

**Shrewsbury, Vermont,
Bicentennial Committee Papers, 1989-1992
MSA 192**

Introduction

The papers consist of the minutes of the Shrewsbury, Vermont, committee organized to celebrate the 1991 bicentennial of Vermont's statehood. The papers also include a record of the events and projects the committee planned to celebrate the centennial.

The collection was given to the Vermont Historical Society by the Shrewsbury Historical Society in 1996 (ms. acc. no. 96.10). The papers are shelved in one Hollinger box and occupy .25 linear feet of shelving.

Agency History

The committee, comprised of townspeople, first met in May 1989 in response to the Vermont Bicentennial Commission's call for locally planned celebrations across the state to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Vermont's entry as the 14th state in the union in 1991. Events in Shrewsbury included a noon tolling of the bells (March 4, 1991), a parade (May 5, 1991), Homecoming Weekend (July 27-28, 1991), and an afternoon of chamber music (June 14, 1992). Bicentennial projects included a competition for a logo which was reproduced on T-shirts, tote bags, the cover of the 1990 town report, stickers, and buttons. The committee met for the last time on May 11, 1992.

Scope and Content

The papers include the minutes of the Shrewsbury Bicentennial Committee's meetings from May 1989 to May 1992. In addition to the programs for the bicentennial events, there is also a videotape of the events. The papers also include a 1990 Shrewsbury town report, a page of bicentennial stickers, and a photocopied newspaper article about the town's one-room schoolhouses (*Rutland Herald*, July 21, 1991).

Related Collections

A T-shirt with Shrewsbury's bicentennial logo is in the VHS museum (1996.28). The final report of the Vermont Statehood Bicentennial Commission is in the VHS library (X Pam. Vermont Statehood Bicentennial Commission). Other ephemera from the state's year-long celebration may be found in various collections in the library and museum. The records of the state's bicentennial commission are in the Vermont State Archives.

Inventory

- MSA 192:1 Shrewsbury Bicentennial Committee, minutes, May 22, 1989-
May 11, 1992
- 2 Town of Shrewsbury, annual report, 1990
- 3 Programs, 1991-1992
- 4 Miscellaneous (clippings and stickers), 1991
- Video C-51 *Shrewsbury Celebrates Vermont's Bicentennial*, 1991-1992

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