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HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORT

SAGAMORE HILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Part I

Administrative Data

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APPROVAL SHEET

RECOMMENDED

John A. Townsley
Superintendent

Date 10/8/64

Regional Director, Northeast Region

Date _____

Robert G. Hall
Chief, EODC

Date 11-10-64

APPROVED

Director

Date _____

See memo 430-RHA (NER)
10-28-64

Administrative Data

a. Name and number of structure.

Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, Building Number 1.

b. Proposed use of structure.

The structure will be operated as a house museum,
"to present the spirit and image of Theodore Roosevelt,
his family and the significant events associated with
him during his years at Sagamore Hill."

c. Justification for such use, as shown in the Master Plan.

As stated in the Master Plan, the significant resources
of the structure fully justify development and use for
the purpose stated above:

The house, an interesting example of Victorian
architecture, tells us something of the age in
which Theodore Roosevelt lived; signifying
those Victorian virtues of "solidity, first of
all, dignity, hospitality, comfort, the social
stability of the owner and permanence." But it
is the furnishings, the hunting trophies, the
mementos, gifts and other memorabilia within the
house that give Sagamore Hill its distinctive
flavor and charm, for these objects have the
ability - as few other things could - of giving
an interesting and intimate insight into the
many faceted but always vigorous - life of
Theodore Roosevelt.

d. Provisions for operating the structure.

Operation will be by National Park Service personnel,
including Curator, 2 Charwomen, and a minimum of 3
Park Guides. Labor service will be provided by the

labor force of Sagamore Hill as a whole. The structure and surrounding grounds and buildings comprising Sagamore Hill National Historic Site will be administered as a unit of the New York City NPS Group, with headquarters in New York City. Administrative services and historical research will be provided from this headquarters.

- e. Cooperative agreement, if any, executed or proposed for furnishing and/or operating the structure.

No cooperative agreement has been executed and none is contemplated at present. Close cooperation will, however, be maintained between the National Park Service and the Theodore Roosevelt Association through the latter's Advisory Committee.

- f. Brief description of proposed construction activity.

Proposed construction activity includes the following: stabilization of the main staircase; patching, resurfacing and painting of the interior walls; painting of the entire exterior; rehabilitation of the main porch.

- g. Well considered preliminary estimate of cost of proposed construction activity.

The total cost of the above construction activity is estimated at \$79,700.

- h. One photograph of the existing condition of the structure, for identification purposes only.

See Illustration #18, Historical Data section of this report.

- i. Copies of PCP's, revised if necessary.

Copies of PCP's B-2, B-6, B-7 and B-8 follow.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

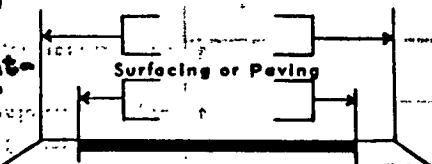
PROJECT CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL

1964

Attachment of requirements, proposed work and construction data, justification, etc. (Use additional sheets as necessary.)

This particular estimate will provide for the rehabilitation of the main porch of the Theodore Roosevelt House. This porch extends around the South, West and North sides of the house from the front entrance to a point adjacent to the North (Trophy) room. It will also include urgently needed repointing and repair of stone and brick work and several hours of historical research.

Length _____ Miles
Finished width shoulder to shoulder _____



Statement of Requirements:

The proposed work which should be accomplished as soon as possible to avoid serious repair/restoration problems are as follows: The porch should be carefully checked and all loose members tightened and rotted members replaced. One section must be completely rebuilt. In many places, paint removal and repainting is required to eliminate the heavy alligatoring which is holding moisture; the brick and stone masonry requires repointing. The last repointing was improperly done and is aggregating the moisture problems rather than preventing it. Repointing is urgently needed on many areas over the complete building.

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2. Land Status (If Govt.-owned, what agency), Water Rights, Research, Etc.

Government-owned - National Park Service

Data Prepared by (Name, Title & Date) John A. Townsley 10-8-64 Superintendent	4. Cross-reference PCP's to this Project: None PCP numbers of previously completed portions: None	6. CLASS <u>C</u> ESTIMATE Construction..... \$ 48,100 Plans, Surveys, & Supervision..... 6,990 Contingencies..... 2,910 SUB TOTAL 58,000 Exhibits, Audio-Visual Installations, etc..... GRAND TOTAL \$ 58,000
5. Construction by: Day Labor ☐ Contract ☒ Work supervised by: Park ☐ Reg. ☐ Design Office ☒		

7. DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES No. To 1 Director 2 Regional Director 1 Supt., NYC NPS Group 2 Chief, EODC	8. Recommended by Park Office (Signature, title, date) John A. Townsley, Superintendent 10/8/64 9. Approved by Regional Office (Signature, title, date) 10. Reviewed by D&C Field Office (Signature, Title, Date)
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11. Location within Area or Territory Manhattan Historic Site	12. Master Plan No. NYS-54-3000	13. Building No. 5-1 B-2
14. Region New York City National Park Service Group	15. Park Manhattan	
16. Title of Project Rehabilitation of Main Porch, Theodore Roosevelt House (Manhattan Hill)		17. PCP Index No. X
18. P. S. & S. by BPR ☐ NPS ☐		

- ASS (A) - Estimate based on working drawings
 ASS (B) - Estimate based on preliminary plans
 ASS (C) - Estimate based on similar facilities in other parks

ESTIMATE

Item

Quantity

Cost

LINE NO. 1.

Roosevelt Hill built by Theodore Roosevelt in 1894-1895 remained his permanent home until his death on January 6, 1919. One of the striking features of the home is the magnificent porch extending around the Western side of the dwelling. Over the years this porch has deteriorated, generally, and portions are now on the verge of collapse. Sagging has altered roof levels resulting in damaging leaks within the interior of the home. Complete structural rehabilitation will be necessary to make the porch safe for continued visitor use, as well as to protect the structure itself.

Work B-0: Other Design

Work Rehabilitation plan:

Day Labor Construction

Construction plan:

combined design:
 BCB unbraced of bracing

Structure: Steel

4. Cross-reference BCB, 10 1/2

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1. Installation of

Exhibits, Aud. Vis.

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Estimate Totals

Construction..... \$ 48,100

Plans, Surveys, and

Supervision..... \$ 6,990

Contingencies..... \$ 2,910

SUB-TOTAL..... \$ 58,000

Exhibits, Aud. Vis.

Installations, Etc..... \$

GRAND TOTAL \$ 58,000

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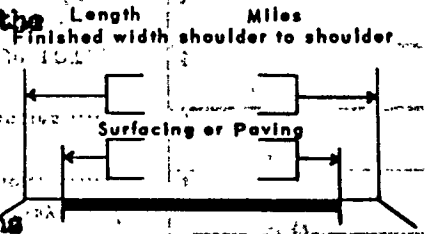
PROJECT CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL

1964

1. Statement of requirements, proposed work and construction data, justification, etc. (Use additional sheets as necessary.)

This particular proposal provides for the stabilization of the main staircase leading from the front hallway to the second floor of the Roosevelt home.

Sagamore Hill built by Theodore Roosevelt in 1884-85 remained his permanent home until his death on January 6, 1919. The main stairway from the first floor to the second floor has, through the years, become unstable and shows signs of structural deterioration. To properly preserve this portion of the structure and to insure the safety of Park visitors using the staircase, permanent stabilization is necessary.



2. Land Status (If Govt.-owned, what agency), Water Rights, Research, Etc.

Government owned - National Park Service

Prepared by (Name, Title, & Date)
John A. Townsley 9-29-64
Superintendent

4. Cross-reference PCP's to this Project: B-2
PCP numbers of previously completed portions:
None

5. Construction by:
Day Labor ☐ Contract ☒
Work supervised by:
Park ☐ Reg. ☐ Design ☒ Office ☐

6. CLASS C ESTIMATE

Construction.....	\$ 2,600
Plans, Surveys, & Supervision.....	350
Contingencies.....	150
SUB TOTAL	3,100
Exhibits, Audio-Visual Installations, etc.....	
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 3,100

7. DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES

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2	Chief, EODC

8. Recommended by Park Office (Signature, title, date)

John A. Townsley, Superintendent

9. Approved by Regional Office (Signature, title, date)

10. Reviewed by D&C Field Office (Signature, Title, Date)

11. Name of Historic Site
Sagamore Hill National Historic Site

12. Master Plan No.
NPS-SH-3000

13. Bldg. or Rt. # and Sec.

14. Region
New York City NPS Group

Building No. 1

Location of Main Staircase

Roosevelt Home (Sagamore Hill)

Nassau

(County)

New York

(State)

17. PCP Index No.

B-6

18. P. S. & S. by

BPR ☐

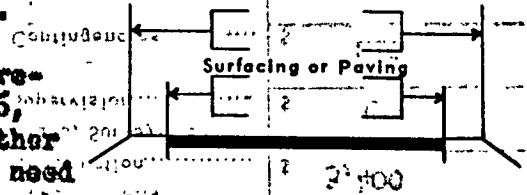
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PROJECT CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL

Statement of requirements, proposed work and construction data, justification, etc. (Use additional sheets as necessary.)

This particular proposal provides for the patching, resurfacing and painting of the walls in the halls, stairways and other portions of the house receiving visitor use.

Sagamore Hill built by Theodore Roosevelt in 1884-85 remained his permanent home until his death on January 6, 1919. Painted surfaces of the halls, stairwell and other portions of the house used by the Park visitor are in need of plaster repair, resurfacing and repainting. This work must be accomplished prior to the beginning of the next heavy visitor season (March of 1965). These portions of the house present a totally unacceptable appearance at the present time.



2. Land Status (If Govt.-owned, what agency), Water Rights, Research, Etc.

Government owned - National Park Service

Data Prepared by (Name, Title & Date) W. D. Miller 9/29/64 Administrative Asst.	4. Cross-reference PCP's to this Project: B-2, B-5, & B-6 PCP numbers of previously completed portions:	6. CLASS C ESTIMATE	
		Construction.....	\$ \$3,400
		Plans, Surveys, & Supervision.....	490
		Contingencies.....	210
		SUB TOTAL 4,100	
5. Construction by: Day Labor ☐ Contract ☒ Work supervised by: Park ☐ Reg. ☐ Design Office ☒	Exhibits, Audio-Visual Installations, etc.....		
	GRAND TOTAL \$ 4,100		

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3	Director		
2	Regional Director		
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		9. Approved by Regional Office (Signature, title, date)	
		10. Reviewed by D&C Field Office (Signature, Title, Date)	

11. Location within Area or Termini Sagamore Hill National Historic Site		12. Master Plan No. NPS-3H-3000	13. Bldg. or Rt. # and Sec. Bldg. No. 1
14. Region East	15. Park New York City National Park Service Group	17. PCP Index No. B-7	
16. Location of Walls, Stairways, Etc. Theodore Roosevelt Home (Sagamore Hill)		18. P. S. & S. by BPR ☐ NPS ☒	
17. County New York		(State)	

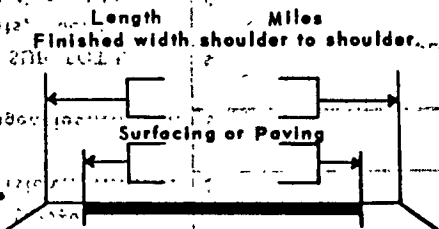
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PROJECT CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL

1. Statement of requirements, proposed work and construction data, justification, etc. (Use additional sheets as necessary.)

This particular estimate will provide for the painting of the exterior portions of the Theodore Roosevelt Home including scraping, patching, caulking, priming and finish painting as necessary.

Sagamore Hill built by Theodore Roosevelt in 1884-1885 remained his permanent home until his death on January 6, 1919. Painted surfaces of the exterior portion of the house are in extremely poor condition. Moisture damage around sills and other openings is now of serious proportion. To provide a satisfactory appearance and to protect the structure itself, the entire exterior must be painted.



2. Land Status (if Govt.-owned, what agency), Water Rights, Research, Etc.

Govt.-owned - National Park Service

Data Prepared by (Name, Title & Date)

W. D. Miller 9-30-64

Administrative Asst.

4. Cross-reference PCP's to this Project
B-2, B-5, B-6 & B-7
PCP numbers of previously completed portions:

5. Construction by:

Day Labor ☐ Contract ☒

Work supervised by:

Park ☐ Reg. ☐ Design Office ☒

6. CLASS C ESTIMATE

Construction..... \$ 12,000

Plans, Surveys, & Supervision..... 1,760

Contingencies..... 740

SUB TOTAL 14,500

Exhibits, Audio-Visual Installations, etc.....

GRAND TOTAL \$ 14,500

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11. Location within Area or Termini

Sagamore Hill National Historic Site

12. Master Plan No.

NHS-SH-3000

13. Bldg. or Rt. # and Sec.

Building No. 1

14. Region

15. Park

New York City National Park Service Group

17. PCP Index No.

B-8

18. P. S. & S. by

BPR ☐NPS ☒

Exterior Painting of Theodore Roosevelt Home
(Sagamore Hill)

Massau

(County)

New York

(State)