

SCOPE OF COLLECTIONS



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I. INTRODUCTION

This Scope of Collection Statement serves to guide the Harry S Truman National Historic Site (the Site) in the acquisition of museum objects that contribute directly to the understanding and interpretation of the Site's themes and resources, as well as those objects that the National Park Service (NPS) is legally mandated to preserve.

The mission of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site is to educate and inspire the public by preserving and interpreting the historic site, structures, objects and historic scene associated with Harry S Truman. The museum collection exists to document and support the Site's interpretive and resource management programs, and objects in the collection must be related to interpretive themes and the resource management objectives of the site.

The legal mandate of the NPS for acquiring and preserving museum collections is contained in the *Antiquities Act of 1906* (16 USC 431-433), the *Organic Act of 1916* (16 USC 1 et seq.), the *Historic Sites Act of 1935* (16 USC 461-467), the *Management of Museum Properties Act of 1955* (16 USC 18f), and the *Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979* (16 USC 470aa-mm).

Harry S Truman National Historic Site was authorized by Congress on May 23, 1983. The enabling legislation authorized the Secretary of the Interior to "...acquire by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, transfer from another Federal agency, or otherwise, the residence and real property known as 219 North Delaware Street in the city of Independence, Missouri, as passed to Bess Wallace Truman upon the death of her husband. The Secretary may also acquire, by any of the above means, fixtures and personal property for use in connection with the residence." The Act goes on to say that the Site "...shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of law generally applicable to units of the national park system, including the Act entitled "*An Act to establish a National Park Service*," approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 USC 1-4), and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 USC 461-467)."

The first article of the Last Will and Testament of Bess Wallace Truman states in part, "I bequeath all of the contents of my home, other than those specifically bequeathed in paragraph A of this Article [Bess Wallace Truman's jewelry and clothing] and other than those contents owned by my said daughter [Margaret Truman Daniel], to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA to be held and operated by it under the direction of the Archivist of the United States in conjunction with the Harry S. Truman Library." Subsequently, on September 14, 1983, a memorandum of agreement was entered into among the Executor of the Estate of Bess Wallace Truman, Margaret Truman Daniel, and the United States. It states in part, "The Secretary of the Interior shall hold and operate the Harry S. Truman home under the direction of the National Park Service. The National Park Service shall, subject to available funds, administer the Harry S. Truman home, providing, among other things, appropriate operation, maintenance, interpretation, management, and protection of the Harry S. Truman home..."

In 1989, Public Law 101-105 (codified at Title 16 United States Code Section 461[b]), provided for the addition of the Frank and Natalie Wallace home, the George and May Wallace home, and the Noland home to the Harry S Truman NHS. The National Park Service acquired all three properties in 1991. The Site was further expanded to include the Harry S Truman Farm Home in Grandview, Missouri, by an act of Congress on December 14, 1993. The legislation reads in part "The Secretary is further authorized to acquire from Jackson County, Missouri, by donation, the real property commonly referred to as the Truman Farm Home ... together with associated lands and related structures..." The property was transferred from Jackson County to the National Park Service on May 8, 1994.

The Site's General Management Plan (1999) lists the following resource management objectives, which are pertinent to the museum collection:

- ...The Truman home on Delaware Street is to be preserved as it was during the residence of Harry and Bess Truman.
- Work (to the house) may include preliminary measures to protect and stabilize the property, but generally focuses on the ongoing preservation maintenance and repair of historic materials and features rather than extensive replacement and new work.

The Site's Statement for Management (March 1996) lists the following management objectives:

- The Truman Home – The home and its contents, the carriage house/garage, associated structures (flagpole, fence, etc.) and the landscape together with the surrounding historic districts, provides an opportunity to tell the story of Harry S Truman's home life in Independence.
- Historic Furnishings – These artifacts are a significant resource for presenting the private life of Truman to the public through their display in the Truman home, Truman farmhouse, through exhibits, and at other museums, especially the Harry S. Truman Library. The collection represents an important research opportunity.
- Wallace Homes – Both homes are considered a portion of the "Wallace Family Compound" and serve as an important component of the cultural landscape of the Truman Home ... helping visitors understand the entire Truman family history.
- Noland Home – The home and the stories connected with the Nolands play an important role in helping visitors understand the entire Truman family history.
- Truman Farmhouse – A restored farmhouse and five-acre portion of the former 600-acre farm that Harry S Truman worked on beginning in 1906. Life on the farm was important in the development of Harry S Truman as a man and ultimately as the 33rd President of the United States. The eleven years he spent on the farm significantly shaped his character. It allowed him to develop associations with other people through organizations he joined.
- The appearance and condition of the park's historic structures, furnishings, and the cultural landscapes surrounding them are an integral part of presenting the Truman

story to the public. Preservation and protection of the original materials associated with these cultural resources is essential in order to accurately present the time periods the park represents.

The museum collection supports four major themes including:

1. Reflect the Truman family life in Independence from 1919 to 1982.
2. Record and document the evolution of the Truman Home's architecture and furnishings as a reflection of the life styles, values, and tastes of its inhabitants from 1867 to 1982.
3. Reflect the Truman family life on the Farm during the period of Harry Truman's residence from 1906 to 1917.
4. Record and document the history and evolution of the Farm, its structures, and its landscape between 1867 and 1994.

II. COLLECTION BACKGROUND

A. Truman Home

It is critical to recognize that the museum collection at Harry S Truman NHS is very unique and important, and atypical of most historic house museums. Since the acquisition of the Truman Home and collection closely followed Bess Truman's death and very little was removed from the Site, the collection has a high level of integrity. The NPS has the opportunity to exhibit the house in a manner that gives the feeling that the family has just stepped out and that daily life is continuing as it did during the Trumans' lifetime.

The research value of the collection is great and will increase with time. Even if a president had not lived in the home, the collection is of value as an intact assemblage of furnishings in a home, which was continuously occupied by the same family for 115 years. But it is as a reflection of the private life of a presidential family that the collection's unique value becomes apparent. The completely furnished home conveys a sense of the Trumans, which scholars and the public can get nowhere else. Hence, all the objects from the Truman Home, their condition, historic location, and arrangement must be considered, for each one reveals more of the Truman story.

Shortly before Bess Truman's death, staff from the Harry S. Truman Library conducted an inventory of the Truman Home. At the request of Margaret Truman Daniel, Truman Library staff also removed several items from the home, such as Harry Truman's World War I uniform and accessories, and Bess Truman's wedding dress. Subsequently, several items noted in the *Historic Furnishings Report* (1986) were returned to the Truman Home, such as family silver, presidential glassware and household accessories.

The first NPS curators on site developed an approach to managing the Truman Home collection influenced by archeological philosophy. Since virtually all objects were left in situ by the Trumans, the relative location of objects was documented in great detail, allowing researchers to draw an accurate picture of how, when and which family members used each space in the house. All known objects in the house were registered and the data entered into the ANCS computer database by 1988. On occasion, the house yields significant undiscovered objects, such as correspondence, from behind dresser drawers or other unusual locations. All efforts should be made to recover such objects.

Objects in the Attic, Storage Room, Basement, and the Carriage House have been removed to the collection storage facility and fully cataloged. This action was taken due to collection compromise caused by unregulated environment in these location. It is anticipated that, as necessary, the non-visible contents of furniture and closets on the first and second floors will also be stored. This material will be cataloged while it remains *in situ*.

B. Other Independence Properties

The acquisition of the George Wallace, Frank Wallace and Noland homes produced nominal accessions of historic objects, including historic fabric and personal items. It is expected that field collections of historic fabric, surface finds and archeological materials will continue to be generated from these properties.

C. Truman Farm Home

The museum collections generated by the Truman Farm Home in Grandview and the Truman Home in Independence document the life of one historical figure. While their periods of emphasis differ (1906-1917 and 1919-1982), when combined they encompass virtually the entire span of Harry Truman's life. Rarely has the physical evidence of a single person's existence been so fully and richly preserved.

The current furnishings of the farmhouse were collected by the Truman Farm Home Foundation, Friends of the Truman Farm Home, and Jackson County Parks & Recreation/Heritage Programs & Museums between 1983 and 1993. The focus of their collecting efforts was to furnish the rooms of the home in a manner that represented their historic use.

Although their efforts adhered closely to the period of Truman occupancy (roughly 1906-1917), the style of many furnishings collected was not appropriate to a turn-of-the-century midwestern farm home. Many household accessories were also collected, such as bedding, kitchen utensils and tablecloths. Many of these are inappropriate or in deteriorating condition. A well-defined furnishings plan is needed.

Virtually no historic fabric removed from the structure during the 1983-84 restoration was retained. Wallpaper samples collected by a conservator at that time have since been lost. Some black and white photograph copies of wallpaper samples have been recovered. Several gingerbread spindles from the front porch eaves were saved.

III. TYPES OF COLLECTIONS

The interpretive themes and resource management objectives stated in the introduction serve as guidelines for acquiring objects for the museum collection. The following guidelines will prevent arbitrary and excessive growth of the Site's museum collection, while ensuring that the collection remains relevant to the Site's purposes. The development of the museum collection should proceed in close coordination with the Site's resource management and interpretive staff, along with the concurrence of appropriate resource management and interpretive personnel from other NPS offices.

A. Cultural Collection – The purpose of this collection is to increase knowledge and inspiration among present and future generations through exhibits, research, and interpretive programs. The cultural collection is subdivided into three disciplines: archeology, history and ethnology. The following list identifies, by discipline, object types appropriate to the Site's museum collection and, as needed, notes the current representation in the collection.

1. Archeology – Archeological collections are generated in response to cultural resource management requirements. Archeological research projects at the Site may result in the collection of objects in addition to a variety of other kinds of data. Archeological collections may include artifacts and ecofacts.
 - a. Artifacts and Other Specimens: One formal archeological dig has been performed on the Truman Home property, around the Carriage House foundation, producing some 300 artifacts and records. Another 200 artifacts have been recovered during informal excavations such as trenching. The latter are primarily unidentifiable metal and ceramic fragments, and slate fragments from the former slate shingle roof of the house. Any such material (unidentifiable metal, ceramic or slate fragments) recovered from future ground disturbance activity not overseen by a professional archeologist should be re-interred in the location from which it was recovered.

FARM HOME: A non-NPS archeological survey was performed at the Truman Farm Home in 1983 by Robert T. Bray of Columbia, Missouri. The disposition of significant artifacts recovered at that time should be determined, and their acquisition pursued. The Farm Home site has potential to generate a great deal of archeological material. Collection of artifacts and surface finds from the property, and records regarding the Farm Home site should be managed according to all applicable NPS and Site policies.

- b. Surface Finds: Staff and visitors should be discouraged from picking up surface artifacts. It is preferred that surface artifacts be left *in situ* and their location documented. However, when significant surface finds are removed from their original location, they will be accessioned into the collection and cataloged to the fullest extent possible. Catalog data should document who recovered the artifact, when it was recovered, why it was recovered, a map

showing the location where the artifact was discovered, and any other pertinent data.

Surface find artifacts of questionable significance which are removed from their original location may be placed in a "study collection." At such time as a professional archeologist, in relation to a park resource study or excavation, determines that any such artifact has archeological value, then the artifact will be accessioned and cataloged. The museum catalog record will include all available data recorded about the artifact at the time of recovery.

- c. Associated Field Records: All original records associated with archeological collections must be retained as part of the museum collection. These records may include field notes and catalogs, daily journals, drawings and maps, photographs and negatives, slides, sound recordings, raw data sheets, instrument charts, remote sensing materials, collection inventories, analytical study data, conservation treatment records, and computer documentation and data, as well as any other documents generated through archeological activity.

At this time, several sets of photographic negatives and transparencies documenting excavations at the Truman Home are stored at the Midwest Archeological Center, Lincoln, Nebraska.

2. History – The history collection includes objects and archival materials that represent the interpretive themes outlined in the introduction.
 - a. Furnishings: The historic furnishings now in the Truman Home are directly associated with the Harry S Truman family and form the core of the museum collection. The collection as a whole has value beyond that of individual objects. Every object, regardless of whether or not it is visible to the visiting public, is important as a part of the whole collection. They allow the exhibition of the home as it appeared during the Trumans' lifetime. A number of significant furnishings were removed from the home before and shortly after the death of Bess Truman, and are currently in the possession of Margaret Truman Daniel, the Harry S. Truman Library, and others. Emphasis will be to permanently acquire original objects by gift or transfer. If this is not possible, significant original objects may be borrowed for exhibition or for reproduction and the reproductions placed on exhibit.

All objects identified in the *Historic Furnishing Report* (1986) which are not already in the Truman Home may be acquired. Objects which are documented to the Site or to Harry and Bess Truman are more desirable than a similar object without association.

FARM HOME: With the exception of a few pieces original to the family and the house, the current furnishings of the Truman Farm Home were acquired

to fit the general period of interpretation. Many of these are not of appropriate style. Efforts should be made first to obtain original pieces known to be in the possession of Truman family members. If this is not possible the original pieces should be documented, forming a base of information to guide future purchase of similar pieces or manufacture of reproductions. Where other gaps in the collection are identified, pieces appropriate to the period and style should be sought. Pieces should be acquired only for exhibit.

- b. Family Library and Archival Materials: This part of the collection contains the most potential for scholarly research. Included are Harry and Bess Truman's personal book and music collection; personal correspondence; financial records such as checkbooks, receipts and tax returns; family scrapbooks, recipe files and sheet music; and school exercises. All generations of the Gates/Wallace/Truman families are represented in these collections, from George Porterfield Gates to the Truman grandchildren.

No explicit acquisition needs exist in this category. However, objects may be acquired unless they would be better placed in the presidential archives of the Harry S. Truman Library.

- c. Photographs and Negatives: Many family photographs and negatives, and photographs of friends and associates of the Trumans, remain in the Truman Home. However, many photographic prints and negatives were removed to the Harry S. Truman Library before and shortly after the death of Bess Truman. The negatives of many of the prints in the collection are also held by the Truman Library. As they are already being made available to the public, there is no reason to attempt to acquire them from the Truman Library.

The Site may acquire original photographic prints or negatives which depict the structures and grounds of the Truman Home, George and Frank Wallace homes, the Noland Home, and the Truman Farm Home, unless the same images are already held by the Truman Library or the Jackson County Historical Society.

- d. Clothing: The many suits, hats, shirts, neckties and shoes of President Truman found in the Truman Home document Truman's personal style and taste in clothing from his wedding in 1919 through the late 1960's. This portion of the collection has excellent potential for interpretive exhibits and loans to other institutions.

An adequate representation of clothing exists. There are no acquisition needs in this area. However, if there are items associated to or explaining the acquisition of these items by the Trumans, they may be pursued through donation or transfer, unless they are held by public institutions, such as the Harry S. Truman Library.

- e. Personal Items: Upon the death of Bess Truman the Truman Home contained a great number of personal items belonging to the several generations who occupied the home. These include household accessories, art objects, toiletries, kitchen tools and implements. These objects enhance the Site's ability to exhibit the house as it appeared during the Trumans' years.

An adequate representation of personal objects exists. There are no acquisition needs in this area. However, if there are items associated to or explaining the acquisition of these items by the Trumans, they may be pursued through donation or transfer, unless they are held by public institutions, such as the Harry S. Truman Library.

- f. Truman Automobile: The 1972 Chrysler Newport Royal was the last auto purchased by Harry Truman, and was used by Bess Truman until her death. The location of the vehicle in the Carriage House adds significantly to the historic scene.

Efforts should be made to acquire the service records for the Truman auto. These records are in the possession of Jerry Vincent of Independence, formerly owner of the Uptown 66 service station.

- g. Other Contents of the Truman Home: This part of the collection includes several shipping crates used by the Trumans on leaving the White House in 1953, many flower baskets and vases given to Bess Truman by friends and relatives, yard tools and equipment. These items enhance the Site's ability to exhibit the home as it appeared during the Trumans' years. They also provide physical evidence of the Trumans' lifestyle, habits and values.

An adequate representation of these objects exists. There are no acquisition needs in this area. However, if there are items associated to or explaining the acquisition of these items by the Trumans, they may be pursued through donation or transfer, unless they are held by public institutions, such as the Harry S. Truman Library.

- h. Historic Fabric and Fixtures: When original fabric is removed from an historic structure during restoration or repair at the Site, representative portions of the removed fabric will be preserved in the museum collection along with any associated documentation. At the present time items such as shingles, siding, decorative brackets, floor coverings and wallpaper, wiring, doorknobs and window locks are included. New accessions in this area should be judicious and care should be taken not to duplicate types of historic fabric already represented in the collection. A "study collection" may be established for the retention of redundant samples of historic fabric, which are of insufficient quality or significance to be accessioned and cataloged.

FARM HOME: After the 1984 restoration, there appears to be very little original historic fabric left in the Farm Home structure. A Historic Structures Report should distinguish between original and non-historic fabric. Any accession of historic fabric into the museum collection should be very judicious.

- i. Reproductions: NPS *Museum Handbook, Part II*, chapter 4, section D states, "Reproductions on exhibit or in museum storage are accessioned and cataloged as museum objects. However, all exhibition aids, i.e. display panels, photographs, dioramas, and other display art produced in connection with the exhibit generally are not accessioned and cataloged as museum objects. Reproductions used in 'living history' demonstrations are not accessioned and cataloged as museum objects."

Currently several reproductions are represented in the museum collection. Much of the back porch furniture has been either reproduced or a duplicate purchased. All original objects, which have been replaced in the exhibit areas by reproductions, are maintained in the collection for reference and future reproductions.

- j. Truman Farm Home Records: The Site has already acquired the papers and architectural drawings of John A. Huffman documenting the restoration of the farmhouse. The Site has acquired the papers of George Fogelsong (contractor on the restoration project), and the papers of the defunct Truman Farm Home Foundation.
- k. Types of Objects NOT Collected: Documents and photographs of the Site's administrative history are not incorporated into the museum collection. However, these records are important in documenting efforts to preserve the Site and its structures, and will be preserved. In the same manner, the Site's reference library collections are not to be included in the museum collection. Policy and procedures for library collections are outlined in *NPS Management Policies* (December 1988) and *NPS-28 Cultural Resource Management Guideline*.

As noted in the Introduction in the section on collection background, staff from the Harry S. Truman Library removed several items from the Truman Home shortly before Bess Truman's death. The presidential library is an appropriate repository for these items. In general, unless such items are essential to the accurate depiction of the historic scene within the Truman Home, the Site should not seek to acquire them from the Truman Library.

The Site will not acquire political or presidential memorabilia of the Truman administration or any other period when such acquisition would appear to duplicate the efforts of the Harry S. Truman Library. The Site will not acquire objects relating to local history when such acquisition would appear to

duplicate the efforts of the Jackson County Historical Society or other local institutions.

The Site will not actively pursue the acquisition of original furnishings from the George Wallace, Frank Wallace or Noland homes, as there is little documentation to guide such acquisition. Similarly, the Site will not actively pursue the acquisition of personal possessions of the former residents of these homes.

The Site will not actively pursue the acquisition of personal possessions of the several members of the extended Young and Truman families who occupied the Truman Farm Home. Collection of personal possessions related to the Farm should be limited to items with a direct association to Harry S Truman, John Anderson Truman, Martha Ellen (Young) Truman, John Vivian Truman, and Mary Jane Truman.

Images of the Truman Home, in particular its west facade, have frequently been used to illustrate souvenir and gift items of a non-political nature, such as booklets, neckties and postcards. Whether from the presidential period (1945-1953) or later, the Site will not acquire such "Summer White House" memorabilia.

3. Ethnology – The Site does not collect or maintain an ethnology collection. No acquisition needs exist in this category.

- a. NAGPRA Compliance: The Site's museum collection does not include unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects or objects of cultural patrimony as defined by the *Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990* (NAGPRA).

B. Natural History Collection – These collections include materials from the disciplines of biology, geology and paleontology. The Site's Cultural Landscape Report (1989) makes unnecessary the need for a natural history collection to document vegetation and animal presence.

The Site has cataloged approximately 100 natural history specimens, primarily from the rock collection of one of Bess Truman's brothers. No additional natural history specimens from any discipline should be collected.

FARM HOME: There is no need to acquire biology, geology, or paleontology specimens at the Truman Farm Home. Little if any of the current vegetation dates to the period of Truman occupancy. A Cultural Landscape Report should be performed to document the variety of flora at the site.

IV. ACQUISITION

The Site acquires objects for its museum collection by gift, purchase, exchange, transfer, field collection and loan. Acquisition of museum objects is governed by the Site's ability to manage and preserve them according to chapter 5 of *NPS Management Policies* (Dec 88); the standards for managing museum objects in chapter 3 of *NPS-28 Cultural Resource Management Guideline*; the revised Special Directive 80-1 (March 1990); and the *NPS Museum Handbook, Part I*. Museum collection objects must be acquired, accessioned and cataloged in accordance with the *NPS Museum Handbook, Part II Museum Records* (Revised 1984). In accordance with NPS policy the Site will not accept gifts with limiting conditions.

The Superintendent, by delegation, is the Accountable Officer for museum collections. As such, the Superintendent represents the NPS in accepting title and responsibility for museum objects. The Superintendent is responsible for the acquisition and proper care and management of the museum collection. The Museum Curator has been delegated the Custodial Officer with responsibilities for day-to-day care of the collection.

All permanent acquisitions must receive formal approval from the Superintendent before they can be accessioned into the museum collection. Upon receipt at the Site, all newly acquired objects and related documentation must be turned over to the Museum Curator. The Museum Curator prepares for the Superintendent's signature all instruments of conveyance, letters of thanks, acceptance, or rejection, and transmits them, as appropriate, to the donor, lender, vendor, or other source of acquisition.

V. USES OF THE COLLECTION

The Harry S Truman National Historic Site's museum collection may be used for exhibits, interpretive programs, research, and other interpretive media (e.g., publications based on museum objects). The governing consideration in the use of museum objects is the conservation of each object in question and the preservation of the collection as a whole.

Researchers and other specialists may examine objects under the conditions and procedures outlined in *NPS-28 Cultural Resource Management Guideline* and in the Site's museum collection access policy.

All objects loaned to other institutions for exhibit or research purposes must be fully cataloged before transfer of such objects to the accepting institution.

Any interpretive use that may be defined as consumptive must be authorized in advance, as outlined in *NPS-6 Interpretation and Visitor Services Guideline*.

Destructive analysis of museum objects must have the advance written approval of the Superintendent. Destructive analysis shall be considered a legitimate use of the collection only when the impact is minor or when several examples of the object are

found in the collection. If an object is rare or significant, destructive analysis should be strongly discouraged, and may be prohibited at the discretion of the Superintendent or Museum Curator. Concurrence of System Support Office resource management personnel should be sought when appropriate.

VI. RESTRICTIONS

Chapter 5 of NPS *Management Policies* (Dec 1988) states that "information regarding the location, nature and character of archeological, historic and ethnographic resources may be exempted from public disclosure." With this in mind the Site has developed the following guidelines regarding access to the museum collection:

- A. All access to the museum collection is regulated by the Site's Museum Collection Access Policy.
- B. Physical access by non-NPS personnel to the second floor of the Truman Home for research purposes is prohibited, in accordance with Article II of the Last Will and Testament of Bess Wallace Truman, which states in part, "...during the life of my daughter, MARGARET TRUMAN DANIEL, the area above the first floor of my residence shall not be available to the public."
- C. At the discretion of the Museum Curator and with the approval of the Superintendent, objects in the museum collection which may be considered to be the property of Margaret Truman Daniel may be restricted from public access during the life of Margaret Truman Daniel.

VII. MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

This Scope of Collection Statement must be reviewed every five years and, when necessary, must be revised to remain supportive of and consistent with any changes in the Site's mission or conditions.

The Site has an approved museum collection access policy. The Site has a Collections Management Plan (1996). Collection Condition Surveys for wood objects and for textile objects were performed in 1994 and for works of art on paper in 1999. Leather, metal, wood, and plastic objects were surveyed in 2004. Condition surveys should be performed for paper, and wall and floor coverings.

Staff should review the Historic Furnishings Report. Pages 113-114 can serve as a basis for developing a historic furnishings plan to guide actions such as the periodic rotation of books on tables in the study to reduce exposure, and to document seasonal and occasional changes to the historic scene.

FARM HOME: The Truman Farm Home has a complete Historic Resource Study (2001) but requires a Historic Structures Report, Historic Furnishings Report and Plan, Cultural Landscape Report and an Archeology Resource Survey.

An acquisitions strategy would be useful for identifying original furniture in the possession of Truman family members, and for establishing priorities for acquiring or reproducing such furnishings. Such a strategy should include oral histories of living Truman family members, photo documentation of original furnishings in their possession, and a thorough evaluation of the contents of the Farm Home, which notes deficiencies and redundancies within the current furnishings.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

BESS WALLACE TRUMAN

I BESS WALLACE TRUMAN, of Independence, Jackson County Missouri, make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills and codicils made by me.

ARTICLE I

- A. I bequeath all my jewelry and clothing to my daughter, MARGARET TRUMAN DANIEL, if she survives me.
- B. My daughter, MARGARET TRUMAN DANIEL, is the owner of many of the contents in my home at 219 North Delaware, Independence, Missouri. I bequeath all the contents of my home other than those specifically bequeathed in paragraph A of this Article I and other that those contents owned by my said daughter, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA to be held and operated by it under the direction of the Archivist of The United States in conjunction with the Harry S. Truman Library.

ARTICLE II

I devise any and all interest owned by me at the time of my death in my residence at 219 North Delaware, Independence, Missouri, and in all real property adjoining my residence which passed to me upon the death of my husband, HARRY S. TRUMAN, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA to be held and operated by it under the direction of the Archivist of The United States in conjunction with the Harry S. Truman Library, subject however to the provision that during the life of my daughter, MARGARET TRUMAN DANIEL, the area above the first floor of my residence shall not be available to the public. My daughter, MARGARET TRUMAN DANIEL, has participated in the activities of the Harry S. Truman Library and the Harry S. Truman Library Institute. In this connection, I recommend that the Archivist of The United States permit her to occupy my residence for one week of each calendar year during her lifetime.

ARTICLE III

- A. I bequeath the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Independence, Missouri.
- B. I bequeath the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to the HARRY S. TRUMAN LIBRARY INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.
- C. I bequeath the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) to each of ARLETTA BROWN, GERALDINE PETERSON and EDWARD E. HOBBY who survives me and is in my employ at the time of my death.

ARTICLE IV

All of the rest, residue and remainder of my property, whether real, personal or mixed, of whatever it may consist and wherever it may be situated (including any property over which I may at the time of my death have only a power of appointment), I devise and

bequeath to my daughter, MARGARET TRUMAN DANIEL, if she survives me, but if she should not survive me then to her issue who survive me, per stirpes.

ARTICLE V

I direct my executor to pay out of my residuary estate any and all estate and inheritance taxes that become payable by reason of my death.

ARTICLE VI

My executor shall have all of the powers conferred upon it by law, and without limiting the same, but in furtherance thereof and in addition thereto, I authorize and empower my executor at any time or times during the probate administration of my estate, in its discretion, without procuring the authorization of any court: to settle, compromise, adjust, liquidate or release claims and debt in favor of or against my estate; to retain any and all property owned by me at the time of my death; to manage, invest and reinvest my estate in any manner my executor deems advisable; to borrow money with or without giving security therefor, and to mortgage or sell, or both, all or any part of the property, real, personal or mixed, constituting my estate, upon such terms and conditions and for such considerations as my executor my deem advisable, regardless of whether such borrowing, mortgaging or selling is necessary for the payment of debts, taxes or expenses of administration.

ARTICLE VII

I appoint UNITED MISSOURI BANK OF KANSAS CITY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Kansas City, Missouri, to act as executor of this will and I request that no bond be required of said executor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of December, 1974

/s/ Bess Wallace Truman (SEAL)

The foregoing instrument, consisting of two (2) typewritten pages, was initialed on each page thereof with the initial "B. W. T." by BESS WALLACE TRUMAN (a person known to us to be of sound mind), and was by her signed, sealed, published and declared to be her last will and testament, in our presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses this 21st day of December, 1974.

/s/ Robert E. Lockwood Address 11800 E. 60th Ter. Kansas City, MO. 64133

/s/ Donald R. Argetsinger Address 1508 "B" St. Blue Springs, Mo. 64015

/s/ Arthur Mag Address Kansas City, Mo.

FIRST CODICIL TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

BESS WALLACE TRUMAN

I, BESS WALLACE TRUMAN, of Independence, Jackson County, Missouri, make, publish and declare this to be the first codicil to last will and testament executed December 21, 1974.

ITEM I

I hereby amend Article II of my said will to the extent of canceling the following words in lines three and four of said Article II: "and in all real property adjoining my residence which passed to me upon the death of my husband, HARRY S. TRUMAN."

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
AMONG THE EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF
BESS WALLACE TRUMAN, MARGARET TRUMAN DANIEL,
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into among the Executor of the Estate of Bess Wallace Truman (hereinafter referred to as "Executor"), Margaret Truman Daniel, and the United States of America, acting through the Administrator of General Services and the Secretary of the Interior, all parties to this Agreement,

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement represent all parties legally interested in the bequest to the United States of America under the Last Will and Testament of Bess Wallace Truman and the home of Harry S. Truman, thirty-third President of the United States, including the real property known as 219 North Delaware Street, in the city of Independence, Missouri, and certain personal property therein (hereinafter referred to as "the Harry S. Truman home"); and

WHEREAS, the Last Will and Testament of Bess Wallace Truman devises and bequeaths the afore-described Harry S. Truman home to the United States "to be held and operated by it under the direction of the Archivist of the United States in conjunction with the Harry S. Truman Library"; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior designated the Harry S. Truman home as the Harry S. Truman National Historic Site on December 8, 1982, and the United States of America and the Executor of the Estate of Bess Wallace Truman entered into a cooperative agreement on December 17, 1982 for the National Park Service to administer the Harry S. Truman National Historic Site with the advice from the Administrator of General Services, and all parties are satisfied with the National Park Service's administration of the Harry S. Truman home to date; and

WHEREAS, all parties desire the Secretary of the Interior through the National Park Service, to continue to administer the Harry S. Truman home in perpetuity;

WHEREAS, the United States of America is anxious to accept title to the Harry S. Truman home, and will do so upon satisfactory completion of certain legal requirements and formalities, including this Memorandum of Agreement as to the administration of the home;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, the parties covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I. Once acceptance of title to the Harry S. Truman home is approved by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to law, the Secretary of the Interior may

accept title to the home on behalf of the United States of America in accordance with applicable authorities.

ARTICLE II. The Secretary of the Interior shall hold and operate the Harry S. Truman home under the direction of the National Park Service. The National Park Service shall, subject to available funds, administer the Harry S. Truman home, providing, among other things, appropriate operation, maintenance, interpretation, management, and protection of the Harry S. Truman home commensurate with its nationally acclaimed significance.

ARTICLE III. The Administrator of General Services through the Archivist of the United States may at any time advise the Secretary of the Interior regarding the administration of the Harry S. Truman home in conjunction with the operation of the Harry S. Truman Library.

ARTICLE IV. In all other respects, the parties shall abide by the precise wishes of Bess Wallace Truman, as set forth in her Last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof, the said parties have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals on this 14th day of September, 1983.

EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF
BESS WALLACE TRUMAN:

By /s/ Stephen J. Campbell
For the United Missouri Bank of
Kansas City, N.A.

/s/ Margaret Truman Daniel

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

By /s/ Administrator of General Services

By /s/ James G. Welt
Secretary of the Interior

ENABLING LEGISLATION
PUBLIC LAW 98-32-MAY 23, 1983

97 STAT. 193

Public Law 98-32
98th Congress

An Act

To establish the Harry S Truman National Historic Site in the Sates of Missouri, and for other purposes.

May 23, 1983
[S. 287]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to preserve and interpret for the inspiration and benefit of present and future generations the former home of Harry S Truman, thirty-third President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior (herein-after referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized to acquire by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, transfer from another Federal agency, or otherwise, the residence and real property known as 219 North Delaware Street in the city of Independence, Missouri, as passed to Bess Wallace Truman upon the death of her husband. The Secretary may also acquire, by any of the above means, fixtures, and personal property for use in connections with the residence.

Harry S Truman
National Historic
Site establishment.

Sec. 2. The property acquired pursuant to subsection (a) is designated as the Harry S Truman National Historic Site and shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of law generally applicable to units of the national park system including the Act entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes" approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1-4), and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C. 461-467). The Secretary is further authorized, in the administration of the site, to make available certain portions thereof for the use of Margaret Truman Daniel subject to reasonable terms and conditions which he may impose.

16 USC 461 note.

Sec. 3. There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Appropriation
authorization.

Approved May 23, 1983

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY – S. 287:
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Vol. 129 (1983):
May 5, considered and passed Senate.
May 10, Considered and passed House.

CHAPTER IV

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

For an additional amount for "Resource management", \$500,000.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

96 Stat. 1970

Funds appropriated to the National Park Service under this head in Public Law 97-394 shall be available to reimburse the Estate of Bess W. Truman for operation expenses, including maintenance and protection of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site incurred during the period October 18, 1982 through December 27, 1982.

Construction

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, section 4 of the Act of October 26, 1972, as amended (86 Stat. 1181; 16 U.S.C. 433c note), is amended by striking the numeral "9,327,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "10,500,000".

Land Acquisition and state assistance

For an additional amount for "Land acquisition and State assistance: \$25,500,000, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and to remain available until expended.

OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION FUND.

For an additional amount for "Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund: \$42,000,000, to remain available until expended, to be derived from receipts of the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund to provide for the acquisition of private homes and businesses and nonprofit buildings occupied or utilized continuously since September 1, 1983, and the lands on which they are located, excluding all mineral interests, and the relocation of families and individuals residing in the borough of Centralia and the Village of Byrnesville and on outlying properties who are threatened by the progressive movement of the mine fire currently burning in and around the Borough of Centralia: Provided, That all acquisition, made by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the authority provided herein shall be at fair market value without regard to mine fire damages as was properly done by OSM in its prior acquisitions of Centralia properties. These activities must comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601, et seq), but shall not constitute a major action within the meaning of section 102(2xc) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332): *Provided further.*

97 STAT 294

Public Law 101-105
101st Congress

An Act

To provide for the addition of certain parcels to the Harry S Truman National Historic Site in the State of Missouri.

Oct. 2, 1989
[H.R. 419]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Section 1. Property Acquisition.

(a) NOLAND/HAUKENBERRY HOUSE AND WALLACE HOMES. – The first section of the Act entitled “An Act to establish the Harry S Truman Nationals Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes”, approved May 23, 1983 (97 Stat. 193) is amended –

16 USC 461 note.

(1) by striking “that,” and inserting “That (a)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b)(1) The Secretary is further authorized to acquire by any means set forth in subsection (a) the real properties commonly referred to as –

“(A) the Noland/Haukenberry house and associated lands on Delaware Street in the city of Independence, Missouri, and

“(B) the Frank G. Wallace house and George P. Wallace house, and associated lands, both on Truman Road in the city of Independence, Missouri.

“(2) The owners of property referred to in paragraph (1) on the date of its acquisition by the Secretary may, as a condition to such acquisition, retain the right of use and occupancy of the improved property for a term of up to and including 25 years or, in lieu thereof, for a term ending at the death of the owner or the spouse of the owner, whichever is later. The owner shall elect the term to be reserved.

“(3) Unless a property acquired pursuant to this subsection is wholly or partially donated to the United States, the Secretary shall pay the owner the fair market value, on that date, of the right retained by the owner under paragraph (2).”

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT. – The first sentence of section 2 of such Act is amended by striking “subsection (a)” and inserting “the first section of this act.

16 USC 461 note.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS. – Section 3 of such Act is amended –

97 Stat. 193.

(1) by inserting before the period at the end thereof“, except for subsection (b) of the first section of this Act”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: “There is authorized to be appropriated \$250,000 to carry out subsection (b) of the first section of this Act.”.

Approved October 2, 1989.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY – H.R. 419:

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 101-19 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 101-114 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Vol. 135 (1989):

Apr. 11, considered and passed Senate.

Sept 12, considered and passed House.

Public Law 103-184
103d Congress

An Act

To provide for the addition of the Truman Farm Home to the Harry S Truman National
Historic Site in the State of Missouri

Dec 14, 1993
[H.R. 486]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of
America in Congress assembled,*

Section 1. Property Acquisition

The first section of the Act entitled "An Act to establish the Harry S Truman National
Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes:", approved May 23, 1983 (97
Stat. 193), is amended by adding at the end the following:

16 USC 461 note.

"(c) The Secretary is further authorized to acquire from Jackson County, Missouri, by
donation, the real property commonly referred to as the Truman Farm Home located in
Grandview, Jackson County, Missouri, together with associated lands and related structures,
comprising approximately 5.2 acres.

"(d) The Secretary is authorized and directed to provide appropriate political subdivisions
of the State of Missouri with technical and planning assistance for the development and
implementation of plans, programs, regulations, or other means for minimizing the adverse
effects on the Truman Farm House of the development and use of adjacent lands.

Approved December 14, 1993

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY – H.R. 486:

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 103-399 (Comm. on Natural Resources).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Vol. 139 (1993):

Nov. 22, considered and passed House.

Nov. 24, considered and passed Senate.

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Quit-Claim Deed in favor of the United States of America to effect the donation of certain real property known as the Truman farm home to the National Park Service.

RESOLUTION #10242, March 21, 1994

INTRODUCED BY Fred Arbanas, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Congress recently enacted, and President Clinton signed, legislation which would allow the National Park Service to accept the donation and assume operation of the Truman Farm Home, property located in Grandview and now owned by the County; and,

WHEREAS, the attached Quit-Claim Deed is necessary to effect the conveyance of this property; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to execute the attached Quit-Claim Deed in favor of the United States of America and to deliver the same to representatives of the National Park Service.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

Approved as to form:

/s/ [illegible]

/s/ [illegible]
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution #10242 of March 21, 1994 was duly passed on March 28, 1994 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8
Abstaining 0

Nays 0
Absent 1

March 29, 1994
Date

/s/ Mary Jo Brogoto
Mary Jo Brogoto, Clerk of Legislature

QUIT-CLAIM DEED

THIS DEED WITNESSETH, that Jackson County, Missouri, a Constitutional Home Rule Charter County Government, Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration does by these presents, remise, release and forever quit-claim unto The United States of America Grantees, their heirs and assigns the following described land situated in Jackson County, Missouri, to-wit:

See Exhibit A Attached

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, with all the rights, immunities, privileges and appurtenances, thereto belonging, unto said Grantees and unto their heirs and assigns forever; so that neither the said Grantor County, nor any other person or persons, demand any right or title to the aforesaid premises or any part thereof, but they and each of them shall, by these presents, be excluded and forever barred.

WITNESS THE HAND of said Grantor this 4th day of April, 1994.

ATTEST:

JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

(SEAL) /s/ Mary Jo Brogato, Clerk
Jackson County Legislature

/s/ Marsha Murphy
County Executive

/s/ Gordon P. Braun, P.E.
Director of Public Works

/s/ James B. Storkamp
County Counselor

Acknowledgement

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

On this 4th day of April, 1994, before me Carla J. White, a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared Marsha Murphy, County Executive, of Jackson County, Missouri, to me personally known, and who being by me duly sworn, did say that she is the County Executive of Jackson County, Missouri, a Constitutional Home Rule Charter County Government, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the seal of Jackson County, Missouri and that the Quit-Claim Deed was signed and sealed on behalf the Jackson County, Missouri, by authority duly conferred upon her by the Legislature of Jackson County and she acknowledged to me said instrument to be the free act and deed of said Jackson County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by notary seal at my office in Kansas City, Missouri, the day and year last above written.

My term expires:
7-5-97

(SEAL) /s/ Carla J. White
Notary Public in and for said
County and State

Exhibit A
Attachment for Quit Claim Deed

All that part of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 47 north, Range 33 west, in Grandview, Jackson County, Missouri, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the north line of north half of the northeast quarter of Section, 14 Township 47 north, Range 33 west, which is 1247.05 feet west of the east line of said half quarter Section; thence south parallel with the east line of said half quarter Section 250 feet; thence west parallel with the north line of said half quarter Section 924.07 feet, more or less, to the easterly line of Blue Ridge Boulevard Extension; thence north and northerly along the easterly line of said Blue Ridge Boulevard Extension to its intersection with the north line of said half quarter Section; thence east along the north line of said half quarter Section to the point of beginning.

Subject, however, to zoning laws and to any covenants, restrictions, reservations, easements and community contracts of record.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by notary seal at my office in Kansas City, Missouri, the day and year last above written.

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7-5-97

(SEAL) /s/ Carla J. White
Notary Public in and for said
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