

12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF TENNESSEE

JACKSON, TENN.

FRANK L. JOHNSON
JUDGE

Nov. 3, 1934

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MADISON COUNTY—
1st Monday in January, May
and September.

CHESTER COUNTY—
1st Monday in February, June
and October.

HENDERSON COUNTY—
2nd Monday in February, June
and October.

DECATUR COUNTY—
4th Monday in February, June
and October.

HARDIN COUNTY—
2nd Monday in April, 2nd
Monday in July, and 3rd Mon-
day in November.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

I note with pleasure that you contemplate a visit to Nashville, Tennessee, on the 17th day of November, and as a Tennessean I am glad that you contemplate this visit. Your actions in office clearly demonstrate that you understand the problems of Tennessee and the entire South, and I look forward to a demonstration of loyalty and high esteem on your visit to Nashville.

While at Nashville you will have an opportunity to visit the home and final resting place of President Andrew Jackson, and I am satisfied that you will avail yourself of this opportunity to pay your respects to his memory by visiting his home near Nashville. The policies of President Jackson are only equaled by the program which you have launched for the betterment of the common people of America.

Being a Tennessean I am exceedingly proud of the memory and the heritage left to Tennesseans by President Jackson. His home has for a number of years been a point of interest to the thousands of people who visit Tennessee. This home has been maintained by members of the Ladies' Hermitage Association who have performed their task in a most magnificent manner. It occurs to me, however, that the home of President Jackson should now receive federal recognition and that the United States government should take this home over in connection with the Ladies' Hermitage Association and make of it a national shrine. This in my opinion is the chief point of interest of all the matchless leaders which the South has furnished the nation, and I long to see the day when the United States government will make of the home and final resting place of President Jackson a national shrine.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt

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This could be done at a very small cost and nothing would please the people of Tennessee more. I trust, therefore, that you will look to this on your visit to Tennessee.

Assuring you of the appreciation of the people of the entire State, permit me to be,

Yours very truly,



Frank L. Johnson

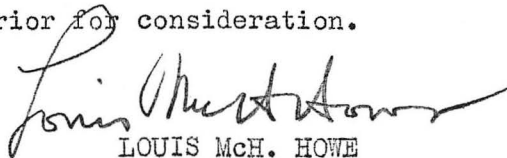
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WASHINGTON

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November 9, 1934

Respectfully referred to the
officials of the Department of the
Interior for consideration.



LOUIS McH. HOWE
Secretary to the President

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Hon. Frank L. Johnson,
Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Tennessee,
Jackson, Tennessee.

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Andrew Jackson*

My dear Judge Johnson:

Your letter of November 3 with reference to Federal protection for Andrew Jackson's home has been referred to this Department by the President.

Although the Hermitage would be a valuable addition to the national monument system under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service of this Department, no funds are available for the purchase of the property. Should it be offered as a gift to the Federal Government, it is possible that an arrangement might be worked out for accepting it as a national monument.

The Department appreciates your interest in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) HAROLD L. ICKES

Secretary of the Interior.

cc Mr. Chatelain

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