



Mackinac Island State Park Commission
Rule and Policy

Gifts and Bequests

Act 451, P.A. 1994, Part 765, Sec. 76509
Minutes: June 16, 1917, P.103-4
August 14, 1981, P. 1896-7
October 11, 1991, P. 2661
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Preamble:

The Commission is authorized to receive, accept, and hold by gift, grant, devise, or bequest either real or personal property for purposes incidental to or connected with the State Parks under its management and control (Act 451, P.A. 1994, Part 765, Sec. 76509).

Many such gifts have been accepted in the past, including these major historical facilities: Beaumont Memorial from the Michigan State Medical Society, Biddle House from the Michigan Society of Architects and Michigan Builders and Contractors, Benjamin Blacksmith Shop from the family of Herbert Benjamin, and Mission House from the Rex Humbard Cathedral of Tomorrow, and several parcels of property on Mackinac Island from private land owners.

General Policy

The Commission is particularly interested in receiving manuscripts, photographs, antiques, and other materials directly associated with the history of the Straits area. An accession receipt for gifts of this kind is signed in duplicate by the donor and by a representative of the Commission (Minutes: October 11, 1991, p. 2661. See Section Six - Collections policy). Gifts with limitations or restrictions are not generally accepted.

In 1917 Samuel Mather established a trust for the maintenance of the Constance Fenimore Woolson Memorial (Anne's Tablet) in Mackinac Island State Park (Minutes, June 16, 1917, p.103-4). The trust balance of \$820.23 was transferred to the Park Commission (Minutes, August 14, 1981, p. 1896-7) for maintenance of the memorial.