

II. NATIONAL PARKS

1. Abraham Lincoln National Park, Kentucky

SIXTY-FOURTH CONGRESS. SESS. I. CH. 247. 1916.

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CHAP. 247.—An Act To accept a deed of gift or conveyance from the Lincoln Farm Association, a corporation, to the United States of America, of land near the town of Hodgenville, county of Larue, State of Kentucky, embracing the homestead of Abraham Lincoln and the log cabin in which he was born, together with the memorial hall inclosing the same; and further, to accept an assignment or transfer of an endowment fund of \$50,000 in relation thereto.

July 17, 1916.
[H. R. 8351.]
[Public, No. 160.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States of America hereby accepts title to the lands mentioned in the deed of gift or conveyance now in possession of the Secretary of War, together with all the buildings and appurtenances thereon, especially the log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born and the memorial hall inclosing the same, which deed of conveyance was executed on the eleventh day of April, nineteen hundred and sixteen, by the Lincoln Farm Association, a corporation, to the United States of America, describing certain lands situated near the town of Hodgenville, county of Larue, State of Kentucky, which lands are more particularly identified and described in said deed or conveyance. The title to such lands, buildings, and appurtenances is accepted upon the terms and conditions stated in said deed or conveyance, namely: That the land therein described, together with the buildings and appurtenances thereon, shall be forever dedicated to the purposes of a national park or reservation, the United States of America agreeing to protect and preserve the said lands, buildings, and appurtenances, and especially the log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born and the memorial hall inclosing the same, from spoliation, destruction, and further disintegration, to the end that they may be preserved for all time, so far as may be; and further agreeing that there shall never be any charge or fee made to or asked from the public for admission to the said park or reservation.

Birthplace of
Abraham Lincoln.
Acceptance of title
to land, etc.,
Hodgenville, Ky.

To be a national
park.

SEC. 2. That the United States of America hereby also accepts title to the endowment fund of \$50,000 mentioned in the assignment and transfer, now in the possession of the Secretary of War, which assignment and transfer was executed on the eleventh day of April, nineteen hundred and sixteen, by the Lincoln Farm Association, a corporation, to the United States of America, transferring and turning over all its right, title, and interest in and to said endowment fund, heretofore invested in certain stocks, bonds, and securities held and owned by the Lincoln Farm Association, and more particularly identified and described in said assignment and transfer. The title to said endowment fund is accepted upon the terms and conditions stated in said assignment and transfer, namely, that the United States of America shall forever keep the said tract of land described in said deed, together with the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, dedicated to the purpose of a national park or reservation, and that there shall never be any charge or fee made to or asked from the public for admission to the said park or reservation; and further, shall forever protect, preserve, and maintain said land, buildings, and appurtenances, and especially the log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born

Endowment fund
accepted.

Conditions.

and the memorial hall inclosing the same, from spoliation, destruction, and further disintegration, to the end that they may be preserved for all time, as far as may be, as a national park or reservation.

Execution of
acceptance.

SEC. 3. That the President of the United States of America and the Secretary of War are hereby authorized to execute, in the name of the United States of America, such instrument or instruments as may be or may become necessary to comply with or carry out the terms and conditions of such gift or gifts and to secure the full benefit therefrom.

Control, etc., by
Secretary of War.

SEC. 4. That upon the passage of this Act and the vesting of the title to the property accepted thereunder in the United States, it shall be under the control of the Secretary of War and administered under such regulations not inconsistent with law as he may from time to time prescribe.

Approved, July 17, 1916.

2. Fort McHenry National Park, Maryland

SIXTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS. SESS. II. CH. 425. 1925.

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CHAP. 425.—An Act To repeal and reenact chapter 100, 1914, Public, Numbered 108, to provide for the restoration of Fort McHenry, in the State of Maryland, and its permanent preservation as a national park and perpetual national memorial shrine as the birthplace of the immortal “Star-Spangled Banner,” written by Francis Scott Key, for the appropriation of the necessary funds, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1925.
[H. R. 5261.]
[Public, No. 543.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act authorizing the Secretary of War to grant the use of the Fort McHenry Military Reservation in the State of Maryland to the mayor and city council of Baltimore, a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland, making certain provisions in connection therewith, providing access to and from the site of the new immigration station heretofore set aside be, and hereby is, repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

Fort McHenry, Md. Grant to Baltimore of portion of, for public park, repealed. Vol. 38, p. 382, repealed.

“That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed so soon as it may no longer be needed for uses and needs growing out of the late war, to begin the restoration of Fort McHenry, in the State of Maryland, now occupied and used as a military reservation, including the restoration of the old Fort McHenry proper to such a condition as would make it suitable for preservation permanently as a national park and perpetual national memorial shrine as the birthplace of the immortal ‘Star-Spangled Banner,’ written by Francis Scott Key, and that the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, further authorized and directed, as are his successors, to hold the said Fort McHenry in perpetuity as a military reservation, national park, and memorial, and to maintain it as such, except that part mentioned in section 3 hereof, and that part now in use by the Department of Commerce for a light and fog-signal station under revocable license from the War Department with the maintenance of the electric lines thereto and such portion of the reservation, including improvement, as may be reserved by the Secretary of War for the use of the Chief of Engineers, the said reservation to be maintained as a national public park, subject to such regulations as may from time to time be issued by the Secretary of War.

Restoration of, directed to become a national park.

Maintenance by Secretary of War.

“That any and all repairs, improvements, changes, and alterations in the grounds, buildings, and other appurtenances to the reservation shall be made only according to detailed plans which shall be approved by the Secretary of War, and all such repairs, improvements, or alterations shall be made at the expense of the United States, and all such improvements, together with the reservation itself, shall become and remain permanently the property of the United States: *Provided,* That permission is hereby granted the Secretary of the Treasury to use permanently a strip of land sixty feet wide belonging to said fort grounds, beginning at the north

Repairs, etc., at Government expense.

Provisos.
Right of way to immigration station granted.

corner of the present grounds of the fort and extending south sixty-three degrees thirty minutes east, six hundred and fifty feet to the south corner of the site set aside for the immigration station at Baltimore, said strip of land being located along the northwest boundary of the land ceded to the Baltimore Dry Dock Company and the land of the said immigration station, the same to be used, if so desired, in lieu of acquiring, by purchase or condemnation, any of the lands of the dry dock company so that the Secretary of the Treasury may, in connection with land acquired from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, have access to and from said immigration station and grounds over the right of way so acquired to the city streets and railroads beyond, the Secretary of the Treasury to have the same power to construct, contract for, and arrange for railroad and other facilities upon said outlet as fully as provided in the Act approved March 4, 1913, setting aside a site for an immigration station and providing for an outlet therefrom: Use *Provided, however,* That if the Secretary of the Treasury accepts and makes use of said strip of land for the purposes aforesaid the War Department shall have equal use of the railroad track and other roads constructed over which to reach the city streets and railroads beyond from the other parts of the fort grounds: *Provided further,* That the Secretary of War may in case of a national emergency close the said military reservation and use it for any and all military purposes during the period of the emergency, and for such period of time thereafter as the public needs may require: *And provided further,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to dispose of the useless temporary buildings and contents constructed during the recent war and from the proceeds thereof there is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sum as may be necessary not exceeding \$50,000 for use by the Secretary of War in the restoration of said Fort McHenry reservation and for other purposes consistent with this Act.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

Construction of
railroad facilities, etc.

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Use by War
Department allowed.

Closing in case of
national emergency.

Disposal of useless
temp-orary buildings,
etc.

Amount authorized
for restoration, etc.