



LancasterHistory

Pageant Collection, 1926-1977

Object ID: MG0014

3 boxes 32 folders 1.5 cubic ft.

Repository: LancasterHistory (Organization)

Shelving Location: Archives South, Side 1

Scope and Content Note: Collection contains material pertaining to pageants, festivals, and celebrations in Lancaster County. The majority of the collection pertains to the "Pageant of Liberty," celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence (1776-1926), and the "Pageant of Gratitude," commemorating the 200th anniversary of the formation of Lancaster County (1729-1929). Included are scripts, minutes, programs, invitations, correspondence, financial records, tickets, photographs, blueprint of the grandstand, and sheet music.

Creator: LancasterHistory (Organization)

System of Arrangement: Organized by pageant:

Box 1 Pageant of Liberty

Box 2 Pageant of Gratitude

Box 3 Other Pageants

Conditions for Access: No restrictions.

Conditions Governing Reproductions: Collection may not be photocopied. Please contact Research Staff or Archives Staff with questions.

Language: English

Source of Acquisition: Items were collected by the Lancaster County Historical Society unless otherwise noted at the item level.

Related Material at LancasterHistory:

See the Photograph Collection

Subjects:

Pageants

Lancaster County (Pa.)--Centennial celebrations, etc.

Letters



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Box 1 *Pageant of Liberty*

Folder 1 Copyright certificate and book. Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in the American Revolution, by Percy J. Burrell, and co-authors Laura F. Kready and H. Clifton Thorbach. Articles of Agreement for celebration, 1776-1926. *Gift of Percy J. Burrell, Laura F. Kready and H. Clifton Thorbach, March 1927.*

Folder 2 Original script by Laura Kready. *Gift of Mrs. John Mellinger, 24 October 1970.*

Folder 3 Minutes of the Executive Committee, Jan. 28, 1926 to July 26, 1926.

Folder 4 Programs of the celebration, July 5,6, and 7.

Folder 5 Invitations, June 10, 1926.

Folder 6 Rehearsals, June and July 1926.

Folder 7 Tickets, May and July 1926.

Folder 8 Committees and committee ribbons

Folder 9 Correspondence, (Mayor, Frank Musser, Percy Burrell, Capt. John M. Groff, Chairman).

Folder 10 Financial records and related correspondence

Folder 11 Samples from production department.

Folder 12 Building and grounds committee correspondence, blueprints.

Folder 13 Song "Fair Lancaster".

Folder 14 Newspaper publicity.

Folder 15 Publicity Scrapbook, T. Warren Metzger.

Box 2 *Pageant of Gratitude*

Some manuscript items for the Pageant of Gratitude were a gift of the estate of John M. Groff, 12 January 1962.

Folder 1 Contracts.

Folder 2 Original manuscripts by Percy Burrell.

Folder 3 Books, programs, field notes and text of The Pageant of Gratitude, Lancaster Pennsylvania, 1729-1929.

Folder 4 Enlistments and rehearsals

Folder 5 Minutes of Executive Committee meetings, Dec. 28, 1928 through July 1929.

Folder 6 Correspondence, May 6 through December 1928.

Folder 7 Correspondence, January 1929 to April 1930.

Folder 8 Field notes and correspondence of Director, Percy Burrell.

Folder 9 Costumes.

Folder 10 Tickets and poster

Folder 11 Blueprint of grandstand.

Folder 12 Financial records.

Folder 13 Photograph album of whole pageant donated by Edward Bruder. *Photograph album transferred to the Photograph Collection, 3 November 2017.*

Folder 14 Sheet music



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Box 3 Other Pageants

Folder 1 "Call To The People", Miss Columbia in pageant, February 12-22, 1941.

Folder 2 "Light In Black Out", December 23, 1943.

Folder 3 "Pageant of Our American Heritage" by Percy Burrell. To foster more intelligent citizenship. 1948.

Folder 4 "Rights Crossing" by Richard Seltzer, 1977.

Folder 5 Program for "The Gallant of Pilgrims" by Edwin LeFevre Werner, performed at Willow Street, 28 July 1933. (2 items, 4 pages to scan) *Item transferred from Library, 30 April 2022.*