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Analyze the Local Centennial Record

Direction: The people of Mechanicsburg, Pa celebrated the Centennial by creating a time-capsule. The time-capsule was buried in 1877 and opened in 1976. It was reburied in 1976 with new contents, to be opened again in the future. The town created a list of all the artifacts in the centennial time-capsule. Analyze the primary document using the following questions.

Observe: Quickly scan the document. Write down all the section headings within the document. Also, note any object that seems interesting or unexpected.

Summarize: Read the section labeled Centennial Records. Based on the artifacts listed, write a 3 sentence summary about how the people of Mechanicsburg, Pa celebrated the centennial.

Analyze: Read the sections labeled Tangible Personal Property and Civil War Papers. Based on the artifacts listed, what important events had recently occurred in the United States?

Draw Conclusions: Based on the section headings and objects you wrote down, what conclusions can you make about the people of Mechanicsburg, Pa? What did they value? What did they do in their free time? What did they want the people of 1976 to know about them?

Primary Document [Adapted from Original Document at Mechanicsburg Museum Association for Student Use]

Centennial Records

- Miscellaneous List of Activities- Public Ledger
- Star from Liberty Cap
- Centennial Program
- Odes sung on July 4, 1876
- Centennial Cabinet
- Centennial Exhibition
- Oration-Mechanicsburg, July 4, 1876
- Centennial Directory of Mechanicsburg

Tangible Personal Property

- Vase made by Moors of Africa
- Piece of gold quartz from California
- Piece of petrified wood
- Silk from funeral car of Lincoln
- Specimen of coal, Cape Fear River, 1865
- Piece of wood, Cape Fear River
- Wood from Frigate Alliance
- Piece of glass from Chicago Fire
- Seeds
- Medal
- Cigars

Churches

- History of Donegal & Carlisle Presbyterian
- Sermon by Henry Ward Beecher
- Certificate of Thank Offering, Presbyterian Church
- Historical Sketch St.Paul's Reformed Church
- Record of Church of God
- Record of Methodist Episcopal
- Historical Account of Presbyterian Church
- History of Trinity Lutheran Church
- Report of Women's Missionary Society of Presbyterian Church
- Constitution of the Union Church
- Recollections of Silver Spring graveyard
- Record of United Brethren Church in Christ

Civil War Paper

- Soldier's Discharge
- First Lt.'s Commission & Muster Out Roll
- List of Soldiers killed

Newspapers

- Philadelphia Ledger, March 25, 1836
- Ledger Almanac. 1877
- Newspapers of Harrisburg, Feb. 22, 1877
- Philadelphia Ledger Almanac of 1876
- Philadelphia times & Daily Post of Pittsburgh
- Independent Journal, July 7, 1876
- American Messenger or Chrisitan Advocate

Coins and Currency

- 5 shilling 1771 and 15 shillings 1773 issued by Assembly of Pa
- Treasury Note, State of Virginia, 1862
- Confederate Bank Note
- Old Coin of United States
- Continental Money of 1776
- Coin
- Confederate Note, \$20.00
- Confederate Note, \$50.00

Family Tree & Other Histories

- History of William Denning
- Diary of Benjamin Fish
- Family Record Fetrow
- Family Record McElheney
- Record of Anson B. Zinn
- History of William H. Biddle Family
- Family Record of George A. Lowman
- Biography of A.F. Stahl
- History of Mechanicsburg Library and Literary Association
- Record of Daniel Drawbaugh
- Major S.B. King's Family Record and Diary of Military Service
- Family Record Huber
- Family Record Stahl
- Record of Thomas Mauk's Family
- History of First National Bank

Photos, Drawings and Diagrams

- Carriage of Washington
- Diagrams and Drawings
- Old Tavern in Borough

Miscellaneous

- Facsimile of Autograph of Washington
- Constitution & By-Laws of Allen and East Pennsboro Horse Company
- Annual Report of Grand Lodge of Pa. of Ancient York Masons
- Constitution & By-Laws of Washington Fire Company
- Internal Revenue Certificate
- Copy of Declaration of Independence
- Officers of Borough of Mechanicsburg, 1876
- Constitution and Charter of Electric Medical Association
- List of members of Carlisle Bar
- List of the Black and Coach Smiths
- Program of Decoration Day, 1877
- List of Borough Officers, 1877
- Officers of Cumberland County