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## Harry S Truman NHS News Release

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### Two New Exhibits at Harry S Truman NHS Visitor Center

Harry S Truman National Historic announces two new exhibits: *Christmas with the Trumans* and *January 20: A History of Presidential Inaugurations* on display at the visitor center, located at 223 N. Main Street, Independence, Missouri.

The annual Christmas display features holiday decorations and household artifacts used by the Truman family at their Independence home. From the nine foot tree in the living room to the turkey for dinner, Christmas at 219 North Delaware was much like Christmas at any home in America. Presents were wrapped, holiday cards sent and the tree was trimmed with colorful lights, glass ornaments and tinsel. Like many of us, the holidays were a chance for the Trumans to spend time with family and friends in the comfort and warmth of home. The exhibit will be on display until January 9, 2009.

*January 20: A History of Presidential Inaugurations* features photographs and artifacts that trace the history of presidential inauguration. For more than two hundred years America's citizens have witnessed the inauguration ceremony of the President of the United States. From the first inauguration of George Washington, in New York City, in 1789, to today, as we prepare for the 56th Presidential Inauguration, the swearing-in ceremony represents both national renewal and continuity of leadership. As each president has offered a vision for America's future, we reflect on the history of inaugurations. The exhibit will be on display through the end of January, 2009.

The mission of Harry S Truman National Historic Site is to interpret the broad life experience of President Truman encompassed in the National Park Service resources in Independence and Grandview and to preserve those resources which tell his life story. The park seeks to educate present and future generations about Truman, his role as a citizen and his influence on history. The visitor center is located at 223 N. Main St., Independence, Missouri and is open seven days a week 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The visitor center will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day. There is no admission fee for the exhibits. For further information, please call the visitor center at 816-254-9929 or visit the park website at [www.nps.gov/hstr](http://www.nps.gov/hstr).

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