Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission (Nebraska 150)
Span Dates: 2014-2018
Total: 1.10 cubic feet

Scope and Overview

Nebraska was granted statehood on March 1, 1867. The state began commemorating its Sesquicentennial on January 1, 2017, with a yearlong celebration involving a wide variety of programs and projects across the state. The 150th birthday provided a unique opportunity in time to honor our heritage, celebrate its growth, diversity, and plan for the future.

The 150 celebration served as a catalyst for a movement involving a strategic initiative that promoted a spirit of pride, growth, engagement, and connection within Nebraska by:

- Bridging Nebraskans across different communities, perspectives and cultures.
- Building a connection with every Nebraskan to the celebration and the state.
- Instilling in every citizen an even greater sense of pride.

Planning for the Nebraska 150 Celebration began in 2012 when a group of active citizens from across the state formed the Friends of the Nebraska 150 Foundation. In 2014, the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission was established by the state Legislature, and seventeen members from across the state were appointed by the Governor to lead the initiative. In 2015, the Celebrating Nebraska Statehood Foundation was established to help coordinate efforts and direct everyone toward collective success.

Collection Overview

This collection involves the meetings, activities, and events of the commission members who were appointed by the governor.

The collection (RG116) consists of two series: Series 1) Folders arranged by subject and topic; and, Series 2) U. S. Senate Proclamations, Oversize
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Folders
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10) By-laws
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13) Communications Subcommittee
14) Coordinating Subcommittee
15) Educations Subcommittee
16) Elections of President, Vice-President, and Committee Chairs
17) Election of Vice-President of Ad Hoc Committee
18) Government Subcommittee
19) Governor’s Planning Workshop, April 22, 2015
20) Grants
21) History and Powers of the Commission
22) Homestead National Monument Quarter with Resolution, Feb. 2015
23) Joint Working Subcommittee
24) Legislative Bill, LB200 (Dec. 2014), Motor Vehicle License Plates
25) Legislative Bill, LB562 (Feb. 2015), Nebraska Treasures and Tourism
26) Legislative Bill, LB744 and LB744A, Creation of Sesquicentennial Commission (January 2014)
27) Logo/Seal
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47) Statutes
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49) Strategic and Operational Plan, Nov. 2015
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Oversize, United States Senate (total of 4)
*Congressional Record, Senate,* March 1, 2017
   Congratulating the State of Nebraska on the 150th Anniversary of the Admission of that State into the United States