

Seven Boston sites authorized as National Historical Park

On Oct. 1, President Ford signed legislation authorizing Boston National Historical Park in Massachusetts.

Seven areas closely associated with the earliest history of the United States are the focal points for the new Historical Park. Also, NPS will study as potential additions five other historic areas in greater Boston.

The seven authorized units of Boston NHP are:

*Faneuil Hall—built 1740-42, forum for many revolutionaries including Samuel Adams and James Otis; often called "the Cradle of Liberty."

*Paul Revere House—home of the famous patriot for about 30 years, this house predates the Revolution by a century and is the oldest

surviving structure in Boston.

*Old North Church—dating from 1723 and regarded as architecturally priceless, it became the prototype for the classic New England church. Here the two lanterns were hung from the belfry by Robert Newman to signal the patriots across the Charles River as the British troops left Boston by water.

*Old State House—built in 1713,



The U.S.S. Constitution—at Boston Naval Shipyard.



Old North Church

seat of Massachusetts Colonial government before the Revolution and the State House until 1798, it housed the Colonial courts and is closely associated with many events of the Revolutionary War era.

*Bunker Hill (Breed's Hill)—historically important as the site of the June 17, 1775, battle of Bunker Hill; dominated by the 220-foot Bunker Hill Monument.

*Old South Meeting House—constructed in 1729, frequently used for groups protesting the Colonial government. Site of a protest meeting preceding the Boston Tea Party. Restored in 1783 after the interior was gutted by the British in 1775.

*Charlestown Navy Yard (Boston Naval Shipyard)—about 30 acres of the oldest portion of the Yard also

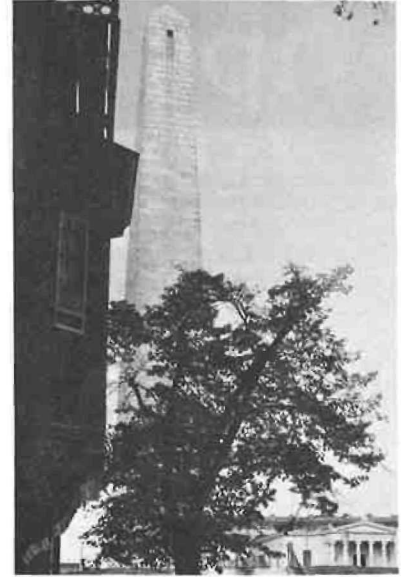


Faneuil Hall

includes the United States Ship Constitution, "Old Ironsides," which was built in Boston in 1797.

In addition, the National Park Service has been authorized to acquire land for and build a visitor center to be located in downtown Boston.

Acquisition and/or cooperative agreements are a prerequisite to establishment of the park. The law provides for the continued operation of the historic properties under various public and private ownerships. As long as the private properties are maintained in accordance with the standards of the National Park Service under separate cooperative agreements with the owners, the Secretary of the Interior may not exercise acquisition authority.



Paul Revere Monument

Those properties in public ownership may be acquired only by donation.

Initially, NPS efforts will center on development of the Navy Yard property to provide a proper setting for the U.S.S. Constitution, which draws some one million visitors annually. Otherwise, the Service contemplates working with the owners to rehabilitate the properties where necessary and to provide for their continued public use.

(Editor's note: The 93rd Congress, which agreed to "conditional adjournment" in mid-October, passed several bills adding significant areas to the Park System. Other additions will be covered in subsequent issues of the NPS Newsletter.)



Paul Revere House



Old South Meeting House.



Old State House

Advisory Board commends Walker

The 71st meeting of the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments and its Council, held in Washington, D.C., Oct. 7-10, adopted the following statement of commendation and appreciation of Director Ronald H. Walker:

"Few individuals in our Federal Government, having management responsibility for a major bureau, are as directly involved with providing enjoyment for as many citizens of, and foreign visitors to, the United States of America as the Director of the National Park Service.

"Perhaps the finest testimony to Ronald H. Walker, upon his decision to resign as Director of the National Park Service, would be the recognition that, in his commitment for the Parks to serve people, he visited

more Park areas, met with more members of the Service family, and was in contact with more Park visitors than any of his predecessors during similar periods of office.

"Citing his many accomplishments would only be a repetition of the articulate tribute to Director Walker previously made by the Secretary of the Interior in his official announcement of September 1974.

"To augment the commendations already made, the Secretary's Advisory Board and Council wish to add their special thanks and personal appreciation. Director Walker met the challenges with which he was confronted with great energy, innovative thinking which often benefited from an absence of prior Park experience and preconceived ideas, a refreshing willingness to

delegate responsibilities to staff, and a humility and an honest desire to learn from the Secretary of the Interior, the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, this Advisory Board, and the career professionals of the Service. Profiting from their experience, and adding his own unique abilities, he developed into an accomplished administrator and respected and dedicated Director.

"The members of this Board and Council sincerely thank Director Walker for his fine attitude towards and for his outstanding service to his country, the Department of the Interior, and the National Park Service. As he prepares to return to private life, we wish him and his family every success and happiness in the years ahead."

Ox driver was successful salesman

A career in sales makes interpretation come easily for John Davy, the new man on the farm at George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Virginia.

After a successful sales career of 20 years, John joined the Park Service last March as a combination ox driver, carpenter, and farmer at the tidewater plantation. With other staff members, he is devoted to recreating the life style of the plantation that George Washington knew as a young man.

"Now, instead of selling vacuum cleaners, I'm selling history," he laughs. "In joining the Park Service, I'm starting all over again in some ways—learning about oxen and 18th century techniques. But as a salesman, I'm accustomed to relating to people as you do in interpretation work."

"The way I see it," he adds, "a lot of jobs pay better, but few are more fun."

Mrs. Davy has moved into the history field too. She is an interpreter at nearby Stratford Hall, the birthplace of Robert E. Lee.



Davy with one of his charges.

Song created for Park Service

By Richard McKiernan

Office of Public Affairs

Susan Hamilton, of New York's Herman Edel Associates, walked from the studio toward me with a plaid shirt hanging out over her dungarees. Young, petite, pretty, with long hair hanging loosely, she didn't look like a song writer. The old movies about Tin Pan Alley had Dennis Day or Oscar Levant type characters working in a garret. Dennis fluctuated between confusion and bursts of song—Levant chain smoked as he leaned on his piano making cutting remarks.

Susan didn't seem confused, smoke or make cutting remarks. She didn't burst into song either. It was easy to see that she wasn't around when they were making those old movies. Too bad, they could have been better flicks and I wouldn't have been so surprised. I should have known that someone with the name Susan Hamilton couldn't look like Oscar Levant—only he could—so much for my fantasies.

What could she do for me she asked as I mused as to whether I had the right Susan Hamilton or if this was Oscar Levant in drag.

When in doubt, name drop.

In my usual calm, composed way I spilled out, in about 25 seconds or less, that the creative director of Campbell Ewald advertising agency had played her work for Cheverolet for us; Director Walker was interested in having a song about the NPS that I hoped could be as popular as the Coke commercial of a year or so ago; that we didn't have any money to spend; that the song should capture the historic as well as natural wonders within the park system and dumped in her lap a stack of printed material as I came up for air.

She took notes as I talked. Herman Edel Associates is a professional song writing company and they don't make ends meet by writing songs for free. She would check with her boss, Mr. Edel, and let me know.



Jake Holmes and friend.

About ten days later I called Susan back. Yes, she advised, Herman Edel Associates would write a song. Jake Holmes, a folk singer, writer, musician and prize winning commercial song writer was working on it. Another ten days passed and Susan called, apologized for the delay (what delay I thought) and said a "demo" tape of Jake singing our song was on its way. I think Jake Holmes did a fantastic job. It cost the Park Service nothing. No wonder Herman Edel Associates has so many paying clients. Already we have used the song for several radio public service announcements, and it has been enthusiastic-

ally received by stations throughout the country.

Well that's the way it was. And here it is.

**The NPS song is
included in this issue
as an insert**

(Ed. Note: Mr. McKiernan is a career Foreign Service Officer detailed from the United States Information Agency to the NPS as a consultant on electronic media and films.)

TREASURES of AMERICA



A National Park Service Song



Words and music by Jake Holmes

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a melody line in the upper staff and piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes the lyrics 'Un-der-ground cav-erns like rain-bow cath-e-drals'. The second system includes the lyrics 'Riv-ers and can-yons, gi-ant red-wood trees De-serts and cac - tus'. The third system includes the lyrics 'great reefs of co-ral Ma-gic foun-tains, won - ders like these'. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and accidentals. Chord symbols (F, C, Bb, C7) are placed above the vocal line. The piano accompaniment includes chords and arpeggiated figures.

F Un-der-ground cav-erns like rain-bow cath-e-drals

Bb F Bb C7 F Riv-ers and can-yons, gi-ant red-wood trees De-serts and cac - tus

C-3 Bb F Bb C7 F great reefs of co-ral Ma-gic foun-tains, won - ders like these

Bb C7 F C

Ca-bins and pue-blos, fa-ces carved in moun - tains

Bb F Bb-3 C7

Great bat - tle - fields when our coun - try was torn

F C

Lex - ing - ton and Con - cord, homes of great states - men

Bb F Bb-3 C7 F

Pla - ces to see how a na - tion was born

Chorus

These are the trea-sures of Am - er - i - ca Pla-ces to cel - e - brate

our li - ber - ty Won-ders of na - ture, won - ders of man

Pla - ces to touch our his - tor - y

Wild-life still roam-ing the for-ests and prair-es Cro-co-dile, bi-son

D. C. al Fine

End of chorus

Handwritten musical score for a song in 4/4 time, featuring a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (Bb).

First System:

- Vocal line: Bb (3 notes), C , F , C (3 notes). Lyrics: "ea - gle and bear Flow-ers that burst in a thou-sand bright col-ors".
- Piano accompaniment: Treble and bass staves with chords and arpeggiated figures.

Second System:

- Vocal line: Bb , F , Bb (3 notes), C , F . Lyrics: "Or - chid and cher - ry to per - fume the air".
- Piano accompaniment: Treble and bass staves with chords and arpeggiated figures.

Repeat chorus

D. C.

This song was written courtesy of HERMAN EDEL ASSOCIATES New York City



Southwest boasts an answer lady

Santa Fe, N.M.—“We have no jurisdiction over the baseball diamond,” Cecilia Lujan tells the caller. “We do have 298 other gems that you might be interested in.”

Cecilia Lujan and Audrey Anglin answer dozens of visitor inquiries daily at the National Park Service Regional office in Santa Fe. And they never get miffed when someone confuses the Department of Interior’s National Park Service with a city, state or another federal agency.

“I get calls from people wanting baby sitting service, dancing lessons, fishing advice and the local Little League schedule,” said Miss Lujan. “I’m flattered that they call the National Park Service because I think that means we have a good image of public service.

“If I can’t help them, I direct them to the proper agency,” she says. “And I tell them that we administer 298 areas across the country that are the treasures of America...Carlsbad Caverns, Big Bend, Pecos, Bandelier, Capulin, Grand Canyon, White Sands...”

The questions are not always easy to answer. “If someone asks me the date that Beale’s camel caravan passed through El Morro, I might have to do a little research and call them back,” Miss Lujan said. “If the question is reasonable, we’ll try to answer it. However, we don’t do term papers for people,” she emphasized.

“But most questions are easier. People want to know about visiting hours, entrance fees and the like. And lately, since the energy crisis, more and more have been asking about parks near their home.

“No matter where they call from in the Southwest, I tell them that there is a treasure of America in



Miss Cecilia Lujan of the National Park Service’s Regional Office in Santa Fe helps a visitor.

their own backyard that they’ve probably been overlooking.

“The National Park Service is trying to encourage visitors to visit parks near their homes. Also, we are emphasizing longer visits to each park. This not only provides the visitor a quality park experience which he doesn’t get by skipping through three or four parks

in a weekend, but it also helps save energy.

“Along these same lines, I try to encourage people to visit lesser known parks and to visit the parks in the off-season when possible. The parks are lovely in autumn and winter and there’s a bonus thrill in being there when they are not so crowded.”

Blacksnake causes blackout at Petersburg NB

A power blackout recently hit the Petersburg National Battlefield visitor’s center. But not because of the national energy shortage.

At 5 one morning, the burglar alarm sounded. Superintendent Larry Hakel, in investigating, found

the park radio knocked out, electrical components melted, and the duplicating machine inoperable.

He and power company troubleshooters soon discovered why.

A blacksnake trying to get at a bird’s nest at the top of a utility

pole had slithered up a guy wire, arched across a live wire, and shorted out the circuit.

The visitor’s center was soon back in operation. The snake was not.



Backpackers (from far left) Ann Hendrickson, Tee Shackelton, Jo Anne Reece, Nancy Veronda, Betty Le Bourdais, Gail Arnberger and Jeff Karracker (partially hidden behind tree.)

Yosemite women set fast pace

"On belay." Jeff Karracker, the carabiners dangling from her swami belt, shouted to her partner below. "Belay on," Ann Hendrickson

yelled back, as she fed the climbing rope around her waist and braced herself firmly in case Jeff should fall.

"Climbing." Jeff made her way carefully up the sheer granite rock known as Swan's slab. These are not professional rock climbers but a Yosemite Women's Group in action under the watchful eye of ranger Tony Andersen, who is in charge of search and rescue at Yosemite.

"We're a real enthusiastic group," commented one young member after returning from backpacking into Cathedral Lakes, 9,000 ft. elevation, while the snow still obscured parts of the trail and an avalanche added to the high adventure.

Without even a day's breather after the overnight camping, the ladies set off on a strenuous 14-mile horseback trip from Wawona to Mariposa Grove.

Disappointed, the ladies had to cancel a July backpack trip due to rain, but set out again in August on a grueling 19-mile backpack trip



Jeff Karracker (far left) and Sue Westman on the ropes, Ann Anderson on belay under the eye of Tony Anderson.

from Porcupine Flat along the North Rim to Tamarack.

"I never slept a wink!" Marsha Lee confessed after her first time to sleep out in the open. "I kept thinking I heard bears." Marsha and her husband transferred to Yosemite earlier in the year.

The women have taken bicycle trips and already are planning winter activities—cross country skiing, ice skating, and a winter survival course. A baby-sitting co-op has made it much easier for young mothers to enjoy the varied activities.

Some have even floated down the Merced River to El Capitan Bridge.

"We're not women's libbers, it's just that there are so many exciting outdoor things to do. We're not always in blue jeans—sometimes we even put on a dress for a tea, a luncheon, or other activity including a Halloween dance in October," one enthusiastic member commented. Everyone is looking forward to the day hike into Merced Grove and the train ride on the Yosemite Mt. and Sugar Pine railroad.

"Yosemite is an extremely varied



After a day in the saddle Jeff Karracker finds it a bit hard to get off much to Sue Eastman's amusement.

place to live," Ann Hendrickson, one of the three doctor's wives commented, "Our group includes everyone from the dentist's wife, Yosemite Park and Curry Company wives, to Park Service wives,

and the club helps draw us together. Its varied membership and activities are the very essence of Yosemite, and the opportunities for year round outdoor activities are practically unlimited!"

Seasonal employee enjoys summer spent in St. Croix log cabin

After a summer spent working for the National Park Service at St. Croix National Scenic Riverways and living in a log cabin, Janet Gagne has pleasant memories during her last year of study at Mankato State College.

An environmental studies and geology major, Janet says she always wanted to be a ranger and began applying for summer employment with the National Park Service while a freshman.

A native Minnesotan, Janet applied for summer employment at a 200-mile long park on the boundary of Minnesota and Wisconsin — St. Croix National Scenic Riverways. The riverway includes the most primitive portions of the St. Croix River and its northern tri-

butary, the Namekagon.

Janet worked as a technician and was the only woman among the 13 seasonal employees. When she wasn't doing river surveys and working on hiking trails or an environmental study area, she was giving information to visitors at a temporary visitor center the National Park Service set up on Highway 70, west of Grantsburg, Wis.

This was her second summer on the job and it is easy to see why the people in the small community welcomed her back. Janet says she really became attached to the people and the place. Being one of seven children probably gave her a good foundation to get along with people. Janet apparently thrives on the open air which she loves.

Living in a log cabin, more than 75 years old, changed her life style. It didn't take her long to discover and master the difficulty of cooking with a wood-burning stove. Her first attempt at using it was baking a batch of cookies which came out "pretty good."

Getting up on cold mornings wasn't easy, so Janet put her alarm clock in the kitchen which forced her to leave the comfort of her warm bed to turn it off.

Like many summer personnel in the National Park Service, Janet would like to land a permanent job. But permanent jobs are scarce. Janet concedes though that "another seasonal position, especially up north where the river is really wild, would be just fine."

People on the move

New faces

BRAMHALL, Willys E., to Realty Spec, Assoc Reg Dir Pk Sys Mgmt, RMRO
 CARROLL, Susan, to Clk-Typist, Fire Island NS
 CLARK, Mary Ann, to Supply Clk, PNRO
 DOWTY, Timothy F., to Clk-Typist, Indiana Dunes NL
 GREENE, Deborah A., to Sec, Land Acquis Div, WASO
 HARMON, Judd S., to Historian, Div Publications, HFC
 HARRIS, Richard V., to Pk Aid, Sunset Crater NM
 HICKMAN, Frederick J., to Employee Devel Spec, Personnel, MWR
 HINSON, Mary L., to Clk-Typist, Saguaro NM
 HOWARD, Richard D., to Janitor, Assist Mgr Admin, HFC
 JONES, Phillip L., to Pk Tech, Biscayne NM
 KING, Neilson H., to Pk Tech, Indian Dunes NL
 LAWRENCE, Sharon H., to Clk, Mainte Div, WASO
 MCKINNEY, Joe M., to Mail & File Clk, Assoc Reg Dir Admin, SERO
 MINASSIAN, Jack M., to Pk Tech, Everglades NP
 MINNICK, Renee C., to Program Analyst, Land Acquis Div, WASO
 MORGAN, Margaret A., to Computer System Analyst, Systems Design Div, WASO
 PAGE, Robert Brent, to Motor Vehicle Oper, Dinosaur NM
 POLLETT, John D., to Pipefitter, Golden Gate NRA
 SHERALD, James L., to Plant Physiologist, Assoc Dir Prof Serv, NCP
 SPIGGLE, David W., to Farmer, Appomattox Court House NHP
 STOUT, Oscar L., to Auto Mechanic, Death Valley NM
 STUDINSKI, Frank M., to Pk Tech, Colonial NHP
 SWIECONEK, Robert A., to Carto Tech, De Soto NM
 THRIFT, Janice L., to Personnel Clk, Natchez Trace Pkwy
 TROYER, Williard A., to Biologist, Alaska State Director
 WILSON, Ronald D., to Laborer, Fort Point NHS
 WOODS, Daniel R., to Grants Spec, Grants Div, WASO

New places

ALLEN, Raymond R., Supv Carto Tech, Duluth Lands Off, to Same, Assoc Reg Dir Pk Sys Mgmt, MWRO
 BATES, Paul A., Admin Tech, Pictured Rocks NL, to Supply Tech, Personnel, MWRO
 BEASLEY, Roy F., Jr., Supv Pk Ranger, Horseshoe Bend NMP, to Same, Home of FDR NHS
 BLUNDELL, Charles E., Maint Foreman, Great Sand Dunes NM, to Facility Mgr, Capitol Reef NP
 CEDERSTROM, Terry K., State Plan Spec, Resource Staff, to Pk Ranger, Finance, MARO
 DAVIDSON, Robert E., Pk Mgr, Fort Necessity NB, to Supv Pk Ranger, Gettysburg NMP
 DENNIS, John G., Research Biologist, Alaska State Dir, to Program Spec, WASO
 DROTOS, Edward J., Supv Pk Ranger, Mount Rushmore NM to Pk Ranger, Training & Devel, WASO
 FOOTER, Dennis E., Maint Foreman, Colorado West Gp, to Facility Mgr, Petrified Forest NP
 GERMERAAD, William L., Supv Pk Ranger, Point Reyes NS, to Pk Mgr, Canyon De Chelly NM
 HARRIS, Charles F., Supv Pk Ranger, Rocky Mountain NP, to Same, Badlands NM
 KNIGHT, Glen E., to Pk Ranger, Gettysburg NMP, to Same, Shenandoah NP
 KOENIG, Ray H., Auto Worker, Petrified Forest NP, to Heavy Mobile Equip Mechanic, Crater Lake NP
 KOPCZYNSKI, Susan A., Pk Ranger, Grand Portage NM, to Museum Curator, Edison NHS

MILLER, Bruce J., Utilities Maint Leader, Death Valley NM, to Maint Fore, Devils Tower, NM
 NICHOLS, Edward A., Pk Mgr, Montezuma Castle NM, to Supv Pk Ranger, Dinosaur NM
 NICHOLS, Robert F., Staff Curator, Div Exhibits, to Archeologist, Assoc Mgr Prof Support, DSC
 PACHTA, Noel J., Maint Supv Mesa Verde NP, to Facility Mgr, Hatteras Island
 POPE, Thomas E., Jr., Project Clk, Mount Rainier NP, to Program Assist, Yellowstone NP
 ROBERTS, John E., Carto Tech, Div Graphic Systems, DSC, to Same, De Soto NM
 RUNDELL, Richard, Airplane Pilot, DSC, to Same, Lake Mead NRA
 SLEMMER, William W. Jr., Clk, Div Graphic Sys, DSC, to Procurement Clk, Assoc Reg Dir Admin, RMRO
 SMITH, Joseph A., Laborer, Fort Point NHS, to Maint Worker Leader, Golden Gate NRA
 STOUT, Billy D., Pk Ranger, Fort Donelson NMP, to Same, Horseshoe Bend NMP
 SWEARINGEN, Paul L., Supv Pk Ranger, Badlands NM, to Pk Ranger, Assoc Reg Dir Pk Sys Mgmt, RMRO
 TUNKS, Henry L., Supv Pk Tech, Blue Ridge Pkwy, to Supv Pk Ranger, Natchez Trace Pkwy
 WHITE, Robert G., Pk Mgr, Glen Canyon NRA, to Same, Sequoia NP
 WHITMAN, David L., Pk Ranger, Wilson's Creek NB, to Same, George Washington Carver NM
 WILSON, James G., Supv Pk Ranger, Badlands NM, to Supv Pk Ranger, Rocky Mountain NP



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