

The National Park Service offers a free tour of the Eisenhower National Historic Site to the public daily. Tours originate from the NPS Tour Center, Gettysburg. Shuttle buses leave for the farm every 15 minutes. Cost to ride the bus is 70 cents per person. The tour office opens at 8 a.m. with the first tour at 9 a.m. The last tour of the day is at 4:30 p.m., with the tour center and Eisenhower farm closing at 5 p.m. All visitors must obtain tour tickets on the day they wish to tour the farm from the Tour Center. Specific times cannot be requested. Once at the farm, visitors can spend as much time as they like. Buses back to the tour center make 31 trips each day.



In the formal living room, pictures of statesmen and relatives cover the piano top. The National Park Service has left the Eisenhower home, for the most part, as it was at the time of Mamie's death.



A loving signature from her young soldier, Ike signs his picture: "For the dearest and sweetest girl in the world."

Eisenhower Farm

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shed, several hundred chicken clucked and roosted on their nests. Ike's farm manager was retired General Arthur Nevins.

Eventually, however, the Eisenhower dairy operation proved marginal and was sold, according to the Park Service technician. Instead of the Holsteins, Ike and his friend Alton Jones started up in the business of raising purebred Angus cattle. Jones had purchased two adjacent farms to the Eisenhower property so the

pastures could be combined. Then in 1962, Alton Jones died. Consequently, Eisenhower's interest in the purebred Angus business

began to fade and eventually was abandoned completely with only feeder cattle remaining on the farm. In the large bank barn on the 189 acre Redding farm, Ike kept his horses — two Arabians, two Quarter Horses, and some ponies for giving his grandchildren rides. The barn and other out buildings are painted an unusual gray-green color that according to the National Park Service was mixed and developed personally by Eisenhower. The new color was chosen so that it would "harmonize" with the house — a considerable change from the barn's original red color. In 1967, the Eisenhowers donated their farm to the

U.S. Department of Interior. Two years later, Ike died at Walter Reed Hospital on March 28. Mamie stayed on the farm until her death on November 1, 1979. Eisenhower's dream and dedication to his farm are summed up in his own words, "I shall leave this place better than I found it."



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