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Former Secretary of the Interior Donates Memorabilia to Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site

(Flat Rock, NC) – Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site received a very special gift for its 40th anniversary. Former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, who was instrumental in establishing the historic site in 1968, donated items from his personal collection to the park’s museum.

In a letter from Udall and his son Congressman Tom Udall, the family offered the gifts “in recognition of this year’s anniversary and in celebration of Sandburg’s extraordinary life.” The Udalls sent the donated items to Congressman Heath Shuler who then passed them on to Carl Sandburg Home NHS. The letter addressed to Congressman Shuler read, “Both of us deeply appreciate the effort you have made to enlarge the Carl Sandburg historical site and celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Act of Congress honoring this great American.”

The donation includes a six-volume series of *Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years, I & II* and *Abraham Lincoln: The War Years, I-IV* written by Carl Sandburg and signed by Lilian Sandburg with a personal note to Stewart Udall. The donation also includes three original photographs of Carl Sandburg with Stewart Udall, President John F. Kennedy, Lady Bird Johnson, Edward Steichen, and others in the Lincoln Room of the White House and the Oval Office. There is also an original photograph of Lilian Sandburg and Stewart Udall on top of Big Glassy Mountain in 1967 discussing plans for the soon-to-be national historic site. Udall’s gift also included a framed collection of memorabilia from the Carl Sandburg Memorial Service held in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 17, 1967, and a bronze plaque of Abraham Lincoln.

Carl Sandburg Home NHS displayed the items at its 40th anniversary celebration on Oct. 17. The Udall donation will become part of the park’s museum collection which manages over 300,000 museum objects including the Sandburg’s original furnishings and library.

Carl Sandburg Home NHS is located three miles south of Hendersonville, North Carolina, off U.S. 225 on Little River Road in Flat Rock, North Carolina. For additional information, visit the site’s website at www.nps.gov/carl or call the park at 828-693-4178. There is no fee to visit the grounds and barn. The house tour fee is \$5 for adults age 16-61, \$3 for adults age 62 and older, and children age fifteen and under are free.

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