



**Sharlot Hall Museum Library and Archives**  
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**Title:** Arizona American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission Records

**Creator:** Elisabeth Ruffner and the Bicentennial Commission

**Dates:** 1970-1975

**Quantity:** .75 linear feet (1 regular box, 1 ½ size box)

**System of Arrangement:**

Series 1: American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission

Series 2: Arizona American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission Papers

**Abstract:** This collection consists of planning, reports, and correspondence related to the events and activities of the American Bicentennial Celebration. It particularly focuses on events in Arizona. Many materials are also included from the American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission. Bicentennial events were coordinated by a Bicentennial Commission. A Prescott Bicentennial Committee was formed from Prescott people. The local committee identified projects, approved them and sent them to the state and requested funds. Some of the most significant projects that were done were the moving of the Bashford House and the formation of the Yavapai Heritage Foundation for surveying historic properties. Cleaning up the Granite Creek was another notable project. These projects were administered by the state commission.

**Identification:** SHM MS-40

**Language and Scripts of the Materials:** English

## **Biographical History**

This collection was compiled through the efforts of Elisabeth Ruffner and the Bicentennial commission. It consists of planning, reports, and correspondence related to the events and activities of the American Bicentennial Celebration. It particularly focuses on events in Arizona. Many materials are also included from the American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission. Bicentennial events were coordinated by a Bicentennial Commission. A Prescott Bicentennial Committee was formed from Prescott people. The local committee identified projects, approved them and sent them to the state and requested funds. Some of the most significant projects that were done were the



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## Scope and Content Note

This collection encompasses documents related to the American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission and the Arizona American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission. It consists of sample community programs, committee members, committees and minutes from meetings, proposals for projects and a final report.

## Restrictions

None

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## Related Archival Materials & Subjects

### Personal Name(s)

[Ruffner, Elizabeth F.](#)

### Corporate Name(s)

American Revolutionary Bicentennial Administration

Arizona Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission

Prescott Bicentennial Commission

### Geographic Name(s)

[Prescott \(Ariz.\)](#)

### Subject(s)

Bashford House

Other related materials include: MS-38 Yavapai Heritage Foundation, Westward 7-9-1976 #28 (6 photos), Ruffner Family Collection, Elisabeth Ruffner Oral History and T-180.



## Administrative Information

Accession Number – 2002.010

### Custodial History

These materials were originally article boxes, then became DB 11, 12, and 13. At one time DB 11 and 12 were vertical files named Bicentennial 1976. It is most likely these materials came from Elisabeth Ruffner with the above accession number.

**Accruals:** Note if any more accruals are coming or if accruals happened to the collection.

**Description Control:** This collection was processed by LaDawn Dalton and Elisabeth Ruffner using *Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DACs)* in 2014.

## Container List

**Title:** Arizona Bicentennial Commission Records - SHM MS-40

**Dates:** 1973-1976

**Series Scope & Content:** Materials relating to national bicentennial activities and other bicentennial communities.

Series 1: American Revolution Bicentennial Commission		
Box/Folder	File Item Description	Date(s)
1.1	American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission Newsletters, also includes postcard and articles	1974-1976
1.2	Bicentennial Communities and Applications	1973-1974



**Title:** Arizona Bicentennial Commission Records - SHM MS-40

**Dates:** 1973-1977

**Series Scope & Content:** Materials related to bicentennial activities in Arizona, Yavapai County and the local area.

<b>Series 2: Arizona American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File Item Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1.3	Activity reports and funding	1973-1974
1.4	Correspondence	1970-1975
1.5	Minutes and members	1973-1976, Unknown
1.6	Program criteria, publicity releases and information	1973-1974
1.7	Possible projects, items awaiting action or perusal	1974, 1976, Unknown
1.8	Bicentennial projects	1974-1975, Unknown
2.1	Executive Committee	1973-1974
2.2	Final Report	June 1977
2.3	Grants Committee	1973-1974
2.4	Prescott Bicentennial Committee – membership lists, award notifications, articles, etc.	1973-1975
2.5	Arizona American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission Speeches	1975
2.6	Yavapai County Arizona Revolutionary Bicentennial	1974, 1976