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*JFK, the Story behind the Story Dallas, November 22, 1963*. Texas: Belo Interactive-Dallas, 2008.

*JFK, Breaking the News*. Texas: KERA-Dallas/Fort Worth and The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, 2003. DVD.


**Collections**

The Museum’s Collection provides audio, visual, documentary resources, and artifacts related to evidence and investigations into the assassination of President Kennedy. Artifacts include photographs and official law enforcement documents. Audio and video recordings include oral history interviews, home movies and archival news footage.
Please visit our online collections database for more information. For research assistance, please contact the Reading Room at readingroom@jfk.org or (214) 741-6660 ext. 6646.

**Oral Histories**

For more information about the Oral History Collection

**Malcolm E. Barker**

A native of Great Britain, Barker was living in California at the time of the assassination. Six months later, he visited Dallas as part of a two-month cross-country tour, during which he witnessed and extensively photographed the FBI and Secret Service reenactment of the shooting on May 24, 1964. In 2008, Barker donated his photographs to The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. Recorded August 8, 2008.

**Robert Barrett**

A Dallas FBI agent in 1963, Barrett was at the Texas School Book Depository, the scene of the J.D. Tippit shooting, and the Texas Theatre following the Kennedy assassination. Later he followed up investigative leads and took detailed measurements in Dealy Plaza for the FBI's scale model. Recorded February 22, 2011.

**Paul Bentley**

Chief polygraph examiner with the Dallas Police Department in 1963, Bentley was involved in the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald at the Texas Theatre. Recorded February 16, 1994, April 18 and September 14, 2007, and January 22 and May 16, 2008.

**Sheriff Jim Bowles**

A longtime Dallas County sheriff (1985-2005), Bowles was supervisor of the Dallas Police Department radio division in 1963. Since the 1970s, he has thoroughly researched the assassination acoustics controversy. Recorded September 14, 1993.

**Elmer L. Boyd**

A Dallas homicide detective in 1963, Boyd was heavily involved in the investigation November 22-24, 1963, and he served as one of Oswald's primary handlers on Friday and Saturday. He was at the Trade Mart, Parkland Memorial Hospital, the Texas School Book Depository, and Dallas police headquarters over the weekend. He was with Oswald during his first interrogations, police lineups, paraffin tests, and the famous midnight press conference. Ironically, Boyd previously worked a security detail for Kennedy when the president briefly visited Dallas in 1962. Recorded February 23, 2007.
Gary Cornwell

Cornwell was a prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice when he was selected to serve as the Deputy Chief Counsel for the House Select Committee on Assassinations in 1977. He headed up the HSCA’s Kennedy assassination investigation and personally interviewed a number of individuals. Cornwell later wrote the book Real Answers (1998). Recorded March 28, 2012.

J.C. "Carl" Day

Head of the Dallas Police Crime Scene Search Unit in 1963, Day was in charge of examining the rifle and fingerprint evidence at the Texas School Book Depository building following the assassination. In 2006, he donated his original crime lab supplies and equipment to the Museum. Recorded May 19, 1996, and July 11, 2006.

Robert B. Denson

As chief investigator for the Jack Ruby defense team from December 1963 to March 1964, Denson interviewed more than 100 acquaintances of Ruby. Denson was heavily involved with defense preparations and sat behind Ruby during the course of the trial. Shortly after the trial, Denson wrote the book Destiny in Dallas (1964). Recorded April 24, 2008.

C. Ray Hall

A thirty-year veteran of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Hall was assigned to the Dallas FBI office in 1963. On Friday, he was at the Texas School Book Depository following the assassination, and on Sunday, he conducted a five-hour interview with Jack Ruby shortly after the Oswald shooting. Hall also followed up investigative leads and interviewed Ruby a second time in December 1963. Recorded February 4, 2010.

D.V. Harkness

A Dallas police sergeant, Harkness supervised the motorcade route from Main and Field streets to Elm and Houston streets. After witnessing the assassination, he was assigned to search boxcars in the rail yard, where he helped arrest three transients who have since become controversial figures in the assassination story. Recorded June 29, 2006.

Stephen S. Jaffe


Glen King

In charge of media relations, Dallas Police Capt. King was part of the inner circle of the investigation the weekend of the president's assassination, working closely with Police Chief Jesse Curry. Recorded February 2, 1996.
L.D. Montgomery
A Dallas homicide detective in 1963, Montgomery was sent to the Texas School Book Depository shortly after the assassination. He discovered a brown paper bag on the sixth floor that might have been used to carry a weapon into the building. On Sunday, Montgomery was walking directly behind Lee Harvey Oswald when Jack Ruby shot Oswald. Recorded on November 25, 2002.

Jack Revill
Supervisor of Criminal Intelligence with the Dallas Police Department in 1963, Revill was involved in the immediate search of the Texas School Book Depository building, and he later had a controversial conversation with FBI agent James Hosty that greatly affected the bureau's relationship with the Dallas police. On Sunday, Revill accompanied Dallas Mayor Earle Cabell to Washington, D.C., for the president's funeral. Upon his return, he participated in a special investigation into the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald. Recorded February 4, 2005.

Judge Barefoot Sanders
A prominent member of the Democratic Party and a U.S. Attorney stationed in Dallas in 1963, Sanders played a key role in planning President Kennedy's visit to Dallas. He later was involved in the Warren Commission's investigations in Dallas. Recorded March 8, 1995, November 21, 1999, and May 19, 2004.

Kim Sanders
Sanders joined the Dallas Police Department in November 1973, retiring thirty-four years later as a homicide detective. Over the years he associated with many of the officers and detectives who worked the Kennedy investigation, particularly his mentor, the late Gus Rose. Recorded August 27, 2009.

Richard Sims
A Dallas homicide detective in 1963, Sims was heavily involved in the investigation that weekend, and he served as one of Oswald's primary handlers on Friday and Saturday. After leaving the Trade Mart and Parkland Memorial Hospital on November 22, 1963, Sims gathered the three empty shells as evidence at the Texas School Book Depository and was then with Oswald during his first interrogations, police lineups, paraffin tests, and the famous midnight press conference. Recorded February 16, 2007.

Edward Sinker
An assassination researcher since the mid-1970s, Sinker examined evidentiary material at the National Archives and interviewed Kennedy advisor Dave Powers. In 1978, he served as an informal staff consultant to the House Select Committee on Assassinations. Recorded August 20, 2009.
Allen Stone
A longtime Dallas reporter and sportscaster, Stone became interested in the assassination in the 1970s after meeting prominent researcher Mary Ferrell. He investigated and reported on the assassination throughout the 1970s and interviewed many key participants. Recorded April 6, 1993, and April 5, 2011.

Larry Sturdivan
A physical scientist and wounds ballistics expert, Sturdivan worked with both the Warren Commission and the House Select Committee on Assassinations in analyzing ballistics evidence associated with Lee Harvey Oswald's rifle and the wounds of President Kennedy and Gov. Connally. Recorded on October 4, 1997.

James Tague
A bystander standing near the triple underpass, Tague was slightly wounded on the cheek by a bullet fragment or a chip of concrete during the shooting. Recorded March 30, 1999.

Henry Wade
The district attorney for Dallas County from 1951 to 1987, Wade was extensively involved in the local Kennedy assassination investigation and later served as chief prosecutor during the Jack Ruby trial. Recorded July 20, 1992.

Leslie Warnock
A Dallas firefighter in 1963, Warnock was sent to the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository immediately after the assassination. His memories of the sniper's perch differ from those of police investigators. Recorded May 24, 2001.

Anthony Due West
West is the son of the late Dallas County surveyor Robert West, who heard shots fired at the Kennedy motorcade from his office in the Old Red Courthouse. In 1964, Robert West did survey work in Dealey Plaza for the Warren Commission and later testified at the Clay Shaw trial in New Orleans. Recorded January 21, 2011.

Paul Wilkins
A patrolman with the Dallas Police Department in 1963, Wilkins was involved in the initial search of the sixth and seventh floors of the Texas School Book Depository. He was among those who first discovered the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle in the northwest corner of the sixth floor. Recorded April 15, 2009.

Margaret Wilonsky
An X-Ray Technology School intern at Parkland Memorial Hospital in 1963, Wilonsky was near the emergency room when President Kennedy was admitted to the hospital. She believes that X-rays
were made of the president's body at Parkland, which has long been a point of controversy among
researchers. Recorded August 29, 2005.

J.W. "Bill" Wiseman
A Dallas County deputy sheriff in 1963, Wiseman was standing at the corner of Main and Houston
Streets and heard shots fired at the presidential motorcade. He ran to Dealey Plaza where he spoke
with eyewitnesses, including Abraham Zapruder's receptionist, Marilyn Sitzman. Wiseman then
participated in the initial search of the Texas School Book Depository. Recorded July 16, 2008.

Roland Zavada
A longtime engineer and executive with the Eastman Kodak Company, Zavada authenticated the
Abraham Zapruder film and other photographic evidence for the Assassination Records Review
Board in the 1990s. Since then he has continued to study the film and speak on the subject.
Recorded November 15, 2010.

YouTube
Voices from History: Dallas Law Enforcement Investigates the JFK Assassination

Pierce Allman, a reporter with WFAA-TV and an eyewitness to the assassination of President John
F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963, narrates this overview of the historic event and its aftermath
from a law enforcement perspective. It was produced by The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in
2006 as an introduction to an exhibit that examined the efforts of Dallas police officers and Dallas
County Sheriff's Department officials who covered President Kennedy's trip to Dallas and the
investigations that followed. Actual recordings of Allman's coverage that day and his appearance
with Jay Watson on WFAA-TV immediately following the assassination are included.

Parkland Trauma Room One Reunion
This program featured Dr. Ronald C. Jones and Dr. Robert N. McClelland, two of the physicians
who contributed to President John F. Kennedy's treatment in Trauma Room One, and—less than
48 hours later—tried to save the life of the accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald. Dr. Jones was the
chief surgery resident in Parkland Memorial Hospital's emergency room on November 22, 1963. Dr.
McClelland was an instructor in surgery at the time, and he assisted in the surgery of Texas
Governor John Connally.

Living History with Eugene Boone

An interview with Eugene Boone, the Dallas deputy sheriff who discovered the rifle on the sixth
floor of the Texas School Book Depository shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy. He
had also worked at the Dallas Times Herald and knew Jack Ruby.
Living History with Elmer Boyd

An interview with Elmer Boyd, a Dallas police homicide detective who conducted crime scene investigations at the Texas School Book Depository following the assassination. He also escorted Lee Harvey Oswald at Police Headquarters on the afternoon and evening of November 22, 1963.

Websites

The Assassination Archives and Research Center - AARC Public Library
The AARC Public Library is a collection of over 35,000 pages of reports, transcripts, and other documents relating to political assassinations. Many of these documents were recently declassified under the terms of the JFK Assassination Records Collection Act, whose mandate was carried out by the Assassination Records Review Board.

Discovery Channel - The Wide Angle: JFK inside the Target Car
In "JFK: Inside the Target Car," forensic recreation of the Kennedy assassination explores the second-shooter theory.

Kennedy Assassination Home Page - http://mcadams.posc.mu.edu/#index
Created by John McAdams, Professor of political science at Marquette University, the site is "dedicated to debunking the mass of misinformation and disinformation surrounding the murder of JFK."

Mary Ferrell Foundation - http://www.maryferrell.org/wiki/index.php/JFK_Assassination
The Mary Ferrell Foundation (MFF) is a non-profit group engaged in an ongoing effort to bring accessible and interactive history to a new generation of critical thinkers. With a wide topic base including the assassinations of the 1960s, the Watergate scandal, and post-Watergate intelligence abuse investigations, the MFF’s vast digital archive at www.maryferrell.org contains over 1.2 million pages of documents, government reports, books, essays, and hours of multimedia.

National Archives - The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection
John F. Kennedy was killed on November 22, 1963. Almost 30 years later, Congress enacted the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992. The Act mandated that all assassination-related material be housed in a single collection in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). The resulting Collection consists of more than 5 million pages of assassination-related records, photographs, motion pictures, sound recordings and artifacts (approximately 2,000 cubic feet of records). Most of the records are open for research.

The Portal to Texas History - http://texashistory.unt.edu/
The Portal to Texas History is created and maintained by the University of North Texas Libraries' Digital Projects Unit. The Portal is a gateway to Texas history materials and includes photographs, letters, fingerprint cards, documents and other resources from the Dallas Municipal Archives on Lee Harvey Oswald.