continue to be used to support bicentennial activities. Under this new plan, each local group which distributes the medallion will retain a portion of the profit to use for their local bicentennial activities.
Consistent with its growing responsibilities, the Commission has been enlarged during the past year from 21 to 27 members by an act of the 1974 Legislature. Five new members have accepted appointments during this period: Judge Guy A. Graves (a reappointment) and former Commissioner of Commerce Neil L. Moylan (by Governor Wilson), Steven L. Markowski and Lester R. Mosher (by Senate President Pro Tem Warren Anderson), and Harry Rigby Jr. (by Assembly Speaker Perry Duryea). Mrs. Anthony Tiska was also appointed by the Speaker in late 1974 but has since submitted her resignation. An alphabetical directory of the full current membership appears below in a separate section of this report.

Meetings of the full Commission were held in Albany on January 15, 1974, in New York City on April 23, in Rochester on June 25, in Rome on October 10, and again in New York City on January 30, 1975. Between these meetings there were eight meetings of the Executive Committee and many others of the special committees.

Membership on the Executive Committee continued to include the original six—Chairman Pell, Vice-Chairman Fretwell, and Messrs. Averill, Brown, Niles, and Todd, with the addition of Mr. Fusco in July succeeding Mr. Reed, whose resignation from the committee had been reluctantly accepted in acknowledgement of the demands of his business schedule.

Mr. Reed has agreed to serve as the member representative on the newly formed Arts Committee chaired by Sandra Payson of New York City. Formed to assist in planning and evaluating programs in this area, the committee also included Richard Leach, former Director, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, John Mazzola, Managing Director of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and Omar K. Lerman, Research Director of Bicentennial Programs/NYSCA and formerly of the State Council on the Arts staff.

Also new is a Special Projects Committee chaired by Senator Niles, who with Commission members Biondi, Fusco, Mogavero, and Spellman have been taking responsibility for the evaluation of federal matching grant applications since their first meeting in June.

Continuing active and effective oversight of their respective special areas are the three standing committees on publicity, films, and business projects. Mr. Averill’s Publicity and Tourism Committee has worked closely with other state and private agencies to connect the tourist industry in particular to bicentennial plans and prospects. Serving with him are Commission members Langdon, Moses, and Rigby, joined by Joseph J. Horan, Director of the Bureau of Travel, State Commerce Department; and Nat Oppenheim, Executive Director of the Adirondack Park Association.

Col. Todd’s Film Committee has continued to review film proposals brought to the Commission and to follow closely those projects undertaken by it. Serving with him have been Dr. Bruner of the Commission and Dr. James Heslin, Director of the New York Historical Society. The Committee on Business Projects under Mr. Brown has continued to represent the Commission in overseeing the medallion program and in evaluating proposals for Commission endorsement of other products and programs. The committee also includes Commission members Judge Graves and General Baker.

Mr. Brown has also continued to serve as the Commission’s member delegate, along with the Executive Director, to the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States, an active regional group with offices in Atlanta, Georgia. The Commission received $20,000 as its share of revenues raised by this group from royalties, and also participated in its Bicentennial Intern program during the summer.
Staff changes have been numerous only by comparison with past years. The basic staff support remains a function of the Office of State History in the Education Department, as arranged under the offer made in 1969 by State Education Commissioner Ewald B. Nyquist. The initiation of the barge project has required two staff additions to shape plans for evaluation. Phillip Johnson, then the news director at Union College, accepted this assignment on July 1 and was joined by John Quirk in December as his assistant for community relations.

Initiating the long-needed liaison with school-centered activities was the assignment given Mrs. Michele Stenejhem during the summer as an intern on a grant from the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States. Subsequently, she was appointed to follow through as a regular staff assistant, and on her resignation in late December a search was begun for a successor. With the appointment of Ms. Katherine Brewster Johnson in Mid-January, work with the schools has resumed with a minimum loss of impetus.

Other appointments to vacated positions include those of Sandra B. Culp to the managing editorship of The Correspondent and related press relations duties, and Michael Barrett as Assistant Program Director. He is working primarily with the Bicentennial Communities program, federal matching grants and related federal programs.

The rapid increase in the growth of the publications program has been made possible by the efforts of Dr. William Pofl, who is Senior Historian in the Office of State History and has been named Senior Editor of Publications, assisted by Miss Ruth Hewitt, who was appointed Public Information Specialist in June. Mrs. Katherine Stewart was also added to the staff as stenographer in September, bringing the total staff on the Commission payroll up to eleven, and increase of six over one year ago.
Members of the Commission

John H. G. Pell, chairman, is a Manhattan business executive and historian. Active in a large number of civic and historical organizations, he is probably best known for his association with Fort Ticonderoga, whose grounds and buildings his family has owned for 150 years.

E. K. Fretwell Jr., vice-chairman, is president of State University College at Buffalo. He formerly taught at Columbia, served as assistant commissioner for higher education with the State Education Department, and was a university dean at the City University of New York.

Walter Averill II of Poughkeepsie, a former hotel executive, is engaged in regional promotion as executive vice-president of the Hudson River Valley Association.

Major General John C. Baker of Troy is chief of staff to the governor and commanding general of the New York National Guard. Enlisting in the National Guard as a private in 1935, he rose through the ranks to his present position.

Mrs. George U. Baylies of Scarsdale is New York state regent of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Mary Biondi of Ogdensburg, formerly in publishing and printing, is Saint Lawrence County historian.

J. Moreau Brown of Bedford Hills is vice-president of the Council for Financial Aid to Education. He is past president of the Empire State Society of Sons of the American Revolution.

Rev. Laman H. Bruner, rector of Albany's St. Peter's Church (Episcopal), also serves as chaplain of the New York State Assembly.
Mrs. Jane des Grange is the former director of the Suffolk Museum and Carriage House at Stony Brook on Long Island.

Robert A. Fusco of Waterford is supervisor of press facilities in the Legislative Office Building, Albany, and secretary of Legislative Correspondents Association.

Supreme Court Justice Guy A. Graves of Schenectady, former assistant to Governor Thomas E. Dewey, has had a long career as a practicing lawyer.

Otto E. Koegel, a lawyer of New York and Westchester County, is chairman of the John Jay House Restoration Commission.

Nathan S. Langdon, a Greenwich publisher, has long been active as chairman of various celebrations and historic observances.

H. Bert Mack of Maspeth is a prominent contractor and industrial developer, who in recent years has headed many Long Island civic and philanthropic endeavors.

Steven L. Markowski of Brooklyn, who is associated with the Bronx Community College, is vice-president of the Polish American Congress and has long been active in the areas of human rights and ethnic organizations.

Dr. I. Frank Mogavero of Grand Island is a professor of history at Niagara University.

Lester R. Mosher, a Binghamton lawyer, is a former Chenango County district attorney. He has long been active in various civic and patriotic organizations.

Robert Moses of New York City, Special Advisor to the Governor on Housing and formerly president, New York World’s Fair, 1964.

Neal L. Moylan of Delmar, Commissioner of Commerce, is a career executive with more than 26 years of service in state government.

Dalwin J. Niles of Johnstown, a practicing lawyer, is a former children’s court judge and state senator.

Judge Nicholas M. Pette of Jamaica has had a distinguished career as a jurist. He retired from the state supreme court in 1967.

Joseph Verner Reed Jr., a Manhattan banker, is active in theatrical and civic organizations. He is a fellow of the Pierpont Morgan Library and a trustee of the Yale University Art Gallery.

Harry Rigby, Jr., official historian for the City of Kingston, has long been active in historic observances and celebrations. He also serves on the City of Kingston and Ulster County Bicentennial Commissions.

Dr. Seth Spellman of Albany, a retired lieutenant colonel, was engaged in psychiatric social work in the U.S. Army for twenty-five years. He is dean of the James E. Allen Jr. Collegiate Center, State University of New York at Albany.

Mrs. Mildred F. Taylor of Lyons has long been active on commissions dealing with history, and served as a member of the New York State Assembly from 1947 to 1960.

Col. Frederick P. Todd, author and life-long student of military history, lives in Cornwall-on-Hudson since his retirement as director of the West Point Museum.
A collection of letters which reflect the problems and concerns of ordinary people during the Revolution. Also contains the list of those signing the Coxsackie Association of May 17, 1775, the basic form of revolutionary organization in many localities. Index, bibliography, illustrations. (Hardcover edition available at $3.50 from Gifts and Exchange Section, New York State Library, Albany, New York 12234.)

This survey of four cultural traditions in 17th and 18th-century New York—Iroquois, African, Dutch and English—attempts to fill part of the gap in the historical record and prompt other historians to delve more deeply into the subject of women’s history. Suggestions for further reading are included. (Available free from Commission office.)

Provides information and suggestions on planning and funding local bicentennial programs, describes some local projects, and answers questions concerning the state and federal bicentennial authorities. Chapters I and III have been updated as of July 1974. (Available free from the Commission office.)

A visitor’s introduction to forty historic sites of the American Revolution in New York. Provides directions to each site. Over fifty illustrations. (Available free from Commission office.)

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An annotated bibliography of fiction and nonfiction pertaining to personalities and topics connected with the American Revolution. Designed primarily for fourth, fifth and sixth grade students, although some titles will also appeal to junior high school readers. In the present edition, titles no longer in print have been dropped and a carefully selected group of 45 recent works has been added. (Single copies available to teachers free from Commission office.)

An annotated bibliography of printed primary and secondary material. Includes discussion of the basic themes and issues in studies of New York in the Revolution. Arranged by Chapters: General Histories; Biographies; Revolutionary Politics; Military Campaigns; Loyalists; Ideology and Propaganda; Economy; Religion and Education; Indians; Women; Blacks and Ethnic Minorities; The Revolution Locally; Printed Primary Sources; Historiography; Guides and Bibliographic Aids; The Revolution in New York in Fiction. Headnotes to each chapter indicate subjects needing research. (Available at $5.00 from Gifts and Exchange Section, New York State Library, Albany, New York 12234.)

Brief biographies of Philip Livingston, William Floyd, Lewis Morris, and Francis Lewis—the only four New York delegates to the Second Continental Congress who signed The Declaration of Independence. Portraits of the signers and other illustrations. (Available free from Commission office.)

FORTHCOMING IN 1975:

McDougall, a successful merchant, rose from the ranks of the Sons of Liberty in New York City to Washington’s general staff during the Revolution. He joined the protest against the Stamp Act, spent time in jail for criticizing the colonial government, and led much of the early revolutionary protest in New York City. After organizing a militia company in 1775, he quickly rose to the rank of general and, at various times, fought with Washington, commanded West Point, and served as the spokesman of the officer corps at the Continental Congress. After the Revolution, he became a firm ally of Alexander Hamilton and promoter of the Constitution, and was instrumental in aiding the economic recovery of New York City. Based upon extensive manuscript research.
The Commission’s Enabling Act

Creating a temporary state commission to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the American revolution and making an appropriation for the expenses of the commission.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. A temporary state commission to be known as the New York American revolution bicentennial commission is hereby created in order to provide for appropriate observances, ceremonies and other activities to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the American revolution and the two hundredth anniversary of the creation of the State of New York.*

§2. The commission hereby created shall consist of twenty-one citizens of the state, of whom eleven shall be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be the chief of staff to the governor, five by the temporary president of the senate, and five by the speaker of the assembly. The governor shall appoint from its membership the chairman and vice-chairman of the commission. Vacancies in the membership and in the offices of chairman and vice-chairman of the commission shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

§3. For the accomplishment of its purpose, the commission shall be authorized and empowered to prepare an over-all program to include specific plans for commemorating the two hundredth anniversary of the American revolution and the two hundredth anniversary of the State of New York. In preparing these plans and programs the commission shall give due consideration to any similar plans advanced by any federal, state, municipal, civic, patriotic, military, veterans and historical bodies and may designate special committees with representation from the above-mentioned bodies to plan and conduct specific
ceremonies. The commission shall cooperate in the program and plans of any American revolution bicentennial commission established under the laws of the United States may cooperate in the programs and plans of such commission and similar bodies established by other states, including participation in any exhibition commemorating the American revolution. Through its own personnel or in cooperation with any public or private agency, the commission may undertake, prepare and publish any studies, publications or other writings which it may deem relevant to the participation of the state of New York and its citizens in the American revolution.

§4. The commission may employ and at pleasure remove such personnel as it may deem necessary for the performance of its functions and fix their compensation within the amounts made available by appropriation therefor.

§5. The commission may meet within or without the state. It may participate in bicentennial observances and ceremonies during the years nineteen hundred sixty-eight to nineteen hundred eighty-one, inclusive, on the revolutionary war battlefields and other historic sites, where troops from New York served, or where other events significant to the state of New York in relation to the American revolution and/or the founding of New York as a state occurred. The commission may hold public or private hearings and shall have all the powers of a legislative committee pursuant to the legislative law.

§6. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder.

§7. The commission may request and shall receive from any department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof such facilities, assistance and data as it deems necessary or desirable to properly carry out its powers and duties hereunder. The commission, in its discretion, may establish an advisory counsel to assist in its work.

§8. The commission is hereby authorized and empowered to make and sign any agreements and to do and perform any acts that may be necessary, desirable or proper to carry out the purposes of this act, not including the erection of monuments and memorials.

§9. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of law, general, special or local, no officer or employee of the state or of any civil division thereof shall be deemed to have forfeited or shall forfeit his office or employment by reason of his acceptance of membership on such commission.

§10. The commission shall submit an interim report to the governor and the legislature presenting the preliminary plans of the commission not later than March first, nineteen hundred sixty-nine. Thereafter, the commission shall submit an annual report to the governor and the legislature not later than March first of each year. The commission shall submit such other interim report or reports to the governor and the legislature as it may deem advisable. A final report shall be made to the governor and the legislature on or before December thirty-first, nineteen hundred eighty-one, upon which date the the commission hereby created shall terminate.

§11. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from any funds in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes fund, not otherwise appropriated, and made available to the temporary state commission for its expenses, including personal service, in carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable out of the state treasury on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the chairman of the commission or by an officer or employee of the commission designated by the chairman.

§12. This act shall take effect immediately.
Bicentennial Organizations in New York State
The following list has been checked for currency through January, 1975. An asterisk (*) denotes the "Bicentennial Community" designation by the ARBA and NYSARBC.

A

*Albany Bicentennial Observance Commission, Judge John H. Pennock, Chairperson, Mrs. Martha Noble, Coordinator, c/o Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12210

Albany County Historical Association Bicentennial Committee, Mrs. James H. Linden, Jr., Chairperson, 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany, N.Y. 12210

Alleghany County Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. William Green, Jr., Coordinator, 20 Willets Avenue, Belmont, N.Y. 14813

Alleghany County Historical Society Bicentennial Committee, Miss Frances Johnson, Chairperson, R.D. #1, Friendship, N.Y. 14739

Amenia Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Edward O'Neil, Chairperson, Amenia, N.Y. 12501

Amityville Bicentennial Commission, c/o Amityville Activities Council, Mrs. Robert Damp, 95 Broadway, Amityville, N.Y. 11701

*Amsterdam Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Charles Snyder, Chairperson, 28 Fairmont Avenue, Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010

*Amsterdam Chapter of NYSDAR Bicentennial Committee, Mrs. Waldemar S. Raymond, Chairperson, R.F.D. #3, Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010

Town of Andes Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Thomas Coddington, Chairperson, Andes, N.Y. 13731

Aquebogue Bicentennial Committee, Box 551, Aquebogue, N.Y. 11931

Arcade Bicentennial Commission, c/o Arcade Historical Society, Arcade, N.Y. 14009

Argyle Bicentennial Commission, c/o Argyle Historical Society, Mrs. Charles McNeil, President, Argyle, N.Y. 12809

Athens Bicentennial Commission, Lynn Brunner, Athens, N.Y. 12015

*Auburn All-American Bicentennial Commission, Mr. James H. Draucker, Chairperson, Memorial City Hall, Auburn, N.Y. 13021

Town of Ausable Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Gerald Mace, Chairperson, Ausable Forks, N.Y. 12912

Austerlitz Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. J. Warran Braley, Chairperson, Box 137, Chatham, N.Y. 12017

B

Bayville Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Gladys M. Mack, Historian, 15 Beaver Drive, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

Beacon Bicentennial Commission, Mr. John Lamoree, Chairperson, Beacon, N.Y. 12508

Beekman Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. F. Kennon Moody, Chairperson, Beekman, N.Y. 12570

*Borough of Bronx Bicentennial Commission, c/o Borough President, Borough Hall, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, N.Y. 10451

Bronx Bicentennial Commission, c/o Bronx County Historical Society, Dr. Lloyd Ulan, Chairperson, 3266 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10467

*Brookfield Township Bicentennial Commission, Ms. Donna S. Tanney, Chairperson, Brookfield, N.Y. 13314

Brookhaven Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Kremien, Chairperson, 190 Commock Road, Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951

*Brooklyn Borough Bicentennial Commission, Dr. Joseph Palisi, Chairperson, 21 Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

Broome County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Josiah Newcomb, Chairperson, R.D. #5, Brooks Road, Binghamton, N.Y. 13901

*Town of Brunswick Bicentennial Planning and Coordinating Group, Mrs. Patricia M. Marshall, Chairperson, R.F.D. #3, Box 236, Troy, N.Y. 12180

Village of Buchanan Bicentennial Committee, Mrs. Gubik, Chairperson, 218 Westchester Avenue Buchanan, N.Y. 10511

C

*Cambridge Area Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Paul DeBaldo

*Cambridge Area Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Paul DeBaldo, Chairperson, Lauderdale Road, Cambridge, N.Y. 12816

*Cazenovia Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Marilyn Gokey, Chairperson, P.O. Box 123, Camden, N.Y. 13316

Camillus Bicentennial Commission, Miss Jane Maxwell, Historian, 13 Genesee Street, Camillus, N.Y. 13031

Canaan Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Arnold Caplain, Chairperson, P.O. Box 109, Canaan, N.Y. 12029

Canaojoharie Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Raymond Kief, Chairperson, Canajoharie, N.Y. 13317

*Village of Belle Terre Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Cornell Cornish, Chairperson, Cliff Road, Box 112, Port Jefferson, N.Y. 11777

Town of Berlin Bicentennial Commission, Town Hall, Berlin, N.Y. 12022

*Bethany National Bicentennial Committee, Mrs. Shirley Gayton, Chairperson, 10482 Bethany Center Road, East Bethany, N.Y. 14054

Bethlehem Historical Association Bicentennial Committee, Mr. William Weisheit, Sr., Chairperson, 80 Fernbank Avenue, Delmar, N.Y. 12034

Town of Big Flats Bicentennial Committee, c/o Big Flats Historical Society, Ms. Nancy Nicastra and Mrs. Pam Farr, Co-Chairpersons, Big Flats, N.Y. 14814

Town of Black Brook Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Abe Lincoln, Chairperson, Black Brook, N.Y. 12912

Boonville Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Don Pierce and Mr. Harold T. Fitch, Co-Chairpersons, Bookville, N.Y. 13309

Town of Boonville Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Fletcher Davidson, Boonville, N.Y. 13740

*Borough of Bronx Bicentennial Commission, c/o Borough President, Borough Hall, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, N.Y. 10451

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Village of Buchanan Bicentennial Committee, Mrs. Gubik, Chairperson, 218 Westchester Avenue Buchanan, N.Y. 10511
Canajoharie-Palatine Bicentennial Commission, c/o Canajoharie-Palatine Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Joseph Drach, President, Canajoharie, N.Y. 13317

City of Canandaigua Bicentennial Commission, Miss Rose A. Comella, Chairperson, 91 Chapin Street, Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424

Canarsie Bicentennial Commission, Rabbi Myron E. Rakowitz, Chairperson, Canarsie, N.Y. 11236

Canastota Area Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Donald Harvey, Chairperson, 303 South Peterboro Street, Canastota, N.Y. 13032

Canastota Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Anthony Carolla, Chairperson, Canastota, N.Y. 13032

*Canastota Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Harriet Armstrong, Coordinator, Municipal Building, Main Street, Canton, N.Y. 13617

Town of Catskill Bicentennial Commission, Mr. John Decker, Town Supervisor, Catskill, N.Y. 12414

Cattaraugus County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Joseph K. Eade, Chairperson, Olean, N.Y. 14760

Cazenovia Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Russell Grills and Mr. William Horan, Co-Chairpersons, Cazenovia, N.Y. 13035

Champlain-Upper Hudson Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Jane Lape, Chairperson, Fort Ticonderoga, Ticonderoga, N.Y. 12883

*Bicentennial of Charlton Committee, Mrs. Barbara Fagan, Chairperson, 4 Meadowlark Lane, Ballston Lake, N.Y. 12019

Chase Mills Bicentennial Committee, c/o Chase Mills History Club, Chase Mills, N.Y. 13621

Chautauqua County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Sven E. Hammar, Chairperson, County Building, Mayville, N.Y. 14757

Town of Chazy Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Robert Lapierre, Chairperson, Chazy, N.Y. 12921

*Cheektowaga Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Laura Hallenbeck, Chairperson, 17 Park Street, Cheektowaga, N.Y. 14227

*Chenango County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. J. Arthur Kieffer, Chairperson, 217 Madison Avenue, Elmira, N.Y. 14901

Chenango County Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Mae Smith, Chairperson, Woods Corners Road, Norwich, N.Y. 13815

Village of Cherry Valley Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Henry B. Whitbeck, Chairperson, Richondville, N.Y. 12149

Clayton Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Robert Frickman, Chairperson, Clayton, N.Y. 13624

Clermont Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Alden Halch, Chairperson, Clermont, N.Y. 12523

Clifton Park History Advisory Committee, Mr. William Washington, Chairperson, Rt. 146, Rexford, N.Y. 12146

*Clinton County Bicentennial Commission, Col. F.J. Glavin, Chairperson, Heritage House, Room #76, Box 989, Plattsburgh, N.Y. 12901

Town of Clinton Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Charles Spross, Chairperson, Clinton Corners, N.Y. 12514

*Village of Clinton Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Howard W. Chaney, Chairperson, Clinton, N.Y. 13323

*Cohoes Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Ralph Surzyn, Chairperson, 42 Lovery Avenue, Cohoes, N.Y. 12047

Town of Colchester Bicentennial Commission, Ms. Shirley Grant, Chairperson, Shinhopple, N.Y. 13837

Cold Spring Bicentennial Commission, P.O. Box 254, Cold Spring, N.Y. 10516

*Colonie Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Charles Melton, Chairperson, 2 Thunder Road, Albany, N.Y. 12205

Columbia County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. George Winn, Chairperson, Kinderhook, N.Y. 12106

Concord Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Lillian D. Geiger, Chairperson, Norton Corners Road, Springfield, N.Y. 14141

*Constable Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Mary Ann Tallon and Mrs. Gladys Bonner, Constable, N.Y. 12926

Town of Corinth Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Arthur Eggleston, Chairperson, Corinth, N.Y. 12822

Corning Area Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Robert L. Edwards, 42 East Market Street, Corning, N.Y. 14830

Corning-Painted Post Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Clinton S. Janes, Jr., Chairperson, 70 East Third Street, Corning, N.Y. 14830

Cornwall Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Edward C. Moulton, Jr., Chairperson, Box 402, Cornwall, N.Y. 12518

*Cortland County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Richard Wilkins, Coordinator, Box 721, Cortland, N.Y. 13045

City of Cortland Bicentennial Commission, Ms. Betty Sweetland and Mr. Edward Bakko, Co-Chairpersons, City Hall, Cortland, N.Y. 13045

*Town of Cortlandt Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Helen K. Barnthouse, Box 493, Peekskill, N.Y. 10566

Cortlandville Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Annabelle Alexander, McLean Avenue, Mr. Anthony DeSanta, 12 Isabelle Drive, Homer, N.Y. 13077

Town of Covent Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Maurice L. Patterson, Chairperson, Trumansburg, N.Y. 14886

Cow Neck Peninsula Historical Society Bicentennial Committee, Mrs. Meredith Warren, Chairperson, 336 Port Washington Boulevard, Port Washington, N.Y. 11050

Coxsackie Declaration Bicentennial 1775-1975 Committee, Mr. Raymond Cory, Chairperson, West Coxsackie, N.Y. 12192

*Crown Point Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Catherine J. Garrand, Chairperson, Box 2, Crown Point, N.Y. 12928

Cuba Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. James Cross, Chairperson, Cuba, N.Y. 14727

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Town of Davenport Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Erwin Dent, Davenport, N.Y. 13750

*Delaware County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Frederick Fox, Chairperson, 74 Pine Street, Deposit, N.Y. 13754

Town of Delhi Bicentennial Commission, Mr. John E. Raitt, Chairperson, 41 Clinton Street, Delhi, N.Y. 13753

Town of Deposit Bicentennial Commission, Frederick G. Fox, Chairperson, 74 Pine Street, Deposit, N.Y. 13754
Diocesan Committee on the National Bicentennial Observance, Rev. Dr. Laman H. Bruner, Jr., 107 State Street, Albany, N.Y. 12207

* Dolgeville-Manheim Committee for the American Revolution Bicentennial, Mr. Richard Zientek, Chairperson, 25 Park Avenue, Dolgeville, N.Y. 13329

Town of Dover Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Penn Holsapple, Chairperson, R.F.D., Dover Plains, N.Y. 12522

Dryden Bicentennial Commission, Dryden Village Hall, 1 George Street, Dryden, N.Y. 13053

Duanesburg Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Armond Willis, Town Historian, Duanesburg, N.Y. 12056

Dunkirk Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Richard Magliozi, Chairperson, Dunkirk, N.Y. 14048

Dutchess County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. I. Jack Lippman, Chairperson, Dutchess Community College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12602

East Fishkill Bicentennial Committee, Ms. Jean Krepp, Chairperson, Rt. 376, East Fishkill, N.Y. 12524

* East Hampton Town Bicentennial Committee, Ms. Mary Fallon, Chairperson, 159 Pantigo Road, East Hampton, N.Y. 11937

Eastern Jefferson County Bicentennial Committee, Mr. Robert C. Rich, Chairperson, Carthage, N.Y. 13619

Eaton Bicentennial Committee, John & Catherine Slocum, Eaton, N.Y. 13334

Edmeston Township Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Charles Rider, Edmeston, N.Y. 13335

Town of Elbridge, Villages of Jordan and Elbridge Bicentennial Committee, Paige Gorham, Chairperson, Elbridge, N.Y. 13060

Ellenville Bicentennial Commission, Ms. Katherine T. Terverlier, Chairperson, Ellenville, N.Y. 12428

* American Revolution Bicentennial Commission for Erie County and Buffalo, c/o Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, Mr. Walter Merwin, Mr. Appleton Fryer, Dr. I. Frank Mogavero, Co-Chairpersons, 25 Nottingham Court, Buffalo, N.Y. 14216

* Essex County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. James Bailey, Chairperson, P.O. Box 428, Elizabethtown, N.Y. 12932

Town of Evans Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Anthony LaRusso, Chairperson, 42 North Main Street, Angola, N.Y. 14006

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* Incorporated Village of Farmingdale Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. John E. Gillies and Mr. George Cook, Sr., Co-Chairpersons, Village Hall, 361 Main Street, Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735

Fishkill Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Robert Maass, Chairperson, Fishkill, N.Y. 12524

Flushing Bicentennial Commission, City Hall, Flushing, N.Y. 11052

Fort Ann Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Charles Godfrey, Sr., Chairperson, Fort Ann, N.Y. 12827

Fort Covington Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Richard Avery, Town Historian, Fort Covington, N.Y. 12937

Fort Edward Bicentennial Commission, Ms. Angela L. Cicero, Chairperson, 50 Canal Street, Fort Edward, N.Y. 12828

Franklin County Bicentennial Commission, c/o Franklin County Historical and Museum Society, Ms. Dorothy Smith, Chairperson, 51 Milwaukee Street, Malone, N.Y. 12953

Town of Franklin Bicentennial Commission, Mr. and Mrs. William Frazier, Co-Chairpersons, R.D., Franklin, N.Y. 13775

Fredonia Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Harold Zell, Chairperson, Fredonia Chamber of Commerce, Fredonia, N.Y. 14063

* Fulton County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Everett C. Quackenbush, Jr., Chairperson, Johnstown, N.Y. 12095

* City of Fulton Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Frank Miller, Chairperson, 121 South First Street, Fulton, N.Y. 13059

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* Town of Galway Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Phyllis Kieler, Chairperson, R.D. #2, Broadalbin, N.Y. 12025

* Historical Planning Committee for 1976 Anniversary for Genesee County, Mrs. Marian K. Russell, Chairperson, 26 Lincoln Avenue, LeRoy, N.Y. 14482

Genesee Bicentennial Commission, Judge Robert Houston, Chairperson, Geneosco, N.Y. 14454

Gilbertsville Bicentennial Commission, Ms. Roberta Halbert, Butternut Valley Grange, Gilbertsville, N.Y. 13776

* Glen Cove Bicentennial Commission, Mr. John C. Lamberson, Chairperson, 67 Woolsey Avenue, Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542

* Glen Falls Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Robert N. Knight, Chairperson, 42 Ridge Street, Glen Falls, N.Y. 12801

* American Revolution Committee of Goshen, Mr. H. J. Jonas, Chairperson, Box 217, Goshen, N.Y. 10924

Gowanda Bicentennial Commission, Mr. David Hobson, Chairperson, Gowanda, N.Y. 14070

Grand Island Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Marion E. Klenkel, Town Historian, 1530 Lane Road, Grand Island, N.Y. 14072

Granville Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Ken Murphy, Chairperson, Pine Hill, Granville, N.Y. 12832

* Greene County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Raymond Beecher, Chairperson, R.D., Coxsackie, N.Y. 12051

Town and Village of Greene Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Mildred Folson, Historian, Greene, N.Y. 13778

Greenpoint-Williamsburg Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Salvatore S. Tortorici, Chairperson, 74 Diamond Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11222

Greenwich Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Albert L. Cole, Chairperson, Round Hill Road, Greenwich, N.Y. 12834

Town of Guilderland Bicentennial Commission, Rev. Dr. Joseph Loux, Chairperson, Hildebrand Reformed Church, Guilderland, N.Y. 12084
H

Town of Hadley Bicentennial Commission, Town Supervisor, Town Hall, Hadley, N.Y. 12835

Hancock Bicentennial Commission, American Legion Post #289 Auxiliary, Mrs. Joseph Walter, Chairperson, Old Bridge Street, Hancock, N.Y. 13783

Town of Harpersfield Bicentennial Commission, Rev. William Phinney, Chairperson, Catskill Avenue, Stamford, N.Y. 12167

Hartwick Bicentennial Commission, Ms. Kay Kantorowski and Nellie Balcom, Co-Chairpersons, c/o Hartwick Historical Society, Hartwick, N.Y. 13348

Town of Hempstead Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Roger A. Malfatti, Jr., Chairperson, Town Hall Plaza, Hempstead, N.Y. 11550

Herkimer County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. James Darling, Chairperson, County Office Building, Herkimer, N.Y. 13350

Hicksville Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Sigfried Widder, Hicksville Community Council, Hicksville, N.Y. 11801

High Falls Bicentennial Commission, c/o High Falls Civic Association, High Falls, N.Y. 12440

American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Highlands, Mr. Donald F. Clark, Chairperson, Fort Montgomery, N.Y. 10922

Village of Homer Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Roger C. Harris, Chairperson, 48 Clinton Street, Homer, N.Y. 13077

Hoosick Township Bicentennial Commission, Miss Christina Stevens, Chairperson, Box 323, Hoosick Falls, N.Y. 12090

Hornell Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Gary Thompson, c/o Hornell Historical Society, Hornell, N.Y. 14843

City of Hudson Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Herbert J. Weintraub, Chairperson, c/o Wolf Weintraub, Hudson, N.Y. 12534

Hudson Falls-Kingsbury Bicentennial Commission, Mr. William Larowe, Chairperson, 22 Third Street, Hudson Falls, N.Y. 12839

Huntington Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Rufus Langhans, Chairperson, Town Hall, 227 Main Street, Huntington, N.Y. 11743

Hurley Bicentennial Commission, c/o Hurley Heritage Society, Mr. and Mrs. Collen Hanshion, Hurley, N.Y. 12443

Hyde Park Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Warren H. Hill, Chairperson, c/o National Park Service, Hyde Park, N.Y. 12538

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Ilion Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Harold E. Whittmore, Chairperson, 33 Armory Street, Ilion, N.Y. 13357

Interlaken Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Maurice L. Patterson, Chairperson, West Avenue, Interlaken, N.Y. 14847

Town of Islip Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Radford J. M. Sprague, Chairperson, 21 Elm Street, Sayville, N.Y. 11782

J

Jamestown Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Ronald K. Nelson, Chairperson, City Hall, Jamestown, N.Y. 14701

Town of Jay Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Dorothy Madden, Chairperson, AuSable Forks, N.Y. 12912

Jefferson County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Charles Dunham, Chairperson, Main Street, Chaumont, N.Y. 13622

Johnsburg Bicentennial Commission, Town Hall, Johnsburg, N.Y. 12843

Keeseville Bicentennial Commission, Ms. Valarie Ginett, Chairperson, Keeseville, N.Y. 12944

Town of Kinderhook Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Sylvia K. Johann, Chairperson, P.O. Box 299, Niverville, N.Y. 12130

Kingston Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Edward Levine, Chairperson, 26 Beckett Street, Kingston, N.Y. 12401

Town of Kortright Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Josephine McDougall, Chairperson, Bloomville, N.Y. 13739

Lake George Bicentennial Commission, c/o Lake George Chamber of Commerce, Lake George, N.Y. 12845

LaGrange Bicentennial Commission, Mr. and Mrs. David Petrovits, LaGrangeville, N.Y. 12540

Village of Lake Grove Bicentennial Commission, Mr. William T. Hayes, Chairperson, Drawer H, Lake Grove, N.Y. 11755

Lake Luzerne Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Lester S. Thomas, Chairperson, 5791 Bridge Street, Lake Luzerne, N.Y. 12846

Town of Laurens Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Peter Engelman, Chairperson, Laurens, N.Y. 13796

Lewis County Bicentennial Commission, Judge George Davis, Chairperson, Lowville, N.Y. 13367

Lewiston Bicentennial Commission, Dr. Samuel Bruni, Chairperson, Plain Street, Lewiston, N.Y. 14092

Lexington Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Hoffman, Chairperson, Lexington, N.Y. 12452

Liberty Bicentennial Committee, Mr. Howard Bernstein, Chairperson, Bradley, Liberty, N.Y. 12754

Village of Lindenhurst Bicentennial Commission, Ms. Evelyn M. Ellis, Chairperson, 72 Harrington Avenue, Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757

Little Falls Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Hector Allen, Little Falls High School, Little Falls, N.Y. 13365

Little Nine Partners Bicentennial Committee, Mrs. Barbara Thompson and Mrs. Clara Losee, Co-Chairpersons, Pine Plains, N.Y. 12567

Town of Lloyd Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Beatrice H. Wadlin, Chairperson, Box 739, Highland, N.Y. 12528
Lloyd Harbor Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Louis H. Buck, 12 Mill Road and Mrs. Roger DeLaney, Gerry Lane, RD #3 Huntington, N.Y. 11743

Locust Valley Bicentennial Commission, Mr. D. Roderick Wells, Chairperson, Portledge Upper School, Locust Valley, N.Y. 11560

Bicentennial and Historic Restoration Committee, Greater Malone Community Council, Mr. Edward Pattershall, 51 Milwaukee Street Malone, N.Y. 12953

Manhasset Gold Star Bicentennial Committee, c/o Manhasset American Legion Post #304, Mr. Donald G. Cronan, 40 Old Estate Road, Manhasset, N.Y. 11030

*Borough of Manhattan Bicentennial Commission, c/o Borough President, Municipal Building, Manhattan, N.Y. 10007

*Marian Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Harry E. Rich, Chairperson, Newark Road, Marion, N.Y. 14505

Marlboro Bicentennial Commission, Mr. John Matthews, Town Historian, Marlboro, N.Y. 12542

Town of Masonville Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Stewart Wilcox, Chairperson, R.D. 1, Sidney Center, N.Y. 13839

Village of McGraw Bicentennial Commission, Mr. David Elson, Chairperson, McGraw, N.Y. 13101

McLean Bicentennial Coordinating Committee, Mr. Wilson Berry, Chairperson, McLean, N.Y. 13102

Town of Meredith Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Wayne Shirey, Chairperson, Delhi, N.Y. 13753

Historical Society for the Merricks Bicentennial Committee, Merrick, N.Y. 11566

Mexico Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Euleda Felch, Mrs. Helen Stanton and B.E. Larson, P.O. Box 354, Mexico, N.Y. 13114

Middleburg Bicentennial Planning Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hagan, Municipal Building, Middleburg, N.Y. 12122

Middlefield Bicentennial Commission, c/o Middlefield Historical Society, Middlefield, N.Y. 13405

Middletown Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Gordon Krennan, Chairperson, Middletown, N.Y. 10940

Town of Middletown Bicentennial Commission, Mr. William Stanford, Chairperson, Margaretville, N.Y. 12455

Millerton Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Edward O’Neill, Chairperson, Millerton, N.Y. 12546

*Town of Milton Bicentennial Commission, Mr. William Mevec, Chairperson, 224 Milton Avenue, Ballston Spa, N.Y. 12020

Minerva Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Patricia Hewitt, Chairperson, Olmsteadville, N.Y. 12857

*Monroe County and City of Rochester Bicentennial Commission, Ms. Jean C. Dignan, Chairperson, 83 Hawthorne Street, Rochester, N.Y. 14610

Town of Monroe Bicentennial Celebration Committee, Mr. Harry Armstrong, Chairperson, Village Hall, 17 Lake Street, Monroe, N.Y. 10950

Montgomery County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Waldemar S. Raymond, Chairperson, Old Court House, Fonda, N.Y. 12068

Village of Montgomery Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Mary Dewitt, Chairperson, Montgomery, N.Y. 12549

*Moravia Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Robert Scarry, Chairperson, Moravia, N.Y. 13118

Mount Pleasant Historical Society Bicentennial Committee, Mr. John Crandall, Mount Pleasant, N.Y. 12457

Mount Vernon Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Salvatore Quaranta, Mount Vernon COCC, 105 Second Avenue, Mount Vernon, N.Y. 10550

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Nassau County Bicentennial Commission, Mr. A. Holly Patterson, Chairperson, Muttontown Town Hall, Syosset, N.Y. 11791

*Town of New Castle Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Clendon H. Lee, Chairperson, 81 Douglas Road, Chappaqua, N.Y. 10514

New Hartford Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Al Shulz, Chairperson, c/o New Hartford Firemen's Benevolent Association, New Hartford, N.Y. 13413

Town of New Lisbon Bicentennial Commission, Mrs. Leon Johnson, Chairperson, Mt. Vision Road, New Lisbon, N.Y. 13415

New Paltz Bicentennial Commission, Town Board of New Paltz, New Paltz, N.Y. 12561

New Rochelle Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Bernard Wolk, Chairperson, 543 Main Street, New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801

*Town of New Windsor Bicentennial Commission, Mr. Frederick W. Redfern, Chairperson, Old Temple Hill Road, Vails Gate, N.Y. 12584

*New York City Bicentennial Corporation, Mr. J. Clarence Davies, Chairperson, Mr. Ronald Gaudreau, Executive Director, 355 Lexington Avenue, New York N.Y. 10017

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