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WASHINGTON, DC 20405



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June 23, 1975

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MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SORUM
FROM: SUSAN PORTER
SUBJECT: Action Memo

Mrs. Ford has accepted the following out-of-house invitation:

EVENT: Drop-by International Women's Year Reception

GROUP: National Archives and
General Services Administration

DATE: Thursday, July 10, 1975

TIME: Reception, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Time of Mrs. Ford's drop-by to be determined

PLACE: National Archives
Constitution Avenue

CONTACT: Mr. Jack Williams, Director, Special Projects,
General Services Administration
343-7221
(Mary Foster, Special Assistant to the Administrator,
General Services Administration
343-6161)

COMMENTS: As part of General Services Administration's Tribute to American Women during International Women's Year, National Archives has assembled a special exhibit of documents from their holdings illustrating the contribution of women to our 200-year American history. This exhibit is entitled Her Infinite Variety: A 200-Year Record of America's Women. The principal hosts of the Reception are Mr. Arthur F. Sampson, Administrator of General Services Administration, and Dr. James Rhoads, Archivist of the United States. The exhibit will be on display during the Reception and will be opened afterwards to the public. Mrs. Ford will be guest of honor. Because no special program is planned other than the opportunity for all attending to see the exhibit, the Reception will open with a receiving line. I have told them Mrs. Ford will not participate in the receiving line but will drop by the Reception to see the exhibit and mingle after it is underway.



I do not foresee her participation as being beyond 20 or 30 minutes. The file is attached. Thank you.

c: BF Staff
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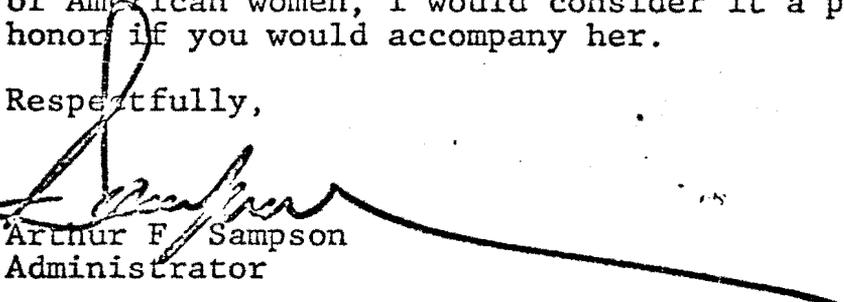
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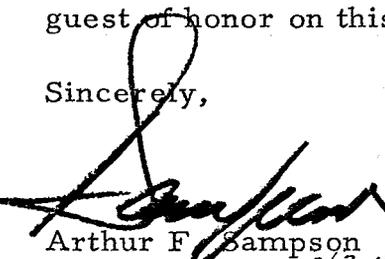
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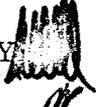
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VIA: RED CAVANEY 

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For immediate release
Tuesday, July 8, 1975

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Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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The exhibit is called "Her Infinite Variety: a 200-year Record of America's Women." It emphasizes the changing role of women over two centuries in the United States, employing a variety of documents and photographs.

Hosts for the reception are Arthur F. Sampson, Administrator of the General Services Administration, and James B. Rhoads, archivist of the United States. Mrs. Ford will be met at the Constitution Avenue Entrance of the National Archives by Mr. Sampson, Mr. Rhoads, Mrs. Jill Ruckelshaus, presiding officer for the National Commission on the Observance of International Womens Year; and Dr. Ruth Bacon, director of the US Center for International Womens Year.

The exhibit celebrates both the Bicentennial and International Womens Year. There are nine sections of the display: women in marriage; as landowners; at work; fighting for rights; in reform movements; as bureaucrats; on Capitol Hill; in diplomacy; and in wartime.

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(BETTY)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD WILL OPEN AN EXHIBIT OF WOMEN'S HISTORY AT A RECEPTION THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES.



MRS. FORD WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOR AT THE EXHIBITION ENTITLED "HER INFINITE VARIETY: THE 200-YEAR RECORD OF AMERICA'S WOMEN".

THE EXHIBITION STRESSES THE CHANGING ROLE OF WOMEN OVER THE CENTURIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND FEATURES WOMEN IN MARRIAGE, AS LANDOWNERS, AT WORK, FIGHTING FOR RIGHTS, IN REFORM MOVEMENTS, ON CAPITOL HILL, IN DIPLOMACY AND IN WARTIME.

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FOR RELEASE
Thursday, July 10, 1975

Roles of America's Women
Over the First 200 Years

"Her Infinite Variety: a 200-Year Record of America's Women," an exhibit ranging over the roles of women from the days when Deborah Sampson Gannett shouldered a musket in the Revolution up until the present day when 19 women serve in the Congress, has opened at the National Archives.

To celebrate both the Bicentennial and International Women's Year, documents and photographs from two centuries of the nation's records were selected for the exhibit in the Circular Gallery of the National Archives.

An invitational reception at which the hosts will be Administrator of General Services Arthur F. Sampson and Archivist of the United States James B. Rhoads -- who heads GSA's National Archives and Records Service -- has been scheduled for July 10. Among the invited guests are women members of Congress and other notable women from many walks of life.

Except for the night of July 10, the exhibit is open to the public from 9 a. m. until 10 p. m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 p. m. through 10 p. m. on Sunday. It will remain in place until next spring.

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Deborah Sampson -- maiden name of the Revolutionary War enlisted volunteer from Massachusetts who fought in male clothing using the name "Robert Shurtleff" -- suffered both sword and bullet wounds as a Continental Army soldier.

However, she avoided hospital treatment--and disclosure--until she succumbed to fever after the battle of Yorktown. Following a descreetly arranged discharge, she married farmer Bennett Gannett and became the mother of three children. Her husband was the first American to be granted a pension as the widower of a soldier.

On display in the exhibit is her sworn declaration to the federal government of her military service.



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In the "marriage" section of the exhibit there is a letter from Lucy Audubon seeking federal employment for her artist-naturalist husband, John James Audubon; a pamphlet by a Utah woman upholding the practice of plural marriage; an application for divorce from a woman who wished to be rid of her unfaithful, profligate husband--a move rejected by the Congress as contrary to public morals; a hand-painted German "fraktur" marriage certificate; and a document legalizing the marriage of former slaves.

In the other sections there are California land claims and Western "homestead proofs" filed by women, a plea from Moqui Indian vilages in Arizona that their matriarchal system be left undisturbed, displays showing women "taking in sewing" as a home industry, practicing law, serving as medical doctors, striking in the garment industry against exploitation, agitating for the vote, serving in Congress and in diplomatic posts.

There are records concerning Harriet Tubman, organizer of the Underground Railroad which sped slaves to freedom, the jailing of beauteous Confederate spy Belle Boyd, Amelia Earhart taking off on the Pacific flight from which she did not return, Union General Ben Butler's Order 28 in the Civil War which told his men to treat Confederate sympathizers in New Orleans as "women of the town," a military license for a prostitute during the Civil War to practice her "avocation," papers of an OSS (Office of Strategic Services) female agent in occupied France during World War II, and former Chief of Naval Operations Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr. bussing the Navy's first woman admiral.

The story of Dr. Mary Walker is documented. A contract surgeon in the Union Army during the Civil War, she received the Medal of Honor in 1865--but 50 years later was denied the benefits of her award by the War Department through a reinterpretation of her qualifications.

Adding touches of color to the exhibit are World War I and II patriotic and recruitment posters featuring women.

This Congressional Joint Resolution of 1919
which recognized the right of women to vote
is presented to the First Lady of the United States
Betty Ford
for her dedication to the cause of women's rights.

Presented upon the occasion of the opening at the
National Archives of the exhibit
HER INFINITE VARIETY:
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American Women: 'Good Start'

By Dorothy McCardle

ahead, we have one more step right now," she told Sampson, who had escorted her, together with others, through the exhibit.

"I hope we have the Equal Rights Amendment by 1976. There would be no better way to celebrate the nation's Bicentennial anniversary than with the passage of ERA."

Sampson was ready for the challenge. "If we do, we sign it right here," he said, glancing up at the tall columns of the Archives, where the originals of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are now under protective glass.

"Nothing could be better," said Mrs. Ford, who then got into the car and was driven away.

Dressed in a long pink-and-green-print evening gown, the First Lady stayed at the Archives for about 40 minutes.

Her welcoming committee included Sampson, James B. Rhoads, Archivist of the United States; Jill Ruckelshaus, presiding officer for the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, and Dr. Ruth

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Mrs. Ford first passed the cases enclosing the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, followed by a modern reminder of women's progress in the person of a woman violinist playing with a Marine Band combo in the lobby, where food and drinks were being served.

On her way to the women's exhibit, she was surrounded by women, children—and men—at every step, all eager to shake her hand. Near the end, Mayor and Mrs. Walter Washington arrived. The mayor had come from the White House, where the President was having a conference with a group of the nation's mayors.

"This has been quite a change of pace from there to here," said the mayor.

She took home a trophy of her visit in the form of a replica of the joint resolution by Congress in 1919 which proposed a constitutional amendment to give women the right to vote. It was presented to her for "her dedication to the cause of women's rights."



Betty Ford, second from left, with Jill Ruckelshaus, James Rhoads and Arthur Sampson as she is presented a replica of the 1919 resolution that proposed to give women the right to vote.

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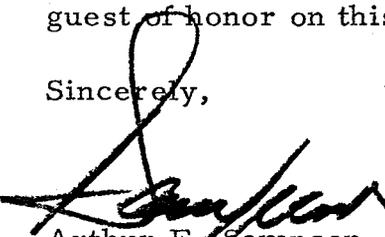
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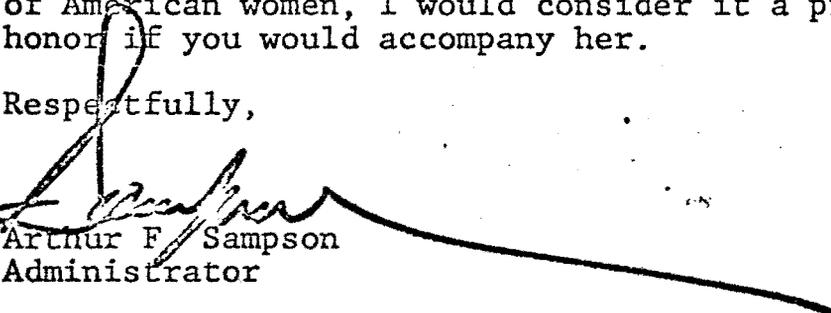
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COMMENTS: As part of General Services Administration's Tribute to American Women during International Women's Year, National Archives has assembled a special exhibit of documents from their holdings illustrating the contribution of women to our 200-year American history. This exhibit is entitled Her Infinite Variety: A 200-Year Record of America's Women. The principal hosts of the Reception are Mr. Arthur F. Sampson, Administrator of General Services Administration, and Dr. James Rhoads, Archivist of the United States. The exhibit will be on display during the Reception and will be opened afterwards to the public. Mrs. Ford will be guest of honor. Because no special program is planned other than the opportunity for all attending to see the exhibit, the Reception will open with a receiving line. I have told them Mrs. Ford will not participate in the receiving line but will drop by the Reception to see the exhibit and mingle after it is underway.

I do not foresee her participation as being beyond
20 or 30 minutes. The file is attached. Thank you.

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