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## **Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson Designated a National Historic Landmark**

Secretary of the Interior Dick Kempthorne designated the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson in Augusta, Georgia as a new National Historic Landmark on October 6, 2008. Fifteen additional sites in ten other states were also designated as new National Historic Landmarks, including the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and the Aaron Copeland House, both in New York.

The designation recognizes the sites as nationally significant historic places because they possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States. Less than 2,500 historic resources are currently National Historic Landmarks, the highest designation a building, site, district, structure or object can receive in our nation. Other sites in Richmond County which have previously been designated are the Augusta Canal Industrial District, Stephen Vincent Benet House, College Hill, Old Medical College Building and Meadow Garden. The Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson is the first building in Augusta to receive the designation since 1996.

The Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson, which is owned and operated by Historic Augusta, Inc., opened as a house museum in September, 2001. It is in the Presbyterian Manse at 415 Seventh Street that a young Woodrow Wilson developed his skills as a leader, witnessed the horrors of the Civil War and grew in his Presbyterian faith. His experiences in Augusta were the foundation of his reluctance to enter the United States into World War I and his desire for peace through his 14 Points.

"I am proud to be able to designate these sites as National Historic Landmarks," Secretary Kempthorne said. "They are part of the historic and cultural fabric of our country. They have helped make us who we are as a nation and I hope they will continue to educate and inspire Americans for generations to come."

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