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List of Bicentennial Posters from the National Archives

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An exhibit of posters featuring documents from the National Archives for use in your own program to celebrate the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution

“ ’Tis Done! We Have Become a NATION ”

The Evolution of a Great Document

This set of posters chronicles the conception, creation, and implementation of the Constitution of the United States — the framework for America's democratic system of government. Among the material included in the exhibit is the Declaration of Independence . . . the Virginia Plan . . . a draft of the Constitution with George Washington's handwritten annotations . . . a letter notifying Washington that he had been elected the first President of the United States . . . and a Senate draft of the Bill of Rights. In all, 19 original documents in the holdings of the National Archives and Records Administration have been reproduced individually, along with brief captions that explain the significance of each. An introductory poster provides background information about the United States in 1787.

Flexible Format for Diverse Settings

The exhibit can be installed easily in almost any space. Enclosed in the package are suggestions on how to use the materials — including a recommended sequence for the posters and mounting instructions. The user may choose to display all 20 posters or to hang a small selection of them and focus on a single point. The exhibit has been designed to enable schools, libraries, historical societies, and other groups to adapt the material to their own audiences, educational goals, exhibition facilities, and budgets. Each of the 20 posters measures 33 x 20 inches.

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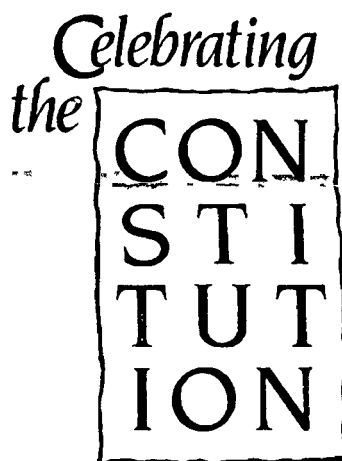
1. *Introductory Poster*
2. *The Declaration of Independence*, July 4, 1776
3. *The Articles of Confederation*, Ratified March 1, 1781
4. *Resolves of the Confederation Congress Requesting the States to Pay Their Quota of the Debt*, October 12, 1785
5. *Letter to the President of Congress from Gen. Henry Knox, Reporting on Shays' Rebellion*, October 3, 1786
6. *Resolve of the Virginia General Assembly Appointing Commissioners to the Annapolis Convention*, January 21, 1786
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18. *Letter to George Washington from John Langdon, Temporary President of the Senate*, April 6, 1789
19. *Senate Draft of the Bill of Rights*, September 2-9, 1789
20. *The Bill of Rights*, Ratified December 15, 1791

Plan Your Own Exhibit Now — “ ’Tis Done!”

The bicentennial anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution by members of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 will occur officially on September 17, 1987. But bicentennial events across the country are being planned now and will take place throughout the year. Moreover, the bicentennial anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights will not occur until December 15, 1991.

To order the complete poster exhibit “ ’Tis Done! We Have Become a Nation,” simply send a check, money order, or official purchase order payable to the National Archives Trust Fund (NEPS) for \$50, plus \$3 for shipping and handling, to:

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