

THE MANSFIELD AREA BICENTENNIAL CONGRESS

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

1975-1976

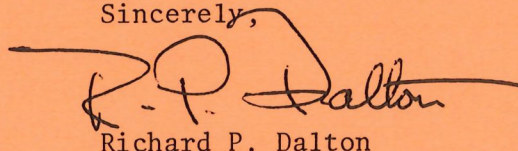
Attached is a copy of the Mansfield Area Bicentennial Congress Speakers' Bureau Directory. This directory is intended for the use of your club or organization to select qualified speakers whose association or vocation deals with subjects relative to the history of our nation.

The Speakers' Bureau is operated as a service by the Mansfield Area Bicentennial Congress. All requests should be directed to the individual speaker rather than to the Bicentennial office. Many members of the Speakers' Bureau charge a fee and all negotiations with regard to this fee will be the responsibility of the organization seeking a speaker and the speaker.

We are hopeful that organizations in the Mansfield area will make a special effort to utilize the talent of the Mansfield Area Bicentennial Congress Speaker's Bureau.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the operation of the Bureau, please contact me at 419/526-1156.

Sincerely,



Richard P. Dalton

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The following are the members of the

Executive Board

1971-1972

Attached is a copy of the report of the Executive Board for the year 1971-1972. The report contains information on the work of the Board and the progress of the various projects which are being carried out. It also contains a list of the members of the Board and the names of the individuals who are responsible for the various projects.

The Executive Board is composed of representatives of the various organizations which are interested in the education of the handicapped. The Board is responsible for the overall direction and coordination of the work of the Council. It also has the authority to recommend to the Council the appointment and removal of the members of the Executive Board. The Board is also responsible for the preparation and submission of the annual report to the Council.

We are grateful for the cooperation and assistance of the various organizations which are interested in the education of the handicapped. We hope that this report will provide you with a clear picture of the work of the Council and the progress of the various projects.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the report of the Board, please contact me at 202-336-1000.

Respectfully,

Robert P. Taylor

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SPEAKERS' BUREAU

MANSFIELD AREA BICENTENNIAL CONGRESS

33 Park Avenue West
Mansfield, Ohio 44902

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Professor Carl M. Becker
Department of History
Wright State University
Dayton, Ohio 45822

FEE: \$50.00 & expenses

CONTACT: Addressee

"THE NORTHWEST ORDINANCE OF 1787: A LEGACY OF THE REVOLUTION?"

This topic deals with the famous Northwest Ordinance in the light of Revolutionary ideals.

"THE ORDINANCES OF 1784 AND 1787:
WILL THE REAL CHILD OF THE REVOLUTION STAND UP?"

This topic would compare these two ordinances in the light of Revolutionary ideals.

Mr. Delbert C. Black
Regional Director, ARBA
219 South Dearborn Street, Suite 1900
Chicago, Illinois 60604

FEE: None

CONTACT: Addressee

Mr. Black, regional director for the National Bicentennial Administration is available to speak to large groups on the progress of the bicentennial commemoration and the role which your group can play. His speech on bicentennial involvement can be applicable to all civic organizations, county agencies, religious, youth and ethnic groups.

Professor Reed Browning
Department of History
Kenyon College
Gambier, Ohio 43022

FEE: \$100.00

CONTACT: Addressee

"THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE COMMUNITY OF THE FREE"

Colonial Americans created societies of ordered freedom, balancing an enlightened commitment to liberty with a traditional reverence for stability. The American Revolution was an act of self-affirmation by Americans, through which they defended this heritage and thereby transformed themselves into a national community of the free.

Professor James L. Burke
Department of History
Capital University
Columbus, Ohio 43209

FEE: \$50.00

CONTACT: Addressee

"OHIO DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:
THE STRUGGLE FOR THE OHIO VALLEY"

Although Ohio was far removed from the storied battlegrounds of Lexington and Concord, there were important developments happening in the Ohio Valley. This topic is a discussion of these happenings, including the battles at Fort Pleasant and Fort Henry, George Rogers Clark's expedition, the Gnadenhutzen Massacre, and The Bloody Year 1872. A slide presentation is available with this talk.

Mr. Richard N. Campen
27 West Summit Street
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022

FEE: \$75.00 Incl. Transportation

CONTACT: Addressee

"THE ARCHITECTURE OF OHIO -- AN OVERVIEW"

This illustrated presentation traces the progression of styles (also stylistic regional differences) in the architecture of Ohio from territorial times to the twentieth century. (Illustrated with slides.)

Professor John H. Cary
Department of History
Cleveland State University
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

FEE: \$100.00 & Expenses

CONTACT: Addressee

"AMERICANS VIEW THEIR REVOLUTION"

The way in which, during the Revolution itself, and over the past 200 years the American people and their historians have

viewed the American Revolution -- how their understanding of it has changed and reflected changing conditions in American society.

"APRIL 19, 1775"

A popular lecture on the background leading to the outbreak of war, the events of April 19, and the subsequent myths surrounding the first armed clash of the War for Independence.

"THE MACHINERY OF REVOLUTION"

On mobs, propaganda, and the role of legislatures and town meetings along with other instruments of revolution; in short, the dynamics of the Revolutionary movement.

"THE OTHER SIDE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:
OUR LOYALIST FOREFATHERS"

A lecture on who the loyalists were, why they remained loyal, what they underwent in suffering because of their loyalty to Britain, and how American life is changed because of them.

Mrs. Elinore Cuning	FEE: \$15.00 - Local Presentation
720 E. Hanley Road	\$25.00 - Out of Town Presentation
R #10 Box 105	
Mansfield, Ohio 44903	CONTACT: Addressee

"EDUCATION IN OHIO"

This slide show illustrates education in Ohio from the time of the Northwest Territory to the present day with emphasis on Mansfield and Richland County.

"COVERED BRIDGES IN OHIO"

This slide presentation is a collection of many historically important and interesting items relating to Ohio's covered bridges.

Dr. Michael Devine	FEE: \$50.00 - \$100.00
Administrator	
Ohio American Revolution Bicentennial Advisory Commission	
Ohio Historical Center	
1982 Velma Drive	
Columbus, Ohio 43211	CONTACT: Addressee

"LOYALISM DURING THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE"

Dr. Devine will discuss the principal Loyalists during the American Revolution, the causes of their disaffection, and their limited use as a military force. He will also provide a close look at New York City as a case study.

"THE DIPLOMACY OF THE AMERICAN FRONTIER"

This speech is a discussion of the Diplomatic Events surrounding the War for Independence; the relations with France, Holland, Spain, and Russia, and the role of Benjamin Franklin and John Adams.

"THE OHIO FRONTIER AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION"

The frontier as a factor leading to the rebellion, land speculation, the Indians, Lord Dunmore's War, and the Fort Gower Resolves will be the topics covered in this presentation. He will also discuss events in Ohio during the War for Independence and the meaning of the Revolution on the frontier.

NOTE: No fee is asked for talks dealing with the bicentennial in Ohio. Only lectures on U.S. History and areas of professional expertise require a fee.

Mrs. James L. Eberly
992 Millsboro Road
Mansfield, Ohio 44906

FEE: None

CONTACT: Addressee

"EARLY OHIO HOUSES"

This is a slide presentation of houses from 1820 to 1854. Two Mansfield homes are included, Oak Hill and the residence of James Purdy on Park Avenue West, with whom I am familiar. It was razed in 1935, built in 1854.

The talk was prepared for a study group during Ohio's sesqui-centennial year, 1953. New pictures have been added or improved upon where the houses still stand. Some excellent interiors have been added.

Early Homes of Ohio by Frary was my original reference for detail and information. Many clippings and other material have been made available over a period of time. The slides include homes in Norwalk, Monroeville, and Milan to the north and Mt. Vernon and Gambier to the south. This is by no means a complete list, but a very representative one of the period.

I do not require a fee for my services, but would expect a minimum of \$10.00 either contributed to the Richland County Historical Society, or for ~~the~~ use of the Bicentennial Committee. This subject requires a 35 mm slide projector; I have the slides in a carousel ready to go, but do not own a projector.

"OLD MANSFIELD HOMES"

If you are a native of Mansfield you will remember at least some of these homes and be able to place yourself in their never to be forgotten period. If you have located here you will enjoy the romance of living in a by-gone and interesting era.

Professor Alfred E. Eckes	FEE: \$100.00
Department of History	
Ohio State University	
Columbus, Ohio 43210	CONTACT: Addressee

"DIPLOMACY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE -
U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS -- THE FIRST 200 YEARS -- AN OVERVIEW"

Professor Eckes emphasizes the importance of foreign relations in shaping the American nation, both during a period of Revolutionary crisis, and over the entire course of our history.

Mr. James A. Eldridge	FEE: \$50.00 Plus Travel
Director of Public Affairs for WMNI	
Editorial Page Columnist of the Chillicothe Gazette	
WMNI	
Southern Hotel	
Columbus, Ohio 43215	CONTACT: Addressee

"AN ANGLOPHILE DENOUNCES THE REVOLUTION"

Was revolution the right course of action?

"KING GEORGE III: THE LAST AMERICAN MONARCH AND A GOOD KING"

A discussion of the royal policies in the colonies.

"BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: FOUNDING FATHER -- PATRIOT OR BRITISH AGENT?"

Was he a British spy or double agent?

Professor Robert Hartje
Department of History
Wittenberg University
Springfield, Ohio 45501

FEE: \$75.00 - \$100.00 Plus Travel

CONTACT: Addressee

"AMERICANS CELEBRATING -- TODAY AND YESTERDAY"

How Americans have celebrated through the years. Emphasis is on American holidays, especially 4th of July and other centennials.

"THEMES FOR BICENTENNIAL PLANNING"

There are many ways to determine themes, but this lecture deals with several alternatives. The emphasis is to celebrate but avoid extremes by dealing with subjects that speak to past, present, and future.

"THE CHURCH AND THE BICENTENNIAL"

The church has a prominent place in the Bicentennial. How can the church take a lead, both in the community and in the larger celebration?

"THE MEANING OF THE BICENTENNIAL"

A look at the Revolutionary beginnings of this country and what they mean in our celebration of 200 years.

"CELEBRATION AS AN EXPRESSION OF NATIONAL MOOD"

What is celebration, why do people celebrate? What are the ingredients of a celebration? Can we celebrate the Bicentennial?

"PLANNING A CELEBRATION: THE BICENTENNIAL COMETH"

Programs and projects for celebration; geared to the particular group.

"CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL: MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS IN THE AMERICAN PAST"

What in our myths has meaning for 1976? What misconceptions must we screen out in our presentations?

" AMERICA CELEBRATING "

A look at what is happening across the country. (Illustrated with slides.)

Professor Peter G. Hoffer
Department of History
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio 43210

FEE: \$25.00

CONTACT: Addressee

"THE IDEOLOGICAL CONTEXT OF THE REVOLUTION"

A remarkable mixture of American and English political ideas turned the patriots from dissenting Whigs into radical revolutionaries.

"THE REVOLUTION IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE"

The American Revolution began an age of re-evaluation and to this day has been a model for constructive re-evaluation throughout the world.

"THE REVOLUTION AND THE HISTORIAN"

No sooner was the Declaration of Independence promulgated, than historians in America and Europe were taking sides on the causes and content of the upheaval. The same controversies rage today.

Professor Don R. Gerlach
Department of History
University of Akron
Akron, Ohio 44325

FEE: Standard Mileage

CONTACT: Addressee

"THE 1781 NEW YORK 'DIVERSION' BEFORE YORKTOWN"

Washington's maneuvers against Manhattan in the context of threats on the New York frontier; a case of spies, kidnappers, and a mysterious letter aimed at misleading the British into believing that an attack on Quebec was in the offing.

"HOW THE OHIO COUNTRY DISPUTE HELPED CAUSE THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION"

How British measures of the 1760's-70's grew out of the Great War for the Empire which had its roots in the Anglo-French clash over the North American interior.

"MYTH & REALITY IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE"

How true are the charges against King George III; what are their bases in fact as compared with suspicion and imagination?

"THE 1777 CAMPAIGN: BURGOYNE VS. SCHUYLER & GATES"

Who was the real hero of the victory at Saratoga, Phillip Schuyler or Horatio Gates?

Professor Lawrence S. Kaplan
Department of History
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio 44242

FEE: \$50.00

CONTACT: Addressee

"ORIGINS OF ISOLATIONISM"

The relations of the United States with the outside world as reflected in the Model Treaty of 1776 and as modified by the French treaty of alliance of 1778. Nationalism and isolationism grew out of an American perception of the outside world in the period of the Revolution.

"THE JEFFERSONIAN IMPACT OF EARLY AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY"

An examination of Jefferson's distinctive approach to foreign relations and an assessment of its successes and failures.

Professor George W. Knepper
Department of History
University of Akron
Akron, Ohio 44304

FEE: \$50.00

CONTACT: Addressee

"THE AMERICAN MILITARY EFFORT"

The talk can be tailored to specific actions and themes, or it can be delivered as an overview of the American military problem and the efforts made to solve that problem.

"THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE:
AN AMERICAN VICTORY OR A BRITISH LOSS?"

To what extent did American arms, supported by those of their allies, really win the war? Perhaps, as some critics have pointed out, the war was not so much won by the Americans as it was lost by British misjudgment and mismanagement.

"OHIO AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION" (A slide presentation)

The war on the frontier has some of the character of an Indian war. Campaigns, colorful personalities, and shocking incidents are part of this story.

"CONFLICT IN COMMAND"

Jealousies and rivalries within both the American and the British high command gave rise to interesting and revealing clashes among strong personalities. A commentary on human nature.

Mr. Fred J. Milligan, Sr.	FEE: \$50.00
Milligan, Milligan & Milligan	
3791 Dempsey Road	
Westerville, Ohio 43081	CONTACT: Addressee

"SPIRIT OF '76"

Mr. Milligan offers an inspiring interpretation of the "Spirit of '76" and emphasizes the importance of maintaining the goals and ideals on which the nation was founded.

Tim McKee	FEE: None
153 RedWood Road	
Mansfield, Ohio 44907	CONTACT: Addressee

"THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN RICHLAND COUNTY"

A story of the famous slave escape route and the colorful men who conducted it through our county.

Professor John L. Nethers	FEE: \$20.00 - Mansfield Area
History Department	
Ashland College	
Ashland, Ohio 44805	CONTACT: Addressee

"ASHLAND COUNTY HISTORY" (A slide presentation)

Slide history and presentation of Ashland County. Emphasis upon points of historical significance.

"AMISH OF THE HOLMES COUNTY AREA OF OHIO"

Emphasis upon the origin of the Amish and their movement into Holmes, Wayne, Tuscarawas, and other Ohio counties. He discusses their customs, economic system and other significant aspects of Amish life.

"OHIO COMES OF AGE, 1840-1900"

Ohio emerges into a state with political, economic and social persuasion and significance. He discusses the reasons behind this rapid growth.

"VISITING OHIO THROUGH SLIDES -- HISTORICAL SITES"

He has visited every county and has captured the historical sites on slides.

Representative Alan E. Norris
P.O. Box 187
Westerville, Ohio 43081

FEE: \$50.00

CONTACT: Addressee

"GEORGE WASHINGTON - THE FORMATIVE YEARS"

Traces Washington's youth, including his first three great adventures, culminating in his appointment as Commander-in-Chief of Continental forces.

Professor James H. O'Donnell, III
Box 66
Marietta College
Marietta, Ohio 45750

FEE: \$50.00 Plus Travel

CONTACT: Addressee

"WHO MOURNS NOW FOR LOGAN? NO ONE!
A CRISIS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE OHIO COUNTRY, 1774-1783"

An exploration of anti-Indian attitudes held by whites on the frontier and their ramification in Indian-white relations during the Revolution.

"THE NATIVE AMERICAN IN THE REVOLUTION?"

This can be presented as (1) an overview of the Indians in the Revolution, or (2) the Northern Indians during the period, or (3) the Southern Indians during the period.

"BRITISH LEADERSHIP AND STRATEGY IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:
WHAT NEITHER THE SOURCES NOR THE PSYCHOBIOGRAPHERS CAN TELL US"

A broad view of the problems of British leadership and some reflections on why the British lost.

Professor Virginia B. Platt
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

FEE: \$30.00

CONTACT: Addressee

"NAVAL WAR" "BOSTON TEA PARTY" "THE COWPENS" "TRENTON" "MARTHA WASHINGTON" "BENEDICT ARNOLD" "CAMPAIGNS OF NATHANIEL GREENE"

Professor Platt offers a broad list of topics of interest to groups seeking an insight into the Revolutionary background of the United States.

"AMERICAN WOMEN IN THE PERIOD OF THE REVOLUTION"

Deals with the legal and social position of women, their work, their maintenance of the "home front" and participation on campaigns, some mention of the English women who followed the armies, as well, and of the German women such as the Baroness Riedesel will be included.

"SUMMER SOLDIERS AND SUNSHINE PATRIOTS:
THE MILITIA AS A FORCE IN THE AMERICAN VICTORY"

Attention is given to the very real contribution of these maligned forces, especially in regard to their guerrilla activities. Parallels with American experience in Vietnam becomes apparent.

"NATHANIEL GREENE AND 'FABIAN' WARFARE"

The Southern campaigns of 1780-1781 reflect the importance of Fabian tactics and suggest that "pacification" was a problem for the British as it has been in modern "revolutionary" wars.

Professor David C. Skaggs
Department of History
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, Ohio 43403

FEE: Travel Expenses

CONTACT: Addressee

"THE GENERALSHIP OF GEORGE WASHINGTON"

An analysis of the significance of George Washington as a military leader with particular emphasis upon his contributions to the development of an American tradition of subordination of the military to civilian authority.

"THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN-HUDSON RIVER CAMPAIGN OF 1777"

A look at the British strategic plan of 1777 with particular emphasis on Burgoyne's drive down Lake Champlain and his eventual surrender to Gates at Saratoga. Illustrated with overhead transparencies.

"THE PARTISAN WAR IN THE CAROLINAS"

A description of the British problem of pacifying the South 1779-81, the American partisan leaders, and the campaign of Nathaniel Greene which resulted in the loss of British control in the Carolinas. Illustrated with overhead transparencies.

"THE PROFESSIONAL HISTORIAN AND THE OHIO BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION"

An analysis of the problems a professional historian faces when confronted with the bicentennial celebration, the way in which this one participates in the bicentennial celebration in Ohio, and the activities of the Ohio American Revolution Bicentennial Advisory Commission.

Professor Dwight L. Smith
Department of History
Miami University
Oxford, Ohio 45056

FEE: Travel Expenses

CONTACT: Addressee

"THE OLD NORTHWEST, AMERICA'S COLONIAL LABORATORY"

The American Revolution achieved independence which made possible the establishment of the new nation. The Ordinance of 1785 and the Northwest Ordinance were important factors in the success of the new nation.

Mr. David C. Twining
College Coordinator
Ohio American Revolution Bicentennial Advisory Commission
Ohio Historical Center
1982 Velma Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43211

FEE: None

CONTACT: Addressee

"OCCUPIED CITIES"

This speech will describe the occupation experience of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Charleston during the American Revolution.

"JOHN ADAMS AND THE COMING OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION"

This speech will examine the career of John Adams in the period from 1763 to 1776. Emphasis will be placed on the ideological and practical reasons behind Adams' decision to oppose the British.

"CITY LIFE IN THE ERA OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION"

This speech will describe the social life and environment of the major colonial cities in the period preceeding the War for Independence.

Professor Carl Ubbelohde
Department of History
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

FEE: Travel Expenses

CONTACT: Addressee

"THE IDEA OF INDEPENDENCE"

An examination of the components -- ideological, social, economic, political -- that combined to produce acceptance of, or opposition to, the idea of separating American provinces from the British Empire, from 1774-1776.

Peggy L. Armstrong
95 Stewart Avenue
Mansfield, Ohio 44906

FEE: \$15.00 Minimum Charge
(No Charge To Non-Profit Organizations)

CONTACT: Addressee

"SPINNING AND WEAVING"

The art of spinning is demonstrated on a 150 year old wheel. The history of spinning and the techniques used are explained. Also described is the dyeing of handspun fibers using roots, foliages, and flowers.

Mr. Adam Vetter
326 North Townview Circle
Mansfield, Ohio 44907

FEE: \$50.00

CONTACT: Addressee

"PATRIOTISM"

The United States is the only spot on the globe where people have to be restrained from getting in. Why?

The Americans who value freedom most are the Americans who know what it is like not to have it.

Mr. Vetter came to the U.S. at the age of 15. He has seen both Communism and Democracy in action, and has a sincere love and respect for this country and its people.

Mrs. Louis Burns
725 Clifton Boulevard
Mansfield, Ohio 44906

FEE: None

CONTACT: 419/756-3751

"A LOOK AT THE FIRST LADIES"

"A Look at the First Ladies" is a slide fashion show and biographical commentary. It features gowns worn by the first ladies; details and designs of the gowns can be studied. Many of the fashions shown in this presentation were made entirely by hand. Materials used in the elegant creations range from brocades and taffetas to silks and brocades. Several of the styles feature elaborate embroidery depicting insects as well as flowers. The presentation is highlighted with amusing anecdotes about the first ladies.
