



Monticello Passes 25 Million Plateau

Twenty-five million. By any standard, that's a big number.

And it's one that Monticello has surpassed.

Monticello went over the 25 million mark in all-time public attendance on April 9, 2004.

Based on the running total of admission ticket sales, the visitation milestone was reached at approximately 10:15 a.m. that

day with the arrival of Huaihai Wang of Cresskill, N.J., an interpreter at the United Nations; his wife, Grace, a real estate agent; and their 8-year-old son Matthew.

The Wangs were greeted at the Ticket Office by Thomas Jefferson



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TjF President Daniel P. Jordan welcomes milestone visitors Huaihai, Grace, and Matthew Wang of Cresskill, N.J.

Foundation President Daniel P. Jordan. The family members were presented with lifetime passes to Monticello and a basket containing an assortment of Monticello gifts and souvenirs, then taken on a special tour of the house.

"This is truly a historic milestone for Monticello and the Foundation's stewardship of this world treasure," Jordan said.

Monticello has averaged approximately 312,000 visitors per year since 1924, when it was opened as a public attraction following its purchase by the newly formed Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation in 1923. Since 1980, the average annual attendance has been approximately 530,000. Monticello

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had more than 500,000 visitors each year for 21 consecutive years (1981-2001).

Monticello's highest annual visitation total, 671,486, was recorded in 1976, the bicentennial of the American Revolution. The second highest count, 622,137, came in 1993, the 250th anniversary of Jefferson's birth.

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