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ADAMS MANSION

PROPOSED HISTORIC SITES

ADAMS MANSION

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NEWTON B. DRURY,

*Director.*



RICHARD B. WIGGLESWORTH  
13TH DIST. MASSACHUSETTS

COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS

# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

*This looks pretty good.*



January 5, 1945.

Name	Date
<i>Drury</i>	<i>1/8/45</i>
<i>Adams</i>	<i>2/1/45</i>
<i>Wright</i>	<i>2/1/45</i>
<i>Kahlin</i>	<i>cwp 1/16</i>
<i>Tracy</i>	

Honorable Newton D. Drury, Director  
National Park Service,  
Merchandise Mart,  
Chicago 54, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Drury:

As you perhaps know the Adams family own the old house in Quincy, Massachusetts, where John Quincy Adams, President of the United States, lived during most of his life. The house was subsequently owned and occupied by Charles Francis Adams, Minister to Great Britain most of the Civil War.

The house at present is open as a museum during part of the year. Its surroundings are ample and contain a stone library near the main house with an interesting collection of books and papers.

The family is interested in giving the property to the United States to be maintained for the benefit of the public under some satisfactory arrangement.

Would you be good enough to advise me if this suggestion can be considered under the National Historic Sites Act or otherwise?

I enclose pamphlet describing the property. The present trustees are Charles Francis Adams and Henry Adams. The address of the former is 15 State Street, Boston, Mass.

Sincerely yours,

*R. B. Wigglesworth*

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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ADDRESS ONLY  
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

January 12, 1945.

*over*  
Mr. Herbert E. Kahler,  
Missouri Athletic Club,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Herb:

The attached copy of a letter from Congressman Wigglesworth will be self-explanatory.

The house they are offering to donate to the Federal Government is the home of President John Adams and President John Quincy Adams. It was also the home of the distinguished diplomat Charles Francis Adams. It was later occupied, in succession, by the distinguished writers and historians Henry Adams and Brooks Adams. The Adams Memorial Association now operating the estate, containing, besides the mansion, the colonial garden which was measured by the Historic American Buildings Survey, and including four acres of land, has an annual income of \$4,000 from admission fees and gifts. The Charles Francis Adams with whom we are to deal, if the President approves the project, has served as treasurer of Harvard College and was Secretary of the Navy under Herbert Hoover.

I think we should go all out to acquire this property, which includes the famous Adams Library of 10,000 volumes. I have prepared three letters, one to Congressman Wigglesworth, one to Secretary Ickes, and one to the President through the Bureau of the Budget. The Director is willing to see this rather choice item added to the National Park System.

If you have any objections to the acquisition of this property, you had better telephone or telegraph us, so we can pull in our horns.

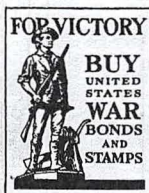
This letter will reach you through the courtesy of Mr. Tilden because that seems to be the quickest means of transmittal.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles W. Porter*

Charles W. Porter,  
Acting Chief Historian.

Enclosure 2366622.





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Date ..... 1-16-45. ....

4. <del>Mr. Drury.</del>	Mr. Cahalane.
3. <del>Mr. Tolson.</del>	Mr. Carnes.
2. <del>Mr. Nease.</del> <i>Filed</i>	Mr. Carpenter.
1. <del>Mr. Wirth.</del> <i>4</i>	Mr. Douglas.
Mr. Burney.	Mr. Gerner.
Mr. Kahler.	Mr. Kennedy.
Mr. Vint.	Mr. McLaren.
Dr. Russell.	Mr. Neilson.
Mr. Coffman.	Mr. Rittase.
Mr. Gable.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Sanders.
Miss Story.	Mr. Simmers.
Mr. Miller.	Mr. Smith.
Mr. Patraw.	Mr. Sorrill.
Miss Bartling.	Mr. Sullivan.
Mr. Bayliss.	Mr. B. Thompson.
Mrs. Benson.	Mr. Tripp.
Mrs. Bowden.	Mr. Webber.
	Mr. Wilt.

☐ For action.  
☐ To prepare reply.  
☐ Please discuss with me.  
☐ To note.  
☐ Please send file.  
☒ To surname.

*Mr. Drury: I believe this letter  
 leave ample room for retreat  
 if retreat becomes desirable.*

*W.P.*

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*Porter*



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January 16, 1945.

Hon. Richard B. Wigglesworth,

House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Wigglesworth:

I have received your letter of January 5, which states that the Adams family is interested in giving the historic Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts, to the Federal Government for maintenance as an historic site under some satisfactory arrangement, and inquiring whether this proposed gift could be considered under the Historic Sites Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666).

The Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments at its meeting of October 28-29, 1937, gave consideration to the many historical associations of the Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts, and declared the mansion to be of national significance. Although the National Park Service, at the request of the President, has deferred, for the duration of the war, all activity looking toward the acquisition of proposed historic sites in order that the greatly reduced staff of the Service may contribute as fully as possible to the war program, the President has asked that specially important cases be brought to his attention.

In view of the tradition of statesmanlike public service, and the rich intellectual and cultural tradition bequeathed to the Nation by the successive members of the Adams family who dwelt in the house, it is possible that the President may be willing to consider the preservation of the Adams Mansion an exceptional case. I am, therefore, sending a copy of your letter to Secretary Lake with the request that he ask the President whether he desires us at this time to enter into negotiations with the trustees of the property with a view to considering the feasibility of designating the Adams Mansion as a national historic site.

There will probably be some delay in learning the views of the President because of the many important matters requiring his attention, but as soon as a reply has been received, I shall write to you again.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Regional Director, Region One (2), (with a copy of

Mr. Demaray.

Mr. Porter.

(SGD) NEWTON B. DRURY  
(letter of 1/5/45.

(Detached.)

Newton B. Drury,  
Director.



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Salmon  
1-16-45

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THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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January 16, 1945.

MEMORANDUM for the Secretary.

There is enclosed a copy of the Hon. Richard B. Wigglesworth's letter of January 5 advising me that the Adams family is interested in donating the historic Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts, to the Federal Government for historic site purposes, in conformity with some mutually satisfactory arrangement which might be arrived at under the Historic Sites Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666).

The house is undoubtedly one of the most historic in New England. It was the home of both President John Adams and President John Quincy Adams, as well as the home of Charles Francis Adams, the celebrated diplomat who was Minister to England during the American Civil War. Here also lived, for a time, the distinguished historians and writers Henry Adams and Brooks Adams. For approximately a century and a half, from 1787 until the death of Brooks Adams in 1927, the house was associated with the highest type of American statesmanship and public service and with a quality of literary and cultural endeavor worthy of commemoration for the benefit and inspiration of the American people.

The property includes a colonial garden dating from 1731, which has been measured by the Historic American Buildings Survey, many fine Adams family heirlooms, and the celebrated Adams library. An illustrated booklet fully describing the mansion and its history is attached to the enclosed draft of a proposed letter to the President. At present, the property is administered by the Adams Memorial Society, which, according to Christopher Crittenden's Historical Societies in the United States and Canada (1944), has an annual income of \$4,000 from gifts and admission fees. The Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments, which has considered the historical importance of the mansion and visited it, has declared it to be of national significance. It is, therefore, eligible within the scope of the Historic Sites Act.

In asking that the National Park Service defer, for the duration of the war, the acquisition of new historic sites, the President requested that exceptional cases be brought to his attention. I believe that the historic Adams Mansion constitutes such an "exceptional case," and I recommend that you sign the enclosed letter to the President.

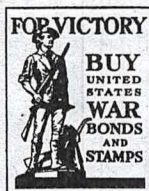
(SGD) NEWTON B. DRURY

Director.

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Enclosure 2366624.

cc: Regional Director, Region One (2), (with a copy of Hon. Wigglesworth's letter of 1/5/45, and a copy of a draft of the Secretary's letter to the President.)  
✓ Mr. Demaray,  
✓ Dr. Porter,





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January 17, 1945.

Confidential.

Lt. Edwin W. Small, USNR,  
3607 R Street NW,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

There is a possibility that the National Park Service might be able to acquire the Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts. The house is the one in which President John Adams and President John Quincy Adams lived and which Charles Francis Adams, the diplomat, inherited as his home. Later, it was occupied by both Henry Adams and Brooks Adams, the distinguished historians and writers. The mansion is crammed full of the Adams family antiques and includes the famous Adams library of over 10,000 volumes. There is also a colonial garden on a 7-acre tract which has been measured by the Historic American Buildings Survey.

As you are undoubtedly familiar with this place, we should appreciate your opinion of its value as a potential national historic site. An early reply will be appreciated because we may have to make up our minds on this subject very quickly.

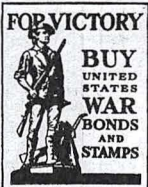
I know you would enjoy an assignment abroad, as a naval combat historian, which would enable you to get a first-hand view of the war, analagous to the assignment of Roy Appleman, who is now combat historian in the philippines area. If this lucky chance should befall you, we trust that you will keep in touch with us so that we can be with you in spirit, at least.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) CHARLES W. PORTER III

Charles W. Porter,  
Acting Chief Historian.

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January 17, 1945.

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Dr. Alvin P. Stauffer, Jr.,  
Hotel Everett,  
1730 H Street NW,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Alvin:

We have once again had proof that when you left this office much of our historic sites survey wisdom and experience departed with you. Our files show that the Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts, was approved as of national significance by the Advisory Board at its meeting of October 28-29, 1937, under what was then Theme VIII, Political and Military Affairs, 1783 - 1830. However, there is no discussion of the subject in our minutes of the meeting.

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We are informed that the Adams family would like to donate the property to the Federal Government. In this connection, we would like to have your candid opinion of the place as a potential national historic site.

Please keep the whole matter confidential and discuss it with no one, except Lieutenant Edwin W. Small, to whom I am also writing about the matter.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) CHARLES W. PORTER III

Charles W. Porter,  
Acting Chief Historian.



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3607 R St., N. W.  
Washington 7, D. C.  
January 22, 1945

Charles W. Porter III,  
Acting Chief Historian,  
National Park Service,  
Chicago 54, Illinois.

Dear Charlie:

I am delighted to hear there is a possibility that the National Park Service may be able to acquire the Adams Mansion at Quincy, Massachusetts. From a national standpoint I consider it the most important historic house in New England and very likely unsurpassed elsewhere in the country. Although there are other houses that are distinctly more impressive as show places and architectural specimens, there are none which are more pleasingly integrated with the character of their former occupants and in which the association has survived so well.

I have been out to the place at least four times. I recall going out there by train from Boston in March, 1936. I was there again with Ronalds along in September of the same year. Lee and I took the Advisory Board there en route to Plymouth when the Board met at Boston in August, 1938, and then Lee, Appleman and I stopped there on the way to see Dr. Bumpus at Duxbury in September, 1940. I am sure all of my colleagues were as much impressed with the place as I am and would feel as I will if you can get it, that the jackpot has been struck.

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This would develop into a long letter if attempted to go into detail. Almost every item of furnishings has some connection with one of the four famous generations whose total period of occupancy spans from 1783 to 1927. I was especially impressed with the amount of material going back to John Adams. He bought the place "Peacefields" when he returned from abroad at the end of the Revolution and it was continually occupied by members of the family until Brooks died in 1927. You probably have a reprint of the article one of the family did for Old-Time New England some ten or fifteen years ago. I am sure Lee bought a copy for the historical library when he was there.

The library which houses the 10,000 volumes or more is in back of the garden just west of the main structure. It is a stone pseudo-gothic affair and I suspect was put up during the late years of Charles Francis Adams or maybe even later. The more valuable family papers I understand now repose in the Massachusetts Historical Society. Offhand I would say the place has had fond care and should be in a fairly good state of repair, at least adequate for the duration of the war.

I have some new duties, the most interesting of which is collecting objects from the present war for a proposed naval museum. I doubt now whether I go to the Pacific unless on a temporary mission. My best regards to Herb and the best of luck on the new proposition.

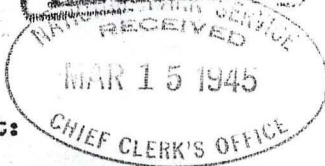
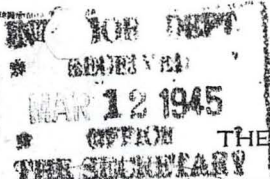
Sincerely,

Edwin W. Small



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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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My dear Mr. President:

Through the Bureau of the Budget.

Hon. Richard B. Wigglesworth, of Massachusetts, has advised Director Newton B. Drury of the National Park Service of this Department that the Adams family is interested in donating the historic Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts, to the Federal Government for historic site purposes, in conformity with some mutually satisfactory arrangement which might be arrived at under the Historic Sites Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666).

The house is undoubtedly one of the most historic in New England, and the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments has declared it to be of national significance. It was the home of both President John Adams and President John Quincy Adams, as well as the home of Charles Francis Adams, the celebrated diplomat who was Minister to England during the American Civil War. Here also lived for a time the distinguished historians and writers, Henry Adams and Brooks Adams. For approximately a century and a half, from 1787 until the death of Brooks Adams in 1927, the house was associated with the highest type of American statesmanship and public service and with a quality of literary and cultural endeavor worthy of commemoration for the benefit and inspiration of the American people. The property is administered by the Adams Memorial Society, which has an annual income of \$4,000 from gifts and fees.

I believe that the tradition of statesmanlike public service, as well as the rich intellectual and cultural tradition bequeathed to the Nation by the successive members of the Adams family who occupied the house between 1787 and 1927, make the consideration of this historic site proposal an exceptional case. Accordingly, I recommend that you authorize negotiations with the trustees of the property looking toward the possible acquisition of this historic shrine by the Federal Government.

An illustrated booklet fully describing the property and its history is attached.

Sincerely yours,

*Harold L. Ickes*  
Secretary of the Interior.

The President,

The White House.

Enclosure 2366625.

THE WHITE HOUSE

9 March, 1945.

Approved:

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

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Historic Bldg  
Kahler  
January 31, 1945.

Lieut. Edwin W. Small, USNR,  
3607 R Street NW,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

I wish to thank you for your letter of January 22 regarding the Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts. Your high estimate of the place as a proposed national historic site is reassuring. If the President will authorize negotiations with a view to designating the house and grounds as a national historic site, as we have requested, your letter will be of material assistance to us in advancing the project. I feel as you do that the Mansion is the most important historic house in New England, and have been urging that we "go all out" to acquire it. We had need, though, for the opinion of one who had visited the site and who was thoroughly familiar with New England history and New England traditions, hence the importance of your letter.

We are also writing to Superintendent Ronalds about the Adams Mansion. It is more difficult to consult with Ronnie, though we shall mention the subject to him in our next V Mail letter.

Your new duties with regard to the proposed naval museum are of intriguing interest and dovetail rather neatly with your Salem and National Park Service background. It sounds like very much the same job but with a modern slant.

Herb and I wish you the best of luck. We count ourselves lucky to have you near enough to profit by your expert knowledge.

Your letter of December 30, 1944, to Director Drury, in answer to our query about the Forrester Warehouse problem, has also been helpful to us.

Give our regards to Alvin and Rogers.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) CHARLES W. PORTER III

Charles W. Porter,  
Assistant Chief Historian.

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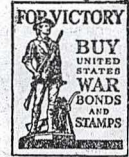




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*Kahler*  
*Salson*  
*2-9-45*  
*Adams*  
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February 9, 1945.



MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

There are enclosed, in duplicate, copies of Congressman Wiggleworth's letter of January 5 concerning the Adams Mansion, our reply of January 16, and our memorandum of January 16 for the Secretary. As soon as the President has taken action on the Secretary's memorandum of January 24 addressed to him, copies will be forwarded to you.

I spoke to Superintendent Ronalds of Morristown National Historical Park about this matter when I was in New York, recently, and he will be interested in getting copies of this correspondence.

(SGD) NEWTON B. DRURY  
Director.

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Enclosure 2366653.  
In duplicate. ✓

cc: Mr. Kahler ✓





Mr. Porter - CWP  
Letter to  
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THE PRESIDENT MAR 7 ~~APPROX~~ APPVD SECTYS RECOMMENDATION  
JAN 24 ACQUISITION ADAMS MANSION AS HISTORIC SITE  
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*Adams*  
March 15, 1945.

*Porter*  
*Cahalane*  
*Burns*  
*Wirth*  
*Carnes*  
*Sanders*  
*Price*  
*Johnson*  
*3/15/45*

Hon. Richard B. Wigglesworth,  
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Wigglesworth:

In my letter of January 16, in reply to your letter of January 5 regarding the proposed donation of the historic Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts, to the Federal Government as a national historic site, I advised you that I would ask Secretary Ickes to take up this matter with the President with a view to learning whether negotiations with the owners of the property might go forward during the war period.

The Secretary wrote to the President on January 24 regarding this matter, and the President, on March 7, authorized immediate negotiations with the trustees of the property looking toward the possible acquisition of the historic Adams Mansion by the Federal Government as a national historic site.

In your letter of January 5, you state that the present trustees are Charles Francis Adams and Henry Adams, and that the address of the former is 15 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts. It would be very fitting for you to act as intermediary in tendering this property to the Nation but, if you prefer, the National Park Service will discuss directly with the trustees the possibility of donating this property to the Federal Government as a national historic site under some mutually satisfactory arrangement.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) NEWTON B. DRURY

Newton B. Drury,  
Director.

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cc: Mr. Demaray.  
Regional Director, Region One (2).  
Mr. Wirth.  
Dr. Porter.





RICHARD B. WIGGLESWORTH  
13TH DIST. MASSACHUSETTS

COMMITTEE ON  
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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

*Adams*



March 19, 1945.

Name	Date
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>3/22</i>
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Hon. Newton B. Drury,  
Director,  
National Park Service,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Drury:

*J. Porter*  
*File*

Thank you for your letter of March 15th  
in reference to the Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts.  
I am bringing it to the attention of the trustees and assume  
you will hear promptly from them directly or through me in-  
directly in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

*R. B. Wigglesworth*





15 State Street  
Room 102  
Boston

*Postcard*

Name	Date
<i>Drury</i>	APR 2 1945
<i>Wiggleworth</i>	4-2-45
<i>Kelley</i>	9/9
<i>Wiggleworth</i>	9/9
<i>Drury</i>	9/9

March 28, 1945.

Mr. Newton B. Drury,  
Director, National Park Service,  
Chicago 54, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Drury:

Congressman Wigglesworth has sent me your pleasant letter of March 15th. I quite agree that it would be very fitting for him to act as intermediary in tendering this property to the Nation, but I don't know why we should trouble him with any previous arrangements which are necessary.

May I ask that you will tell me what the next step is in making such arrangements?

Very sincerely yours,

*C. F. Adams*

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Hon. Richard B. Wigglesworth,  
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Wigglesworth:

are dated March 28 which  
There is attached a copy of a letter/we received from Mr. C. F. Adams of  
Boston, Massachusetts, and a copy of my reply of this date, regarding the trans-  
fer of the historic Adams Mansion in Quincy to the United States.

I do not know <sup>what arrangements</sup> ~~fully the thoughts~~ <sup>as to</sup> ~~that~~ Mr. Adams has in mind ~~for~~ the final  
presentation of these properties to the Government. ~~but have replied direct to~~  
~~his letter as he requested.~~ However, we shall keep you informed and shall  
greatly appreciate <sup>you continued</sup> ~~any further assistance you can give us.~~ <sup>Because of</sup> ~~Due to the great~~  
importance of this transfer, I believe <sup>that</sup> there should be a formal presentation,  
and it is my <sup>hope</sup> ~~wish~~ that when ~~and if~~ this takes place <sup>an important</sup> you have <sup>you</sup> a part in it. ~~or~~  
~~We shall doubtless learn the desires of the donor in~~  
~~course, we shall abide by the wishes of those represented by Mr. Adams in this~~  
~~this respect.~~  
~~matter.~~

Chief of Lands  
Mr. Conrad L. Wirth/of my Office, will be in Washington the last two weeks  
of April, and <sup>I have asked him to</sup> ~~he will~~ call on you ~~at that time~~ and give you <sup>such</sup> ~~any~~ additional in-  
formation <sup>as</sup> ~~that~~ we have at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Newton B. Drury,  
Director.

Enclosure

cc: Regional Director, Region One.  
Supt., Morristown (detached).  
Mr. Demaray.  
Mr. Wirth.  
Dr. Porter.

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Mr. C. F. Adams,  
15 State Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I was very much pleased to receive your letter of March 28. I ~~quite~~ agree with you that we can arrange the <sup>initial</sup> details necessary to the transfer of the historic Adams Mansion in Quincy direct without troubling Congressman Wigglesworth. I am taking the liberty of sending him a copy of this letter so that he will be fully informed of the various steps taken pending the formal transfer.

At the ~~outset~~ <sup>first</sup>, I wish to convey to you and your associates ~~my~~ <sup>our</sup> sincere appreciation ~~of the opportunity that such a transfer will give the National Park Service to present to the people of the United States this outstanding nationally historic mansion.~~ <sup>of your offer to donate</sup>

~~We consider it one of the Nation's most valuable possessions, and we assure you that we will do our best to preserve it so that the present and future generations will profit by the history it presents of one of the Nation's leading families and the Nation itself.~~ <sup>outside of historic sites</sup>

~~Let it be placed in our hands~~ <sup>for the long run</sup>

As to the first steps to be taken, it will be necessary to furnish an abstract of title, which no doubt can be obtained readily, for submission to the Solicitor of the Department <sup>of the Interior</sup> for review so that it can meet certain Government requirements. <sup>This</sup> The abstract <sup>itself</sup> will form an important historic document.

~~this particular case, and we should like to have it rather carefully and fully prepared.~~ <sup>for the long run</sup>

~~The abstract should be accompanied by a draft of the deed proposed to be executed to the United States.~~

There are several other matters that should be discussed, and rather than go into ~~a great deal of~~ detail in this letter, I should appreciate it if you would receive a call from our Superintendent at Morristown National Historical Park, Morristown, New Jersey. Dr. Francis S. Ronalds. He will write you direct



and arrange for an appointment at your convenience. <sup>items</sup> ~~A few~~ <sup>One</sup> of the things that he will want to discuss is the matter of the transfer of household furnishings, books in the library, and portraits. <sup>These can be transferred to the</sup> ~~We do not know what your plans are as to~~ <sup>United States by a bill of sale. Our historians and museum staff</sup> ~~these matters but we sincerely hope that they are all included in your offer;~~ <sup>will be glad to cooperate in identifying and listing the pieces to be included</sup> ~~however.~~ <sup>point where determined</sup> An informal meeting with Dr. Ronalds will, I believe, bring these matters to a place where such legal details can be ~~done~~ <sup>worked</sup> up to your full satisfaction. ~~For instance,~~ <sup>We</sup> understand that some of the portraits now on display are privately owned. They add to the historical interest of the mansion and it is our hope <sup>d</sup> that their respective owners will permit them to remain on display at the national historic site after its establishment, either as gifts or loans,

Further <sup>more?</sup> <sup>a</sup> it is our hope that the Adams Memorial Society, which has done much ~~for~~ <sup>toward</sup> the preservation of this historic house and grounds, will remain active and will continue to promote the welfare of the proposed national historic site. <sup>is to be found</sup> There ~~is~~ <sup>a</sup> precedent for this in the activities of the Washington Association of New Jersey which aids the interpretive program of Morristown National Historical Park through gifts and loans of appropriate furnishings, and in many other ways.

Again let me thank you and your associates for your generous offer to donate this historic property to the United States for the benefit and inspiration of the American people.

Sincerely yours,

Newton B. Drury,  
Director.

cc: Congressman Wigglesworth. (detached)  
Regional Director, Region One, with copy of Mr. Adams' letter of Mar. 28.  
Supt., Morristown, with copy of Mr. Adams' letter of Mar. 28 (detached).  
Mr. Demaray, with copy of Mr. Adams' letter.  
Mr. Wirth, with copy of Mr. Adams' letter.  
Dr. Porter, with copy of Mr. Adams' letter.

CWP-HKS-CLW;vea <sup>M. Talson.</sup>



Mr. C. F. Adams,  
15 State Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I was very much pleased to receive your letter of March 28. I agree with you that we can arrange the initial details necessary to the transfer of the ~~historic Adams Mansion in Quincy~~ <sup>by</sup> direct without troubling Congressman Wigglesworth. I am taking the liberty of sending him a copy of this letter so that he will be fully informed of the various steps taken pending the formal transfer.

~~At the outset I wish to convey to you and your associates my sincere appreciation of your offer to donate to the people of the United States this out-~~

~~standing nationally historic mansion. We consider it one of the Nation's out-~~  
~~standing historic sites and we assure you that if it is placed in our hands we~~  
~~shall do our best to preserve it for the enjoyment of present and future genera-~~  
~~tions.~~

~~One of~~ <sup>is the</sup> the first steps to be taken, ~~it will be necessary to~~ <sup>ing to</sup> furnish an abstract of title, which, no doubt, <sup>you</sup> ~~can be obtained~~ readily, for submission to the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior for review <sup>over as to meeting</sup> ~~so that it can meet~~ certain Government requirements. This abstract will itself form an important historic document. The abstract should be accompanied by a draft of the deed proposed to be executed to the United States.

There are several other matters that should be discussed, and rather than go into detail in this letter, I should appreciate it if you would ~~receive a~~ <sup>discuss them</sup> ~~call from~~ <sup>with</sup> Dr. Francis S. Ronalds, our Superintendent at Morristown National Historical Park, Morristown, New Jersey. He will write you direct and arrange for an appointment at your convenience. One of the things that he will want to discuss is the matter of the transfer of household furnishings, books in the library, and portraits. These items <sup>could</sup> ~~can~~ be transferred to the United States



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Furthermore, it is our hope that the Adams Memorial Society, which has done much toward the preservation of this historic house and grounds, will remain active and will continue to promote the welfare of the proposed national historic site. A precedent for this is to be found in the activities of the Washington Association of New Jersey which aids the interpretive program of Morristown National Historical Park ~~through gifts and loans of appropriate furnishings, and in many other ways.~~

*Again* Let me thank you and your associates for your generous offer to donate this historic property to the United States for the benefit and inspiration of the American people.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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ADDRESS ONLY  
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

April 3, 1945.

Mr. C. F. Adams,  
15 State Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Adams:

I have received your letter of March 28 asking to be advised of the steps that should be taken in donating the historic Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts, to the United States for preservation and use as a national historic site.

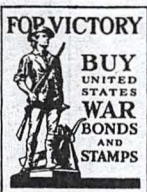
In accordance with the usual practice in the acquisition of properties by the United States, it will be necessary to furnish an abstract of title to the property for examination by our title attorneys. The abstract should be accompanied by a draft of the deed proposed to be executed to the United States. If the title is found to be satisfactory, the deed can be executed and recorded. The title to the property will then be accepted on behalf of the United States by Secretary Ickes and the property will be designated as a national historic site.

The books in the library and the household furnishings should be transferred to the United States by a separate bill of sale. Our historians and our museum staff will be glad to cooperate in identifying and listing the pieces to be included in the donation.

It is our understanding that some of the portraits now on display are privately owned. They add to the historical interest of the Mansion and it is our hope that their respective owners will permit them to remain on display at the national historic site after its establishment either as gifts or loans.

I hope that the Adams Memorial Society, which has done much for the preservation of this historic house and grounds, will remain active and will continue to promote the welfare of the proposed national historic site. There is precedent for this in the activities of the Washington Association of New Jersey which aids the interpretive program of Morristown National Historical Park through gifts and loans of appropriate furnishings, and in many other ways.

I am asking Dr. Francis S. Ronalds, Superintendent of Morristown National Historical Park, Morristown, New Jersey, to call at your office to discuss these and other matters relating to the establishment of the Adams Mansion National Historic Site. He will write to you to learn what date





will suit your convenience. For the guidance and convenience of the abstractor in making an abstract of title, I am enclosing a copy of the "Regulations for the Preparation of Title Evidence in Land Acquisitions by the United States," issued by the Department of Justice.

I wish to thank you and the other trustees and members of the Adams Memorial Society for your generous offer to donate this historic property to the United States for the benefit and inspiration of the American people.

Sincerely yours,

Newton B. Drury,  
Director.

Enclosure 2366695.

cc: Hon. Richard B. Wigglesworth.



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April 3, 1945.

MEMORANDUM for the Superintendent,  
Morristown National Historical Park.

The attached copy of my letter of April 3 to Mr. Charles Francis Adams regarding the proposed designation of the Adams Mansion, Quincy, Massachusetts, as a national historic site, will be self-explanatory. Please write to Mr. Adams to learn what date will be agreeable to him to discuss these matters.

We understand that the Adams Memorial Society, now administering the property, has an annual income of \$4,000 from admission fees and gifts. It is therefore possible that there may be an endowment fund which could be transferred to the National Park Service Trust Fund for the expressed purpose of using the interest for the welfare of the proposed Adams Mansion National Historic Site. However, in correspondence to date, no mention of such a possibility has been made and the question will therefore have to be handled with care.

The procedure we have in mind is that which was followed in acquiring the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, the details of which are familiar to you. It seems undesirable to restrict the Service by means of a cooperative agreement unless Mr. Adams and the Society prefer an agreement to be made.

It will be appreciated if you will visit the Adams Mansion before leaving the Boston area in order that we may have a brief report on the present condition of the proposed national historic site.

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Director.

Enclosure 2366696.

cc: Regional Director, Region One.

Mr. Demaray.

Mr. Wirth.

Dr. Porter.





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Director.

Enclosure 2366696.

cc: Regional Director, Region One.





April 6.

~~Mr. Wirth~~

~~Dr. Porter~~

~~Mr. Burns (Lafayette)~~

~~Mr. Tolson~~

~~Mr. [unclear]~~

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April 6, 1945.

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Mr. C. F. Adams,  
15 State Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I was very much pleased to receive your letter of March 23. The Adams Mansion at Quincy has outstanding significance in the history of the Nation, and we assure you that if it is placed in our custody we shall do our best to preserve it for the benefit of present and future generations.

I agree with you that we can arrange the initial details necessary to the transfer directly without troubling Congressman Wigglesworth. I am taking the liberty of sending him a copy of this letter so that he will be fully informed of the various steps taken pending the formal transfer.

One of the first steps to be taken is the furnishing of an abstract of title, which, no doubt, you can obtain readily, for submission to the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior for review as to meeting certain Government requirements. This abstract will itself form an important historic document. The abstract should be accompanied by a draft of the deed proposed to be executed to the United States.

There are several other matters that should be discussed, and rather than go into detail in this letter, I should appreciate it if you would discuss them with Dr. Francis S. Ronalds, our Superintendent at Morristown National Historical Park, Morristown, New Jersey. He will write you direct and arrange for an appointment at your convenience. One of the things that he will want to discuss is the matter of the transfer of household furnishings, books in the library, and portraits. These items could be transferred to the United States by a bill of sale. Our historians and our museum staff will be glad to cooperate in identifying and listing the pieces to be included in the donation. An informal meeting with Dr. Ronalds will, I believe, bring these matters to a point where details can be determined to your full satisfaction. We understand that some of the portraits now on display are privately owned. They add to the historical interest of the Mansion and it is hoped that their respective owners will permit them to remain on display, either as gifts or loans, at the national historic site after its establishment.

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the activities of the Washington Association of New Jersey which aids the interpretive program of Morristown National Historical Park in many ways.

Let me thank you and your associates for your generous offer to donate this historic property to the United States for the benefit and inspiration of the American people.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) NEWTON B. DRURY

Newton B. Drury,  
Director.

cc: ✓ Hon. Richard B. Wigglesworth,  
House of Representatives,

Washington 3, D. C. (Detached)

✓ Regional Director, Region One, with copy of Mr. Adams' letter of Mar. 28.

✓ Supt., Morristown,

" " " " " " " " " (Det.)

✓ Mr. Demaray,

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✓ Dr. Porter,

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✓ Mr. Wirth,

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April 6, 1945.

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Hon. Richard B. Wigglesworth,  
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Wigglesworth:

There are attached a copy of a letter dated March 23 which we received from Mr. C. F. Adams of Boston, Massachusetts, and a copy of my reply of this date, regarding the transfer of the historic Adams Mansion in Quincy to the United States.

I do not know what arrangements Mr. Adams has in mind as to the final presentation of these properties to the Government. However, we shall keep you informed and shall greatly appreciate your continued assistance. Because of the importance of this transfer, I believe that there should be a formal presentation, and it is my hope that when this takes place you will participate. We shall doubtless learn the desires of the donor in this respect.

Mr. Conrad L. Wirth, Chief of Lands of my Office, will be in Washington the last two weeks of April, and I have asked him to call on you and give you such additional information as we have at that time.

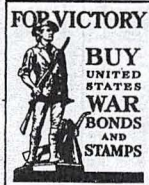
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(SGD) NEWTON B. DRURY

Newton B. Drury,  
Director.

Enclosure 1213014.

cc: ✓ Regional Director, Region One.  
✓ Supt., Norristown (detached).  
✓ Mr. Demaray.  
✓ Dr. Porter.  
✓ Mr. Wirth.

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April 6, 1945.

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MEMORANDUM for the Superintendent,  
Morristown National Historical Park.

The attached copy of my letter of this date to Mr. Charles Francis Adams regarding the proposed designation of the Adams Mansion, Quincy, Massachusetts, as a national historic site, will be self-explanatory. Please write to Mr. Adams to learn what date will be agreeable to him to discuss these matters. I am also enclosing a copy of my letter to Congressman Wigglesworth concerning this subject.

There is also attached a copy of "Regulations for the Preparation of Title Evidence in Land Acquisitions by the United States", issued by the Department of Justice, which you might make available to Mr. Adams when you meet with him, for his attorney's use in preparing the abstract of title.

We understand that the Adams Memorial Society, now administering the property, has an annual income of \$4,000 from admission fees and gifts. It is therefore possible that there may be an endowment fund which could be transferred to the National Park Service for the expressed purpose of being used, both principal and interest, for the welfare of the proposed Adams Mansion National Historic Site. However, in correspondence to date, no mention of such a possibility has been made and the question will therefore have to be handled diplomatically.

The procedure we have in mind is that which was followed in acquiring the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, the details of which are familiar to you. It seems undesirable to restrict the Service by means of a cooperative agreement unless Mr. Adams and the Society prefer an agreement to be made.

It will be appreciated if you will visit the Adams Mansion before leaving the Boston area in order that we may have a brief report on the present condition of the proposed national historic site.

(SGD) NEWTON B. DRURY

Director.

Enclosure 1213015.

cc: Regional Director, Region One.

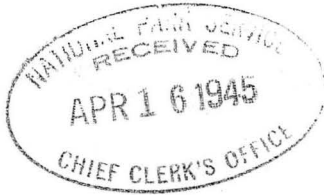
Mr. Demaray.

Dr. Porter.

Mr. Wirth.







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MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

April 14, 1945.

Name	Date
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Memorandum for the Director:

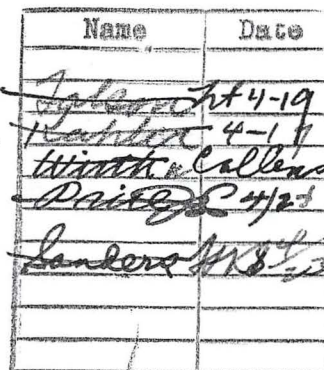
I have tried to reach Mr. Charles Francis Adams of Boston, Massachusetts, by telephone, but as yet have not been able to contact him to arrange for a conference regarding the Adams House at Quincy, Massachusetts. As I believe you will wish me to see Mr. Adams before coming to Chicago, I am canceling my reservation for next Monday, and will go to Chicago from Boston unless I hear from you to the contrary.

*Francis S. Ronalds*  
Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.


CC: Regional Director, Region One

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Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. W. L.", followed by a horizontal flourish. The signature is written over the bottom half of the letter's body.

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Name	Date
Tolson	4-20-45
Belmont	4-20
Quinn Tamm	4/25
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April 17, 1945.

MEMORANDUM for the Director.

Congressman Wigglesworth telephoned me Monday morning and said that Mr. Henry Adams, one of the present trustees of the historic Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts, was in town and would like to talk with me. I told Congressman Wigglesworth that I would be glad to talk with him so Mr. Henry Adams came over to my office immediately.

Mr. Adams is a very interesting elderly gentleman. He is deaf and wears a hearing device. He said that he wanted to contact some of the National Park Service people so that he would know personally some one that he would be dealing with. He wanted to know when a representative of the Director's Office would call on him and Charles Francis Adams at 15 State Street, Boston, about negotiations looking toward the transfer of the Adams Mansion to the Federal Government as a National Historic Site. Apparently, they are very anxious to go ahead with whatever is necessary on their part. He wanted to know whether there was some way whereby the family society might possibly continue after the transfer to cooperate with the National Park Service. I told him of the Washington Association at Morristown and said I thought that some plan could easily be worked out to continue the interest and cooperation of the Adams family society.

I also thought that Mr. Adams would be interested in the manner in which we maintain some of the historic buildings in Washington so I asked Mr. McClure to come over and take him around to a number of our historic areas. On Sunday Mr. Adams had been out to Lee Mansion in Arlington Cemetery and was very much pleased with the manner in which we operated the Mansion.

I suggest that a letter be sent to him and Mr. Charles F. Adams stating when a representative of the National Park Service will visit them to work out the necessary deed, title papers, etc., for the transfer of the Adams Mansion to the Federal Government.

*G. E. Semmes*  
Associate Director.

APR 20 1945



1. Mr. Patridge  
2. Mr. Kahler  
WPK 4-21  
Wirth 4/17

Washington,  
April 19, 1945.

Hillory:

Evison is going to stop over in Ohio on the way back to Washington(\*) to make several contacts that we have run into, including running down some dope on the transfer of the Mounds to the State. It will delay his return to Chicago by about 14 hours, from 4:30 p.m. on April 27, to 7:30 a.m. on April 28. Will you please OK a change in his travel order to this effect?

OK  
Jabon  
4-20-45

Also, I want to follow through with a call on Cong. Wigglesworth next week before I return to Chicago. Will you please ask Ronalds to drop me a little note on progress in connection with the Adams ~~place~~ place so that I can tell him something on that project? Thanks.

I will leave here Wednesday morning by car for Richmond and spend the afternoon there and be at the Williamsburg Lodge that night and Thursday night, returning via Richmond, Friday, arriving in time to take the 5:30 train from Washington. I'll call at Demaray's Office before going to the train.

(Sgd.) C.L.W.

In duplicate.

(\*) Think he means Chicago. (vea)

APR 21 1945



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Date 4/20

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Drury.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Cahalane.
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*Mr. Demaray & Mr. Wirth's cc*

*FOR 1:30 pouch*

*today.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
CHICAGO 54, ILL.

*Adams*



*Cable*

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THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

April 20, 1945.

Air Mail.

MEMORANDUM for the Superintendent,  
Morristown National Historical Park.

Mr. Wirth is to call on Congressman Wigglesworth while in Washington next week in regard to the proposed Adams Mansion National Historic Site. It will be appreciated if you will write to him there, in care of Mr. Demaray, as soon as you get this memorandum and bring him up to date with respect to the progress you have made to date in connection with this proposed site. Such information, undoubtedly, will be of value to him in discussing the matter with Mr. Wigglesworth.

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

Acting Director.

HT:cyc

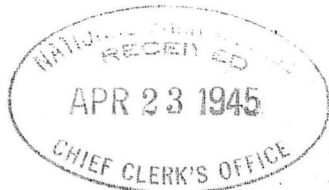
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✓ Mr. Wirth. *in Washington*  
Regional Director, Region One.



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Name	Date
Tolson	4/23
Rablen	4/22
Smith	4/21

April 21, 1945.

Memorandum for the Director:

Worried as to what to do about the conference with Mr. Charles Francis Adams regarding the Adams Mansion, Quincy, Massachusetts, and Mr. Adams not being in the city, on April 18 I telephoned Mr. Adams' secretary in Boston. She told me that Mr. Adams was anxious to see me, but wished to have Mr. Henry Adams, co-trustee of the Adams Memorial Society, at the conference. I told her that I would come to Boston at their convenience, and she stated that Mr. Francis Adams would telephone me as soon as he could arrange the meeting with Mr. Henry Adams.

As yet I have received no reply from Mr. Adams and am in a quandary as to what to do about coming to the Director's Office in Chicago. As I have indicated that I would come to Boston the moment I heard from Mr. Adams, I presume that I should stay here until I do hear from him. Your advice in the matter would be appreciated.

*Francis S. Ronalds*  
Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

CC: Regional Director, Region One



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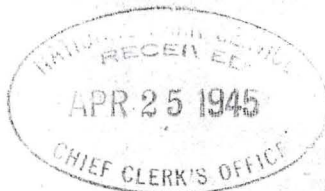
TO : *Karl Kahle* *WEX*  
FROM : *Colens*  
SUBJECT: *Adams Maus -*

DATE: *4 / 21*

Looks to me as though somebody will have  
to tell Connie something — why not teletype  
him to get in touch with Fran direct, or  
to let Fran go to see Wigglesworth after he  
has seen Adams?

*JS*





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MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

*Adams*

Name	Date
<del>Tolson</del>	4-26
<del>Belmont</del>	4-27
<del>Knickerbocker</del>	4-30
<del>Landwehr</del>	4-26
April 23, 1945.	

Memorandum for Chief of Lands Conrad L. Wirth:

Reference is made to Acting Director Millory A. Tolson's memorandum of April 20 asking that I bring you up to date as to the conference with Mr. Charles Francis Adams and Mr. Henry Adams regarding the proposed Adams Mansion National Historic Site. The attached memorandum of April 21 for the Director is self-explanatory. I have heard nothing further from Mr. Adams, but will let you know the moment I do hear.

(SGD) Francis S. Ronalds

Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

CC: The Director  
Regional Director, Region One

APR 26 1945



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
CHICAGO 54, ILL.



ADDRESS ONLY  
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

April 23, 1945.

MEMORANDUM for the Superintendent,  
Morristown National Historical Park.

In reply to your memorandum of April 21, it is suggested that you hold the meeting with Messrs. Charles Francis Adams and Henry Adams before coming to Chicago.

There is attached a copy of Mr. Demaray's memorandum of April 17, covering his discussion with Mr. Henry Adams. Please keep Mr. Demaray advised of the negotiations by sending him a copy of your report on the meeting.

HEK:lc

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

Acting Director.

Enclosure 926.

cc: Regional Director, Region One,  
with a copy of Mr. Demaray's  
memorandum of 4/17/45.

cc: Mr. Wirth, (with copies of Mr. Demaray's  
Mr. Kahler, (memorandum of 4/17/45 and of  
(Mr. Ronalds' memorandum of  
4/21/45.

Mr. Demaray, with a copy of  
Mr. Ronalds' memorandum of 4/21/45.



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(April 1943)

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SEND TO: Demaray.

DATE: April 23, 1945.

Ronalds advises he has telephoned Charles Francis Adams who is awaiting return of Henry Adams for joint meeting with Ronalds.

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

Tolson.

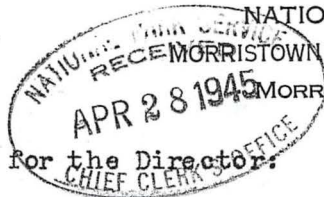
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<del>E. A. Tamm</del>	
<del>Tolson</del>	

April 26, 1945.

Memorandum for the Director:

Reference is made to Acting Director Hillory A. Tolson's memorandum of April 23, together with a copy of Associate Director A. E. Demaray's memorandum of April 17, concerning the conference with Messrs. Charles Francis Adams and Henry Adams about negotiations looking toward the transfer of the Adams Mansion, Quincy, Massachusetts, to the Federal Government as a national historic site.

I have just talked by telephone with Mr. Charles Francis Adams. He stated that he had to be in Washington next week, and that he would prefer to have the meeting week after next (May 7-12) and that he would wire me on his return. I told him that I would leave for Boston immediately upon receipt of his wire.

*Francis S. Ronalds*  
Francis S. Ronalds,

Coordinating Superintendent.

CC: Mr. Demaray  
Regional Director, Region One



This is tough luck  
for me. Had Mr Adams  
been able to tell me this

sooner I could have  
made the trip to the  
Office and been  
back in time. Now I  
don't know what you  
will want me to do.

Frank,



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*Adams*

*Kahler*



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April 28, 1945.

MEMORANDUM for the Superintendent,  
Morristown National Historical Park.

In response to your memorandum of April 26, concerning the proposed conference with Mr. Charles Francis Adams, it is suggested that you advise Mr. Adams that you have been called to this Office and that you will arrange to call on him any time after May 22. It is further suggested that you come to this Office as soon as you can conveniently do so.

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

HEK:lc

Acting Director.

cc: ☒ Regional Director, Region One.  
☒ Mr. Kahler.

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☐ To prepare reply.  
☐ Please discuss with me.  
☐ To note.  
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☐ To surname.

As soon as Adams  
 returns from Washington  
 (which will be this week), Ronald  
 will call on him.

10745

Kahler



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May 17, 1945.

*File Adams*

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

Your memorandum of May 8 calling attention to the fact that administrative matters, such as the negotiation of the pending cooperative agreement with the Touro Synagogue, be handled through the Regional Offices, has been received.

This Office endeavors to have all matters of sufficient importance to justify doing so handled through the regional offices, except in cases of emergency or where the saving of time is considered by us to be an important element.

It was anticipated that Superintendent Ronalds was coming to the Director's Office at the time the President's approval was received to designate the Touro Synagogue as a national historic site and, as he had handled previous negotiations, it appeared desirable to have him handle this matter as an emergency case. Copies of all correspondence relating to the Touro Synagogue have been sent to your Office.

Another matter of an emergency nature now pending is that of the Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts. In Associate Director Demaray's memorandum of April 17, he pointed out that Mr. Charles Francis Adams was eager to have someone from the Service discuss the matter with him at an early date, and requested Superintendent Ronalds to see Mr. Adams as soon as arrangements could be made to do so.

You may rest assured that before we write directly to a superintendent or custodian, with a copy of our communication to a Regional Director, we carefully consider whether such action falls within the limitations of our correspondence procedure. I thoroughly understand the necessity of sending communications through Regional Directors when time and other considerations warrant, so that they can properly represent this Office as the principal coordinating field officials and the main field representatives of the Service.

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

Acting Director.

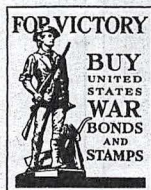
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Mr. Drury.

cc: Mr. Kahler.

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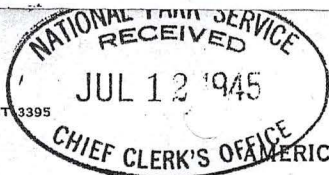
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AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, 1727  
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, 1780  
AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY, 1812  
AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY, 1842  
AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, 1858  
AMERICAN PHILOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, 1869  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, 1879  
SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE AND EXEGESIS, 1880  
MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, 1883  
AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, 1894  
AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION, 1885  
AMERICAN FOLKLORE SOCIETY, 1888

EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
1219 SIXTEENTH STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

July 10, 1945

7-17

Name	Date
Tolson	7/13/45
Wright	7/13/45
Kahler	7/13/45
Ronalds	7/13/45
Burns	7/13/45
Drury	7/13/45
Leland	7/13/45

Dear Dr. Drury:

This is the second of a series of informal reports on my visits this summer to areas in which the National Park Service is interested.

On Monday, June 11, I visited the Quincy House at Quincy, Massachusetts, in company with Mr. Kahler of the NPS headquarters, Dr. Ronalds, Coordinating Superintendent at Morristown, and Mr. Burns.

Although I was born and passed my boyhood within a relatively short distance of Quincy, it was my first visit to the Quincy mansion, and I was exceedingly well impressed by the house and its contents and by the surrounding grounds. These have all been well described in special illustrated pamphlets that are available to visitors and which you no doubt have, so I will not engage in any description of them.

I should like to point out, however, that a unique quality of this house and its contents is that they have been in the family's possession since the first Adams owner, and that they represent a continuity of family existence and experience that is rarely encountered in America. Because of that, they represent not a single period or person but a period longer than the history of the United States, and a long line of persons who have been distinguished in our history - distinguished in public and private service and in literature and in intellectual life.

If this is acquired by the National Park Service, I think it will be one of its most important and precious acquisitions. I heartily approve the acquisition, but venture to express the strong hope that if the Park Service comes into possession of the estate it will maintain it in its present form, without allowing the house, its contents, or its grounds to deteriorate in any way, and without attempting any changes.

Very sincerely yours,

Waldo G. Leland

Dr. Newton B. Drury,  
National Park Service,  
Merchandise Mart,  
Chicago 54, Ill.

JUL 17 1945





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MORRISTOWN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK  
MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

Memorandum for the Regional Director, Region One

I have just heard from Mr. Charles Francis Adams, who has asked that I meet with him and Mr. Henry Adams next week in Boston to make preliminary arrangements for the transfer of title, deed, abstract, etc., for the Adams Mansion.

The first meeting is set for Tuesday morning, July 17, and I will leave for Boston on Monday and may be reached at Salem Maritime National Historic Site.

In duplicate •

PSR:AC

JUL 18 1945

(SGD) FRANCIS S. RONALDS  
Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

Director

Name	Date
Jackson	7/16
Kahler	7/16
Quirk	7-17
Pringle	7/19
July 21, 1945.	
Sander	7/18
Charles	7/18



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MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

Memorandum for the Regional Director, Region One:

Reference is made to Director Drury's memorandum of April 6, 1945, and subsequent correspondence regarding the proposed designation of the Adams Mansion, Quincy, Massachusetts, as a national historic site.

July 17 and 19 were spent at the Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts, with Mr. Henry Adams, in conferences with Mr. Charles Francis Adams and Mr. Henry Adams in Boston, and with their lawyer, Mr. William L. Payson, of the firm Rackeman, Sawyer, and Brewster, 53 State Street, Boston. Mr. Henry Myer of the same firm ordinarily takes care of Mr. Charles Francis Adams' law business, but he was on vacation and was represented by Mr. Payson. The afternoon of July 17 Dr. Waldo Leland, of the National Park Service Advisory Board met us at the mansion and spent some two hours with us there.

There can be no question as to the outstanding historical importance of the Adams Mansion, which represents not only four generations of men distinguished in public life and in our national literature, but in its interior furnishings serves to show the continuity of cultural history from 1788 to 1927, which I believe is unique in America. The Adamases have long had an astounding feeling for the past, have all written extensively, and have saved and cherished family objects in such a way that there is no question as to their authenticity. Were I to elaborate on my enthusiasm for the Adams Mansion this memorandum would drag out to such a length that it would be a real chore to wade through it.

It was a real privilege to spend the greater part of two days going over the buildings and grounds with Mr. Henry Adams whose knowledge of his family history is perfectly amazing. For instance, Mr. Adams has for so long pored over the family papers which are not available to anyone else, that he needs but a glance at any scrap of family paper to tell in whose hand it is written. I took notes on Mr. Adams' comments on various objects in the house and library and will join these notes directly into a supplementary memorandum, which may have some future value for the Service's research files.

Enclosed is a booklet on the Adams House written by Henry Adams, II, to distinguish him from his uncle, Henry of the "Education." He has a manuscript account of the house which is much longer than this published pamphlet, containing more details about the furnishings and the like. He promised to lend this manuscript to me and I will endeavor to extract from it such information as is not to be found in the published work. This booklet sells for \$1.00, or together with another booklet on "The Birthplaces of Presidents John and John Quincy Adams," also written by Henry Adams, II, sells for \$1.50 for the two. The birthplaces, some three miles distant from the mansion, are owned by the Town of Quincy and are open to the public. Nearby is the famous Quincy Mansion, popularly known as the Dorothy Q House, which is owned and exhibited by the Society of Colonial Dames.

JUL 30 1945

July 23, 1945



After explaining the legal matters involved in the transfer of the property, I discussed the subject with Mr. Adams' lawyer, Mr. William L. Payson, explained the need for the deed, abstract of title for submission to the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, and the transfer to the United States by bill of sale of the household furnishings, books in the library, portraits, etc. Mr. Charles Francis Adams gave Mr. Payson a copy of "Regulations for the Preparation of Title Evidence in Land Acquisitions by the United States," which had been sent to me. Mr. Payson said his firm would begin working on these papers, but I gathered he thought it would take some time to complete them.

Not having received the correspondence previous to Director Drury's memorandum of April 6, I do not know the source for the statement therein concerning the Adams Memorial Society's annual income of \$4,000. In any event, there is no endowment fund which could be transferred to the Service to be expended for the welfare of the proposed Adams Mansion National Historic Site. Both Mr. Charles Francis Adams and Mr. Henry Adams at different times told me that there was no endowment, but the family was assessed each year for the deficit between income from fees, sale of booklets and postcards, and the actual cost of maintenance. The present entrance fee is 25¢ plus 5¢ tax.

I explained the workings of the Washington Association of New Jersey to Mr. Charles Francis Adams, gave him a copy of the latest published account of the Washington Association, and explained that the Service would welcome the continuance of the Adams Memorial Society in a somewhat similar capacity. I stressed the need for us to keep in close touch with the family. However, neither Mr. Charles Francis nor Mr. Henry Adams seemed much impressed with the idea. Mr. Charles Francis was quite frank in saying that they were only willing to give up the house because they felt there was no one after them who really cared for the place as they did. I sensed that they were afraid there might be some danger that the house be sold and its contents disbursed after their deaths. Mr. Charles Francis Adams is over 80 and Mr. Henry Adams is 70. The Adams Memorial Society is composed solely of members of the family of which there are some 22 members at present. The greater part of these are descended through female lines. In order that you may more easily follow these family relationships, I am attaching a page which shows the main line of descent in the Adams family.

Mr. Adams will have an inventory made of all the objects in the house. Obviously this will be quite a task but it is necessary, not only for our purposes but for him to determine just what objects are personal family loans and what belong to the Society as such. Mr. Henry Adams indicated that all his personal possessions would be included, either in the original bill of sale or as a separate gift.

A great many of the paintings at present in the house are copies of the originals. It seems that Mr. Brooks Adams, the last of the family to occupy the house, willed these paintings to Mr. Charles Francis Adams' sister, a Mrs. Homans nee Abigail Adams. Up until the present war, Mrs. Homans had, during the summer, returned the originals to the house, placing them in storage during the winter months. These originals were hung where they had been placed during the time of Charles Francis, the Minister to Great Britain. The present Charles Francis Adams owns an original portrait of Jefferson which hung in the Long Room. He now has this painting in his possession.

I think it should be well for us to ask ourselves whether or not it would be wise to ask Mrs. Homans for the gift of the originals. If we had them, they would



be a real source of worry as to possible damage to them, and would require quite a sum of money to keep in proper condition. There is no question but that these original paintings would add immeasurably to the interest in the house as they would thus be restored to their original hanging places and so give a truer picture of the house. However, I am raising this query for your consideration, knowing full well the difficulties you will encounter in obtaining sufficient funds to properly care of the property. Furthermore, we do not know whether Mrs. Homans would be willing to give the paintings to the Government and their loan would increase our anxiety about their proper care and would not serve to assure their permanent placement; whereas Mr. Henry Adams now owns the copies which are hanging in their place and would be perfectly willing to give them to us. Although I am not an expert on this subject, save for the Stuart copy of John Adams in his old age hanging in the Paneled Room over the settee on which he sat while it was being painted, the reproductions do not appeal to me as being very good copies of the originals.

The question is one to which we should all give some thought. Mr. Charles Francis Adams said that he would prefer to have us, rather than himself, approach his sister as to the gift of the paintings. Mrs. Homans is a cousin of Mr. Frank Crowninshield and I gather a good friend of Mrs. Crowninshield. Should you desire to have me later approach Mrs. Homans on this subject, I believe that it had better be done through the Crowninshields than through her brother.

There are quite a number of objects on loan from the various members of the family. The acquisition of these objects would probably have to be undertaken by separate negotiations with their respective owners. Mr. Charles Francis Adams preferred that this be done after the deed to the property had been accepted by the Government.

Since the house has been open to the public, it has been shown by a Mrs. Margaret L. McCormick, a woman whom I judge to be of about 60 years of age. She has three children, two sons and a daughter, living with her in the wing added by Charles Francis Adams in the 1860's which shows on the plan in the last two pages of the booklet as the kitchen and laundry on the first floor, and as maids' rooms on the second floor. Her sons work on the place and one of them assists her from time to time in showing the house to visitors. Mrs. McCormick's husband worked on the place during the time the house was occupied by Brooks Adams. The gardens are cared for by Mr. Brooks Adams' old gardener, named Martin Hyland, who looks to be in his 80's.

I should like to recommend that Mrs. McCormick and her children be allowed to remain as at present under a special use permit such as Miss Helen Hagar has at the Derby House in Salem. In return for this Mrs. McCormick would show the house to visitors and give the place protection. The house is wired with both burglar and fire alarm systems. Mrs. McCormick seems really to be a fixture of the house, knows it well and appears to love the place. If such an arrangement could be worked out, it would be infinitely more economical than any other scheme we could devise. Mrs. McCormick keeps the place in excellent condition. She told me that she even washes the straw mattings on the floors every month, and cleans every book in the place at least once a year. She is to assist Mr. Henry Adams in making an inventory of the objects in the house, and although she must be curious as to what is going on, I do not believe she has been told the family is considering giving the property to the Government.



The heating of the house is another problem which we will be confronted with. John Adams was the first, as well as the last, of the family to live the year around at Quincy. After his death in 1826, it became the family's summer home. Consequently, the old rooms have never been heated other than by open fireplaces. The north wing, already mentioned as having been added by Charles Francis, is heated by a hot air furnace, as are the halls marked as Older Hall and Long Hall on the plan. Since the house was opened to the public by the Adams Memorial Society, it has never been shown during the winter.

The grounds comprise some 7 1/2 acres, contain many large trees, as well as a very attractive garden originally laid out by Abigail, wife of President John Adams. Besides the house itself, there is a large stone library adjoining it, an extensive stone stable, and a wooden shed, believed by Mr. Henry Adams to date from the 18th century. The library and stable were built by Charles Francis Adams. The attached picture is the best one I could find to give you an idea of the relationship between the house, garden and library. The stables and shed are just off the picture to the right as you look at it. The stone fence was erected in the late 60's of the last century and is of Quincy granite. The two very attractive gates were erected by Brooks Adams in 1906. They are copies of gates from some English estate which took Brooks Adams' fancy. Mr. Adams does not know where in England the originals are to be found.

The library poses still another problem. The building was erected by Charles Francis, the Minister, in 1870. It contains a stove which would be wholly inadequate to properly heat the building. It is filled with volumes belonging to the various members of the family from John Quincy Adams to those of Brooks and Henry. John Adams' library is loaned to the Public Library of Boston by the Adams Templeton School Fund, of which Mr. Charles Francis Adams is Chairman of the Board. This library was formerly in the school building, half a mile from the mansion, which stands on the site of the birthplace of John Hancock. Within the library are placed the desk used by President John Quincy Adams in the House of Representatives--he was standing by this desk when stricken--and an old desk used by John Adams, when during his presidency, the house was used as a summer White House. Under the lid is an index to John Adams' personal filing system. There are listings such as, "From Secretary of War and Navy," "Drafts of Speeches," "Papers Relative to the Rank of Knox and Hamilton," with a final notation "Letters from General Washington." The Henry Adams of the "Education's" Paris library is there. Although Henry Adams occupied the house during the summers of 1887-1889 while writing his history of the United States, his library proper is at the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Mr. Henry Adams had no idea of the number of volumes in the library, but at a guess, and including the many volumes in the house (most of these are stored on the third floor), there must be close to 14,000 volumes. Picking up volumes at random, I found that they contained the bookplates of one or the other members of the family. The library belongs to the house and the books should go with it--they are family books. While I feel this very strongly, I do know that we must consider how this library is to be properly maintained. The books should be properly cataloged by a trained librarian. Hanging in the library is an original full-length portrait of John Adams by Whinstanley. This portrait was purchased by Henry Adams (Education) and presented to the house.



The third floor rooms, once the rooms of the sons of Charles Francis, the Minister, are not shown to the public. They are filled with books, trunks, furniture, and various family possessions. The closets are filled with old glass and china. On the second floor, behind the President's Bedroom, marked Chamber in the drawing, is likewise a room which is not shown. It is furnished, contains a beautiful tiled fireplace, and on the wall hang original portraits of Henry Adams' mother and father.

The Adams family papers are owned by the Adams Manuscript Trust. The papers are at present deposited in a room, set aside for that purpose, at the Massachusetts Historical Society, and no one but the family has access to them. Mr. Henry Adams spoke in an alarming manner about his belief that much of them concerned purely family matters and were better destroyed. He didn't like the curious "pawing over their family affairs." I trust he doesn't mean half he said on this subject, and I had the chance to point out to him the curious value of the unpublished diary of John Quincy Adams. In the Upper Hall, in the oldest part of the house, opposite the President's Bedroom, stands a grandfather's clock bearing the maker's plate, Benj. Willard, Lexington. In 1830 John Quincy had recorded the visit of Simon Willard to the house for the purpose of cleaning this clock, then about sixty years old. Simon, over eighty at the time, took half the day to clean the clock, and the President asked him to lunch, when he records the delight of Simon in his work, as this clock was the first he had ever made, then working as an apprentice to his father. It is little things like that that are so valuable to an antiquarian, and clearly shows that the master workman's name on an object merely meant that it came from his shop, not necessarily that he himself made it. John Quincy apparently jotted down all sorts of trivia which would be of very great value in restoring a picture of his day and age.

Mr. Adams stated that the family had not decided what to do with their papers. I do not think this should be a direct concern of the Service, as it should be no business of ours to care for and collate this material, but it is a deep concern to American historians.

In view of Mr. Demaray's statement that Mr. Henry Adams expressed interest in the family continuing to cooperate with the National Park Service after the transfer of the property, it was very puzzling to find him seemingly disinterested in the Adams Memorial Society's functioning in some capacity such as the Washington Association of New Jersey, as suggested to him by Mr. Demaray. I feel sure that Mr. Henry Adams himself would like to do this, but he appears to have little faith in the family, as such, having the interest or inclination to be of much assistance to us. Mr. Adams is a bachelor.

My apologies for being so long-winded, but I felt that in no other way could I present the facts that I believe you will need to have before you in considering the problems we will face if the Adams Mansion is established as a national historic site. In any event, I can assure you that this over-lengthy memo was twice as long again in rough draft.

Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

Original and one copy to Mr. Allen in the Director's Office

CC: Regional Director, Region One

Mr. Demaray



John Adams m. Abigail Smith

John Quincy

Charles Francis (Only surviving son of John Quincy. Minister to Great Britain during the Civil War)

John Quincy d. 1894

Charles Francis d. 1915

Henry (Education)  
d. 1918

Brooks (last to live  
in mansion.  
d. 1927)

Charles Francis (Sec. of Navy  
under President Hoover)

Mrs. Homans  
(owner of  
paintings)

Henry

No children

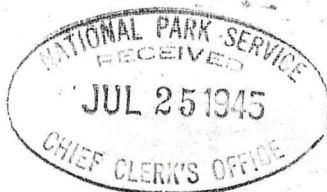
No children

Charles Francis,  
Jr., now in Navy.

A daughter  
married to  
a grandson  
of J. Pierre-  
pont Morgan.  
Lives in New  
York

The present Charles Francis and Henry Adams are  
the gentlemen whose names are underlined.





UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
MORRISTOWN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK  
MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

Name	Date
<i>Tolson</i>	<i>7-28-45</i>
<i>Rohrer</i>	<i>7-30</i>
<i>Russell</i>	<i>7-31</i>
<i>Burns</i>	<i>7-31</i>
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July 23, 1945.	

Mr. Henry Adams,  
15 State Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts:

*Adams*

Dear Mr. Adams:

Your many kindnesses of last week are deeply appreciated, and I want you to know how much I enjoyed the privilege of visiting the Old House under your expert guidance. I will look forward to seeing you again, and in the meantime I trust that you will not be in New York without arranging to come out to Morristown for a visit.

You will recall my mentioning the silver chalice presented to St. Paul's Church, Eastchester, Mount Vernon, New York, by your great grandmother, Mrs. John Quincy Adams. At the time I was not sure of the facts concerning this chalice, which is still preserved and cherished by the Church. Upon looking up the story in a pamphlet prepared by the present rector, Dr. W. Harold Weigle, I find that during the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia, President John Adams established a temporary White House in the home of his son-in-law, Colonel W. S. Smith, in Eastchester. The President's grandson, George Washington Adams, was drowned in Eastchester Creek, and was interred in a vault in St. Paul's Churchyard on June 11, 1829. Mrs. John Quincy Adams later presented the chalice to the Church in memory of her son.

As yet I have been unable to find the site of President John Adams' residence in Philadelphia. However, I am writing to Dr. Julian Boyd of Princeton, former director of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, and if Dr. Boyd does not know himself I am sure he can tell us where to go to obtain the desired information.

With very best regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent,

CC: The Director  
Regional Director, Region One  
Mr. Demaray

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MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

*Director*

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<i>J. C. ...</i>	<i>9-11</i>
<i>W. C. ...</i>	<i>9-11</i>
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September 1, 1945.

Memorandum for the Regional Director, Region One:

Regarding the proposed Adams Mansion National Historic Site, Mr. Henry Adams writes:

"I talked with Mr. Meyer about the abstract of title he is working on. He told me that everything was going along all right and he had not yet encountered any obstacles but that the scarcity of help during the vacation period had held him up."

(S.S.D.) Francis S. Ronalds

In duplicate

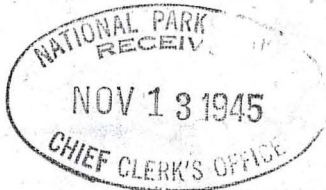
CC: Mr. Demaray

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*Noted*

Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.





*The Director*

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<i>Prager</i>	<i>11/15</i>
<i>W. E. R. R. R.</i>	<i>11-15</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>11/15</i>
<i>Landers</i>	<i>11/15</i>
<i>Miller</i>	

November 5, 1945.

Mr. Henry Adams,  
15 State Street,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I have received your letter of November 2 concerning the steps to be taken to complete the transfer of the Adams Mansion to the Government.

The following documents are needed: (1) the abstract of title for submission to the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior; (2) draft of the deed proposed to be executed to the United States; (3) the inventory of the household furnishings, books in the library, and portraits. These items may be transferred to the United States by a bill of sale. If the inventory is not complete by the time Mr. Meyer has the abstract of title and deed prepared, it may be sent later.

On July 19, in the absence of Mr. Meyer, I explained the above procedure to Mr. William L. Payson who was representing Mr. Meyer.

You may, if you so wish, present to the Government as a separate gift any of your personal possessions now in the mansion that you would like to have remain there. This would apply to any other members of the family who might wish to do the same thing.

I trust that the above answers your questions. Please feel free to call on us at any time. If I can be of any assistance whatever, I would be only too happy to come to see you at your convenience.

As ever sincerely,

*(Signature)* Francis S. Ronalds

Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

CC: Regional Director, Region One

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November 5, 1945.

Memorandum for the Regional Director, Region One:

Reference is made to my memorandum of July 23 and Mr. Henry Adams' letter of July 25 regarding the Adams Mansion, Quincy, Massachusetts.

Mr. Henry Adams writes that he is making an inventory of the property in the house showing whether it belongs to the mansion or is there on deposit. It seems to me that now is the time to determine what steps, if any, we should take to obtain items that are the personal possessions of members of the family. Consequently, it would be appreciated if I could know the Service's wishes with regard to the following questions raised in the memorandum of July 23. (1) Should we try to obtain the original portrait of Thomas Jefferson which hung in the Long Room? This is now in the possession of Mr. Charles Francis Adams. (2) Should we see Mr. Adams sister, Mrs. Homans, with the hope of obtaining the other original paintings? (3) The possibility of obtaining other objects privately owned would have to be discussed with Mr. Charles Francis Adams and Mr. Henry Adams. (4) Has anything been decided as to whether it is desirable or possible to have Mrs. Margaret L. McCormick remain as caretaker, or whether she could continue to live in the house under a special use permit?

The other questions can wait on events, but I believe you will agree that it would be wise to come to a decision on the household furnishings as soon as possible.

Mr. Henry Adams states that the lawyers expect to have the abstract of title "ready soon."

(S.S.) Francis S. Ronalds

Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.



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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Name	Date
<del>Adams</del>	NOV 28 1945
<del>Adams</del>	11/16
<del>Kahler</del>	11-23
<del>Adams</del>	11/19
<del>Russell</del>	11-23
<del>Orin</del>	11-21
<del>Price</del>	11-21
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November 11, 1945	

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MEMORANDUM for the Director.

The last time I was in Chicago I left with Dr. Kahler a copy of Superintendent Ronalds' memorandum of July 23 outlining in very good detail his reactions concerning the Adams Mansion at Quincy, Massachusetts. Dr. Ronalds now, in a memorandum of November 5, requests information as to our conclusions in regard to several questions he discussed in his July memorandum.

My own opinion as to his questions 1, 2, and 3, which all concern the desirability of inducing members of the Adams family to transfer to us original paintings or other historical objects which they hold individually, is that we do not necessarily need to own original paintings. Good copies of these paintings or portraits will very likely serve our purposes, and while the originals may add a technically more perfect impression the responsibility for the care and safeguarding of them may overcome our ability to display them publicly. Should any of these paintings be offered us in the original form we will not hesitate to recommend this Service accepting them.

It seems best, in my opinion now, that we take no steps to solicit permission as to securing other objects and paintings. I have no doubt that once we have taken over operation of the Mansion and shown our operation to be satisfactory that members of the Adams family will, over a period of time, find it advisable to offer many objects to us. In the meantime, a concentrated plan to secure these objects does not appear to be necessary inasmuch as the Mansion now is adequately and interestingly furnished.

Dr. Ronalds' other question concerns the desirability and possibility of having Mrs. Margaret L. McCormick remain as caretaker under a special use permit. I believe that would be a very desirable arrangement as Mrs. McCormick is part of the setting now. She knows and understands the family history, has demonstrated her ability to care for the place and respect it. Whether we can go beyond permitting her to live under a special use permit and employ her at her present rate of approximately \$100 per month will depend entirely on our appropriations. I believe we should consider continuing her under present arrangements until such time as our own definite plan of operation is more tangible. Following our assignment of a historian to the Adams Mansion it may be that we will have need for the quarters which Mrs. McCormick now occupies for the accommodation of that historian.



Enclosure 107  
cc: Supt., Morristown NHP  
Associate Director

*Thomas J. Allen*  
Thomas J. Allen,  
Regional Director.



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Ruse//  
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THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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November 23, 1945.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

Your memorandum of November 14 regarding the acquisition of original historic objects for the Adams Mansion concerns a fundamental policy of the Service.

We favor the exhibition to the public of originals whenever possible. Just as an original historic house is to be preferred to a replica so an original painting or other original historic object is preferable to a copy, no matter how skillfully the copy may have been made. For instance, the original bed in which Lincoln died would be far more satisfactory than the present replica now on display in the House Where Lincoln Died. Persons viewing the replica are disappointed when they learn that the original bed is in Chicago. Replicas or copies do, however, have educational value and assist the visitor in recreating the historical scene in his mind, but the original historic objects, in addition to educational value, have inspirational value. They appeal to the heart as well as to the head. In this connection, please note Chapters VI and IX of the National Park Service Field Manual for Museums.

A furnished house is preferable to an empty one since the furnishings help to visualize its appearance at the time of its historic occupation; consequently the temporary use of reproductions, pending acquisition of original period or association pieces, is at times justified.

The memorial house built at George Washington's Birthplace was first furnished with reproductions. These were replaced as rapidly as possible with original pieces of the correct period. The Ford House at Morristown is furnished satisfactorily with original, contemporary pieces not later than the end of the American Revolution. However, efforts will continue to secure furniture known to have been used in the House during its occupancy by Washington whenever such pieces become available.

In the present instance, it would be desirable to encourage the Adams family to donate as much original Adams' material as they are inclined to give to us. The Mansion represents four or five generations of Adams' occupancy giving room for freedom of action to the Service in the display of the Adams' material that can be acquired.

The acquisition of the more priceless objects may require considerable time for negotiation, but this need not delay the transfer of the bulk of the property because the later items can be secured by separate bills of sale or letters of acceptance. I realize that the acceptance of original objects increases our responsibility; nevertheless, the Service should not hesitate to assume such added responsibility.

A separate reply is being made to the personnel problem raised in your memorandum of November 14.



CWP:NJB:HEK:sa

cc: Mr. Burns.  
Mr. Kahler.

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

Acting Director.

In duplicate.



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ADDRESS: THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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*Adams*  
November 23, 1945.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

With reference to your memorandum of November 14 concerning the employment of Mrs. Margaret L. McCormick at the Adams Mansion, we should like to know if the Adams family has expressed any opinion on this subject--whether they have intimated that in the transfer of the property they expect the Federal Government to give employment to Mrs. McCormick. If that is the case, the Service would request that an executive order be issued placing Mrs. McCormick under Civil Service. Another possibility would be to employ Mrs. McCormick as a charwoman on a part time basis at a salary approximately equivalent to what she receives at the present time. We understand that she takes care of the cleaning of the rooms and furniture.

We shall appreciate receiving additional comments and recommendations in this matter.

cc: Mr. Kahler ✓

HEK:sa  
in duplicate.

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON  
Acting Director.



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November 30, 1945.

Kahler  
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E. J. J.  
Sander  
Spice  
Patton  
Jolson  
12/4

Mr. Robert Johnson,  
Bureau of the Budget,  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

With regard to the attached copy of Secretary Ickes' letter of January 24 to the President concerning the Adams Mansion, Quincy, Massachusetts, it is the opinion of our Chief Counsel that the President's approval authorized Secretary Ickes, in his discretion, to acquire the property offered as a donation by the Adams family. This is what was intended when the letter was prepared by us for the Secretary's signature. There is no further problem to present to the President because the donation is to be an outright gift and no cooperative agreement should be necessary. The abstract of title and deed of conveyance are now being prepared. It is anticipated that the property could be vested in the Federal Government effective July 1, 1946.

If you still believe that this matter should again be submitted to the President for his approval, please advise us so that we may prepare the necessary papers immediately.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) NEWTON B. DRURY  
Newton B. Drury,  
Director.

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Enclosure 837. ✓

cc: ✓ Regional Director, Region One (2), with a copy of the  
✓ Mr. Demaray, Secretary's letter of  
✓ Mr. Kahler, 1/24/45 to the President.





Since F.D.R. was the  
President first  
refused to aid  
Mr. Truman the second,  
I wonder if it wouldn't  
be good business to  
present the matter to  
Mr. Truman before  
final action.

Worson

12/3

Believe it is more a matter  
of Bu. Budget than a  
personal decision of the  
President 12/4





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REGION ONE  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

December 6, 1945.

Name	Date
Tolson	12/11
Belmont	12-11
Kahler	12-13
Parham	12-17

MEMORANDUM for the Director.

Mr. Tolson's memorandum of November 23, 1945, discussed future possibilities for continued employment of Mrs. Margaret McCormick, now employed at the Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Neither Mr. Charles Francis Adams nor Mr. Henry Adams had ever expressed any wish that Mrs. McCormick might be employed by the Federal Government as an obligation of the transfer of the property. I very much doubt that such a possibility would ever occur to them.

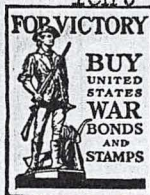
From the first it seemed to me that it would be greatly to our advantage to have Mrs. McCormick on the place, at least during the first few years after we take over the mansion. With the possible exception of Mr. Henry Adams, she knows more about the house and the objects in it than does anyone else. Furthermore, it seems like the decent thing to do.

Mr. Henry Adams did intimate that it would be a fine thing if there was any way in which we could employ Mrs. McCormick after the property had been transferred. This was more in the nature of a faint hope on his part and was not directly suggested by him.

Mr. Henry Adams had this to say about her present situation:

"Mrs. Margaret L. McCormick and her three grown up children. Mrs. McCormick is paid \$100 per month for the service of herself and children. She pays for her own coal and for part of the water and light. The Society pays for excess water used in the house and all the light while the house is open, while closed for the winter Mrs. McCormick pays for the light. Mrs. McCormick and her family live in what was the servant's ell all the year rent free. She and her husband, now dead, were employed on the place when Brooks Adams, the last of the family to occupy the house was alive. Her children have outside occupations but help in the house-work and accounting while at home."


It does not appear to be absolutely necessary that Mrs. McCormick be brought under civil service by executive order if we can be authorized to employ her on some per diem basis which will guarantee her a steady income equivalent to that she now receives. I do think it would be very advisable to continue her services under some arrangement. If she is permitted to occupy quarters in the mansion when it becomes Government property, I would suggest that quarter deductions be substituted for the practice whereby she pays



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for her own fuel and part of the water and lights. I prefer to arrange the salary so that quarter deductions take care of these items and we, in turn, operate the entire structure as far as heating and lighting is concerned.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Allen", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas J. Allen,  
Regional Director.



~~Pat. 12/13/41~~

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Mr. Miller

It seems to me the best solution is to hire Mrs McCornick as a Charwoman - or some other title on a W.A.F basis. Quarters are apparently available but an appraisal will have to be made.

Kahler



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December 17, 1945.

ADDRESS: THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

In response to your memorandum of December 6, this Office concurs in your proposal to continue the employment of Mrs. Margaret L. McCormick at the Adams Mansion after the Service takes possession of the property and subject to the availability of funds. If you prefer, Mrs. McCormick may be employed as a charwoman on a w.a.e. basis which will not require an Executive Order placing her under Civil Service. If Mrs. McCormick is to continue to occupy her present quarters, an appraisal would be necessary so that payroll deductions could be made for their value as required by law.

(SGD) HILLCRY A. TOLSON

Acting Director.

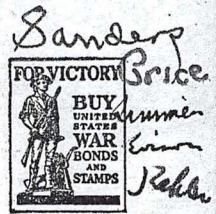
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cc: Mr. Kahler.

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ADDRESS: THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

January 29, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

We shall appreciate a report from Coordinating Superintendent Ronalds as to what further progress has been made by the abstractor since September 1, 1945 (the date of Dr. Ronalds' last report to you concerning the matter), toward completing the abstract of title for the proposed Adams Mansion National Historic Site.

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON  
Acting Director.

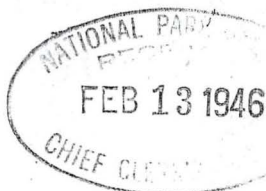
cc: Mr. Kahler. ✓  
Mr. Evison. ✓  
Mr. Price.

HKS:rd



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February 8, 1946.

Director

Name	Date
<i>[Signature]</i>	2-13
<i>[Signature]</i>	2/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	HRB 2/14
<i>[Signature]</i>	2/19
<i>[Signature]</i>	2/19

Memorandum for the Regional Director, Region One:

Reference is made to Mr. E. M. Lisle's memorandum of February 6 regarding the preparation of the abstract of title for the proposed Adams Mansion National Historic Site. Mr. Tolson's memorandum of January 29 arrived at the same time as your memorandum of February 6.

On November 5, and again on November 14, I wrote to you in this regard, with a copy of my letter of November 5 to Mr. Henry Adams, outlining the necessary steps to be followed. His reply was reported to you under date of November 14. Please note that I told Mr. Adams that it was not necessary to await the completion of this inventory before submitting the abstract of title and the deed. I will again write to Mr. Adams and inquire as to present progress in preparing these documents.

(SGD) Francis S. Ronalds

Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

Posted  
2/19/46  
*[Signature]*





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Name	Date
<b>Director</b>	
<del>Julian</del>	4/26
<del>Price</del>	2/27
<del>Evans</del>	2/27
<del>Kahler</del>	2/27
<del>Porter</del>	4/13
<del>Sanders</del>	4/27
<b>File</b>	

February 19, 1946.

Memorandum for the Regional Director, Region One:

Reference is made to my memorandum of February 8 regarding the status of the abstract of title for the Adams Mansion, Quincy, Massachusetts.

On February 14 Mr. Henry Adams was advised by his lawyers engaged in making the abstract that it was practically completed and that they expect to have it ready for transmittal within a very few days.

(SGD.) Francis S. Ronald

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Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.





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<i>W. J. ...</i>	<i>3/18</i>

March 12, 1946.

Memorandum for the Director:

Mr. Albert Wolfe, of the firm of Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster, 53 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts, writes that he has completed examination of the title to the property of the Adams Memorial Society, Inc., in Quincy, Massachusetts, and by the end of this week will forward to you the original abstract and proposed deed to the United States of the Adams Mansion property.

*Francis S. Ronalds*  
Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

CC: Regional Director, Region One

*Postcard  
3/18/46  
Jus*

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HENRY HIXON MEYER  
EDWARD C. THAYER  
ALBERT L. PARTRIDGE  
ROGER B. TYLER  
WILLIAM L. PAYSON  
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53 STATE STREET  
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March 15, 1946

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Newton B. Drury, Director  
National Park Service  
Chicago 54, Illinois

Dear Mr. Drury:

We have prepared, in accordance with Department of Justice, Lands Division, regulations, for Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated, an abstract of the title to its property in Quincy, Massachusetts.

At the suggestion of Dr. Francis S. Ronalds, we are sending this abstract to you by registered parcel post, together with a proposed form of deed to the United States of America for a national historical park.

We understand that the abstract and deed are to be submitted to the Solicitor for the Department of Interior, and we will be glad to answer, so far as we can, any questions that may arise as to the title.

We understand that there are details, such as the bill of sale of personal property and arrangements for the continued function of the Society, which are to be worked out if the title is acceptable.

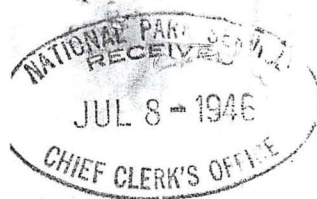
Yours truly,

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*Albert Wolfe*

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<del>Adams</del>	ht 78-46
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<del>Kahler</del>	7/11/46
<del>Adams</del>	7/18/46

July 4, 1946.

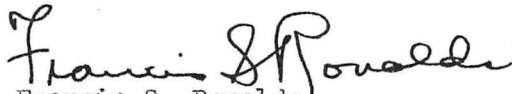
Memorandum for the Director:

Attached is a copy of the proposed Bill of Sale for the objects within the Adams Mansion, Quincy, Massachusetts.

Mr. Henry Adams has not as yet given Mr. Albert Wolfe the list of reserved objects. Mr. Wolfe writes that he will not send you a copy of the Bill of Sale until he has this reserved list. However I do not believe this makes any difference as to your determination as to the acceptability of the form of Bill of Sale. It would be greatly appreciated if you would let me know as soon as possible whether the enclosed form is acceptable.

Mr. Adams has not been able to complete the list as several members of the family who must be consulted were not available. He is trying to get them to give their personally owned objects.

It would also be appreciated if you will let me know whether I should obtain a loan of the objects to be reserved. In most cases I believe this could be done and if done should lead to their eventual gift to the government.

*yes by all means*  
  
Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

*cc Regional Director, Region One.*





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Name	Date
<i>Jensen</i>	<i>7/9</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>7/10</i>
<i>Kahler</i>	<i>7/11</i>
<i>Hander</i>	<i>7/10</i>

July 8, 1946.

Memorandum for the Director:

Mr. Albert Wolfe, attorney for the Adams Memorial Society, has just telephoned me regarding the personal property at the Adams Mansion, Quincy, Massachusetts.

Mr. Henry Adams has been negotiating with several members of the family who have deposited personal possessions in the house with a view to having them given to the Government. It appears that various members of the family want more assurance that the objects will always be kept at the Site. Their point of view is that the whole idea of giving the property to the Government is to preserve the house as a unit, as it is their feeling that if this is not done then the gift is a failure and the family would much prefer to keep it even if it had been necessary to divide the property up. The house is not a representation of one man or one generation; it is the representation of the lives of four generations of Adamses and what each of them has done should remain unchanged. Although I know this would be in accordance with your policy, it seems that the Society wishes to have some written assurance that this will be done.

Mr. Wolfe wanted to know whether it would be possible to add the following to the bill of sale (a copy of the suggested bill of sale was mailed to you July 4):

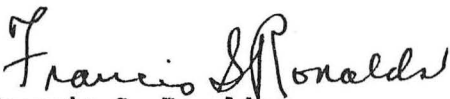
*O.K. [initials]*  
"And provided that so long as the Adams Memorial Society shall continue in existence none of the articles of personal property hereby transferred should be removed from said premises without the written approval of said Society, and if any of said articles are not desired to be kept or used on said premises on removal therefrom without such approval the same shall revert to said Society and be returned to it."

I told Mr. Wolfe that though of course I could not speak for you, I felt that the last portion of the above might not be acceptable as it made the gift conditional; I mean by this the section beginning "and if any of said articles are not desired." However, I told him that I would send it directly to you in order to obtain your wishes in the matter.



Personally I believe that a letter from you to the effect that nothing would be removed from the house would satisfy the members of the Society if you do not believe it wise to have these conditions added to the bill of sale; perhaps I am wrong in this. In any event, it would be greatly appreciated if you would let me know your determination on the above request.

There are fifteen members of the Board and as Mr. Adams would like to have the approval of as many members of the Board as possible, the Board meeting will not be held until he hears from us regarding the keeping of the Adams objects at the Site. Mr. Adams himself knows the policy of the Service in this regard and the above request does not come from him personally. It is to satisfy the misgivings of some other members of the family who seem to feel that without definite assurance to the contrary the Service might from time to time remove various items from the house.

  
Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

CC: Regional Director, Region One



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July 9, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for Coordinating Superintendent Ronalds, Morristown.

We have received your memoranda of June 25 and 29, concerning the bill of sale for the furnishings in the Adams Mansion, which is being donated to the United States for the establishment of a national historic site.

We can see no objection to a blanket bill of sale covering every article in the house at the time of the recordation of the deed to the United States except a small number of specified articles to be retained by the vendor. After title is transferred to the United States it will, of course, be necessary to inventory all articles owned by the Government for our property records. This can be done when the necessary administrative staff is available.

When it is received, we shall review the copy of the proposed bill of sale promptly and advise you by telegram whether it is in satisfactory form.

(SGD) HUGH M. MILLER

Acting Director.

cc: Regional Director, Region One.✓

Mr. Richey✓

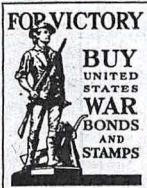
Mr. Kahler✓

Mr. Price.✓

HKS:cq

P. S. Your memorandum of July 4 enclosing a copy of the bill of sale has just been received. We are wiring you today that it is in satisfactory form.

Sanders  
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*Price*  
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National Park Service

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS JULY 9, 1946

Superintendent,  
Morristown National Historical Park,  
Morristown, New Jersey.

Urgent. Bill of sale Adams Mansion furnishings in satisfactory form.

Suggest reserved articles be sufficiently described to insure proper identification. Believe desirable you endeavor obtain loan reserved articles.

(SGD) HILLOBY A. TOLSON  
Tolson,  
National Park Service.

cc: Accounts Section ✓  
Mr. Kahler. ✓  
Mr. Richey. ✓  
HKS:cg Mr. Price. ✓  
CONFIRMATION



*Sanders  
Price  
Miller-b.  
7/10/46*

National Park Service

1471000.011 Acct. 209

Chicago, Illinois, July 10, 1946.

Superintendent,  
Morristown National Historical Park,  
Morristown, New Jersey.

Your memo 8. No objection addition suggested proviso to Adams  
Mansion bill of sale.

cc: Accounts Section. ✓

Mr. Kahler. ✓

HKS:cq Mr. Price **CONFIRMATION**

(SGD) HUGH M. MILLER

Miller,  
National Park Service.



C O P Y

RACKEMANN, SAWYER & BREWSTER  
Counsellors at Law  
820 Exchange Building  
53 State Street  
Boston 9, Massachusetts

July 15, 1946

Dr. Francis S. Ronalds  
Coordinating Superintendent  
National Park Service  
Morristown National Historical Park  
Morristown, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Ronalds:

Thank you for your letter of July 10 with the enclosure and for your letter of July 11, just received.

I am very pleased to know that the Bill of Sale form is satisfactory, and I have spoken to Mr. Adams, who wishes me particularly to thank you for your prompt and considerate handling of this matter. He has only two more trustees to contact and is confident that the meeting can be held within a few days after he has seen them, which he hopes will be by tomorrow.

I think the loan letter would be an appropriate way of handling the reserved articles, and believe it will be satisfactory to Mr. Adams and the Society, and most other owners of the articles, but suggest that we will have to have the list of reserved articles in hand before following up with such letters.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Albert Wolfe

*Posted  
7/29/46  
JWD*



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July 15, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Superintendent, Morristown.

In anticipation of the transfer of the Adams Mansion to the National Park Service, we have been looking for material suitable for a press release but find that our files are very meager. The booklet that I purchased while at the Adams Mansion has disappeared. The Office of Information would appreciate it very much if you would supply basic data on the Adams Mansion that could be used in a press release.

(SGD) HERBERT E. KAHLER  
Acting Chief Historian.

HEK:lc

cc: Regional Director, Region One.✓

Mr. Evison✓  
Mr. Demaray.





Copy referred to *Director*: By Region One *7/23/46*

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MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

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<i>W. C. C.</i>	<i>7/26</i>
<i>Kahler</i>	<i>7/26</i>
<i>James</i>	<i>7/26</i>
<i>Richy</i>	<i>7/29</i>
<i>Spence</i>	<i>7/29</i>

July 19, 1946

*Porter*

Memorandum for the Regional Director, Region One:

For your information there is attached a copy of Mr. Albert Wolfe's letter regarding the bill of sale for the objects in the Adams Mansion, Quincy, Massachusetts.

I sent Mr. Wolfe a copy of our loan form for Mr. Adams to show to the trustees, with the hope that the various members of the family would leave the reserved objects in the house. I believe that after they see how the Service handles the Site they would eventually make outright gifts and perhaps find other appropriate Adams objects not now at the house.

As soon as the Society is ready to record the deed I will go to Boston.

(SGD) Francis S. Ronalds

Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

*Posted  
7/29/46  
JWS*



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~~CHICAGO, ILLINOIS~~

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*Smith*  
*Patterson*

July 23, 1946.

Allotment advice

No. 2315

Organization unit Adams Mansion National Historic Site

APPROPRIATION AFFECTED	PRIOR STATUS	INCREASE	DECREASE	NOW STANDS
1471000 National Park Service, 1947 National Monument, Historical, and Military Areas				
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1471000.040 All Other Expenditures		9,310.00		9,310.00
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100 Administration and Protection		6,317.00		6,317.00
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900 Equipment, Other		993.00		993.00
<u>Cumulative Quarterly Apportionments</u>				
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
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(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

Allotted 1471000.040 \$8,310  
Reserve 190  
Total 1947 appropriation \$9,500

Acting Director.

Original to Morristown.  
Copies to Region One Office.  
Accounts. ✓  
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15 State Street  
Room 102  
Boston

July 25th 1946

My dear Mr. Wolfe

I have received your letter of the 17th and gone over it with Charles Francis Adams.

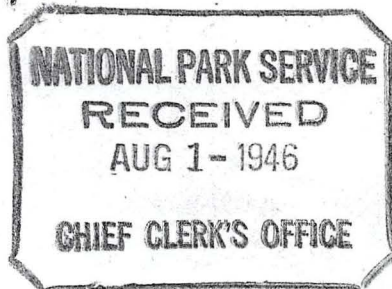
We decided that the title was clear to all the contents that were in the house when it was turned over to the Manuscript Trust in 1905, but that some things that were brought into the house since by Brooks Adams were subject to claims by his heirs. We are now trying to separate these things and remove them. My sister, Mrs. Perkins, and Mrs. Homans went over the house last Thursday and tried to segregate them. I am to see them this weekend and see if something cannot be done, either to remove them or set them aside. I am afraid that this is taking longer than Mr. Ronalds expected but it cannot be helped. We are doing the best we can. I will write you next week.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) Henry Adams

AUG 2 1946





Copy referred to *Director*

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July 29, 1946

Memorandum for the Regional Director, Region One:

Mr. Albert Wolfe, attorney for the Adams Memorial Society, sent me a copy of the enclosed letter from Mr. Henry Adams explaining the delay in completing the transfer of the Adams Mansion at Quincy, Massachusetts.

Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

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*Kallick*  
*Evison*  
*m. h. h.*

504  
August 5, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

In preparing for the 1947 publications program, we have included 25,000 leaflets for the Adams Mansion National Historic Site and the same number for Mound City Group National Monument. Please arrange to have photographs, scripts, and dummies for these leaflets prepared in the field or in your Office. It is suggested that this material be submitted to this Office on or before November 1.

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON  
Acting Director.

HEK:lc

In triplicate. ✓

cc: Mr. Evison. ✓  
Dr. Porter (2). ✓  
Mr. Demaray. ✓



Mr. Kasper <sup>N&R</sup>

What's the dope  
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material for a press  
release on the Adams  
murders.

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August 8, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Superintendent, Morristown.

Mr. Evison and Miss Story are eagerly awaiting material for use in the press release on the Adams Mansion National Historic Site. This was requested in our memorandum of July 15. We hope that you will find it possible to supply them with this information before the final transaction places title to the property in the United States.

(SGD) HERBERT E. KAHLER

HEK:lc

Acting Chief Historian.

cc: Regional Director, Region One.

Mr. Evison.  
Mr. Demaray.





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MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

Name	Date
<i>Kahler</i>	<i>8/14</i>
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August 12, 1946.

Memorandum for Acting Chief Historian Kahler:

Under date of August 8 I sent to Regional Director Allen material for use in the press release on the Adams Mansion National Historic Site. Still waiting to hear from Mr. Henry Adams as to the date for the recording of the deed to the property.

*Francis S. Ronalds*  
Francis S. Ronalds  
Coordinating Superintendent.

CC: Regional Director, Region One

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August 16, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

In connection with the transfer of the Adams Mansion, we are asking your advice as to the desirability of having a dedication ceremony in which the Adams Association and Congressman Wigglesworth would participate. You will recall that Charles Francis Adams, in his letter of March 28 to the Director, stated:

"Congressman Wigglesworth has sent me your pleasant letter of March 15th. I quite agree that it would be very fitting for him to act as intermediary in tendering this property to the Nation, but I don't know why we should trouble him with any previous arrangements which are necessary."

We do not wish to delay the transfer of the property and the recording of the deed, but it has occurred to us that the dedication ceremony might be a fitting way of inaugurating the national historic site program.

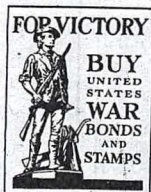
(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

HEK:rk

Acting Director.

In duplicate.

cc: Mr. Demaray.  
Mr. Kahler.





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August 23, 1946.

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MEMORANDUM for Mr. Demaray.

Will you please ask Mr. Evison if copy has been prepared for a press release to be submitted to the Department when word is received of the establishment of the Adams Mansion National Historic Site. We have some material on the Adams Mansion submitted by Dr. Ronalds, but do not want to cross wires.

(SGD) ISABELLE F. SIEG

Editor in Chief.

cc: Mr. Kahler. ✓

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SALEM NEXT WEEK IF EXPENSES APPROX \$225 CAN BE REIMBURSED FROM ADAMS  
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WIRE REPLY REQUESTED



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Ext. 348

Interior Department  
National Park Service  
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National Park Service, 1947

Chicago, Illinois, August 26, 1946.

NIGHT LETTER

Superintendent,  
National Park Service,  
Morristown National Historical Park,  
Morristown, New Jersey

Following teletype from Wirth, Washington Liaison Office. "Full set of photographs Adams Mansion needed as record of condition of property at time of transfer and for Historical and Press release purposes. Abbie Rowe can make photographs Adams Mansion and Salem next week if expenses approximately \$225 can be reimbursed from Adams Mansion Appropriation. Please advise. Advise Wirth direct with copy to us.

(SGD) P. P. PATRAW

Patraw  
National Park Service.

PPP:eat

cc: Accounts  
Mr. Wirth



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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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August 26, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Superintendent, Morristown.

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Attached are two copies of a draft of a press release for use when the deed to the Adams Mansion is accepted. This is based on your memorandum of August 7. One thing that seems lacking, however, is a brief word picture of how the mansion and library look; what architectural type they represent; what type of construction,-- frame, brick, masonry, or what-have-you; the size of the area and the character of the grounds; whether there are old shade trees and what kind they are; what the neighborhood is like, and where it is from the center of Quincy.

Could you supply me with something about these matters in your usual excellent style?

When we have the thing in final form, we shall certainly be glad to submit a copy of it to Mr. Henry Adams for his approval and suggestions.

We are endeavoring to make arrangements for Mr. Abbie Rowe, of the National Capital Parks, to go up there next week to make a complete pictorial record of the house, library and grounds, both for historical purposes and for publicity use. We shall, of course, obtain Mr. Henry Adams' permission for this.

HERBERT EVISON

Chief of Information.

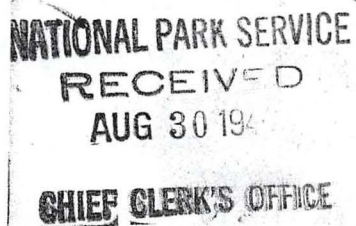
cc: Director's Office, Chicago. (All with copies of the enclosure)  
Washington Liaison Office.  
Mr. R. F. Lee.  
Mr. Evison (detached).

HE:asc

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Morristown, N. J.

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Name	Date
Kahler	8/30
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August 28, 1946	

Memorandum for Chief of Lands Conrad L. Wirth,  
Washington Liaison Office

This has reference to Finance Officer Pattraw's telegram of August 27 regarding a set of photographs of the Adams Mansion which are needed as record of condition of the property.

There are sufficient funds in the Adams Mansion appropriation to cover the cost of the photographs.

Paul N. Heaton  
Acting Superintendent

PNH/h  
cc The Director

AUG 29 1946









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<i>Tolson</i>	<i>9/19</i>
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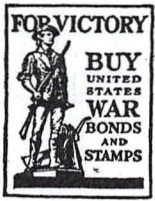
MEMORANDUM for the Superintendent,  
Morristown National Historical Park.

It will be satisfactory for you to carry out the suggestion made in your memorandum of September 9 of asking Mr. Henry Adams to prepare a text for the leaflet on the Adams Mansion National Historic Site.

The Service will have to assume responsibility of all statements of fact, and you should bear this in mind when you review any text which Mr. Adams may prepare. Mr. Adams should understand, of course, that the Service reserves the right to edit his text in any way that is considered desirable.

(Sgd) THOMAS J. ALLEN  
  
T. J. Allen,  
Regional Director

cc: Director ✓  
Washington



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Name	Date
Jackson	9/23
Henry	9/23
McKee	9/23
Porter	9/23
Jackson	9-26

September 19, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

This refers to your memorandum of September 11 to Superintendent Ronalds, in which you approve a suggestion previously made to you by him that Mr. Henry Adams be asked to prepare the text of the leaflet on the Adams Mansion National Historic Site.

Such a proposal, if followed through, may put us in a difficult position in effecting changes which appear to us necessary. In addition, decisions on such matters should be made by or cleared through the Director's Office, so that the Office of Information, which is responsible for handling the publications program, and, in such cases as this, the Branch of History, which has a special concern with such properties as the Adams Mansion, may have a chance to review and comment on them in advance of action, and to determine the size and general character of the publications proposed. I am sending a copy of this memorandum to Superintendent Ronalds in the hope that he may not yet have written to Mr. Adams about the matter, so that decision as to the preparation of the text may be deferred.

(SGD) Newton B. Drury  
Director.

cc: Supt., Morristown [National Historical Park.]  
Director's Office, Chicago.  
WLO  
Mr. Evison (detached).  
HE:asc





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MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

Name	Date
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September 20, 1946.

Memorandum for the Regional Director, Region One:

Reference is made to Director Drury's memorandum to you of September 19, copy to Morristown, regarding the preparation of the text for the leaflet on the Adams Mansion National Historic Site.

Inasmuch as I am to see Mr. Henry Adams in Boston early next week I had not written to him about the leaflet, intending to discuss the matter with him at that time. Naturally in view of the Director's memorandum I will not discuss the preparation of the leaflet with him.

(SGD) Francis S. Ronalds

Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

CC: The Director ✓



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Office of the Solicitor

Title to the real estate conveyed to the United States of America by the Adams Memorial Society, Inc., by deed of donation dated September 23, 1946, for the establishment of the Adams Mansion National Historic Site, has been reexamined and found to be satisfactory. Acceptance of the gift of the personal property covered by the bill of sale from the Adams Memorial Society, Inc., to the United States, dated September 23, 1946, is also recommended.

Assistant Solicitor.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Office of the Secretary

Title to both the real and personal property accepted as recommended.

Secretary of the Interior.



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March 27, 1946.

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REGISTERED MAIL.

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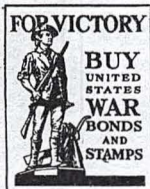
There is attached a draft of deed proposed to be executed by the Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated, for the purpose of conveying to the United States certain property in Quincy, Massachusetts, as a donation for the establishment of a national historic site. Also attached is an abstract of title to the property which was prepared by the law firm of Rackemann, Sawyer and Brewster, of Boston, Massachusetts.

The property to be conveyed includes the historic Adams Mansion, which has been declared by the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments to be of national significance. On March 7, 1945, President Roosevelt approved the proposal to acquire the property by donation for the establishment of a Federally-owned national historic site pursuant to the act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666, 16 U.S.C. secs. 461-467). See attached copy of the Secretary's letter of January 24, 1945, to the President. Many articles of personal property, such as household furnishings, books and portraits, are also to be transferred to the United States, without cost, by bill of sale, upon establishment of the site.

Your opinion concerning the validity of the title proposed to be conveyed to the United States is requested.

*Healey A. Tolson*  
Acting Director.

Enclosure 797.





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March 29, 1946.

*Standing  
Brice  
Kahler  
Richey*

Rackemann, Sawyer, and Brewster,  
Counsellors at Law,  
820 Exchange Building,  
53 State Street,  
Boston 9, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

We have received the draft of deed and the abstract of title, accompanied by your title opinion and certificate dated March 5, 1946, relating to the Adams Mansion property in Quincy, Massachusetts, proposed to be donated to the United States by the Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated, for the establishment of a national historic site.

The title papers are being referred to the Solicitor of this Department for examination and opinion concerning the title proposed to be conveyed. When the opinion has been rendered, we shall communicate with you and the Society regarding the final steps to vest title to the property in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

Hillory A. Tolson,  
Acting Director.

cc: Adams Memorial Society, Inc.,  
Adams Street,  
Quincy, Massachusetts.

✓ Regional Director, Region One.  
✓ Supt., Morristown.  
✓ Mr. Demaray.  
✓ Mr. Kahler.  
✓ Mr. Richey.  
✓ Mr. Price.

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April 19, 1946.

The Director  
National Park Service  
Merchandise Mart  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

We learned upon inquiry at the Washington office of your organization yesterday there is a strong possibility that the National Park Service may soon take over control of the Adams Mansion, former home of President John Adams and John Quincy Adams here in our city.

As this is one of the city's leading historical landmarks, we are naturally interested in any information you might be able to provide on this matter, either in regard to the actual taking over of the mansion, or, if a definite date for this has not been set, we think that some background information on the National Park Service, telling what it has done in regard to other national shrines would be of great interest to our readers.

When you actually do take over control of the mansion, we would appreciate a collect telegram to that effect.

Very truly yours,  
The Quincy Patriot Ledger

Donald C. Wilder

Donald C. Wilder,  
City Editor

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April 25, 1946.

Mr. Donald C. Wilder,  
City Editor, The Quincy Patriot Ledger,  
Quincy 69, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Wilder:

This acknowledges your letter of April 19 concerning the Adams Mansion, Quincy, Massachusetts.

The National Park Service is negotiating with the Adams family for the transfer of the Adams Mansion to the Federal Government, and it is anticipated that negotiations will be completed before July 1. An advance copy of a press release will be sent to you when the transfer has been consummated. If you desire a telegram in addition to an advance copy of the press release, please let us know.

There is enclosed a copy of an article by Drs. Stauffer and Porter entitled "The National Park Service Program of Conservation for Areas and Structures of National Historical Significance," which gives a brief statement about the activities of the Service in historical conservation. In addition, there are attached representative samples of the types of literature that this Service prepares to aid the visitor in understanding historic events associated with historical places.

It will be appreciated if you will keep confidential the information relating to the Adams Mansion until we inform you that it may be made public.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

Hillory A. Tolson,  
Acting Director.

HEK:11

Enclosure 861. ✓

cc: Regional Director, Region One (2).

✓ Mr. Demaray.

✓ Mr. Evison.

✓ Mr. Kahler, for H. Suspense File.





*Smiley  
Kahler*

Mr. Demaray.

April 30, 1946.

*Mr. Tolson.*

MEMORANDUM for Mr. Demaray.

On March 27 the abstract of title and a draft of the deed proposed to be executed by the Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated, donating the Adams Mansion property in Quincy, Massachusetts, to the United States for the establishment of a national historic site, were referred to the Solicitor for examination and opinion concerning the title. We have not as yet received the opinion. As it is desired to effect the transfer of title prior to July 1, if possible, and in view of the age of the proponents, we are hopeful that the title examination in this case can be accomplished with a minimum of delay. Please endeavor to have this expedited by the Solicitor's Office.

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

Acting Director.

cc: Mr. Kahler.

Mr. Price.

HKS:cq





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MAY 7 1946



UNITED STATES  
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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May 10, 1946.

Mr. Donald C. Wilder,  
City Editor,  
The Quincy Patriot Ledger,  
Quincy 69, Massachusetts.

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Dear Mr. Wilder:

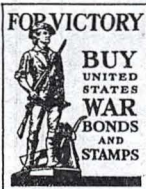
This is a reply to your letter of May 1, with further regard to release of information to the press at the time the prospective transfer of the Adams Mansion to the United States is consummated.

We are required to release all press material of general interest through the Division of Information of the Department of the Interior so it may possibly develop that we will not be able to meet your desires exactly. However, we shall certainly keep your request in mind and do our best to see that release is made and that you are given the special notification you request under such circumstances as will permit you an even break with the nearby Boston papers.

Sincerely yours,  
(SGD) HERBERT EVISON

Herbert Evison,  
Acting Chief of Information.

HE:lr





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May 16, 1946.

*Sanders  
Price  
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Riley*

REGISTERED MAIL

MEMORANDUM for Coordinating Superintendent Ronalds,  
Morristown National Historical Park.

There are enclosed two copies of the Solicitor's opinion (M. 34474) of May 6, 1946, concerning the title to the Adams Mansion property proposed to be donated to the United States for the establishment of a national historic site.

It appears from the opinion that the Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated, can convey satisfactory title to the United States and that the title will be accepted by the Department upon compliance with the following requirements:

1. A resolution should be adopted by a majority of the corporation's board of trustees authorizing the conveyance of the property to the United States. A certified copy of the resolution should accompany the deed.
2. The proposed deed to the United States should be executed and recorded, and the abstract of title extended to a date subsequent to the recordation of the deed. The draft of deed states that the property is to be conveyed to the United States for a "National Historic Park." This should be changed to "National Historic Site" before the deed is executed.
3. The usual report on possessory rights as of the date of the recording of the deed to the United States should be submitted. Report forms are enclosed for your use.
4. An administrative determination must be made as to whether the restrictive covenant and rights granted the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, mentioned in Paragraph No. 2 of the opinion, will adversely affect the administration, use or value of the land. Please furnish us your comments and recommendations in this regard.

The draft of deed, abstract of title, and related papers are enclosed. Since it is desired to establish this national historic site by July 1, 1946, if possible, compliance with the above-mentioned requirements should, of course, be expedited as much as possible. Prompt action should also be taken to arrive at an agreement with the donor concerning the items of personal property which are to be transferred to the United States by bill of sale. A draft of the proposed bill of sale and a list of the articles to be included in the transfer should be submitted to this Office for review prior to July 1.



Enclosure 652.

cc: Regional Director, Region One (SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON  
Mr. Richey. (with Acting Director.  
Mr. Kahler. copy of opinion)  
Mr. Price.

HS:rcq





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<del>Johanna</del>	7/27
<del>Peter</del>	8/28
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<del>Henderson</del>	9/27
<del>Kahen</del>	11/8/6
<del>Schubert</del>	6/6

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*Richey*

June 13, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

By our memorandum of May 16, a copy of which was furnished you, we forwarded to Coordinating Superintendent Ronalds the title papers and the Solicitor's opinion concerning the title to the Adams Mansion property being donated to the United States for the establishment of a national historic site. It was pointed out in that memorandum that we desired to establish the site by July 1, 1946, if possible, and requested that compliance with the requirements of the title opinion be expedited.

As there is not such time left to accomplish all of the necessary details to establish this national historic site by July 1, we shall appreciate a report concerning the progress made toward meeting the Solicitor's requirements, in order that we may judge whether it will be possible to have the title to the property accepted by the Secretary and an order designating the site issued by him on or before that date.

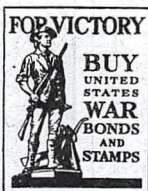
(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

Acting Director.

In duplicate. ✓

cc: Mr. Mahler. ✓  
Mr. Richey. ✓  
Mr. Price. ✓

HKS:cq





June 21, 1946.

Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated  
Henry Adams, Esq., Secretary  
15 State Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

*Adams Mansion*

The National Park Service, in <sup>the</sup> ~~its~~ administration of the National Historic Site in Quincy, Massachusetts, being ~~transferred to the United States of America by~~ Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated, will, in continuation of the custom of the ~~Society~~, permit wedding and funeral ceremonies for lineal descendants of the Charles Francis Adams who died in 1886 to be conducted at the Site, upon request of the Society or the persons concerned.

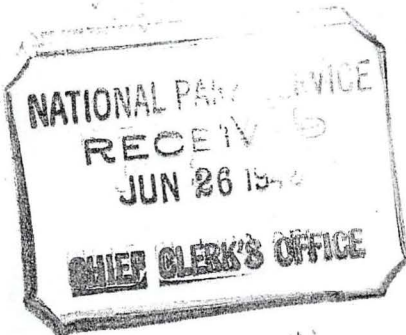
The National Park Service is hopeful that the members of the Society will see fit to continue its existence, <sup>We shall</sup> ~~and will~~ be glad to cooperate with the Society and its members in all matters of common interest, and to have the Society hold its meetings at the Site <sup>on</sup> ~~at times that are~~ mutually convenient. *dates that will be*

Yours very truly,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director

National Park Service





UNITED STATES  
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
MORRISTOWN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK  
MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

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<i>John H. H. H.</i>	<i>6/26</i>
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<i>Lester</i>	<i>6/27</i>

June 25, 1946.

Memorandum for the Director:

The members of the Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated, would very much like to be able to continue the custom in the family of holding weddings and perhaps funeral ceremonies for lineal descendants of Charles Francis Adams, Minister to Great Britain during the War Between the States, in the Adams Mansion after it has become a national historic site.

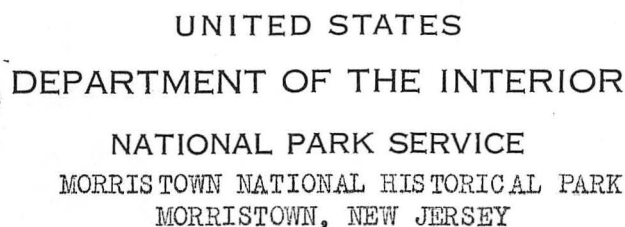
Knowing your interest in cooperating with the aims of the Adams Memorial Society, I told Mr. Henry Adams that I felt sure you would wish to grant this privilege to the family if it were possible for you to do so, and together with Mr. Albert Wolfe, the Society's lawyer, drew up a suggested letter for your signature. You will no doubt wish to change the wording of this letter, but if it is possible to send something of this kind to Mr. Henry Adams it would be greatly appreciated. They do not wish to embody any such conditions in the deed which would delay its acceptance and would be quite content with merely a statement of your policy in this regard. It would be greatly appreciated if you would let me know if the attached letter meets with your approval.

*Francis S. Ronalds*  
Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

CC: Regional Director, Region One

JUN 26 1946





Name	Date
<del>Lyndon</del>	<del>6-26</del>
<del>Frank</del>	<del>6-27</del>
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7 <sup>th</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup>	
<del>Lyndon</del>	<del>8-27</del>

June 25, 1946.

Reference is made to Acting Director Hillory A. Tolson's memorandum of May 16, enclosing copies of the Solicitor's Opinion (M. 34474) of May 6, 1946, concerning the title to the Adams Mansion property proposed to be donated to the United States for the ~~establishment of a national historic site~~. The draft of deed, abstract of title, and related papers were also enclosed.

The reason for the delay has been due to the feeling of Mr. Adams' lawyers that the deed to the property should not be recorded until the bill of sale for the personal property within the mansion was ready to accompany it. An inventory of every article in the house has proven to be too much of a job for Mr. Henry Adams to handle. However, as there are very few things within the house that are not to be transferred to the Government, I proposed that he make a blanket bill of sale for everything within the house at the time of the recordation of the deed, citing a list of exceptions, which Mr. Adams is now preparing. With the exception of some portraits and one piece of furniture, all of which Mr. Adams thinks will eventually be transferred, the reserved articles are small items which in no wise will interfere with the appearance of the rooms. All such items are privately owned and in no case are the property of the Adams Memorial Society. It would be greatly appreciated if you would let me know as soon as possible whether such a procedure is proper. If this cannot be done it might delay the transfer of the property for quite some time.

I drew up the report on present possessory rights and report on possessory rights certificate of inspection and possession, which I will date and sign on the premises on the day of the recording of the deed to the United States, in accordance with your instructions.

Mr. Albert Wolfe sent you the abstract of title on June 21, to be held until such time as the deed, together with the necessary papers, can be sent to you.

This week the Adams Memorial Society is holding a trustees' meeting in order that the trustees may sign the authorization of the conveyance of the property to the United States, in accordance with the Solicitor's Opinion. The certified copy of the resolution will accompany the deed when it is sent to you.

JUN 26 1946



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Mr. Wolfe is changing "national historic park" to "national historic site" as requested.

As soon as the bill of sale and trustees' authorization are ready, Mr. Henry Adams will telephone me and I will go to Boston at once for the recording of the deed and the signing of the necessary report forms.

*Francis S. Ronalds*  
Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

CC: Regional Director, Region One



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Morristown National Historical Park,  
Morristown, New Jersey.

Name	Date
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<i>Tolson</i>	<i>7-2-46</i>
<i>Prosser</i>	<i>7/9</i>
<i>Ante-Lander</i>	<i>7/8</i>

June 29, 1946.

Memorandum for the Director:

Mr. Albert Wolfe, lawyer for the Adams family, will send direct to you a copy of the proposed Bill of Sale, including the necessary reserved items, and it would be appreciated if you would wire me if the form is acceptable.

As explained in my last week's memorandum to you, they feel that from the legal point of view the Bill of Sale and the Deed should be delivered at the same time. It would be of considerable convenience to the family if they could have the votes authorizing both instruments passed at the same trustees' meeting inasmuch as eight signatures are necessary and it is not easy to get the members of the family together at this time of year.

Mr. Wolfe stated that he can have the Deed and the Bill of Sale signed and ready for delivery within five days to a week from the time he receives your approval of the form of the Bill of Sale.

*Francis S. Ronalds*  
Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

cc: Regional Director, Region One

JUL 8 1946





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Name	Date
<i>Tolson</i>	<i>7/7-9</i>
<i>Briggs</i>	<i>2/10</i>
<i>Anderson</i>	<i>8/7-9</i>
<i>Harlan</i>	<i>8/7-9</i>
<i>Post</i>	
<i>File</i>	

July 1, 1946.

Henry Adams, Esq., Secretary,  
Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated,  
15 State Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Dr. Francis Ronalds has reported on progress that is being made in steps leading toward final acceptance by the National Park Service of the Adams Mansion property. It appears that the transaction may now be completed in the very near future.

Although we expect to act promptly in assigning personnel for the administration, protection and maintenance of the Site, it is very likely that a lapse will occur between the time the property is accepted and arrival of our personnel to take over operation of the historic site. In order that the property may not be without proper protection, we will appreciate if your Society can continue to give the usual care and protection to it until our personnel arrive and can take over this responsibility. If this is not possible, I will appreciate it if you will advise me.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) THOMAS J. ALLEN

Thomas J. Allen,  
Regional Director.

cc: Director ✓  
Washington  
Supt., Morristown NHP





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July 2, 1946.

Henry Adams, Esq.,  
Secretary, Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated,  
15 State Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Adams:

The National Park Service, in the administration of Adams Mansion National Historic Site, Quincy, Massachusetts, will, in continuation of the custom of the Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated, permit wedding and funeral ceremonies for lineal descendants of the Charles Francis Adams who died in 1886 to be conducted at that Site, upon request of the Society or the persons concerned.

This Service is hopeful that the members of the Society will see fit to continue its existence. We shall be glad to cooperate with the Society and its members in all matters of common interest and to have the Society hold its meetings at the Site on dates that will be mutually convenient.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) NEWTON B. DRURY

Newton B. Drury,  
Director.

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cc: Regional Director, Region One (2).

Mr. Demaray.

Mr. Kahler.

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated, a charitable corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of the acceptance of this Bill of Sale by the Grantee for the purpose hereinafter set forth does hereby GRANT, SELL, TRANSFER and DELIVER unto the United States of America all articles of personal property now in or upon the real estate which has by deed of even delivery herewith been conveyed to the Grantee hereunder for a National Historic Site to be preserved and maintained as a place of historic and public interest and as an educational exhibit and not for profit, and with the purpose of fostering civic virtue and patriotism, EXCEPTING from this Bill of Sale and RESERVING, however, all items described in the "List of Reserved Items" hereto attached.

TO HAVE and TO HOLD all and singular the said articles of personal property (except those described in said list) to the United States of America to its use and behoof forever, for the purposes set forth in said deed, the library, books and manuscripts hereby transferred to be kept together as one library as long as practicable, and all of said articles of personal property hereby transferred to be kept on said premises as long as practicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF said Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated, has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be executed in its name and behalf by its , hereunto duly authorized this day of , 1946.

Approved:

ADAMS MEMORIAL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

By \_\_\_\_\_

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Being a Majority of the Trustees



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MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY



Name	Date
<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>9-30</i>
<i>Kane</i>	<i>10/1</i>
<i>Kahler</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Sanderson</i>	<i>10/1</i>
<i>Richman</i>	<i>10/4</i>
<i>Splatt</i>	<i>10/4</i>
<i>File</i>	

September 25, 1946.

Memorandum for the Regional Director, Region One:

September 24 was spent in Boston completing the necessary legal requirements for transfer of the Adams Mansion. Early that morning I met with Mr. Albert Wolfe and Mr. Henry Hixon Mayer, of Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster. (This is an old firm name. Mr. Wolfe tells me the above gentlemen are all deceased). We then met with Mr. Henry Adams and his brother Mr. John Adams and drove to Dedham, Massachusetts, the county seat for Norfolk County, where the deed was recorded. Mr. Wolfe then drove me to Quincy where the premises were inspected and I signed the report on present possessory rights and certificate of inspection and possession. These papers, together with the original bill of sale, title opinion and certificate, are being sent to the Director for final submission to the Solicitor.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will inform me as soon as you learn that the property has been legally accepted.

~~Francis S. Ronalds~~

Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

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CHICAGO (54) ILLINOIS

TO SECRETARY  
OCT 31 1946  
FOR SIGNATURE

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THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

*Sanders*  
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OCT 30 1946

October 30, 1946.

Memorandum

To: The Secretary.

From: The Director, National Park Service.

Subject: Acceptance of title to the Adams Mansion property being donated for the establishment of the Adams Mansion National Historic Site.

There are transmitted herewith title data relating to 4.05 acres of land, more or less, and the buildings and improvements situated thereon, in Quincy, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, comprising the Adams Mansion property. Also attached is a bill of sale covering certain articles of personal property located on the premises. This real estate and the personal property covered by the bill of sale are being donated to the United States by the Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated, for the establishment of a national historic site pursuant to the act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C. 461-467). The deed from the Society to the United States was filed for record in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds on September 24, 1946. It normally requires about six months for a deed to be returned from the Registry; therefore, only a copy of the deed as filed for record is available at this time.

The title to this land has been examined by the Solicitor and a copy of an opinion, M. 34474, of May 6, 1946, is attached. It appears that all of the requirements of this opinion have been met. The restrictive covenant and rights granted the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, mentioned in the paragraph numbered 2 in the opinion, will not adversely affect the administration, use, or value of the land and are administratively unobjectionable to the National Park Service.

No evidence of title to the personal property has been furnished by the donor. It is not believed that such evidence is necessary in view of the fact that this property is being acquired by donation and has been in the possession of the Adams Memorial Society for many years for museum purposes.

It is recommended that you accept the property tendered by the Adams Memorial Society, both real and personal, on behalf of the United States. There is attached, for your signature, a draft of an order designating the property as the Adams Mansion National Historic Site in the event of its acceptance.

cc: Mr. Demaray.  
Mr. Kahler.  
Mr. Richey.

(SGD) NEWTON B. DRURY

Director.

Enclosure 985.

cc: Mr. Price.  
HKS:rd

This copy for information only. Communication pending signature in Department.





11-22-46  
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November 21, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

This refers to Mr. Bahlman's memorandum of October 25, transmitting form 10-132 proposing the establishment of an ungraded permanent position of laborer (maintenance), \$0.90 per hour, ~~Adams Mansion~~. The description of the duties of the position included in the justification on form 10-132 indicates that the position is typically that of janitor, probably grade GPC-3, and that it should be subject to the compensation schedules of the Classification Act, in other words, a graded position. You are accordingly requested to re-submit the proposal as a graded position and support it with the usual classification sheets.

We note that there is provision in the 1947 appropriation for only two permanent full-time positions, those of superintendent and historical aide. You have also listed 2.2 man-years of personal services in other than permanent full-time positions. In order to remain within the authorized personal services for the Adams Mansion, it would normally be necessary to indicate that one of the permanent full-time positions would be abandoned to offset the currently proposed permanent full-time position of laborer. If it is your intention to reduce the amount available for other than permanent services, to offset the cost of the permanent laborer's position, that fact should be clearly stated in the justification.

In view of the fact that janitor positions are subject to the absolute preference provisions of the Veterans' Preference Act, we should like to have your comment as to whether the establishment of a permanent position of janitor in lieu of the permanent laborer's position proposed by you will result in any embarrassment in initiating the administration of the Site.

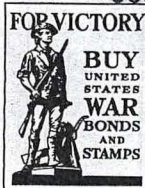
Form 10-132, dated September 26, proposing the determination of the permanent position of laborer, is returned without action.

(SGD) HUGH M. MILLER  
Personnel Officer.

Enclosure 592.

cc: Miss Pillars.

HMM:bb



*PG to Mr. M. Laren*





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REGION ONE  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Name	Date
<i>Allen</i>	
<i>W. H. Allen</i>	<i>11/26</i>
<i>File</i>	

November 22, 1946

MEMORANDUM for the Coordinating Superintendent,  
Morristown National Historical Park.

We have received an inquiry from the Director's office requesting immediate submission of the text, photograph, and dummy for the proposed Adams Mansion National Historic Site leaflet.

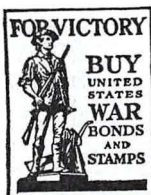
It would be appreciated if this material could be submitted at an early date.

(Sgd) THOMAS J. ALLEN

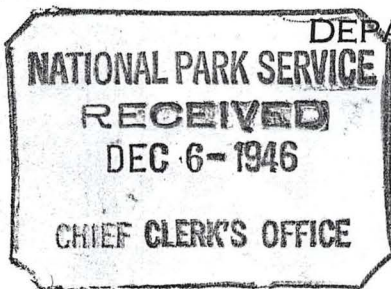
Thomas J. Allen,  
Regional Director.

cc: ✓ Director  
Washington

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December 3, 1946

MEMORANDUM for the Associate Director.

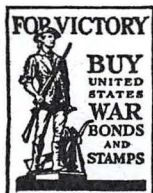
Coordinating Superintendent Ronalds, Morristown National Historical Park, advises that completion of the leaflet for Adams Mansion National Historic Site is being held up pending receipt of a set of photographs of the Adams Mansion area, which were to have been forwarded to him by Mr. Rowe who took pictures at the Adams Mansion site recently.

It would be appreciated if someone in your office can communicate with Mr. Rowe on this subject and have him forward to Superintendent Ronalds the photographs in question as soon as possible.

(Sgd.) ELBERT COX

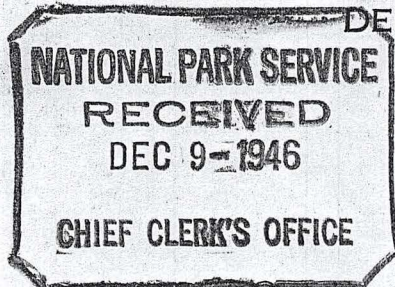
Elbert Cox,  
Associate Regional Director.

cc: ✓ Director  
Morristown National H. P.



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REGION ONE  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Name	Date
<del>Bender</del>	<del>12/11</del>
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P r i c e	12/11
<del>Kokor</del>	12/11
December 6,	1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Director:

Reference is made to Coordinating Superintendent Ronald's Registered Mail memorandum to you dated September 25, 1946, reporting the recording in Dedham, Mass., of the deed to the Adams property with which he transmitted pertinent supporting papers.

Coordinating Superintendent Ronalds has informed us that Mr. Henry Adams has become quite anxious over not having word on the final acceptance, and we would appreciate advice as to the current status of this matter.

E. M. Hull

E. M. Lisle,  
Assistant Regional Director.





Name: Mr. Sanders.

EXT: 358 Rm: 1143

Form No. 1-1027

(April 1943)

Sent: a. m.  
p. m.

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

TELETYPE MESSAGE

BUREAU: National Park Service.

APPROPRIATION: Contingent Expenses.

SEND TO: Demaray.

DATE: December 9, 1946.

Appropriation for administration Adams Mansion National Historic Site cannot be expended until deed to property accepted by Secretary. Please ascertain what is holding up acceptance deed and bill of sale for personal property. If Solicitor's office requires evidence of title covering personal property before bill of sale accepted suggest deed be accepted separately in order historic site may be established immediately.

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON  
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Submit to Teletype Room in duplicate

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ORDER DESIGNATING THE  
ADAMS MANSION NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE  
QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States has declared it to be a national policy to preserve for the public use historic sites, buildings, and objects of national significance for the inspiration and benefit of the people of the United States, and

WHEREAS the Adams Mansion and grounds at Quincy, Massachusetts, home of John Adams and John Quincy Adams, Presidents of the United States, and of Charles Francis Adams, Henry Adams, and Brookes Adams, distinguished in public and private service and in literature and in intellectual life, has been recognized by the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments as of outstanding national significance, and

WHEREAS title to the above-mentioned lands and the buildings thereon is vested in the United States, having been donated by the Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated, a charitable corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. A. KRUG, Secretary of the Interior, under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon the Secretary of the Interior by Section 2 of the act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C. 461-467), do hereby designate the following-described lands, with the structures thereon, to be a national historic site, having the name "Adams Mansion National Historic Site":



That certain parcel of land, together with the structures thereon, situated in the town of Quincy, County of Norfolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, conveyed to the United States of America by the Adams Memorial Society, Incorporated, by deed dated September 23, 1946, and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds on September 24, 1946, being particularly described in the said deed as follows:

"A certain parcel of land with the mansion house, stone library and other buildings thereon, situated on Adams Street, Newport Avenue and Furnace Brook Parkway in Quincy, in the County of Norfolk and said Commonwealth, shown on a 'Plan of Land in Quincy, Norfolk County, Massachusetts', dated December 20, 1945, by Ernest W. Branch, Inc., Civil Engineers, recorded with Norfolk Deeds on March 5, 1946, and bounded and described as follows:

"Southeasterly on Adams Street four hundred eighty-four and 39/100 feet;  
Southwesterly on land now or formerly of Merry E. Pittman and others, four hundred eighty-nine and 13/100 feet;  
Northerly and Northwesterly on Furnace Brook Parkway by four lines, three hundred ninety-two and 69/100 feet;  
Northerly on the junction of Furnace Brook Parkway and Newport Avenue by two lines, one hundred fifty-five and 43/100 feet; and  
Northeasterly on Newport Avenue two hundred sixty-nine and 51/100 feet.

Containing 4.05 acres more or less according to said Plan. Together with all that portion of the fee and soil of said Newport Avenue which the grantor may lawfully convey.

"Or however otherwise said premises may be bounded or described and be all or any of said measurements or contents more or less."

The administration, protection, and development of this national historic site shall be exercised by the National Park Service in accordance with the provisions of the act of August 21, 1935, supra.

Warning is expressly given to all unauthorized persons not to appropriate, injure, destroy, deface, or remove any feature of this historic site.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused  
the official seal of the Department of the Interior to be  
affixed, in the City of Washington, this 9 day of

December, 1946.

*J A King*  
Secretary of the Interior.





National Park Service.

D. E. Lee.  
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Contingent Expenses.  
December 10, 1946.  
3:00 p.m.

Mr. Drury.

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both personal and real property satisfactory. Checking Secretary's office in  
effort expedite acceptance.

(SGD.) DEMARAY

Demaray.

cc: Director's Office, Chicago.  
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Mr. D. E. Lee.

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

ADDRESS ONLY  
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

December 10, 1946.

Mr. Robert C. Leggett,  
Thayer Academy,  
South Braintree,  
Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Leggett:

We regret to inform you that measured drawings of the birthplace of John Quincy Adams on Hancock Street, Quincy, is not included in the ~~Historic American Buildings Survey~~, nor do we have any record that the house next to the Adams' House, referred to in your letter of December 2, was measured. Therefore, blueprints of neither of these houses are available.

When the Historic American Buildings Survey was active, prior to 1941, one of the prerequisites for establishing priority for recording a building was that the building was in imminent danger of destruction through misguided alterations or commercial encroachments. The John Quincy Adams birthplace, seemingly, was in good hands and was deferred for recording to a later date. Termination of the Survey precluded any possibility of adding this valuable structure to our records before the war. It is our hope that when the Survey is resumed, we will be able to add this structure to our records.

We are enclosing a circular which describes the manner in which prints of drawings or photographs listed in the Catalog may be obtained from the Library of Congress.

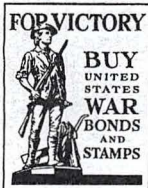
Sincerely yours,

W. G. Carnes

W. G. Carnes,  
Acting Chief Landscape Architect.

Enclosure 214.

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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December 11, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

In response to Mr. Lisle's memorandum of December 6 concerning the status of acceptance of the Adams Mansion property, we quote a teletype received yesterday from Mr. Demaray:

"TT 9. Spector advises title opinion released by Solicitor end last week. Now pending before Secretary for signature. Understand title both personal and real property satisfactory. Checking Secretary's office in effort expedite acceptance."

We shall notify you promptly when the property has been accepted by the Secretary on behalf of the United States.

(SGD) HILLOBY A. TOLSON

In duplicate.

cc: Mr. Richey, Mr. Kahler,  
Mr. Price.

Acting Director.

HKS:cq



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TITLE PAPERS COVERING ADAMS MANSION AND PERSONALTY FORWARDED  
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DEC 17 1946



National Park Service.

D. E. Lee.

Contingent Expenses.

December 12, 1946.

11: 00 a.m.

Mr. Drury.

DEC 16 1946

Title papers covering Adams Mansion and personalty forwarded in mail yesterday.

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Demaray.

cc: Director's Office, Chicago.

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Mr. D. E. Lee.

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Kahler  
Price

December 13, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for Mr. Demaray.

In reply to your teletype of December 13, the original copy of the order designating the Adams Mansion National Historic Site is attached. The heading at the top of the order, we believe, is satisfactory for publication.

HEK:lc

Enclosure 737.

cc: Mr. Kahler.

HILLORY A. TOLSON

Acting Director.



December 13, 1946.

11:00 a.m.

Mr. Drury.



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Original order designating the Adams Mansion National Historic Site sent Chicago in error. Please return this Office for transmission to Federal Register, and advise heading you believe should be placed at top of order for publication.

(SGD.) DEMARAY

Demaray.

cc: Directoe's Office, Chicago.

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Mr. D. E. Lee.

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National Park Service.

DEC 16 1946

General Expenses.

Chicago, Illinois, December 16, 1944.

Regional Director, Region One,  
National Park Service,  
The Mosque,  
Laurel and Main Streets,  
Richmond 20, Virginia.

Bill of sale and deed for Adams Mansion accepted by Secretary Krug

December 9.

cc: Mr. Demaray.  
Mr. Price.

Fiscal Division. *HEK:16*

(SGD) NEWTON B. DRURY

Drury,  
National Park Service.

CONFIRMATION.



Name:

Form No. 1-1027  
(April 1943)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Sent: a. m.  
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TELETYPE MESSAGE

BUREAU: National Park Service.

APPROPRIATION: Contingent Expenses.

SEND TO: Demaray.

DATE: December 17, 1946.

Account Secretarys approval deed to Adams Mansion have Lattimore expedite news release prepared some weeks ago and supplied to Skinners office. Important that editor Quincy Patriot Ledger have copy for publication not later than nearby Boston papers. Pictures available Evisons office.

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

December 17, 1946

Director,  
National Park Service,  
Merchandise Mart,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Is a proclamation to be issued establishing Adams Mansion or do we take over immediately. Adams agreed July one to continue management pending arrival government employees but some immediate action toward employing McCormack as caretaker may now be requested.

Allen

Night Letter - Government Rate

cc: Washington  
Confirmation



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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 17, 1946.

ADDRESS ONLY  
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

There are enclosed three copies of form NPS-1-1, relating to a recent acquisition of land in the Adams Mansion National Historic Site.

This land, 4.05 acres, was accepted by the Secretary of the Interior on behalf of the United States on December 9. The deed, title papers, certificate of acceptance, and other documents have been placed in the National Park Service files and have been designated as Adams Mansion National Historic Site, Deed No. 1.

Will you please have entered upon the forms the physical characteristics, the improvements on the land at the time of acquisition, and estimated value, and return the original to this Office?

(SGD) LEO J. DIEDERICH

Acting Chief of Lands.

In duplicate.  
Enclosure 403.

cc: Mr. Siler.  
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Demaray.

December 17, 1946.

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(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

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cc: Mr. Kahler. ✓

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National Park Service

General Expenses

Chicago, Illinois, December 18, 1946.

Regional Director, Region One,  
National Park Service,  
The Mosque,  
Laurel and Main Streets,  
Richmond 20, Virginia.

Urtel 17 designation order Adams Mansion signed by Secretary December 9  
and now being published in Federal Register. You may take over area. Allocation  
of positions being considered in this Office.

cc: ~~Mr. Demaray.~~  
~~Mr. Price.~~ Fiscal Division (S.D.) NEWTON B. DRURY  
~~Mr. Richey.~~ Mr. Kahler. Drury,  
CONFIRMATION. Mr. Miller. National Park Service.

Kahler  
Brice  
Neilson  
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Chicago 54, Illinois.

December 20, 1946.

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Johnson  
DEC 20 1946

Hon. Richard B. Wigglesworth,  
Member of Congress,  
Milton, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Wigglesworth:

The deed and bill of sale relating to the historic Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts, were accepted on behalf of the United States by Secretary Krug on December 9. The house and grounds, and historic objects therein, were designated as a national historic site having the name Adams Mansion National Historic Site. Regional Director Thomas J. Allen, Region One, of the National Park Service, whose offices are located in the Mosque, Laurel and Main Streets, Richmond, Virginia, is making arrangements to take over the administration of the area as soon as a custodian and an historical aide can be appointed.

Because of its unusually long association with a succession of statesmen and writers given to the highest type of public service and intellectual and cultural endeavor, the Adams Mansion will be one of the key historical areas in the National Park System. It will be our purpose to administer it so as to provide the American people with the maximum benefit to be derived from the inspirational values inherent in the remarkable Adams family tradition.

Plans for a formal dedication of the area have not yet been made, but when such ceremonies are held I should like to have you participate in them. I appreciate the important part that you played in the establishment of the Adams Mansion and grounds as a national historic site, and the Service will always welcome your continued interest in the welfare and administration of the area.

Sincerely yours,  
(SGD) NEWTON B. DRURY

Newton B. Drury,  
Director.

CWP:lt

cc: Regional Director, Region One (3, one of them for the future  
files of the Adams Mansion.

Mr. Demaray (2).  
Dr. Porter.



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Chicago 54, Illinois

December 20, 1946.

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DEC 20 1946

Mr. Henry Adams, Secretary,  
Adams Memorial Society, Inc.,  
135 Adams Street,  
Quincy, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Adams:

On December 9, the deed and bill of sale relating to the Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts, were accepted on behalf of the United States by Secretary Krug; and the house and grounds, together with the historic objects therein, transferred to the Federal Government, were designated as a national historic site having the name Adams Mansion National Historic Site. Regional Director Thomas J. Allen, Region One, of the National Park Service, whose offices are located in the Mosque, Laurel and Main Streets, Richmond, Virginia, is making arrangements to take over the active administration of the house and grounds just as soon as a custodian and an historical aide can be appointed. In the meantime, Regional Director Allen and Superintendent Francis S. Ronalds of Morristown National Historical Park will be glad to assist you in any problem that may arise.

The Adams Mansion, with its unusually long association with a succession of statesmen and writers given to the highest type of public service and intellectual and cultural endeavor, is a splendid gift to the American people, affording a pattern as well as an example of American democratic achievement. It shall be the purpose of the National Park Service to so administer the area as to provide the American people with the maximum benefit of the inspirational values inherent in such a fine tradition and in a manner calculated to give lasting pleasure to the Adams Memorial Society for its generous gift.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) NEWTON B. DRURY

Newton B. Drury,  
Director.

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cc: Regional Director, Region One, (3, one of them for the future  
files of the Adams Mansion.

Mr. Demaray.  
Dr. Porter.



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

*Johnson*  
*McLaren*  
*Ramsdell*

ADDRESS ONLY  
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

December 20, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

The following permanent positions have been established for Adams  
Mansion National Historic Site, effective this date:

Custodian, CAF-7, \$3397.20 per annum, position 1.  
Historical Aide, SP-4, \$2168.28 per annum, position 2.

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

Acting Director

In duplicate.

cc: Mr. Kahler, Branch of History.

EMJ.

*P. C. McLaren*





## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### INFORMATION SERVICE

#### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

For Release to SUNDAY PAPERS OF DECEMBER 22, 1946

#### ADAMS MANSION BECOMES NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Home of two presidents of the United States and of a long line of other distinguished Americans, and filled with the books, furniture, portraits and other objects intimately associated with the lives of its occupants, the Adams Mansion and Library in Quincy, Massachusetts, today became a national historic site when Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug announced acceptance of the deed for the property in behalf of the United States Government. It was presented to the people of the United States by the Adams Memorial Society, which has owned and managed the buildings and grounds since 1927. It will be administered by the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior.

"This gift memorializes the high type of public service which has been characteristic of generation after generation of the Adams family," Secretary Krug said in his announcement of the most recent addition to the National Park System. "There is probably no other home in the United States which has so long an association with American history and those who had an important part in shaping it. Built in 1731, the year before the birth of George Washington, it was purchased in 1787 by John Adams, first vice president and second President, and was occupied by members of the family for 140 years thereafter."

John Adams lived in the house from the end of his presidential term in 1801 until his death there in 1826. His son, John Quincy Adams, inherited it from him in the middle of his term as sixth President. Both used it as a sort of summer



White House. From John Quincy Adams it passed to his son Charles Francis Adams, minister to Great Britain during the Civil War. After the latter's successful mission to Geneva as one of the arbitrators of the Alabama Claims, he returned to Quincy in 1870, and spent his remaining summers in the house. His two sons, Brooks and Henry, passed many summers there. There are many allusions to it in "The Education of Henry Adams." Brooks Adams used the place as his summer home until his death in 1927.

The mansion is filled with the books, furniture and paintings of the Adams family and all have been maintained since 1927 by the Adams Memorial Society exactly as the family left it. The library building, which flanks the mansion and the lovely garden of Mrs. John Adams, was erected by Charles Francis Adams in 1870. Constructed of Quincy granite, it stands in the garden apart from the house. It is filled with volumes which belonged to various members of the family. In it also are the desk used by John Quincy Adams when a member of the House of Representatives, the desk used by John Adams when he occupied the place as a summer White House during his presidency, and a Whinstanley portrait of him.

The garden, in the angle between the old house and the library, was laid out in the Eighteenth Century. In it the Yorkist rose, bought by Abigail Adams in 1788, is still living.

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Dr. Russell

Mr. Burge  
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Sanders  
Price

December 23, 1946

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

There are enclosed two typewritten copies of the "Order Designating the Adams Mansion National Historic Site, Quincy, Massachusetts," which was issued by Secretary Krug on December 9. The order will, of course, appear in the Federal Register.

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

Acting Director.

Enclosure 872.

cc: Mr. Kahler.

Mr. Price.

HKS:cq



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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December 24, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region One.

Attached are two photostatic copies of the bill of sale covering the furniture and museum materials in the Adams Mansion National Historic Site. It is believed that the custodian of the area should have a copy of the bill of sale when this Service takes over the actual administration and operation of the site, inasmuch as the bill of sale indicates which items of furniture are now the property of the United States and which items remain in private ownership.

The abstract of title to the house and grounds is not an abstract in the usual sense but is a compilation of photostats and certified copies of all of the Adams wills and deeds affecting the title to the property. Instead of being "abstracted," these documents are given in their entirety, hence the "abstract of title" is a veritable mine of historical information. The Adams family with their consciousness and appreciation of history deliberately had the "abstract" made that way for the benefit of the National Park Service historical staff. If a copy of this unusual compilation is not available at the Adams Mansion when the Service takes over the administration of the area, we shall be glad to have a photostat copy made of the original, which must remain in the Director's Office attached to the deed conveying the property to the United States.

(SGD) CHARLES W. PORTER III

Acting Assistant Chief Historian.

CWP:lc

In triplicate.

Enclosure 747.

cc: Mr. Demaray.  
Mr. Burns.



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

December 27, 1946.

Dr. Guy Stanton Ford, Managing Editor,  
The American Historical Review,  
Study Room 274, Library of Congress Annex,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Ford:

I believe that you may be interested in the latest acquisition of the National Park Service in the field of historic sites, and am enclosing a copy of a press release relating to the Adams Mansion and Library, in Quincy, Massachusetts.

cc: Mr. Demaray. ✓  
Miss Story. ✓

HEK:lc

Enclosure 748. ✓

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) HERBERT E. KAHLER

Herbert E. Kahler,  
Assistant Chief Historian.



Substitute the following for the last two lines on page 1 and the first 14 lines on page 2 of the article regarding "National Parks and Monuments" for publication in World Scope Encyclopedia 1946 Yearbook.

Historic Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts, home of Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams, also of Charles Francis Adams, United States Ambassador to Great Britain during the Civil War, and of the celebrated writers and historians, Henry Adams and Brooks Adams, was designated by the Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Site to be administered as a unit of the National Park System. Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, also was designated by the Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Site. This latter site, however, is not Federally owned, hence is not part of the National Park System.

By legislation enacted by Congress one existing unit of the National Park System -- Santa Rosa Island National Monument, Florida -- was abolished, and Custer Battlefield National Cemetery, Montana, was redesignated as a national monument. At the close of 1946, areas in the National Park System totalled 169, classified as follows: 27 national parks, 4 national historical parks, 85 national monuments, 11 national military parks, 1 national battlefield park, 7 national battlefield sites, 11 national historic sites, 9 national memorials, 10 national cemeteries, 3 national parkways, and the system of national capital parks.



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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*Story*

January 2, 1947.

Mr. William H. Hendelson,  
Editor-in-Chief, Editorial Revisions, Inc.  
17 Smith Street,  
Brooklyn 2, New York.

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Dear Mr. Hendelson:

Since writing to you on December 11, 1946, word has been received that the Secretary of the Interior has designated the Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts, as a National Historic Site to be administered as a unit of the National Park System. Hence, if it is not too late to do so, we would appreciate your substituting the attached material for the last two lines on page 1 and the first 14 lines on page 2 of the article we submitted to you for inclusion in the World Scope Encyclopedia 1946 Yearbook.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) HILLORY A. TOLSON

Hillory A. Tolson,  
Acting Director.

Enclosure 375.  
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*J. C. Ryan*



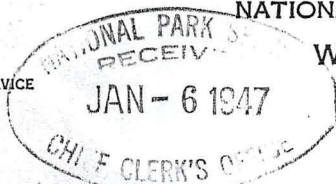
UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY  
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Name	Date
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<i>W. D. E. Eason</i>	1/16/47
<i>W. D. E. Eason</i>	1-7-47
<i>W. D. E. Eason</i>	1-9-47
January 2, 1947.	

Mr. John R. Herbert, Managing Editor,  
The Quincy Patriot Ledger,  
Quincy 69, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Herbert:

Thank you for your letter of December 26 and for the copy of your Page One of December 21. You certainly gave the Adams Mansion acceptance nice treatment, and the half-tone of the house is about tops for newspaper reproduction.

We shall be glad to see that any news regarding the mansion, its administration, its use or treatment, is supplied you as fully as possible. For your present information,--but not for publicity,--the immediate effort of the Service is to select a thoroughly competent and satisfactory custodian for the newly-acquired property from among those who have National Park Service experience and background. As soon as that appointment is made, I shall provide you information about the person chosen and, if possible, a photograph.

Sincerely yours,

HERBERT EVISON

Herbert Evison,  
Chief of Information.

cc: Regional Director, Region One (2).

Director's Office, Chicago.

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Mr. Evison (detached).

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RICHARD B. WIGGLESWORTH  
13TH DISTRICT MASSACHUSETTS

COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS

# Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

January 6, 1947

Name	Date
<i>Johnson</i>	<i>11/8/47</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>11/2/47</i>
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Mr. Newton B. Drury, Director  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Drury:

Thank you for your letter of December 20th  
telling me of the developments in process to the historic  
Adams Mansion in Quincy, Massachusetts.

If other things permit, it would be a  
pleasure to participate in the formal dedication as you  
suggest.

Sincerely yours,

*Richard B. Wigglesworth*

JAN 8 1947



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cc: Regional Director, Region One, with a copy of  
Mr. Wigglesworth's letter of 1/6/47. A copy January 13, 1947.  
of Mr. Drury's letter of 12/20/46 to  
Mr. Wigglesworth was previously sent.

MEMORANDUM for Mr. Lemaray.

The attached copy of a letter of January 6 from Congressman Wigglesworth, which has just been received, may be of interest to you, in case you want to see him or telephone him.

Congressman Wigglesworth is a member of the Committee on Appropriations, and it has been suggested that the bound volumes of historical booklets be presented to the members of that Committee. In view of his interest in the Adams Mansion National Historic Site, this may be the opportune time to make the presentation. We presume that Chief Historian Lee has a copy which can be used for that purpose.

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Enclosure 755.

(A copy of Mr. Wigglesworth's letter of 1/6/47, with a copy of Mr. Drury's letter to him of 12/20/46.)

(SGD) P. P. PATRAW  
Acting Director.

cc: Mr. Drury, with the enclosures indicated.



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
MORRISTOWN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK,  
Morristown, New Jersey.

March 3, 1947.

Memorandum for Acting Chief Historian Kahler.

In September, 1799 General James Wilkinson visited President John Adams at Quincy, Massachusetts. I know that there are several folio volumes of Wilkinson's correspondence at the Chicago Historical Society. It would be greatly appreciated if you can find it possible to have the correspondence at this time, or immediately thereafter, examined to find if there is a letter or letters describing Wilkinson's visit.

Recently I ran across an interesting description of the parlor of the Adams House as it was in 1831, written by Henry Seward, later to be Lincoln's Secretary of State. I hope eventually to be able to prepare a list of the visitors to the Adams Mansion.

*Francis S. Ronalds*  
Francis S. Ronalds,  
Coordinating Superintendent.

cc: Regional Director, Region One

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From: *D. M. W.*  
To : *Mr. Julian Boyd, & Mr. Samuel Hagg Bemis*

SUBJECT *Confidential report prepared by Mr.*  
*Harold Dean Cate on the Adams Mansion*  
*Historical Site.*

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