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FIRST LADIES: POLITICAL ROLE AND PUBLIC IMAGE

ARTIFACT LIST

INTRODUCTION/Inventing the Role

Martha Washington
- Sevres plate and dinner plate from banquet service used for formal entertaining
- Tumbler and silver-plated bottle stand
- Oil wall lamp
- Tea tray

Abigail Adams
- Blown-glass decanter set
- Porcelain plate and serving dishes from service purchased in France in 1789

POLITICAL ROLE/Social Partner

Caroline Harrison
- Leather card case

Edith Roosevelt
- “At Home” card

Dolley Madison
- Porcelain dinner plate
- Silk brocade evening dress

Louisa Catherine Adams
- Porcelain plate, serving dish, and dessert cooler from formal dinner service
- Silver cake basket
- Epergne – gilt and brass basket

Mary Todd Lincoln
- 3-piece carving set
- 8-piece silver tea service
- Paisley shawl
- Book, Behind the Scenes by Elizabeth Keckly

Julia Grant
- Dinner invitation and place card from a January 1870 White House dinner
Mamie Eisenhower
- Plate from the Eisenhower state china service
- Musical programs from 1955 and 1957
- Embroidered gown, gift from the wife of the Philippine president

POLITICAL ROLE/Advocate for Social Causes

Lou Hoover
- Lorgnette and chain

Grace Coolidge
- Velvet-trimmed lace evening dress

Eleanor Roosevelt
- Civilian Conservation Corps pennant

Lady Bird Johnson
- Scarf featuring Texas wildflowers and Lady Bird’s initials

Betty Ford
- Campaign button, “Betty Yes/Gerry No”
- ERA buttons, “There’s A Better Way Than ERA” and “ERA Yes”
- National Women’s Year program

Nancy Reagan
- “Just Say No” Board Game
  Lent by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Simi Valley, California

Barbara Bush
- Book, Millie’s Book: As Dictated to Barbara Bush by Millie Bush

Hillary Rodham Clinton
- Prototype health care card and health care reform pamphlet
- “Save America’s Treasures” program
- Book, It Takes a Village by Hillary Rodham Clinton

Laura Welch Bush
- Decorative Jordanian Coasters
  Lent by Laura W. Bush, First Lady of the United States of America
- Program from the National Book Festival
  Lent by Farar Page Elliott
- Suit worn for 2005 Inauguration
  Lent by Laura W. Bush, First Lady of the United States of America

POLITICAL ROLE/Political Partner

Sarah Polk
- Portable writing desk
  Lent by the James K. Polk Memorial Association, Columbia, Tennessee
- Brocade silk dress

Edith Wilson
- Embroidered box presented by the Republic of France

Eleanor Roosevelt
- Inaugural gown (fourth inauguration)

POLITICAL ROLE/Campaign Partner

Ida McKinley
- Badge, Women’s Club
Florence Harding
- Badge, “I cast my first vote”

Mamie Eisenhower / Pat Nixon
- Button, “Mamie/Pat”
- Button, “I Like Mamie”
- Button, “We Want Mamie”
- Button/ribbon, picture of Pat and Dick
- Bumper Sticker, “Pat for First Lady”
- Table decoration, Pat Nixon
- Button, “We Want Pat Too”

Lady Bird Johnson
- Postcard, “Lady Bird Special”
- Button, “Our First Lady, Lady Bird”
- Pennant, “Lady Bird Special”

MOURNING/Private Grief in Public Life

Mary Lincoln
- Mourning watch chain
- Mourning card

Jacqueline Kennedy
- Memorial card

PUBLIC IMAGE/Using the Image to Advantage

Frances Cleveland
- Sheet music, “Cleveland’s Wedding March”
- Advertising card using Cleveland image, A.P. Ordway Sulphur Bitters
- Advertising card using Cleveland image, Frances Cleveland image
- Advertising card using Cleveland image, Phillips Best Brewing Co.
- Advertising card using Cleveland image, Merrick Thread
- Poster, Frances Cleveland
- Plate, Frances Cleveland portrait
- Silk evening gown with fur-edged hem

PUBLIC IMAGE/Managing the Image

Edith Roosevelt
- Silver card case
- Diamond necklace – copy of necklace worn to her husband’s inaugural ball

Bess Truman
- Service plate and teacup with saucer from the Truman state china service

Mamie Eisenhower
- Purse
- Choker, earrings and bracelet – copies of the set worn her husband’s inaugural ball

Jacqueline Kennedy
- Program, Joffrey Ballet 10/1/1963
- Program, Opera Society of Washington 6/3/1963
- Program, Andres Segovia 3/18/1963
- Program, American Shakespeare Festival 10/4/1961
• Brocade silk evening dress and matching jacket

Patricia Nixon
• African dress presented and worn during the inaugural festivities for the president of Liberia

  Lent by the Nixon Presidential Materials Staff, National Archives and Records Administration

Nancy Reagan
• Dessert plate and cream soup bowl and saucer from the Reagan state china service

PUBLIC IMAGE/Emblems of Style

Louisa Catherine Adams
• Hair comb

Martha Washington
• Amber necklace

Abigail Adams
• Pearl necklace
• Yellow leather shoes

Mary Lincoln
• Gold bracelet watch

Ida McKinley
• Beaded satin boots

Edith Wilson
• Beaded purse
• Green satin shoes

Eleanor Roosevelt
• Pince-nez - white-gold eyeglasses and chain

Lucy Hayes
• Two game plates, an oyster plate, and an “Indian” plate from the Hayes china service
• Three drawings part of the decalcomania process for the turkey platter of the Hayes state china service

Sarah Polk
• French porcelain dinner plate, fruit basket, and dessert plate from the Polk state china service

Edith Roosevelt
• Dinner plate from the Theodore Roosevelt state china service

Edith Wilson
• Service plate and bouillon cup and saucer from the Wilson state china service

Lady Bird Johnson
• Dinner plate and demitasse cup and saucer from the Johnson state china service

Hillary Clinton
• Dessert plate and teacup and saucer from the Clinton state china service

AFTER THE WHITE HOUSE

Harriet Lane Johnston
• Painting, Street Scene in India by Edwin Lord Weeks – part of a donation by Johnston that formed the National Collection of Fine Arts

  Lent by the Smithsonian American Art Museum, bequest of Harriet Lane
- Velvet gown worn during private audience with Queen Victoria in 1898
  Eleanor Roosevelt
  - 1962 AMVETS (American Veterans) Peace Award
    Lent by the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Museum, Hyde Park, NY
  - Mink coat worn during her tenure as U.S. Delegate to the United Nations

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis
- Book, *In the Russian Style*, edited by Jacqueline Onassis
- Book, *Taming the Storm*, edited by Jacqueline Onassis
  Lent by Edith P. Mayo

Lady Bird Johnson
- Poster from Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
  Lent by Mary W. Graddy
- Native Plants magazine
  Lent by Mary W. Graddy

Betty Ford
- “Habitat for Humanity” t-shirt
  Lent by the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library
- Beaded crown, given by the Amorie Village on Carter Center trip to Nigeria
  Lent by the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum

Rosalynn Carter
- “Celebration of Reading” poster
  Lent by Edith P. Mayo
- Literacy event invitation
  Lent by the George Bush Presidential Library
- Laubach Literacy Leadership Award
  From the collections of the Museum of the George Bush Presidential Library

Hillary Rodham Clinton
- 2 campaign buttons
- Black pants suit
  Lent by Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton