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Fairfield, CT 06824

### **Manuscript Finding Aid**

Title: Tercentenary Collection

Collection #: Ms B49

Dates: 1934-1939

Size of collection: 2 linear feet (5 boxes, 1 oversize item)

Accession number: Unknown; L1997.46

Donor: Unknown; some items gathered by the Historical Society staff, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt O. Perry

Restrictions: None

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#### Biographical/historical note:

The State of Connecticut celebrated the 300th anniversary of its founding with pageants, church services and historical displays and publications. Some of the events were organized at the state level, while others were at the local or town level.

Four years later, Fairfield celebrated its own Tercentenary with additional publications, pageants, displays and publications. Many members of the "Fairfield in the Connecticut Tercentenary" committee continued with the planning process. The restoration of the town hall, begun as part of the state's celebration in 1935, was completed in 1937 and celebrated as a lasting memorial to the town's history in 1939.

Scope and content note:

The collection consists of committee meeting minutes and reports, correspondence, publications, and newspaper clippings, either loose or gathered in scrapbooks, that were generated in preparation and celebration of the state of Connecticut's and the town of Fairfield's respective tercentenaries. The papers are

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arranged by sponsoring organization. Series A consists of publications issued at the state level for the 1935 Connecticut Tercentenary. Folders 6-10 contain materials sent to Mrs. Winthrop Perry of Southport and include the "Connecticut Tercentenary Bulletin," invitations, notices, three issues of the "Telephone News" with Connecticut history articles, and newspaper clippings, some of which may duplicate those in Series B.

Series B encompasses committee minutes and reports; correspondence, including letters soliciting participation from local businesses and industries and letters to Loretta Perry, chairman of the genealogical committee; publicity scrapbooks kept by Robert P. Shelton, chairman of the publicity committee; loose newspaper clippings; scrapbooks; and programs and publications.

Series C consists of records of the Fairfield Tercentenary in 1939. These records include the dedication program for the Town Hall in 1937; committee minutes, reports, correspondence and proposals; Sunday programs; published programs and stationary; information concerning the publication of the Tercentenary booklet; letters to Mary Darlington Taylor, chairman of the News Committee; a scrapbook; and newspaper clippings.

The majority of the newspaper clippings were copied onto acid-free paper and the originals destroyed. The scrapbooks are on fragile paper and will need to be photocopied for patron use.

Series A.	Connecticut Tercentenary Records, 1934-1935	Box 1
Series B.	Fairfield in the Connecticut Tercentenary Records, 1935	Box 2-4
Series C.	Fairfield Tercentenary Records, 1937-1939	Box 5

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Box 1

Series A. Connecticut Tercentenary Records, 1934-1935

- Folder 1. Newsletters, 1934-1935
- Folder 2. History pamphlet series, 1935
- Folder 3-5. Bulletins and programs, 1935
- Folder 6. Newsletters and enclosures, 1934-1935
- Folder 7. Invitations, 1935
- Folder 8. Notices and announcements, 1935
- Folder 9. "Telephone News," 1935
- Folder 10. Newspaper clippings

Box 2

Series B. Fairfield in the Connecticut Tercentenary Records, 1935

- Folder 1-3. Committee minutes and reports, 1935
- Folder 4. Pageant committee minutes, 1935
- Folder 5. Correspondence with local businesses, 1935
- Folder 6. Programming in the schools, 1935
- Folder 7. Publicity scrapbook kept by Robert P. Shelton, 1935

Box 3

- Folder 8. Publicity scrapbook kept by Robert P. Shelton, 1935
- Folder 9. Letters from other Fairfields, 1935
- Folder 10-11. Programs and publications, 1935

Box 4

- Folder 12. Information concerning Ogden House and the Town Hall, 1935
- Folder 13. Correspondence to Loretta Perry, 1935
- Folder 14-16. Clippings, 1935
- Folder 17. Scrapbook, 1935
- Folder 18. Scrapbook, 1935 (gift of Bessie Jennings)

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Box 5

Series C. Fairfield Tercentenary Records, 1937-1939

- Folder 1. Town Hall dedication, 1937
- Folder 2. Committee minutes, 1939
- Folder 3. Reports and proposals, 1939
- Folder 4. Reports and correspondence, 1939
- Folder 5. Sunday programs, 1939
- Folder 6. Programs and stationary, 1939
- Folder 7-11. Tercentenary pamphlet information, 1939
- Folder 12. Correspondence to Mary Darlington Taylor, 1939
- Folder 13. Clippings, 1939
- Folder 14. Scrapbook, 1939

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Subject headings:

Connecticut--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775  
Connecticut--Tercentennial celebrations, etc.  
Fairfield (Conn.)--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775  
Fairfield (Conn.)--Tercentennial celebrations, etc.  
Historic sites--Conn.

Perry, Loretta B.  
Shelton, Robert P.  
Taylor, Mary Darlington