

Ephemera Mecklenburg Declaration Celebrations Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room

MD1 1831 2001

Booklet of the Declaration of Independence with accompanying documents and the proceedings of the Cumberland Association published by the Governor. Published by Lawrence and Lemay: Raleigh, North Carolina, 1831.

MD2 1875 2001

Printed *Oration Delivered at the Centennial Celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence by the Honorable John M. Bright of Tennessee*. Roberts & Purvis Book and Job Printers: Nashville, Tennessee, 1875.

MD3 1892 2001

The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Written in 1800, *The Twenty-Seven Signers Forged in 1892, This Question in Politics*. Brown-Morrison Company: Lynchburg, Virginia, 1892.

MD4 1906 2001

Official Souvenir Programme Celebration Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. D. Hatcher Watkins and Charles G. Mullen, Publishers, Ray Printing Company, 1906. The celebration ran from May 21-26th, and the program contains details of all the activities surrounding the event.

MD5/6 2001

Souvenir Edition of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, 1909. Copyright by The Queen City Printing and Paper Company, 1898. (two copies)

MD7 1916 2001

Souvenir Program 141st Anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Washburn Press: Charlotte, North Carolina, 1916. The program contains the history behind the celebration, names of participants, photographs of distinguished politicians, businesses and other points of interest.

MD8 1929 2001

Prologue: Events Forming Background of Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence May 20, 1775 by Dr. Alexander Graham. Published by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, 1929 and printed by the Queen City Printing Company. Attempts to provide documentation of a variety of sources to substantiate the validity of the Mecklenburg Declaration.

MD9 1929 2001

A published copy of a speech about the Mecklenburg Declaration delivered before the New Hanover Bar Association on May 14, 1929 by Henry A. Grady, Judge of the Superior Courts of North Carolina. Wilmington Stamp and Printing Company: Wilmington, North Carolina, 1929.

MD10 1940 2001

Program for the Mecklenburg Independence Festival of 1940 contains information regarding the activities, photograph of the festival queen, advertisements (both commercial and political), and the names of the participants.

MD11 1947 2001

Prologue Events Forming Background of Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence May 20, 1775 by Dr. Alexander Graham. (2 copies) Published by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce: Charlotte, North Carolina, 1947.

MD12/13 1948 2001

Souvenir Program *Shout Freedom* Presented by Mecklenburg Historical Society May 20 – June 3rd. This symphonic drama in two acts was written by Legette Blythe and took place at the Southern States Fair Grounds in Charlotte, North Carolina. The program contains the history of the event, names and photographs the actors and actresses as well as local officials. (two copies)

MD14 1955 2001

Cradle of Liberty: Historical Essays Concerning the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence by May 20, 1775. Published by Mecklenburg Historical Association On the 180th Anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence: Charlotte, NC, 1955.

MD15 1967 2001

Brochure of the 1967 Alexandria DAR Chapter program commemorating the events leading to the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

MD16 1976 2001

Brochure by the Mecklenburg Historical Association for a program honoring the signers of the honoring the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20th 1976.

MD17 0000 2001

Historical account of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence prepared by Cornelia Wearn Henderson of the Mecklenburg Historical Association. (two copies)

MD18 1925 2001

Correspondence between local historian Cornelia Berry Fore, wife of James Albert Fore, and a Mr. Starnes regarding preparations and histories to be written in honor of the sesquicentennial (150 years) anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Many of her articles appeared in local newspapers under the name Mrs. J.A. Fore. For more information regarding the life and activities of Cornelia Fore, see the vertical file Mr. & Mrs. James Albert Fore.

MD19 1964 2001

Advertisement of the North Carolina National Bank honoring the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was sent to the public library by John Tate, Senior Vice President of NNCNB, now Bank of America. Correspondence between Tate and Hoyt Galvin, Director of the Library, is included.

MD20 1976 2001

Commemorative copies of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence that were published by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce during the American Bicentennial.

MD21 1916 2001

Pamphlet published in honor of the 141st Anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration. Describes city life in good detail.

MD22 c1975 2001

Article by Pratt Covington McSwain of the Stanly County Historical Society discussing the Mecklenburg Singers from counties other than Mecklenburg.

MD23 1961 2001

Book review by Dr. Chalmers G. Davidson, Professor of History of Davidson College of the book, *Chain of Error and the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence* by V. V. McNitt.

MD24 1954, 2003

Official souvenir of the May 18, 1954 Mecklenburg Declaration Celebration when President Dwight Eisenhower came to Charlotte. See Photographs from this event.

MD 25 Commemoration – 1939

Charlotte “The Friendly City” and Mecklenburg County Welcome the General Assembly of North Carolina in Special Session, Charlotte, North Carolina, February 22, 1939, in commemoration of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

MD 26 Harper’s – 1875

Photocopies of Harper’s Weekly describing the 1875 Celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration in Charlotte, North Carolina.

MD 27 MiniMD – 1954

Miniature bound copy of the Mecklenburg Declaration that was published by Doris Welsh at the Newberry Press in Chicago, Illinois. 4.5mm x 5.5 mm.

MD 28 Pageant – 1925

Official Programme [sic] The Pageant of Charlotte & Old Mecklenburg by Thomas Wood Stevens, Charlotte, NC, May 18-22, 1925.

MD 29 Tag – 1975

Licenses Tag “Mecklenburg Declaration” for 1975 Bicentennial from Dr. Chalmers Davidson to Mary Boyer.

MD 30 – Ford Flyer – 1975

Flyer announcing President Gerald Ford’s speaking engagement on May 20, 1975 at Freedom Park.

MD 31 – Stationery – 1906

Blank piece of Mecklenburg Centennial Celebration stationery from 1906.

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MD 32 – Commemorative Pin – 1916

Blue button with words, “Member of Mecklenburg Declaration Society Charlotte, North Carolina, 1914” with red, white and blue ribbons below.

MD 33 – Commemorative Pin – 1900

Remains of a blue ribbon detached from pin. Words on ribbon, “125th Anniversary Celebration Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Charlotte, NC May 22-25, 1900.”

MD 34 – Commemorative Pin – 1906

Enamel covered pin holding a small American flag with a button at the bottom of the flag. The button has a picture of President Taft, the keynote speaker at the Mecklenburg Declaration Celebration in 1906, Charlotte’s motto, “Watch Charlotte Grow” with the city’s population, and the dates May 20, 1775 to May 20, 1909.

MD 35 – Commemorative Pin – 1898

White enamel pin with word “President” inscribed at the top of a white ribbon with Mecklenburg Monument Association in gold letters. Below the pin is a white enamel button with a picture of the monument and the words, “Declaration of Monument to the Signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence May 20, 1775, Unveiled May 20, 1898.” The unveiling coincided with the Mecklenburg Declaration Celebration of 1898.

MD 36 Commemorative Coin – 2004

The May 20th Society minted these coins in honor of the Mecklenburg Declaration Celebration on May 20, 2004.

MD 37 Collection of Verse – 1950 – 2005

The American Trust Company of Charlotte Presents *A Collection of Verse on the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence*. Edited by Chalmers Davidson, 1950. Three copies.

MD 38 MeckDec Bibliography – 1975 – 2005

A Bibliography of the Material on the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of May 20, 1775 in the Carolina Room of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County compiled by Dr. R. Whitney Tucker and edited by Wyatt Helsabeck.

MD 39 Masons – 2004 – 05

Document signed by the Freemasons of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina attesting to the “validity” of the Mecklenburg Declaration. Signatures by former Governor James G. Martin appears on the document. An image of the masons in front of the Hezekiah Alexander House is also included.

MD 40 Graham – 1875 – 05

Hard-bound copy of *The Address of the Honorable William Graham on the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of the 20 May 1775*. “Delivered at Charlotte, on the 4th Day of Feb’y, 1875 by Request of the Citizens of Mecklenburg County. With Accompanying Documents, Including Those Published by Order of the Legislature of North Carolina in the Year 1831.” New York: E. J. Hale & Son, Publishers, 1875.

MD 41 Prologue – 1924 – 05

Prologue Events Forming Background of Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence by Dr. Alexander Graham. Published by Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, 1924 Two copies. With reprints, 1929, 1931.

MD 42 Noppen – c 1908 – 05

The Mecklenburg Resolves of May 31, 1775 vs. The “Mecklenburg Declaration of May 20, 1775” by Charles L. Van Noppen, Publisher, c. 1908.

MD 43 Souvenir Program – 1906 – 05

Souvenir Program 141st Anniversary Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence May 20 1775 Defense of Charlotte, September 26 1780, Washburn Press, Publisher, 1916.

MD 44 Programme – 1900 – 05

Programme of the Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence by the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter DAR Waynesville, North Carolina, 1900.

MD 45 Cradle of Liberty – 1955 – 05

Cradle of Liberty Historical Essays Concerning the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence May 20 1775 by Dr. Archibald Henderson, Mecklenburg Historical Associations, 1955.

MD 46 Meck Dec 1929 – 05

The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of May 20, 1775 Delivered Before the New Hanover Bar Association, May 14, 1929 by Henry Grady, Judge of the Superior Court of North Carolina.

MD 47 State Government – 1939 – 05

Charlotte The Friendly City” and Mecklenburg County Welcome the General Assembly of North Carolina in Special Session Charlotte, NC, February 22, 1939 in Commemoration of the Signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, May 20, 1975.

MD 48 Graham – 1895 – 05

The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, May 20, 1775 by Dr. George W. Graham. Wonderful program highlights all the activities of the Meck Dec festivities in 1895 and features photographs of the participants and the businesses sponsoring the pageant.

MD 49 Monument – 1898 – 05

Unveiling of the Monument to the Signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence at Charlotte, North Carolina, May 20, 1898, published by the Mecklenburg Monument Association in June of 1898. Hardbound copy was once part of the Charlotte Library & Literary Collection and one of the first books cataloged for the 1903 Carnegie Library.

MD 50 Bicentennial Coins – 1975 – 02

Two commemorative coins, one pewter and bronze from the 1975 Mecklenburg Bicentennial.