

## GERALD R. FORD BIRTH SITE

## OMAHA, NEBRASKA

President Ford was born July 14, 1913, in a house located at 32nd Street and Woolworth Avenue in Omaha, Nebraska. The President moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan at an early age.

The house was destroyed by fire in 1971. The lot where the house was located was purchased in 1974 by James M. Paxson of Omaha, who is President of the Standard Chemical Manufacturing Company. Mr. Paxson announced his intention to build through a family foundation a park and gardens to mark the President's birth site. He donated \$250,000 for the project, which is expected to eventually cost \$400,000. It is nearing completion and is expected to be open by the summer.

The birth site, park and gardens is located adjacent to Hanscom Park, a city park. It will eventually be donated to the City of Omaha and incorporated into the Omaha park system.

President Ford visited his birth site on February 15, 1974.