

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION

736 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C. 20276



BICENTENNIAL COMMUNITY APPLICATION

PROCEDURAL STEPS: (Please read guidelines and definitions first)

1. Have the chief elected official appoint a chairperson and members of a Bicentennial Commission or Committee which is representative of all segments in the community. Fill out Appendix A (page 3).
2. Plan an initial Bicentennial program. Fill out Appendix B (page 4). Mark lasting reminders with an "X".
3. Complete Part I (below) and Part III (page 2) as well as Appendices A and B.
4. Send completed application to the State Bicentennial Organization (make a copy for your files).
5. Apprise your Members of Congress (Representatives and Senators) that this application has been submitted.

PART I - CERTIFICATION

IT IS CERTIFIED:

1. That as chairperson of the special Bicentennial Group, I am authorized to sign this certification.
2. That all the above procedural steps have been accomplished.
3. That the undersigned or my successor, will furnish periodic process reports when requested.
4. That, if approved, the National Symbol will be used in accordance with the ARBA Graphics Manual.

Jay E. Hanson
Signature of Chairperson

IT IS CERTIFIED:

1. That this is our official application for recognition as a Bicentennial Community.
2. That this effort will have broad based community support.
3. That available community resources will be utilized in the implementation of this effort.

(Affix official seal in this space)

Signature of Chief Elected Official

PART II - (FOR STATE BICENTENNIAL USE ONLY)

Date Application Received _____

Official Name of State Bicentennial Organization _____

Chairman _____ Approved _____
(signature of authorized officer)

Sent to Regional Office _____ Title _____
(of authorized officer)

COMMENTS:

PART III - BASIC DATA (Please Type or Print)

Date of this Application 11/21/74Name of Community DE WITT CITYType CITY Population 2400 State MICHIGAN
(City, County, Town, Tribe, Village, etc.)County CLINTON County Seat ST JOHNSAddress 206 W. WASHINGTON ST, DE WITT, MICHIGAN Zip 48820Official Name of Special Bicentennial Group DE WITT CITY BICENTENNIAL COMMISSIONLocal Bicentennial Chairperson FAYE E. HANSON305 LANCELOT PLACE, LANSING, MI. Zip 48906 517 489 7222
(Mailing Address) (Phone)CHIEF ELECTED LOCAL OFFICIAL: MURF EASTMAN MAYOR
(Name) (Title)CITY HALL, EAST MAIN, DE WITT, MICH. Zip 48820 517 669 2441
(Mailing Address) (Phone)U.S. SENATORS AND CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) ROBERT GRIFFIN, U.S. SENATORROBERT CARR, U.S. REP.Congressional District(s) 6th

PART IV - (FOR ARBA USE ONLY)

Date Received _____ Region _____ R.O. Initials _____

Date of Analysis _____ Returned (See Check List) _____

Date Received Back _____ Re-Analysis (Date) _____

Recommended for Approval (Date) _____ Date of Approval _____

Notification of Designation (Dates): M.C. _____ R.O. _____ State _____ Community _____

Presentation Ceremony Date _____ By Whom _____

First Notice Received (Date) _____ Final Report Received (Date) _____

Check List: (1) State Approval; (2) List of Members; (3) Program Content; (4) Lasting Reminder;
(5) Signatures; (6) Other: See Remarks

REMARKS:

LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION

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BICENTENNIAL COMMUNITY APPLICATION-APPENDIX B

DE WITT CITY, DE WITT, MICHIGAN

(Name of Community)

In listing these activities on this form, we understand that the inclusion of at least one activity for each of the three thematic areas (Heritage '76; Festival USA; Horizons '76) is highly desired by the national ARBA because it increases awareness of the full scope of the Nation's Bicentennial program "A past to remember; a future to mold." We also understand that we must have at least one LASTING REMINDER (marked with an "X"). We acknowledge that the ARBA expects complete thematic coverage, not necessarily in the beginning, but at least during the full development and expansion of our Bicentennial Community program.

SHORT TITLE AND SPONSORBRIEF DESCRIPTIONTHEMATIC COVERAGE

HAVE erected 4 new welcome to De Witt signs - red, white & blue saying "WELCOME TO HISTORIC DE WITT, FOUNDED OCT. 4, 1833". Dedicated 1st phase of new westside park.

Plan to mark all historic sites in the city with permanent markers.

Will be hosting 5th Michigan Regiment Band (Michigan's official Bicentennial Band) in concert on Sun. May 11, 1975 at the football stadium.

Will have an open house tour in the city on Founder's Day, Oct. 4, 1975 to make money for our week long celebration in July 1976.

Will sponsor an essay contest through the schools, topic, "What Heritage Means To Me". Prizes to be Michigan Bicentennial medal paperweights.

Have a week long old fashioned Fourth of July celebration in 1976 to celebrate our country's 200th birthday & our 143rd birthday.

It will start on Sun. night June, 29th with an ecumenical church service at the football stadium with all 10 area churches participating.

Mon. June 30th - Government Night, a city council meeting at the stadium (we are asking people to come and bring their children so they may see how city government works) we will also present the essay winners that night.

Tues. July 1st - Old fashioned sports night at the stadium (climb the greased pole, catch the greased pig, etc.)

Wed. July 2nd - 200 voice choir (made up of choirs of 10 churches + school music dept.) singing "history in Music" with commentary.

Thurs. July 3rd - Senior Citizen's night they will entertain us at the stadium.

Fri. July 4th - Bicentennial Ball held on tennis courts of new westside park.

Sat. July 5th - old fashioned 4th of July celebration, get everyone up at dawn by pounding on anvils, pancake breakfast, huge parade, reading of Declaration of Independence, tug of war (our fire dept. against rival dept.) etc.

All of these events will be free to the public with the exception of the pancake breakfast and any food sold and a few souvenirs.

We have a 13 star flag to fly over the fire hall and hope to be able to fly a Bicentennial flag with it.

There will be other things planned as we go along.

Signed

Ray E. Hanson

(Chairperson)

If you need more space to list programs use blank sheets and attach.

City Clerk-----Dorothy Keck
 City Treasurer-----Marilyn Coin
 Chief of Police-----Wendell Myers
 Also serves as Fire Marshall, Civil Defense Director,
 Health Officer and Enforcement of City Ordinances.
 Fire Chief-----Arthur Newman
 DFW Superintendent-----Floyd Fowler
 Sewer Plant-----Kenneth E. Kelly
 City Attorney-----Daniel C. Matson
 City Engineer-----Orla McGuire
 Building Inspector-----Gary Newcombe
 Street Commissioner-----Keith Blizzard

PLANNING COMMISSION (3 Year Term) TERM EXPIRES
 2471 W. Main Marvin O'Dell-³⁴⁷⁴-----Jan. 1, 1977
 1000 S.W. 2nd Ronald Simon-³⁴⁶⁰-----Jan. 1, 1977
 1200 S. 1st Barbara Warren-³⁰⁴⁷-----Jan. 1, 1977
 301 W. Main Gifford Knudsen-³⁴³⁴-----Jan. 1, 1976
 414 W. Main Marian Malenfant-²⁰⁷³-----Jan. 1, 1976
 1205 S. 1st Donald Powell-²⁸²⁸-----Jan. 1, 1976
 4469 - 417 N. Main William Drouin-(Council Mem.-1 Yr.-Jan. 1, 1976
 1008 S. 1st Michael Erb-³⁴⁴⁶-----Jan. 1, 1975
 1502 S. 1st Gerald DeLine-³⁴¹¹-----Jan. 1, 1975
 125 N. Bridge Roger Overway-----Jan. 1, 1975

WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TERM EXPIRES
 Lawrence Keck-----Jan. 1, 1975
 Orla McGuire-----Jan. 1, 1975
 DuWayne Ziegler-----Jan. 1, 1975

BOARD OF REVIEW (3 Year Term, TERM EXPIRES
 Ted Powell-----Jan. 1, 1975
 Gary Newcombe-----Jan. 1, 1976
 Orla McGuire-----Jan. 1, 1977

CEMETERY BOARD (5Year Term) TERM EXPIRES
 Bonnie Ward-----Jan. 1, 1979
 Tom Clayton-----Jan. 1, 1978
 Ralph Woodruff-----Jan. 1, 1977
 Paul Mulford-----Jan. 1, 1976
 Robert Ballard-----Jan. 1, 1975

DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD (4 Year Term) TERM EXPIRES
 Sharon Hartwigsen-----April 1, 1976
 Township Appointment-----April 1, 1975
 Linda Schaible-----April 1, 1974
 Township Appointment-----April 1, 1973

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (3 Year Term) TERM EXPIRES
 814 W. Main Robert Drouin-³⁶⁰⁴-----Jan. 1, 1977
 702 N. Geneva Dan Zelinski-³⁶⁰⁸-----Jan. 1, 1977
 Turner Gayla Krzak-⁹⁹⁴⁴-----Jan. 1, 1976
 506 W. Main William Alfred-³⁷⁶⁸-----Jan. 1, 1976
 816 S. 4th Lloyd Ballard-³⁷⁴⁵-----Fire Dept.--Jan. 1, 1976
 1210 S. Geneva Paul Hartwigsen-³⁷²²-----Jan. 1, 1975
 125 N. Bridge Roger Overway-⁹⁹⁴⁹-----Plann. Com.-Jan. 1, 1975

Mayor Murl J. Eastman, 509 W. Webb
Councilmen

Art Newman, 110 Dill Dr.
Gary Gillespie, 1309 Sandhill Dr.
Bill Shaver, 306 W. Dill Dr.
Paul Mulford, 407 W. Washington
Bill Drouin, 417 Herbison
Dale Bohm, 1024 E. Geneva Dr.

Employees

Dorothy Keck, 311 W. Washington
Marilyn Coin, 109 N. Scott
Vicki Willits, 307 E. Main
Wendell Myers, 130 W. Main
Joseph Doll, 417 E. Webb Rd.
Ray Baker, 414 E. Main
Floyd Fowler, 805 Birchwood
Carrol Ward, 203 N. Scott
Kevin Smith, 203 N. Scott
Ken Kelly, 517 Cedarwood
Earl Miller, 9883 DeWitt Rd.
Dan Matson, 122 E. Washington
Gary Newcombe
Orla McGuire, 310 Dill Dr.
Dana Mackie, 333 W. Round Lake Drive

Candidates

Hazel Myers, 130 W. Main
Charles Bauer, 1225 S. Geneva
James Boyd, 609 Westview Court
Ronald Hofmeister, 805 W. Geneva Dr.
Michael Mandrick, 1206 S. Geneva Dr.
Robert Drouin, 814 W. Main St. Court
Frank Deak, 1015 E. Geneva Dr.
Gerald Kirchen, 402 Franklin
Leiliani Costello, 218 W. Main
Robert Suiter, 1010 Pine St.

Police Board

Keith Blizzard, 303 E. Main
Ted Ward, 213 W. Madison