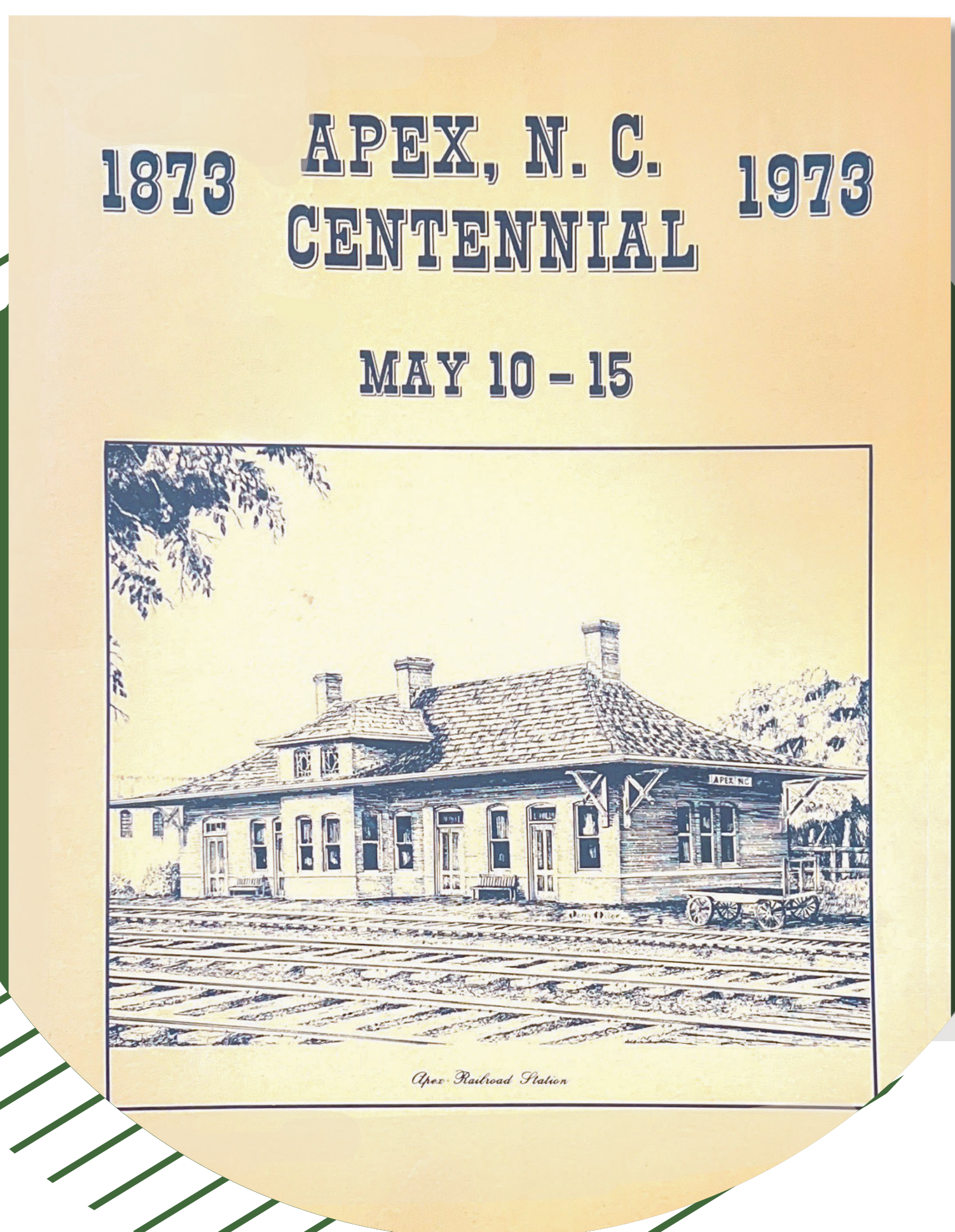


Town of Apex Centennial Celebration

In 1973, the Town of Apex had a population of 2,200 people and was 1.97 square miles. This celebration honored 100 years of Apex history with 6 days of activities from May 10th to May 15th, 1973.

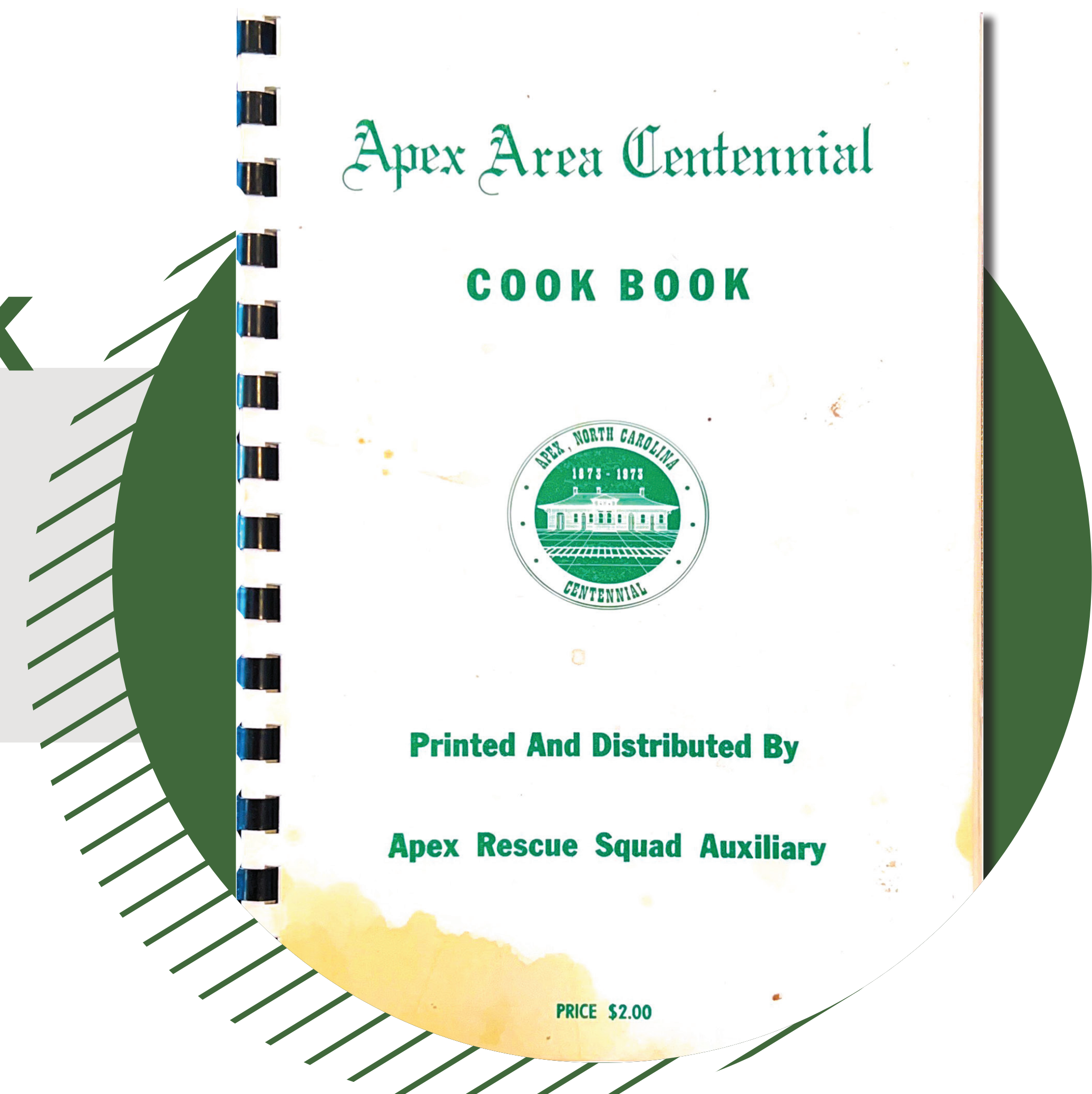


CENTENNIAL BOOK & COIN

The Centennial book was a 48-page publication that displayed pieces of Apex history, different members of the community including clubs, employees, and churches, and recognized the Centennial Steering Committee. The commemorative Centennial coin was produced as an item to purchase and featured pieces of Apex's identity in both past and present through images like farming, tobacco, and industry.

APEX AREA CENTENNIAL COOKBOOK

The Apex Area Centennial Cookbook was printed and distributed by the Apex Rescue Squad Auxiliary. The volunteer Rescue Squad, which was created in 1971, produced the books in hopes they would be passed down to future generations.



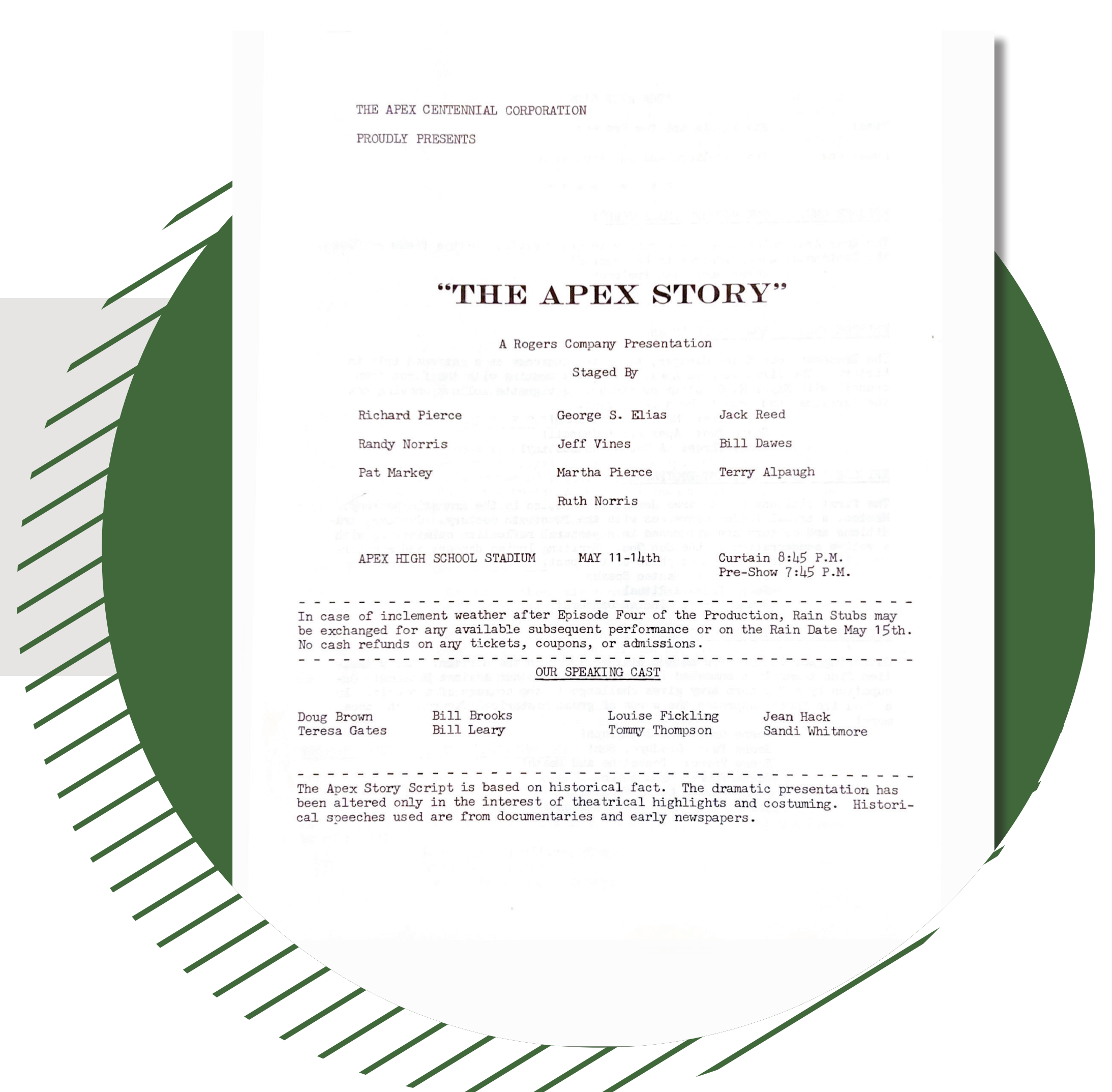
MEMBERSHIP SHARES

Provided in the form of a Mayor-signed certificate, the Membership Share was a gesture of appreciation to those who participated in the Centennial celebration.



THE APEX STORY

The Apex Story script was based on historical facts and performed at the Apex High School football stadium from May 11 through 14, 1973. It was a dramatic presentation that highlighted historic speeches from documentaries and early newspapers.



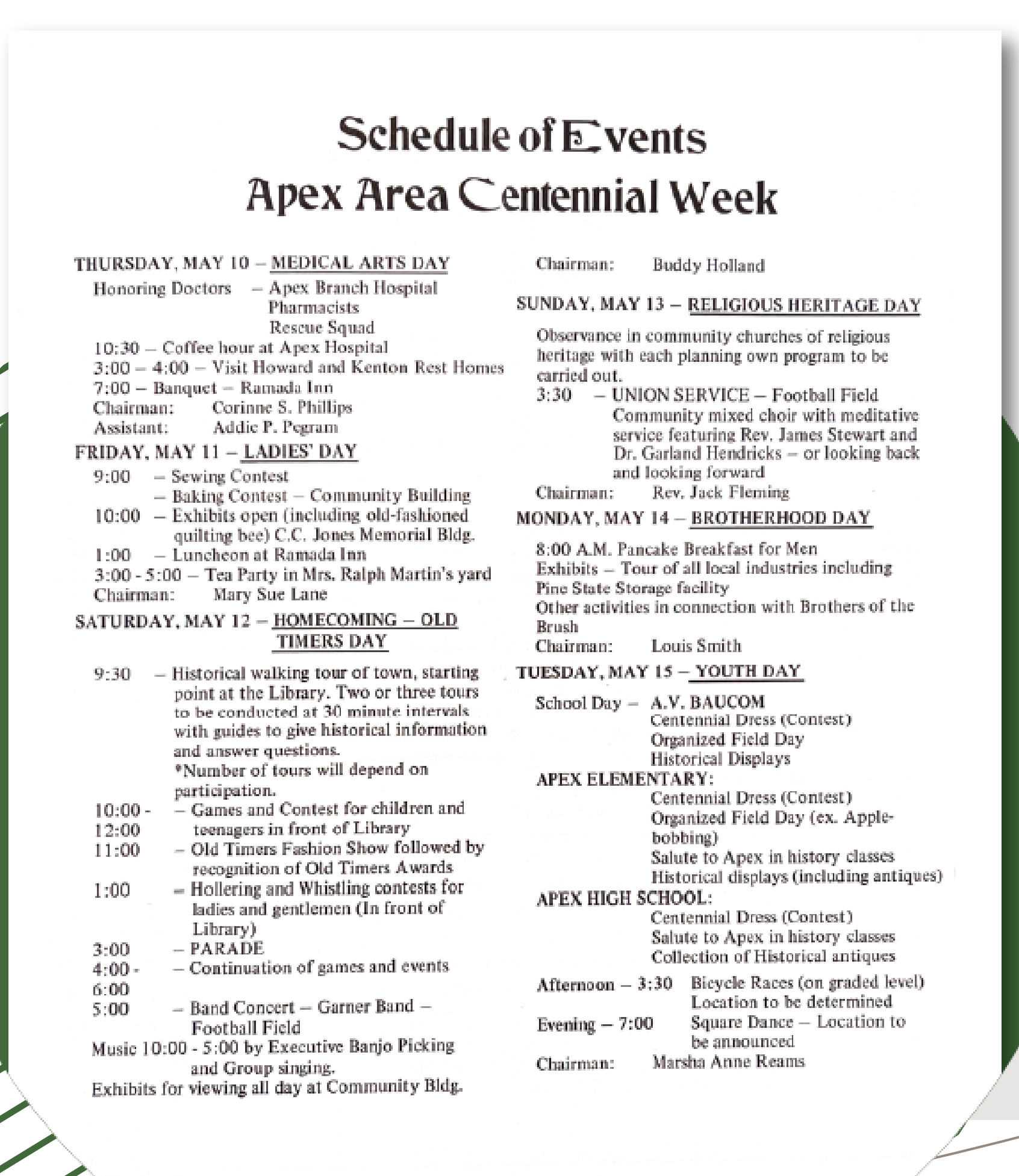
DRESS ETIQUETTE

Community members young and old celebrated the Centennial by wearing 1870s attire. Many small groups formed for the celebration week and took portraits in the 1870s dress.



1973 VAULT

A time capsule was buried in The Depot (220 N. Salem St) garden containing items in glass jars (for preservation) to be opened 100 years later.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Men throughout the Apex community were encouraged to participate in the celebration week by growing facial hair. Those that grew facial hair were recognized as celebration ambassadors and received a certificate for being a "Brother of the Brush" which commemorated their participation.

This banner is one of 10 exhibits about Apex History.

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