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New Blockbuster Presidential Exhibit Covers George to George

Presidential Treasures, a new exhibit featuring items from all 43 presidents from George Washington to George W. Bush, opens on President's Day, February 18th at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum in Abilene, Kansas. Assembled from more than sixty different institutions this extraordinary exhibit runs through December 31, 2008. This is not a traveling exhibit, and will only be at the Eisenhower Museum for this once in a life-time opportunity. Presidential Treasures is sponsored by Duckwall-ALCO Stores.

Presidential Treasures explores the lives of the 42 men who have held this office 43 times through the historical, political, cultural and social perspectives of their era, but more importantly it places emphasis on the human and the personal dimension of these men. **Presidential Treasures** tells their stories through the furniture they used, the clothing they wore, the hobbies they pursued, the paintings they admired, and the families they loved. It is John F. Kennedy's rocking chair, used at the Kennedy family compound at Hyannis Port, and loaned by the Kennedy Library in Boston; a cane used by Thomas Jefferson; and Grant's mother of pearl cigar case. (Grant smoked thirty cigars a day, dying of throat cancer at sixty-three). And still more: Lyndon B. Johnson's boots; an elk horn chair presented to Rutherford B. Hayes from Neosho Falls, Kansas, in 1877; a shaving razor used by father and son, John Adams and John Quincy Adams; George Washington's family Bible, and much, much more.

Also included in the exhibit is a collection of documents from the Library of Congress collection of Presidential Correspondence. Included is an 1891 letter Theodore Roosevelt wrote to his son, Theodore Jr., telling how much he missed his family, but he also included a story about a mother rabbit protecting her young from a fox. Because his son was not yet old enough to be able to read, Roosevelt illustrated the letter. Because of age and fragile condition of these documents, the manuscripts have been digitally reproduced for this exhibit.

Dan Holt, Director of the Library and Museum said that "This is a great chance to see America's Presidents - all of them- 'up close and personal'."

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum is one of twelve presidential libraries and museums operated by the National Archives and Records Administration.

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum was recently named one of the 8 Wonders of Kansas.

To learn more about the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, please visit our web site at www.eisenhower.archives.gov or call us at 1.877.RING IKE. All buildings are open daily from 9 a.m. until 4:45 p.m., except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. An admission fee is charged for the museum only.