Administrative History

The Nevada Commission for the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution was created by executive order of the Governor on July 1, 1986, to promote the celebration of the two hundredth year of the United States Constitution. The order charged the Commission with preparing an overall program to encourage, develop, and coordinate observances and activities commemorating the historic events that preceded and are associated with the United States Constitution. The order expired on January 1, 1989. The Legislature subsequently appropriated $25,000 for the support of the commission over the biennium, with the Commission's establishment as a state agency codified under NRS 236.080. The life of the agency was subsequently extended by the 1989 Legislative session to June 30, 1991, with an additional appropriation of $10,000. Additional resources came in forms of contributions from Continental Telephone and the Southwest Gas Corporation, a federal grant in 1991 to sponsor the Western Regional Leadership Conference, as well as other private contributions. These resources allowed the Commission to fund projects that promoted the goals of the celebration: the "challenge grant" to the Nevada State Bar Association and the Nevada Law Foundation for the establishment of a Law Related Education (LRE) program. The Commission was also able to annually provide funds for the Nevada National Bicentennial Competition.

The 1991 legislative session extended the life of the agency to December 31, 1991, to allow for the celebrations related to the ratification of the Bill of Rights, and for the orderly winding up of the Commission's business.

Records 1986-1991 5 cubic feet

Administrative Records 1986-1991 1.3 c.f.

Minutes and agendas of commission meetings, Supreme Court presentation, resolutions, reports, policies, audits, and financial records. Of these, the minutes and agendas are the best organized and are arranged chronologically.

Correspondence 1986-1991 3 c.f.

Director's correspondence filed in chronological order; project applications and proposals.

Printed Matter 1986-1991 .6 c.f.

Pamphlets, books, and calendars from out-of-state sources; newspaper clippings from local papers.

Audio-visual Materials 1986-1991 .1 c.f.

Photographs and video tape.