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**CLEVELAND COUNTY, NC SHINES AS THE PRESIDENTIAL CULINARY MUSEUM ADDS MORE CHINA PIECES TO NOW INCLUDE PRESIDENT'S**

**LINCOLN, JEFFERSON, WASHINGTON, POLK, MADISON, JOHN ADAMS AND PIERCE - FIRST FAMILY CHINA**

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(Grover, NC) – It's hard enough to get an invitation to a White House dinner let alone to travel in time backwards - to see the famed china selected by the historic, First Families. At The Inn of the Patriots Bed and Breakfast Hotel and Presidential Culinary Museum in Grover, NC - it has now become possible to do both. Recent additions to the collections holdings were made possible by donations from antiques expert, Allan Miller, a benefactor of the museum. The disliked and ridiculed purple banded china selected by Mary Todd Lincoln and the beautiful 24k gold Martha Washington plates are examples now on display.



“If you’ve always dreamed of staying overnight in the White House, here’s your chance,” explained Sandy Soule, Editor of BedandBreakfast.com and one of the most highly recognized authors in the B&B industry. “While the inn is painted white, the Presidential draw is former Executive Chef to the President, Martin Mongiello. Chef Marti has collected everything from a large display of Presidential photos to White House china, letters from Presidents and even

Wooden Easter eggs rolled on the White House lawn each year, old grass not included. Guests can take a guided tour through this collection, and enjoy breakfasts and afternoon treats that are fit for a President, Soule stated.

“We are delighted to have been chosen and proud to be in such good company in this list of White House inns with presidential stature,” stated Marti Mongiello, Senior Curator. “While our address may not be 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, there are many features of our food and china that would appeal to Presidents...of companies or countries,” explained his wife and fellow Chef and Innkeeper, Stormy.

Mongiello states, “This was a chance for us to follow up on our boasts to the citizens of our fine state and Cleveland County. Folks have been mighty proud of what we are doing,” – the only museum of it’s kind in America and also supported by the Clinton Foundation and Library. “We welcome all of the Presidential Library Loan programs and holdings and said we were going to make a major announcement today, at and on, 04:05:06 07/08/09.” “James K. Polk and the china we have on display from his administration now is also viewable – a proud moment for all North Carolinians and for the world to visit and see in America.”

To learn more about White House, Camp David and Air Force One Chefs visit The Inn of the Patriots Bed and Breakfast Hotel and see the amazing, Presidential Culinary Museum ([www.TheInnofthePatriots.com](http://www.TheInnofthePatriots.com)). The successful program has received extensive help from BedandBreakfast.com – the world leader in bookings. For nearly 7,000 other perfect choices for your next B&B getaway, visit [www.BedandBreakfast.com](http://www.BedandBreakfast.com), the leading online bed and breakfast directory and reservation network worldwide. A variety of search functions and extensive maps enable inngoers to find the perfect B&B. Travelers can make reservations online, read up-to-date trip reports on the blog, read and write independent reviews, and post questions on expert-hosted message boards.

Just a few notes on a few of the new collections (all others are available as well).

**ABOUT THE FRANKLIN PIERCE CHINA:** When President Pierce was elected, the U.S. Congress allocated \$25,000 to him and his wife, Jane, for White House improvements. After

purchasing a furnace and completing other building improvements, the Pierces selected a set of French Limoges china made by Haviland and Company. This sophisticated dinner service included a crest of blue and gold with a gold pointelle border. The Pierces selected five dozen dining plates and a host of elegant accoutrements for their service, at a total cost of \$536.24 - quite a sizable sum in the 1850's.

**ABOUT THE LINCOLN CHINA:** The Lincoln China was the Kennedys preferred pattern for dining in the White House. Mary Todd Lincoln was renowned for her enjoyment of shopping, thus she selected the Lincoln White House china shortly after her husband's inauguration. An elegant French design, the Lincoln china combines the American eagle with various decorations in a brilliant color called "solferino". This purple-red hue was invented by the French in 1859 and was very popular among the fashionable hosts of the Lincolns' day. Mary Todd Lincoln was instantly disliked upon arriving in Washington by many and her lavish spending sprees caught much attention. Her china color choice of purple was thought to be that of the color used by royalty only.

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