

Title:	Official Programme of the Niagara Falls Park Opening Celebration, 1885		
Creator:	Niagara Falls State Park		
Dates of Material:	1885	Record Group Number:	RG 468
Summary of Contents:	1 program for the opening of the Niagara Falls Park opening celebration held on July 15, 1885		
Physical Description / Condition:	<p>1 program measuring 21 ½ x 28 cm. The program is folded and has 2 double sided pages. The item was previously folded so it is slightly creased. There is some discoloration and staining. One of the corners on the back is slightly bent and frayed.</p> <p>The cover of the program includes a map showing park limits and the location of prominent hotels and railroad routes. The list of commissioners and citizens committee are also on the front page. Pages 2 and 3 list the order of exercises including a 100 gun salute and a military review. On the back page, there are advertisements for the Michigan Central and the New York Central & Hudson River. Both of these railways made stops in Niagara Falls, New York.</p>		
Other Notes:	<p>Niagara Falls State Park is the oldest state park in the United States. It is also referred to as the State Reservation (this title appears on page 2 of the program). Frederick Olmstead was the landscape architect of the park and he also designed Central Park in New York City.</p> <p>In July 1885, the state of New York passed laws to issue bonds for the establishment of the Niagara Reservation. This park is a National Historic Landmark and covers over 400 acres. Close to 140 acres of that land is under water.</p> <p>In attendance at the opening were: the Governor of the State of New York, the officers of the State, members of the Niagara Falls Association of New York City and civil and military personnel. The commissioners at the time of the opening were: William Dorsheimer, Andrew H. Green, Martin B. Anderson,</p>		

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