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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
 - Book, [Wildflowers Across America](#), 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