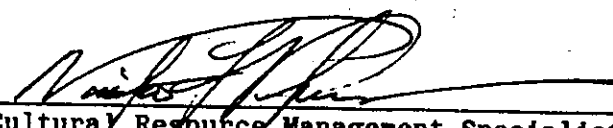
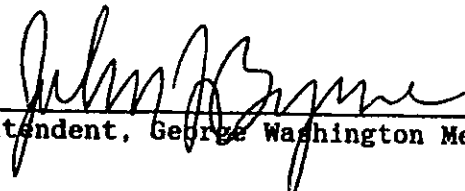


UNMANNED SITES OF GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY
SCOPE OF COLLECTION STATEMENT

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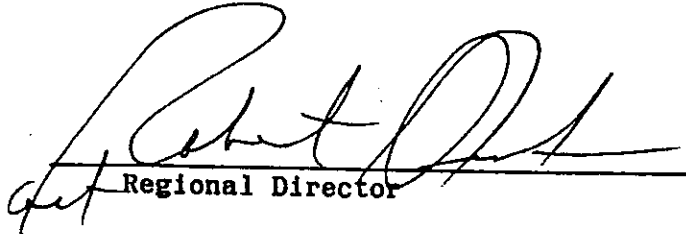
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Regional Curator 12/10/85
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Lands, in particular the unmanned sites administered by the George Washington Memorial Parkway, are authorized by a variety of legislation, including that for the Establishment of Arlington Memorial Bridge (43 Stat. 974), Construction of the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway (45 Stat. 721), and the Capper-Crampton Act, among others. The legislated mandate is "... the protection and preservation of the natural scenery of the (Potomac) Gorge"

To this end, past and current use of unstaffed areas and sites under the jurisdiction of George Washington Memorial Parkway has been toward use for recreation and enjoyment by the public in a variety of ways ranging from a "historical" area such as Fort Hunt; to a "recreation" area such as Riverside Park; to "natural" areas adjacent to the Potomac River. Development, other than visitor services and facilities, has been minimal, providing only basic facilities for interpretation or visitor facilities.

Due to this minimal development of facilities and frequent unstaffed nature of these areas, collections maintained by the park should be kept to a minimal level.

Current and past collections have been of a passive nature with acquisition occurring only when it was essential for the preservation of individual "objects". There has been no directed acquisition policy or effort and collections should continue in this vein as long as current limitations on staff and facilities exist.

RESOURCES

Due to the nature, history, and significance of the parkway and these "unstaffed areas", virtually all cultural materials will be of an archeological nature, representing either the aboriginal occupation or 18th-20th century occupation of the area.

Archeological Collections

There has been some archeological investigation of these areas in the past and efforts should be made to locate and return, or document location of the materials, records, and data from these investigations.

Present/Future Investigations

At present there are no plans to engage in any future archeological investigations beyond the establishment of an archeological data base which locates and identifies sites and areas of occupation or activity. Artifact resulting from such investigation should be incorporated into the collection. Any construction in these areas should be preceded by archeological investigation, and the artifacts should be incorporated into the collections.

Surface Finds

Park staff and visitors should be discouraged from picking up surface finds. Artifacts should be returned to their original location if practicable; if this is not possible, their location, date, finder and other pertinent information must be recorded and they should be incorporated into the collections.

Records

All records of archeological investigations including field notes, maps, photographs, inventories, analytical data, conservation treatment records, etc., are to be retained with their associated artifacts and be incorporated into the collections.

Historical Materials

No active effort to acquire original objects, archival materials, photographs, or other similar material, should be made. If objects are brought to the park and have a definite relationship to the history of any areas under jurisdiction of George Washington Memorial Parkway, they may be incorporated into the collection if no other facility (i.e. site, university, historical society) will take them and if their declination would result in permanent loss of significant items.

Natural Resources

There should be no active collection of natural materials by the park. If collections are made during other activities of resources management they may be incorporated into the collections to prevent their loss or destruction. This includes but is not limited to herbaria specimens, insects, fungi, etc. No type specimen is to be included in the collections but should be forwarded to the Smithsonian Institution for inclusion in their collections.

All records, notes, photographs, analysis, etc.; associated with any specimens are to be included in the collection with the specimens.

ACQUISITION

The park may only passively collect cultural or natural history specimens or objects to prevent their permanent loss or destruction. Any objects collected must have a definitive connection with the history or natural history of George Washington Memorial Parkway, or sites administered by GWMP; and not be just of significance regarding the area in general, the Potomac River, or other subjects not directly attributable to areas administered by GWMP.

Items to be received by donation or gift must be approved in advance by the Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway.

USE OF COLLECTIONS

All objects may be used for interpretive or management purposes where such use does not endanger the integrity or safety of the public, park staff, or object. Samples/specimens may be subjected to destructive testing for purpose of providing management guidelines of administration or "the larger whole". Overall guidance regarding such use will be provided by NPS Policy, Guidelines, and Regulations as expressed in the NPS Museum Handbook, its revision, and/or references.

MAINTENANCE OF COLLECTIONS

All collections are to be maintained in accordance with the NPS Museum Handbook and modern professional methods and practices.

No collections are to be maintained at the park except for management or interpretive purposes. The collection in general is to be kept at the National Capital Region Museum & Archeological Storage Facility.

MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

This Scope of Collection Statement must be reviewed annually and, when necessary, be revised to remain supportive and consistent with any changes in the park's mission. Any revision of this document requires the approval of the Regional Director.