

Deed of Gift

for the Robert Stuart Coffee Service

Katharine Stuart Ostergaard and Paul Ostergaard, individuals having an address of 469 Parkview Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15243, (individually and collectively the "Donors") do hereby give, transfer, donate, assign and convey unto **The City of Mackinac Island** ("Mackinac") all of their rights, title and interest in and to the Robert Stuart Coffee Service namely, that certain coffee service created by New York silversmith William Thomson for John Jacob Astor, consisting of three pieces, the coffee service, the sugar service and the cream service with an inscription on the bottom of the coffee service that reads: "Robert Stuart from John Jacob Astor 1813." Further description of the Robert Stuart Coffee Service is attached hereto as Attachment A.

The Donors make this gift free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances of any kind and Mackinac acknowledges receipt and possession of the said Robert Stuart Coffee Service.

The Parties agree that the Robert Stuart Coffee Service will be publicly displayed in a secure case at the Stuart House City Museum (also known as the Robert Stuart House) located at 7342 Market Street, Mackinac Island, MI 49757 together with a public acknowledgement of the gift in substantially the following form: "*Donated by the family of Katharine Zitkowski Bond, Descendant of Robert Stuart*".

Donors hereby confirm that (i) the Donors intends to convey to Mackinac all rights and ownership over the Robert Stuart Coffee Service which the Donors possesses, (ii) to the best of the Donors' knowledge, there are no liens, claims and/or encumbrances on or with respect to the Robert Stuart Coffee Service, and that it is reasonable to assume that there are none, and (iii) the Robert Stuart Coffee Service was acquired by Katharine Stuart Ostergaard through inheritance from the Estate of Katharine Zitkowski Bond, deceased July 8, 2021.

Mackinac may choose to retain the Robert Stuart Coffee Service, or deaccession it at any time in its sole discretion.

This Deed of Gift shall be deemed to be made under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with such laws. This Deed of Gift shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of each Donors and Mackinac, and their respective estates, heirs, beneficiaries, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

The Donors and Mackinac have executed this Deed of Gift as of the _____ day of _____, 2026, with the intent to be legally bound hereby.

DONORS:

THE CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND

Katharine Stuart Ostergaard

By: _____
Margaret Doud, Mayor

Paul Ostergaard

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ATTACHMENT A

This Attachment A consists of a one page written description and seven images of the Robert Stuart Coffee Service.

Notes Regarding the Provenance of the Robert Stuart Coffee Service
by Katharine Stuart Ostergaard
29 May, 2026

This coffee service was created by New York silversmith William Thomson for John Jacob Astor. The service consists of three pieces, the coffee service, the sugar service and the cream service. An inscription on the bottom of the coffee service reads: "Robert Stuart from John Jacob Astor 1813." This coffee service by Thomson is characteristic of his work in the 1830's. Some of his pieces are on display in museums around the country. He liked to use animal forms in his work and that is certainly true with this work. Two pieces have beavers on the lids and the spout of the coffee service is an eagle's head. The inscription date of 1813 may be in reference to the Stuarts overland journey from Astoria to the east in that year. This coffee service may have been given to Stuart in honor of his great overland trek and his service to Astor's Pacific Fur Company.

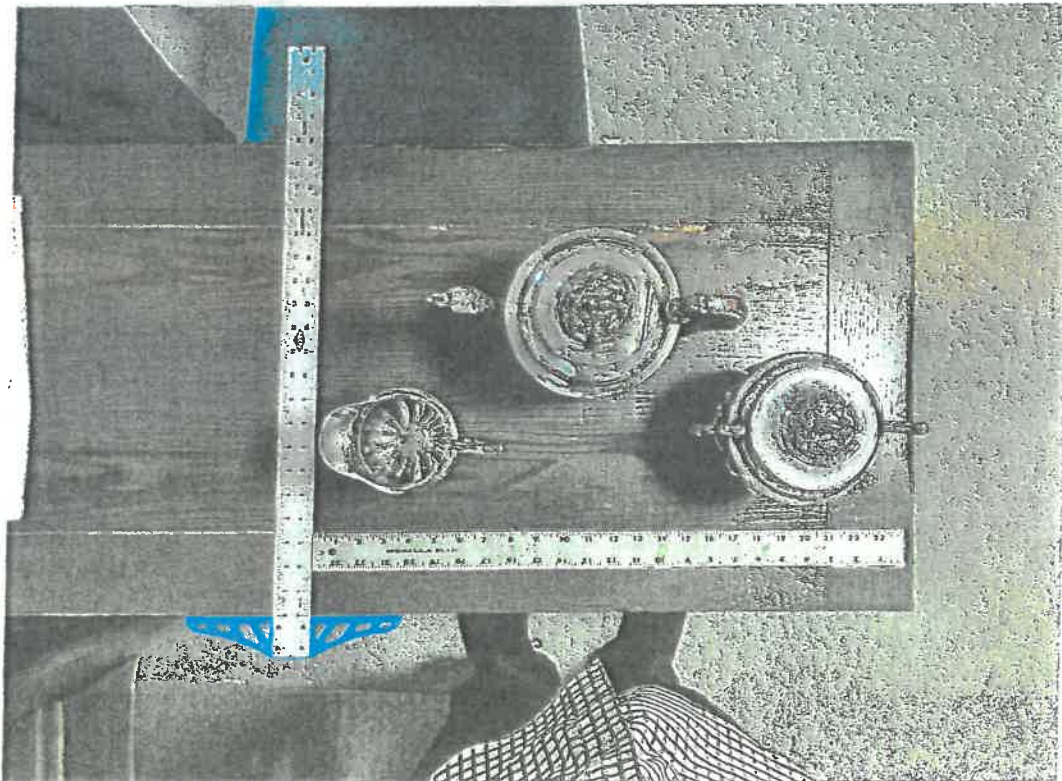
During his trek Stuart kept a detailed journal. Unlike the Lewis and Clark journal, this one was not released to the public for business reasons. Astor made it available to Washington Irving when he wrote his book "Astoria". The journal was eventually published and is available:

"The Discovery of the Oregon Trail, Robert Stuart's Narratives of His Overland Trip Eastward from Astoria in 1812-13" Edited by Phillip Ashton Rollins, Introduction by Howard Lamar" University of Nebraska Press 1995. Originally published by Charles Scribner's Sons in 1935.

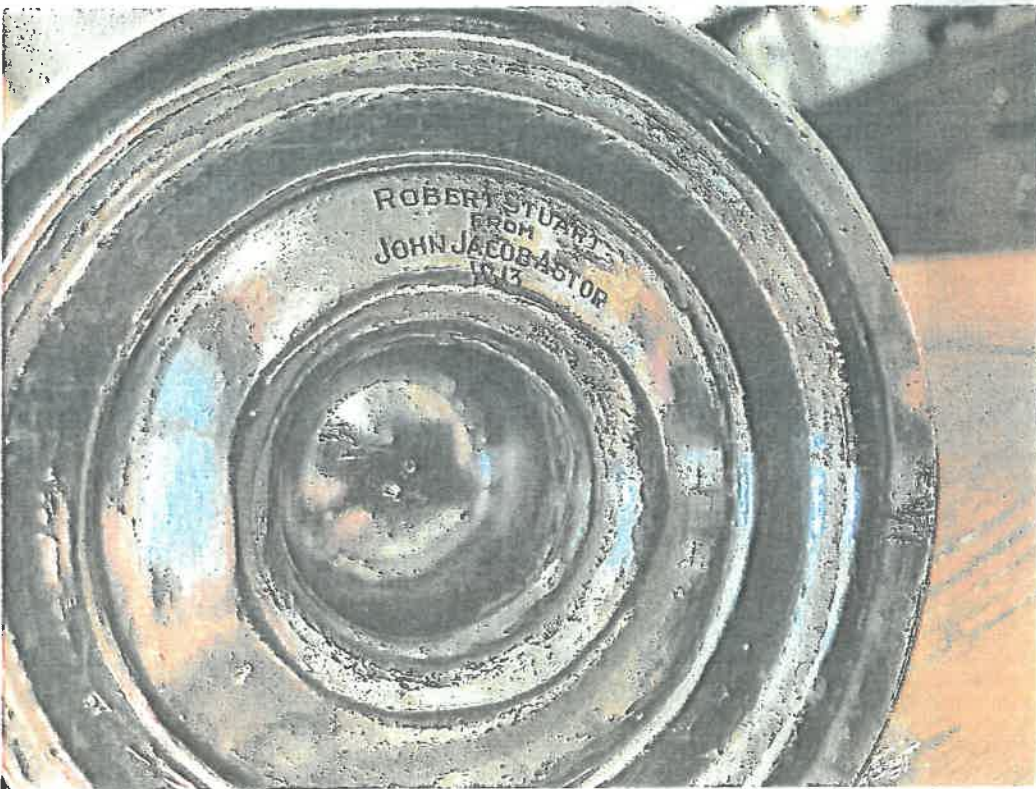
The coffee service was passed down in the family from generation to generation. The following family members cared for the service:

Robert Stuart	1785-1848
David Stuart	1816-1868
Sarah L. Stuart	1851-1881
Stuart Cooper	1873-1924
Elizabeth Cooper Zitkowski	1911-1995
Katharine Zitkowski Bond	1937-2021
Katharine Stuart Ostergaard	1957-present

Katharine Stuart Ostergaard inherited the coffee service from her aunt Katharine Zitkowski Bond in 2021. While she was alive, Kathy Bond discussed the idea of donating the service to the Robert Stuart House museum for public display, believing that the coffee service is a piece of American history. Robert Stuart, a shareholder in Astor's fur trading company, ran Astor's operation on Mackinac Island. His home and fur operation headquarters is now a seasonal museum.



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