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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, <u>Millie's Book: As Dictated to Barbara Bush</u> by Millie Bush Hillary Rodham Clinton

- Prototype health care card and health care reform pamphlet
- "Save America's Treasures" program
- Book, <u>It Takes a Village</u> 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, <u>Street Scene in India</u> 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, beguest 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, <u>Taming the Storm</u>, edited by Jacqueline Onassis Lent by Edith P. Mayo

Lady Bird Johnson

- Poster from Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Lent by Mary W. Graddy
- <u>Native Plants</u> magazine
- Book, <u>Wildflowers Across America</u>, co-authored in 1988 by Lady Bird Johnson Lent by Mary W. Graddy

Betty Ford

Betty Ford Center brochure

Rosalynn Carter

- "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

Barbara Bush

- "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