

HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORT

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Part I

FRONT ENTRANCE GATES

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ADAMS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

May 1960

June 3, 1960

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Adm. Officer

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## Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Five

From: Acting Chief Architect

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part I, Front Entrance Gates,  
Adams National Historic Site

The Historic Structures Report, Part I, Front Entrance Gates, Adams  
National Historic Site, has been reviewed by the interested Divisions  
in the Washington Office and is recommended for approval.

SIGNED

Robert E. Smith  
Acting Chief ArchitectCopy to: ✓ Chief, EODC (2)  
Supt., Adams NHS

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Eastern Office  
Division of Design and Construction  
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

May 31, 1960

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Five  
From: Chief, EODC  
Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part I - Front Entrance  
Gates, Adams National Historic Site

The subject report has been reviewed by interested parties in this office, and we wish to recommend that it be approved.

(Sgd.) Edward S. Zimmer

Edward S. Zimmer  
Chief

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Historic Structures  
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Region Five  
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May 24, 1960

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Memorandum

To: Director

From: Assistant Regional Director

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part I - Front Entrance  
Gates, Adams National Historic Site

In accordance with the instructions for the preparation of  
Historic Structures Reports, attached (in duplicate) is the  
subject report for review and comment.

Comments should be sent to the Superintendent by no later than  
June 3.

(Sgd.) George A. Palmer

Assistant Regional Director

In duplicate

Attachments

Copy to: Chief, EODC, w/report  
Supt., Adams



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APPROVAL SHEET

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PART I

FRONT ENTRANCE GATES

Recommended:

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Director

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Regional Director

*Edward J. Ginner*  
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Chief, EODC

Approved:

*Wilhelmina S. Harris*  
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Superintendent



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Front Entrance Gates

Wilhelmina S. Harris

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Administrative Data

Preservation of the two front entrance gates is considered a part of the historic area. These gates have been painted from time to time until now it is essential to remove the existing paint and start over from the wood surface. The four urns have deteriorated to the point where they must be reproduced. No change will be made in their appearance. The total cost will be

|       |             |
|-------|-------------|
| Gates | <u>540-</u> |
| Urn   | <u>400-</u> |



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Historical Data

The gates were designed by Mr. Brooks Adams in 1905. They were not copies of anything he saw, but rather what in his estimation was the type of entrance gates the Old House should have. His sketch was presented to a student of design at M. I. T. to be put in proper scale.



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Architectural Data

On the four granite posts are urns. These urns are in a state of complete disrepair and require replacement. Their original proportions, color and detail will be reproduced and no changes will be made in design. The main sections of the gates are of solid wood surmounted by a series of small turned posts; both are in good condition requiring only to be stripped of their paint. When the work is completed there will be no change from the original appearance.