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1931 Centennial
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Description

To celebrate the one hundreth anniversary of Naperville's founding in 1831, the city held a number of events June 5th and 6th, 1931. These included a Young Folks Parade, a historical pageant, circus type entertainment, a concert by the United States Navy Band, a dedication ceremony for Centennial Park, a water carnival, a dedication of a memorial to the first village board of Naperville in Central Park, an aerial demonstration, a grand parade, and fireworks. Materials illustrating these events include Naperville Events Magazine Centennial Supplement, Centennial invitations and ribbons, official programs listing all events, Centennial Pageant programs, Mayor Alexander Grush's proclamation, gold paper seals, application form and hats for the Young Folks Parade, and Naperville Centennial books with a history of Naperville by year and pictures of prominent people and building. Programs and tickets for a 1978 movie of the Centennial events show the community's continuing interest in this celebration.

Inventory

*Naperville Events Magazine, vol. 1 No. 2, Centennial Supplement, June 1, 1931
*Five invitations to the Naperville Centennial Celebration, June 5 and 6, 1931
*Nine ribbons used by Centennial committee members
*Seven official programs of the Centennial celebration
*Five scripts, with stage directions for the Centennial Pageant, held June 5th on the North Central College Athletic Field
*Twelve programs for the Centennial Pageant with a list of scenes
*Proclamation by Mayor Alexander Grush, June 1, 1931
*Hand written notes on the coming events, possibly for a speech
*Four gold paper seals with Joe Naper's image
*Four crepe paper Young Folks Parade hats, three with feathers
*Seven Naperville Centennial books with six souvenir map supplements dated 1869
*Three envelopes for Centennial books
*Three programs for "Naperville on Parade 1931," a film of the Centennial events, most notably the parade, shown at the Naper Theatre, January 13, 14, and 15, 1978

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*Two tickets for the January 13, 1978 showing of "Naperville on Parade 1931"
*One ticket for the January 14, 1978 showing of "Naperville on Parade 1931"
*One ticket for the January 15, 1978 showing of "Naperville on Parade 1931"