

**MSS #181**  
**J. Moreau Brown American Revolution Bicentennial Papers, 1969-1977**  
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**Historical Note:**

The United States celebrated the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the nation on July 4, 1976. A number of national, regional, state and local committees and commissions were formed in the years prior to plan appropriate events, commemorations, publications and the like, in honor of the Bicentennial. Among these groups were the federal American Revolution Bicentennial Commission ARBC, the New York State ARBC and the Bicentennial Commission of the Thirteen Original States (BCTOS). These papers mainly deal with the New York State ARBC and BCTOS.

**Biographical Note:**

J. Moreau Brown was a member of the Executive Committee of the NYSARBC and a vice chairman of BCTOS. He had served earlier in his career as Director of Admissions for St. Lawrence University, as well as in positions at New York University and General Electric

**Scope and Content:**

The papers consist of meeting agendas, notes and correspondence concerning Mr. Brown's duties on both Bicentennial committees. Also included are publications, booklets, pamphlets, historic literature and other materials documenting the planning and execution of Bicentennial events and activities, as well as some ephemeral material such as buttons, lanyards, medallions, catalogs and other objects.

**Provenance:**

Donated to St. Lawrence University by J. Moreau Brown in 1977.

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6	February 1, 1973, NY City Commission
7	1974 report to Governor Malcom Wilson
8	January 30, 1975—Commission, New York City
9	Feb. 20-22, 1975—Symposium, Dayton, Ohio
10	March 13, 1975—New York City, Executive Committee
11	April 30, 1975—Albany, NY, Commission meeting
12	July 24, 1975—Ticonderoga, NY, Executive Committee
13	Oct. 9, 1975—Albany, NY, State-wide meeting
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2 1	New York State—Miscellaneous correspondence, Bicentennial
2	New York State—Use of State seal
3	Bicentennial communities—New York State
4	SR, April 1, 1974—Speech, Fraunces Tavern
5	New Rochelle, NY, Oct. 5, 1974
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13	Council on the Arts—New York State
14	New York State Historic Trust—Program
15	NYS Bicentennial Barge
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	*Becker, Carl, <i>The Spirit of '76</i> ; NYS ARBC
	*Bielinski, Stefan, <i>Abraham Yates, Jr...</i> ; NYS ARBC
	*Bielinski, Stefan, <i>Revolutionary War Manuscripts...</i> ; NYS ARBC
	*Brown, Charles H., <i>Van Cortlandt Manor</i> , Sleepy Hollow Restorations
	*De Pauw, Linda Grant, <i>Four Traditions...</i> NYS ARBC
	*Hagan, William T., <i>Longhouse Diplomacy...</i> ; NYS ARBC
	*Hinitt, Dorothy Humphreys, <i>The Burning of Bedford</i> , Bedford Historical Society
	*Johnson, Herbert Alan, <i>John Jay</i> , NYS ARBC
	*Johnson, Katherine, <i>Schools and Bicentennials...</i> ; NYS ARBC
	*Korbin, David, <i>The Black Minority in Early New York</i> , NYS Educ. Dept.
	*Luke, Myron H., <i>Long Island in the American Revolution</i> ; NYS ARBC
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3 1-2	Operation Sail, 1976

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	6	March 11-12, 1971, Raleigh, N.C.
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	8	June 29-30, 1972, Princeton, N.J, Council
	9	October 6-9, 1972, Durham, N.C., Council
	10	Hartford, Conn.—April 27-29, 1973, Windsor Locks
	11	June 15-16, 1973—Wilmington, Delaware
	12	Bicent. 13—Clifford M. Clarke, resume, job descr., etc.
	13	June 27, 1973—Conference Call, Steering Committee
	14	August 5-6, 1973, Atlanta, Georgia—Steering Committee
	15	September 19, 1973—Steering Committee, Washington D.C.
	16	Bicentennial Council of the Original Thirteen States
	16a	October 19, 1973—re-interment of Col. William Few, Jr. (signer of Declaration of Independence)
	17	October 26-28, 1973—Hershey, P.A., Council
	18	November 28, 1973, Washington, D.C., Council
	19	December 15-16, 1973, Boston, Mass. Executive (Tea Party)

**Box 5 & 6—BCTOS files, 1974-77**

5	1	February 7, 8, 9, 1974—D.C. and Williamsburg VA Council (Exec. Comm.)
	2	March 21, 1974—Atlanta, GA Executive (3/7 conf. call)
	3	Arlington, Virginia, April 29-30, 1974
	4	July 12, 1974—Gunston Hall Plantation, Lorton, VA—13 Council And Arlington VA
	5	September 20, 1974—Washington D.C.—Council
	6	October 18, 1974—Tarrytown, NY, Council
	7	January 9, 1975—Atlanta, GA—Council
	8	March 28, 1975—Washington D.C.—Executive Committee
	9	April 17, 18, 19, 1975—Boston, Mass.—Background Literature
	10	May 17, 1975—East Brunswick, NJ—Bicent. Planner's conference
	11	May 24, 1975—Flemington, NJ—Executive (Liberty Village)
	12	July 17, 18, 19, 1975—Fripp Island, SC—Executive Council
	13	Clifford Clarke Resignation and Replacement (BCTOS Exec. Dir)

14 August 22, 1975—Atlanta GA—Executive  
 15 November 21, 1975—Washington DC—Council  
 16 George W. Baldwin, Asst. Director Resume—Discharged  
 17 December 15, 1975, Absecon, NJ—Council  
 18 February 17, 1976, Arlington, VA—Special Council Meeting  
 19 Jessie Whitley—New Executive Director  
 20 1976 New 13 State staff under Whitley  
 21 April 30-May 1, 1976—Newport, RI—Council—Exec. Committee  
 22 June 24, 1976—Arlington, VA—Council

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5	23	August 6, 1976—Ashville, NC—13 St. Council
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	27	13 States—Fall 1976
	28	February 13, 1977—Arlington, VA
	29	BCTOS Fund
	30	Report—Feasibility study of Philanthropic Potentials....Feb. 1977
	31	Fund—March 16, 1977, Arlington, VA
	32	13 States—Spring 1977
6	1	Rockefeller Center Press Information
	2	USA 200 (ARBC national newsletter)—incomplete
	3	BCTOS Washington Report
	4	Bicentennial Corridor—13 State
	5	BCTOS—Radio City
	6	Bicentennial Wagon train
	7	Cultural Laureate Foundation
	8	American Foundation—Bicent. 13
	9	13 State trip to London, England—1975
	10	BCTOS papers

**Box 7—Files on individual state celebrations**

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	23	PBC (People’s Bicentennial Commission)
	24	The Franklin Mint
	25	The Voice—POW/MIA

**Series 3—Federal American Revolution Bicentennial Commission**

**Box 8—Federal ARBC**

8	1	Correspondence—Organization, Congressional bills, etc.
	2	<i>Bicentennial Times</i> newsletter of American Revolution Bicentennial Administration
	3	Extra copies— <i>Bicentennial Times</i>

**Box 9—Magazines, booklets, brochures with Bicentennial themes; Newspapers & clippings**

(\*--denotes items cataloged on ODYsseus and Encore)

American Enterprise Institute Distinguished Lecture Series\*

9	Banfield, Edward C.	<i>The City and the Revolutionary Tradition</i>
	Berger, Peter L.	<i>Religion in a Revolutionary Society</i>
	Berman, Ronald S.	<i>Intellect and Education in a Revolutionary Society</i>
	Diamond, Martin	<i>The Revolution of Sober Expectations</i>
	Kauper, Paul G.	<i>The Higher Law and the Rights of Man in a Revolutionary Society</i>
	Kristol, Irving	<i>The American Revolution as a Successful Revolution</i>
	Lipset, Seymour Martin	<i>Opportunity and Welfare in the First New Nation</i>
	Marshall, Charles Burton	<i>American Foreign Policy as a Dimension of the American</i>

### *Revolution*

Nisbet, Robert A.	<i>The Social Impact of the Revolution</i>
Nutter, G. Warren	<i>Freedom in a Revolutionary Economy</i>
Pogue, Forrest Carlisle	<i>The Revolutionary Transformation of the Art of War</i>
Robbins, Caroline	<i>The Pursuit of Happiness</i>
Royster, Vermont	<i>The American Press and the Revolutionary Tradition</i>
Rusk, Dean	<i>The American Revolution and the Future</i>
Wood, Gordon S.	<i>Revolution and the Political Integration of the Enslaved and Disenfranchised</i>

### Other Books and Booklets by Author

9	Baker, Jim	<i>B. Franklin: The Uncommon Man</i> , Franklin University
	Craven, W. Frank	<i>The American revolution: A Guide for Independent Study</i> (photocopy)
	Hatch, Charles E., Jr., ed.*	<i>Yorktown: Climax of the Revolution</i> National Park Svc.
	Larabee, Benjamin W.*	<i>Catalyst for the Revolution: The Boston Tea Party 1773</i> Massachusetts Bicentennial Commission
	Murfin, James V.	<i>National Park Service Guide to the Historic Places of the American Revolution</i>
	Myers, Andrew B., ed.*	<i>Washington Irving: A Tribute</i> Sleepy Hollow Restorations
	Parsons, Charles L.*	<i>The Capture of Fort William and Mary</i> New Hampshire ARBC
	Selby, John E.*	<i>A Chronology of Virginia and the War of Independence</i> Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission
	Walett, Francis G.*	<i>Massachusetts Newspapers and the Revolutionary Crisis 1763-1776</i> Massachusetts Bicentennial Comm.
	Weaver, Robert B.*	<i>The Birth of Our Nation &amp; Foundation of Our Republic</i> Patriotic Education, Inc.

### Magazines with Bicentennial-related themes/articles

9	Bicentennial 1776-1976	New York Times calendar supplement
	Equal Opportunity	Winter 1975/76
	Ethyl Corporation Digest	1974-75
	The Formation of the Union*	1970—National Archives
	Fortune Magazine	April 1975
	Franklin Mint Almanac	March 1976
	From Oratories to Armies, Rebellion to Revolution	Eastern Mass. Regional Library System
	International Educational Cultural Exchange	Summer 1976
	Lexington-Concord Alarm..	Supplement to the Boston Globe 3/9/75

	The Patriot's Handbook	People's Bicentennial Commission
	Sea History	July 1976
	Propaganda for the American Revolution	1974, St. Regis Paper Co.
	Steel '76	American Steel Institute
	Tall Ships '76	Souvenir Program, Intl. Sail Training Race 1976
	Time Magazine, Thomas Jefferson cover	"Independence" July 4, 1776
9	Time Magazine, President Washington cover	"The New Nation" Sept. 26, 1789
	Trusts and Estates	July 1976
	Washington Post supplement	July 4, 1976
9	The World of Franklin and Jefferson	Exhibition booklet
	Xerox <i>Travels Through America</i>	Esquire magazine, Feb. 1976

Newspapers and clippings

	New York Times	Full issues of July 3, 4, 5 & 6, 1976
	Clippings (mostly from New York Times)	General press coverage of Bicentennial Bicentennial News Stories #2 More clippings

Other publications

	1974 Bicentennial Yearbook	Bicentennial Council of the Original 13 States
	The Colonial Corridor	Volume I—Survey for BCTOS
	BCTOS Brochure	
	The Spirit of 13 brochure	
	Comprehensive Calendar of Bicentennial Events	American Revolution Bicentennial Admin.
	Official Master Register of Bicentennial Activities	ARBC, 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition, January 1975

**Box 10—Ephemeral material**

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10 1	Cigar box containing various commemorative medallions
2	"Tall Ships '76" placemats
3	"New York, still Reveolutionary" bumper stickers
4	"Bicentennial Barge" pins and ribbon
5	red box with lapel pins, etc.
Unfolded	Pins, coins, medallians, stickers, Moreau Brown name badge; Apollo/Soyuz mission patch

**Box 11—Oversize ephemera**

11	1975 Boston bicentennial calendar
	1976 Bicentennial Calendar
	Watercolor painting from Princeton Battlefield Area Preservation Society
	American Issues Forum Bicentennial brochure

South Carolina set of commemorative paintings  
The Power of Print in American History 1776-1976  
Facsimile of newspaper broadsheet of the Boston Massacre  
Two Rebuses from the American Revolution  
Various artwork reproductions