

RESOLUTION NO. 12/2005-2

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Gettysburg, by virtue of a Quitclaim Deed, dated March 23, 2004, conveyed to the United States of America certain real property known as the "Wills House" which is located on Lincoln Square in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and is identified as Tract No. 02-196 and Tract No. 02-197 of the Gettysburg National Military Park; and

**WHEREAS**, at the time of the conveyance of the Wills House property to the United States of America the Borough of Gettysburg retained ownership of several items of personal property (hereinafter referred to as the "Lincoln Room Museum Collection") housed in the Lincoln Room Museum which is located in the Wills House; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Gettysburg conducted a duly advertised public auction sale of the items contained in the Lincoln Room Museum Collection which was held on November 20, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, following the completion of the public sale on November 20, 2004 a few items of the Lincoln Room Museum Collection were not purchased by any bidders at the sale; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Borough of Gettysburg to donate, transfer and convey to the United States of America, Department of the Interior, National Park Service the remaining items of the Lincoln Room Museum Collection for the use of the United States of America in the Wills House Museum and Interpretative Center as part of its permanent historical collection to assist in the interpretation of the important events that occurred in the Wills House.

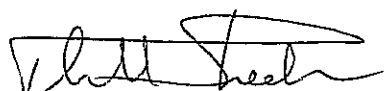
**RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg does hereby donate, transfer and convey to the United States of America, Department of the Interior,

National Park Service all of those items remaining in the Lincoln Room Museum Collection, which are identified on Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and is incorporated herein by reference, for the use of the United States of America in the Wills House Museum and Interpretative Center as part of its permanent historical collection to assist in the interpretation of the important events that occurred in the Wills House.

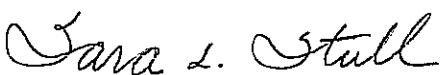
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg hereby authorizes Theodore H. Streeter, Borough Council President and Sara L. Stull, Borough Secretary to execute and deliver, if necessary, a Bill of Sale or Deed of Gift confirming the donation, transfer and conveyance of the remaining items of the Lincoln Room Museum Collection to the United States of America, Department of the Interior, National Park Service, as identified on Exhibit "A."

**THIS RESOLUTION IS DULY ADOPTED** according to law on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005, at a duly advertised regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg.

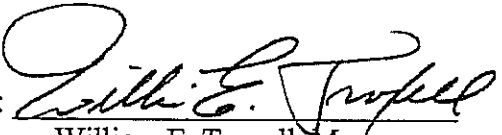
**BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG**

By:   
Theodore H. Streeter  
President of Borough Council

Attest:

  
Sara L. Stull, Secretary

**APPROVED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005.

By:   
William E. Troxell, Mayor

**Exhibit "A"**

**Items remaining in Lincoln Room Museum at Wills House to be conveyed to the National Park Service**

1. "Original pillow sham from Lincoln Room presented by Mrs. Charles R. Reeder of Baltimore, Maryland—granddaughter of David Wills"  
Appraised value: \$200
2. 2 towels with "W" monogram also donated by Mrs. Charles Reeder  
Appraised value: \$200
3. "Original key to Lincoln Bedroom in Wills House" Appraised value: \$50
4. Law Book from Wills Law Library with his autograph inside: Appraised value \$100
5. Framed telegram from War Department to Lincoln dated November 18, 1863 informing him that Tad is improving: Appraised value: \$750
6. Framed copy of the "Dirge" sung at the National Cemetery on November 19, 1863. This copy was owned by Martha Martin, one of the vocalists who performed there. From John D. Lippy collection  
Appraised value: \$25
7. Brass Gas Chandelier in first floor hallway entrance to Lincoln Room Museum—converted to electric.  
Appraised value: \$500
8. Chandelier in Lincoln bedroom—converted to electric—appraised value: \$250
9. 2 towels from Lincoln bedroom with "W" monogram—appraised value: \$200
10. Book by Michael Jacobs "The Rebel Invasion of Pennsylvania" (1864) owned by Wills and autographed on inside cover. From John D. Lippy collection. Appraised Value: \$125

Total appraised value: \$2400