The Harpers Ferry Center Library of the National Park Service at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, contains most of the sources consulted for this history. The library's largely documentary National Park Service History Collection preserves records in both its General Collection and Park Historic Reference Files. In the former, material was found in some fifty boxes bearing such labels as History of Interpretation, Museum/Exhibit History, Branch of Interpretation Annual Reports 1934-42, Branch of Research and Interpretation Monthly Reports July 1938-December 1940, Museum Division Monthly Reports, Museum Labs General Correspondence 1959-62, Western Museum Lab General Correspondence 1958-66, Western Museum Lab Personnel, Western Museum Lab Reports, Western Museum Lab Files, and Western Museum Lab Product Catalog. Boxes marked General Files and Notes on Exhibit Progress and an unmarked storage box contain other Western Museum Lab files. Other storage boxes are labeled Branch of Museums Dailies, Museums Development Dailies, Branch of Museums General Files, Eastern Museum Lab File, Museum Methods Training, Interpretive Planning, Behavior Studies, Biographies A-B, Conferences and Meetings, Director's Staff Meeting Minutes, Policy and Philosophy 1960-67, Reorganizations, Field Orders 1950-69, World War II NPS, and American Association of Museums.

Unboxed material consulted in the General Collection includes transcripts of oral history interviews with Verne E. Chatelain, George L. Collins, Elbert Cox, Jean C. and Virginia S. Harrington, Walter B. McDougall, and Arthur J. Stupka; published annual reports of the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service for various years from 1904 to 1961; a binder titled Museum Policy; miscellaneous superseded volumes of the NPS Administrative Manual, especially volume 25, "Information and Interpretation in the Field"; early releases of the NPS Museum Handbook; and cited issues of Park Service Bulletin, National Park Service Newsletter, Courier, National Park Service Interpreters' Newsletter, The Regional Review, Yosemite Nature Notes, and Mesa Verde Notes. The cited historic furnishing plans and interpretive prospectuses were found among the many research and planning reports filed alphabetically by park in the General Collection.

The Park Historic Reference Files contain additional archival material related to specific parks. Material was used from boxes on Everglades, Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Great Smoky Mountains, Hawaii Volcanoes, and Hot Springs national parks; Casa Grande Ruins, Fort McHenry, George Washington Birthplace, Little Bighorn Battlefield, and Scotts Bluff national
monuments; Colonial, Morristown, and Sitka national historical parks; Salem Maritime and Vanderbilt Mansion national historic sites; Shiloh and Vicksburg national military parks; Federal Hall National Memorial; Jefferson National Expansion Memorial; and Blue Ridge Parkway.

Other sources consulted at Harpers Ferry include current office files on Service-wide museum matters, the National Catalog, and the NPS Clearinghouse in the Harpers Ferry unit of the Curatorial Services Division; files of Harpers Ferry Center’s Division of Conservation; and the Vera Craig File in HFC’s Division of Historic Furnishings.

Elsewhere, research was conducted in the Carl Parcher Russell Papers at the Washington State University Archives at Pullman, Washington; the personal files of Richard W. Russell, containing diaries, letters, and reports of his father, Carl P. Russell; the records of the National Park Service (Record Group 79) in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., for Casa Grande annual reports, 1902-27; the files of the Curatorial Services Division in the Washington Office; and park files at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, Grand Canyon National Park, Sequoia National Park and its Lodgepole Visitor Center Library, and the Yosemite National Park Research Library. Curatorial staff supplied copies of documents from files at Everglades, Great Smoky Mountains, and Mesa Verde national parks; Colonial and Independence national historical parks; Pipestone National Monument; and the Yosemite National Park Research Library.

A partial list of books and periodical articles consulted follows. Museum News was the source of many other articles cited in the notes, as were the Buffalo Museum of Science magazine Hobbies and its successor Science on the March.


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