

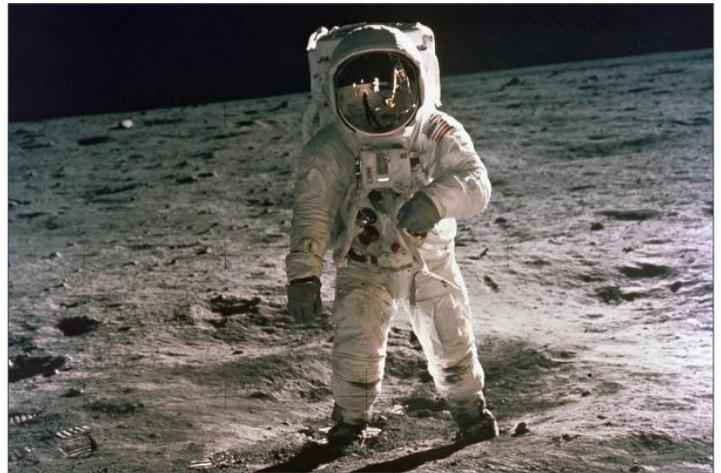
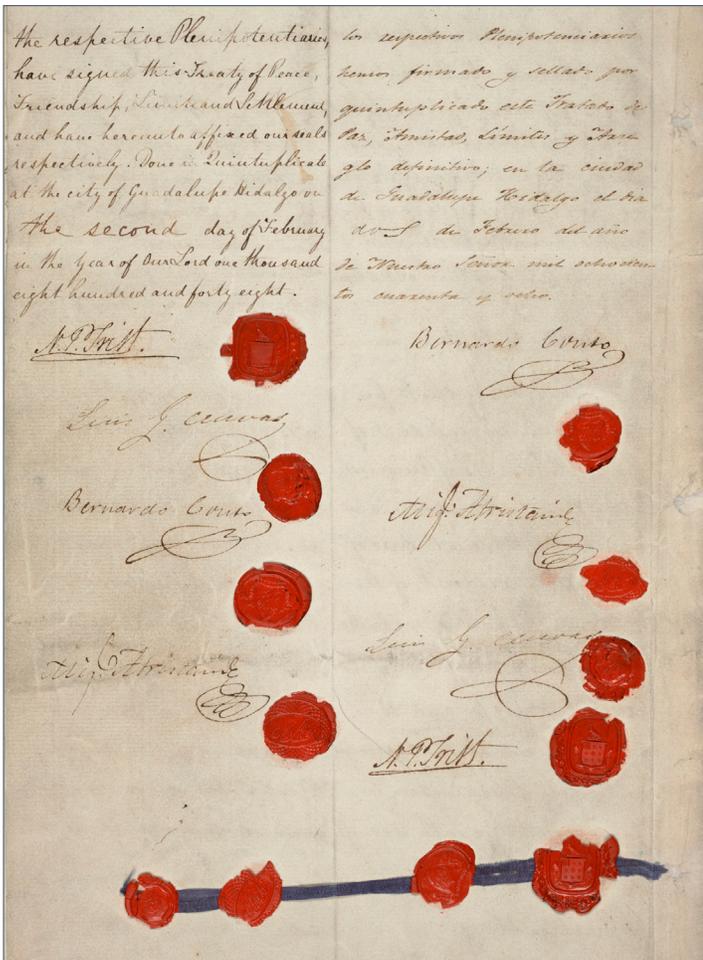
National Archives Traveling Exhibits Service



American Originals

Exhibition Overview: Original documents are the raw stuff of history. They are physical links to the past. Out of the stacks and vaults of the National Archives comes a selection of some of the nation's most significant and compelling documents, pieces of history—the glorious and the inglorious—in its most unprocessed form.

These 50 rarely seen documents from the National Archives offer fascinating insights into the towering figures and events in American history. Combining the familiar with the obscure, "American Originals" presents a selection of the nation's greatest documentary treasures.



Exhibition Details

Content:

25 original documents, 25 facsimile documents, exhibit cases, audiovisual units, hands-on interactive components, and wall-mounted banners and graphics

Curator:

TBD, National Archives, Washington, DC

Supplemental Materials:

Educational and promotional resources

Rental Fee:

\$45,000 for 12-week display

Security Requirements:

High security and environmental controls

Shipping:

Exhibitor is responsible for outgoing shipping costs

Size:

2,000 square feet

Number of Crates:

TBD

Insurance:

Exhibitor must provide insurance under an all-risk wall-to-wall fine arts policy

Tour Dates:

"American Originals" will be available for tour 2017 through 2020. Dates are subject to change.

Project Status:

In development

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More About this Exhibition

"American Originals" is not a complete picture but a series of revealing snapshots. It represents the larger historical record that documents the American experience in all its complexity. While offering intimate contact with the past, it attests to the accountability of a government that lays itself open, through its records, to the scrutiny of present and future generations.

- The Virginia Plan. The Virginia Plan set out an initial framework for the Convention and, in large part, remained intact when the Convention adopted the final Constitution on September 17, 1787.
- Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo. This treaty ended a questionable war with Mexico and resulted in the acquisition of what we today call Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, and California.
- Declaration by United Nations. On January 1, 1942, the newly-formed United Nations issued a declaration of intent to harness the resources of freedom and democracy against the Tripartite Pact of German, Japan, and Italy.

This exhibition is currently in development, and will feature original and facsimile documents drawn from the holdings of the National Archives. The concepts and images presented here are representative of the types of records that will be in the traveling exhibition. Because of preservation protocols, alternative documents may be offered for each venue.

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