



THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM  
AT DEALEY PLAZA

2023 Texas John F. Kennedy Resource Consortium

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The **Texas John F. Kennedy Resource Consortium** was assembled by The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in advance of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The goal of the consortium is to provide a list of archives, collections and research institutions from across the state of Texas who maintain relevant collections or archives. While it should be noted that this listing is not a comprehensive compendium of all organizations who retain and collect historic material related to President Kennedy, the organizations listed herein have agreed to be part of this effort in order to facilitate research in President Kennedy's life and legacy.

If your organization would like to be included or if you have any questions about the Consortium, please contact the Museum at [collections@jfk.org](mailto:collections@jfk.org).

# Dallas Municipal Archives, City of Dallas

**Location:** Dallas

**Contact:** John Slate: 214.670.5270 | [john.slate@dallas.gov](mailto:john.slate@dallas.gov)

**Website:** [https://dallascityhall.com/government/citysecretary/archives/Pages/Archives\\_home.aspx](https://dallascityhall.com/government/citysecretary/archives/Pages/Archives_home.aspx)

## **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

[\*The John F. Kennedy/Dallas Police Department Collection\*](#) contains 11,406 documents and photographs, including homicide reports, affidavits, witness statements, newspaper clippings and correspondences. The collection is available on microfilm. The Municipal Archives possesses the original files, except those that have been transferred to the federal government permanently. In 1989 the Dallas Police Department transferred all police records relating to the assassination to the Office of the City Secretary at the Dallas Municipal Archives.

[\*Aviation Director Files on President John F Kennedy Visit\*](#) contains contains schedules, notes, and other preparatory materials for President John F. Kennedy's visit to Dallas on November 22, 1963. It includes an assignments list, aviation director's notes, ephemera, and contact information regarding the president's visit.

[\*William Oren Trogdon John F. Kennedy Assassination Research Collection\*](#) contains entirely photocopied records from the Dallas Police Department.

## **Access to Holdings:**

The entire JFK /Dallas Police Department Collection is digitized and available through the University of North Texas, Portal to Texas History: <https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/JFKDP/>

## Fort Worth History Center



**Location:** Ft. Worth

**Contact:** 817.392.7740 | [history@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:history@fortworthtexas.gov)

**Website:** <http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/>

### **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

The [Fort Worth History Center](#) contains documents, pamphlets, clippings, photographs, and books on the Warren Commission and Marguerite Oswald's testimony. Of special interest is the fourth grade photo of Lee Harvey Oswald at Ridglea West Elementary School in Fort Worth in 1949-1950. Many of the clippings were deposited and annotated by Marguerite C. Oswald.

### **Access to Holdings:**

Some of the JFK resources are available as a collection in the Digital Archives [here](#).

Other requests must be made at least 3 business days in advance.

Researchers do not need an appointment to access resources that are available at the Fort Worth History Center.

# Fort Worth Museum of Science and History



## FORT WORTH MUSEUM SCIENCE AND HISTORY

**Location:** Ft. Worth

**Contact:** Emily Clark: 817.504.7990 | [Eclark@fwmslh.org](mailto:Eclark@fwmslh.org)

**Website:** <http://www.fwmuseum.org/>

### **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

*The Jim Fuller Collection* of President John F. Kennedy contains ephemera from the Hotel Texas Breakfast event in Fort Worth and 19 b&w photographs (stamped Bell Helicopter) from the event.

*The Paul Dixon Collection* contains 11x14 photographs of Kennedy's arrival in Fort Worth the day before the assassination.

### **Access to Holdings:**

The collection is not available online but is open to researchers upon request.

## Houston Public Library – History Research Center



HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**Houston History**  
Research Center  
at the Julia Ideson Building

**Location:** Houston

**Contact:** 832.393.1662 | [txr.reference@houstontx.gov](mailto:txr.reference@houstontx.gov)

**Website:** <https://houstonlibrary.org/hrc>

### **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

[The Alex Arroyos Photograph Collection](#) consists of 8x10 black and white photographs. The photos taken by Alex Arroyos depict President John F. Kennedy, Jackie Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon Johnson, and Lady Bird Johnson at a meeting of LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) at the Rice Hotel in Houston on the night of November 21, 1963.

The [John J. Herrera](#) collection contains the following materials about John F. Kennedy: five 8x10 prints and one newspaper image cut out. The photos are of the speech John F. Kennedy gave at the Rice Hotel in 1963.

The [J. A. "Tony" Alvarez](#) Papers contains the following materials about John F. Kennedy: 10 photos in a photo album from the November 1963 Speech that John F. Kennedy gave at the Rice Hotel.

The [Houston Post Photograph Collection](#) contains the following materials about John F. Kennedy: 12 photographs of President John F. Kennedy in the Houston, Texas area. Many include his time at NASA and at various rallies.

### **Access to Holdings:**

The collection is not available online but is open to researchers upon request.

# The National Archives at Fort Worth

**Location:** Ft. Worth

**Contact:** 817.551.2051 | [Ftworth.archives@nara.gov](mailto:Ftworth.archives@nara.gov)

**Website:** <https://www.archives.gov/fort-worth>

## **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

*Record Group 21 and Record Group 118 from U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division* contains manuscripts, documents, and photographs. Microfilmed and identified as Microfilm 7RA-30B. This material relates to Marina Oswald Porter and the rifle used in the Kennedy assassination. John King apparently tried to purchase the rifle and the U.S. government confiscated it. Companion records are located in the National Archives-Rocky Mountain Region, Denver.

## **Access to Holdings:**

The collection is not available online but is open to researchers upon request.



# Rice University – Woodson Research Center

**Location:** Houston

**Contact:** Amanda Focke: 713.348.2124 | [afocke@rice.edu](mailto:afocke@rice.edu)

**Website:** <http://rice.edu/>

## **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

[University Archives Collection](#) contains printed material and film covering both Kennedy's visit and speech on the *Nation's Space Effort* at Rice University on September 12, 1962 and news clippings regarding his assassination in 1963.

## **Access to Holdings:**

The collection is not available online but is open to researchers upon request.

# The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza



**Location:** Dallas

**Contact:** [Collections@jfk.org](mailto:Collections@jfk.org)

**Website:** <http://www.jfk.org/about-the-collections/>

## **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

The Sixth Floor Museum holds a collection of approximately 95,000 historical items—ranging from three-dimensional artifacts of all sizes, still and moving images, manuscripts and documents, audio and visual recordings including early 1960s television and radio broadcasts and home movies, newspapers and magazines, over 2,000 oral history interviews, and other documentation and ephemera related to the assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy, the cultural legacy and continuing impact of the events of November 1963, the social history of mid-twentieth century Dallas both before and after the assassination, and the history of Dealey Plaza, the Texas School Book Depository building and the John F. Kennedy Memorial.

## **Access to Holdings:**

The [Collections](#) are open to researchers upon request. Portions of the collection are accessible [online](#).

Southern Methodist University – DeGolyer

# SMU Libraries

## DeGolyer Library

**Location:** Dallas

**Contact:** Christina Jensen: 214.768.3609 | [cwjensen@smu.edu](mailto:cwjensen@smu.edu)

**Website:** <https://www.smu.edu/libraries/degolyer>

### **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

*The Stanley Marcus Papers* are currently being processed. Marcus was the President of Neiman Marcus, and an active community leader in Dallas during the 1960s.

*The Earl Cabell Papers* includes the correspondences and letters of Earl Cabell, the mayor of Dallas during the assassination.

*The Belo Records* include correspondence, private and business papers of the Dealey family from 1842-2007, *Dallas Times Herald* photographs and materials.

*Scrapbook of John F. Kennedy* contains newspaper clippings of the assassination and investigation.

*The Blackie Sherrod Papers* includes the articles and letters of Blackie Sherrod, a noted Texas sports writer and covered the assassination for the *Dallas Times Herald*.

### **Access to Holdings:**

The collection is not available online but is open to researchers upon request of an appointment.

## Southwestern University – Distinctive Collections & Archives



# SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

**Distinctive Collections & Archives**  
A. Frank Smith, Jr. Library Center

**Location:** Georgetown

**Contact:** Megan Firestone: 512.863.1221 | [firestom@southwestern.edu](mailto:firestom@southwestern.edu)

**Website:** <https://www.southwestern.edu/library/>

### **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

[Senator John G. Tower Papers](#) is approximately 800 linear feet, consisting primarily of materials that Senator Tower accumulated during his 24 years in the Senate. Senator Tower was a leader in Republican Party politics in Texas and on the national level. The collection has a few Kennedy items, of special note are photocopies of correspondence between Senator Tower, Oswald and the State Department. Oswald contacted Tower, his senator, when Oswald was trying to return to the United States from the Soviet Union, and one folder contains copies of related correspondences. The second folder contains letters from citizens responding to the assassination, including several telegrams and letters blaming the "John Birchers" and "ultra-right wingers" for Kennedy's death.

### **Access to Holdings:**

Distinctive Collections & Archives is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 am until 4:30 pm. Appointments are requested.

Digitized materials for some of the Senator John G. Tower Papers can be found at <https://www.jstor.org/site/southwestern/> and <https://www.smu.edu/libraries/digitalcollections/tow>

## Texas Christian University – Special Collections



**Location:** Ft. Worth

**Contact:** Mary Saffell: 817.257.7595 | [mary.saffell@tcu.edu](mailto:mary.saffell@tcu.edu)

**Website:** <http://lib.tcu.edu/spcoll/>

### **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

*The Marguerite Oswald Collection* contains manuscripts from press conferences, lectures, radio programs, legal documents, letters, photocopies of Lee Harvey Oswald letters, scrapbooks, sound recordings, photographs, drawings, ephemera, personal records, annotated articles, and publications by Marguerite. Items within the *Marguerite Oswald Collection* provide a glimpse into the life and character of Lee Harvey Oswald through portraying those of his mother. This collection evolved through Marguerite's efforts to prove her son innocent of involvement in the assassination or that he was a small part of a conspiracy. Mrs. Oswald, secondarily, did attempt to generate income using her collection of assassination material, hence certain original documents are missing. Papers, books, and publications annotated by Mrs. Oswald reveal her personality.

[The Jim Wright Collection](#) contains a letter sent to Speaker Wright a year or two before the assassination from Marguerite Oswald asking for help finding Lee Harvey Oswald in the Soviet Union. A detailed [finding aid](#) is available for this collection.

### **Access to Holdings:**

These collections are not available online but are open to researchers upon request.

# Texas State Library and Archives Commission



**Location:** Austin

**Contact:** 512.463.5455 | [archinfo@tsl.texas.gov](mailto:archinfo@tsl.texas.gov)

**Website:** <http://www.tsl.texas.gov>

## Description and Relevance of Holdings:

The following collections regarding the JFK assassination investigation and Jack Ruby have online finding aids:

- [Texas Attorney General's Office John F. Kennedy assassination investigation files](#)
- [John F. Kennedy assassination scrapbook collection](#)
- [Texas Department of Public Safety records](#)
  - Includes relevant files in the series "Criminal Law Enforcement Division investigation files"
- [Texas Supreme Court State Bar vs. Melvin Belli records](#)
- [Texas Supreme Court A case files](#)
  - Includes Texas Supreme Court case file number A10081 *State Bar vs. Melvin Belli*

The archival materials listed below are also related and have been digitized and made available online:

- [ATF0080](#) suit worn by Governor John Connally during Dallas motorcade visit of President John F. Kennedy to Dallas from the [Texas State Archives Artifacts collection](#)
- [Texas Court of Criminal Appeals case file number 37900 \*Jack Rubenstein Alias Jack Ruby v. State of Texas\*](#) from the [Texas Court of Criminal Appeals centralized court case files \(part II: file numbers 25001 thru 49719\)](#)

TSLAC archival holdings also include collections of interest not yet processed:

- John F. Kennedy Memorial Commission minutes and transcript, 1970-1971, fractional [There is no finding aid for this unprocessed collection. Call numbers are 1998/241 and 2008/124.]
- Governor John Connally letter re: Jack Ruby, March 1, 1964, fractional [There is no finding aid for this unprocessed collection. Call number is 2012/104.]
- Photographs of Governor John Connally's clothing, fractional [There is no finding aid for this unprocessed collection. Call number is 1999/165.]
- Jack Ruby scrapbook, 1963-1964, 4 inches [There is no finding aid available for this unprocessed collection. Call number is 2-22/970.]
- Kennedy (John F.) Assassination: UPI dispatch concerning, 1963, 1 item [There is no finding aid available for this unprocessed collection. Call number is 2-22/976.]
- Kennedy-Johnson welcome dinner tickets, 1963, 5 items [There is no finding aid available for this unprocessed collection. Call number is 2-22/744.]
- Osburn (Mary McMillan) collection, 1833, 1849-1865, 1884, 1963, 6.75 inches [There is no finding aid available for this unprocessed collection. Call number for the newspapers and magazines is 2-23/918.]
- Kennedy (John F.) Memorial Packet, 1963, 3 items [There is no finding aid available for this unprocessed collection. Call number is 2-23/919.]

### **Access to Holdings:**

TSLAC archival collections are available to be viewed on-site in our Archives Reading Room. More information about making an appointment, requirements for accessing archival materials, and contact information can be found on the [Before You Visit](#) webpage on our website.

## University of North Texas – Digital Collections



**Location:** Denton

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**Website:** <http://texashistory.unt.edu/>

### **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

[\*The John F Kennedy and Dallas Police Department Photograph Collection\*](#) contains 404 photographs that include the “sniper’s nest” in downtown Dallas’ Texas School Book Depository Building, where Oswald allegedly fired on Kennedy’s motorcade; the back and front yards of the boarding house at 214 Neely; Dealey Plaza; the intersection at Tenth Street and Patton Avenue where Oswald allegedly fatally shot Dallas patrolman J.D. Tippit; interiors of the Texas Theater, where Oswald was arrested by Dallas police; and the basement of Dallas City Hall, where Jack Ruby shot and killed Oswald on Nov. 24, 1963.

[\*The John F. Kennedy Memorial Collection\*](#) contains newspapers, correspondence, legal documents, police reports, photographs, and video footage documenting the weekend of President Kennedy’s assassination as well as the subsequent investigations into both Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby.

[\*The Jim Marrs Collection\*](#) contains Personal notes, writings and correspondence, articles, publications, photographs, slides, videos, audio recordings, books and posters resulting from journalist and author (Crossfire: The Plot That Killed Kennedy) Jim Marrs’ career and research. Marrs specialized in reporting on conspiracy theories and government cover-ups.

[\*The Judge Sarah T. Hughes Collection\*](#) Sarah Tilghman Hughes (1896-1985) practiced law in Dallas, and was the first woman to serve as a federal district judge in Texas (1961-1975; senior status until 1982), and championed various human and women’s rights causes. Notably, as a federal district judge, Hughes administered the presidential oath of office to Lyndon B. Johnson aboard Air Force One following the assassination of John F. Kennedy in November 1963.



[The Charles Reagan Papers](#) contains the research of Charles E. Reagan, Jr., who was working on a book about John F. Kennedy and the era surrounding his presidency. Items include his hand-written notes and manuscript on notepads, printed articles, magazines, and newspapers featuring Kennedy, and typed manuscript pages.

**Access to Holdings:**

This collection is available online for research.

## University of Texas at Arlington – Special Collections



**Location:** Arlington

**Contact:** Priscilla Escobedo: 817.272.7158 | Priscilla.Escobedo@uta.edu

**Website:** <https://libraries.uta.edu/collections/special-collections/searching>

### **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

*The Fort Worth Star Telegram Photo Collection of JFK* contains telegram photos showing JFK's visit to FW just before his assassination.

*The Jack White Collection*, a well-known JFK researcher, authored *The Many Faces of Lee Harvey Oswald*.

*The Squire Haskins Collection* contains Haskins' aerial photographs taken above Dealey Plaza the day after the assassination.

*The Center for Mexican American Studies Oral History Collection* contains the oral histories of Adan Gonzalez, Albert Pena, Aguinaldo Zamorra, and Richard Telles. They describe their individual efforts in establishing Viva Kennedy Clubs across Texas. [Tejano Voices](#)

A Fort Worth Perspective of JFK: <https://library.uta.edu/jfk/index.html> online exhibition with some of the photos from *The Fort Worth Star Telegram Photo Collection of JFK*

### **Access to Holdings:**

These collections are not available online but are open to researchers upon request.

# University of Texas at Dallas, McDermott Library

**Location:** Richardson

**Contact:** 972.883.2570 | [libspco@utdallas.edu](mailto:libspco@utdallas.edu)

**Website:** <http://texashistory.unt.edu/>

## **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

[UA 016-19 The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Collection](#) includes articles and press coverage of the assassination.

[UA010-12 Graduate Research Center of the Southwest \(GRCSW\)/Southwest Center for Advanced Studies \(SCAS\) Collection](#) contains material about the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest planning for a luncheon which the President was on his way to attend at the time of the assassination. It includes planning memos, correspondence, invitation to the events, and a copy of the speech the President was scheduled to deliver.

[UA015-19 The University of Texas at Dallas Oral History Collection](#) contains an oral history by Densie Hales, wife of Professor Anton Hales in which she describes attending the luncheon and hearing about the assassination.

[The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Collection \(Digital\)](#) includes digital versions of a table assignment card and invitation to the luncheon President Kennedy was scheduled to attend.

## **Access to Holdings:**

The collection is not available online but is open to researchers upon request.

# University of Texas – Dolph Briscoe Center for American History



## BRISCOE CENTER FOR AMERICAN HISTORY

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

**Location:** Austin

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**Website:** [www.briscoecenter.org](http://www.briscoecenter.org)

### **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

*The John F. Kennedy Collection* contains Memorabilia concerning the President's visit to Texas, including the text for two speeches Kennedy intended to deliver in Dallas and Austin.

*The JFK Assassination Collection* contains one of the sets of materials assembled by Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr.

*The Ralph Yarborough Papers* are 1400 linear feet of records documenting the career of the senior senator during the Kennedy years.

*The Joe Kilgore Papers* contain the papers of South Texas district Congressman Kilgore, including constituent mail from the assassination and its effect upon the district.

*The Earl C. Kubicek Collection* includes books, magazines, news clippings, pamphlets, government reports, typescripts of transcribed radio interviews, and scrapbooks concerning the assassination. Earl C. Kubicek was a private JFK collector from Santa Fe, NM.

*The Edith Parker Collection* includes personal, professional, and political correspondence, literary productions, education and employment records, photographs, other pictorial material, and a map. Edith Parker had close ties with LBJ and served on a committee chaired by JFK.

*The Richard M. Morehead Papers* contains the files of a longtime *Dallas Morning News* reporter and columnist who covered Texas politics during the Kennedy-Johnson years.

*The Harry Estill Moore Papers* contains the correspondence and research of a noted University of Texas sociologist who studied the effect of momentous events such as floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and integration on Texas society.

*Henry B. Gonzalez Papers* contains materials related to Gonzalez as co-chair of Kennedy's "Viva Kennedy" effort. The collections also includes Gonzalez's effort to establish a congressional committee to investigate the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Richard N. Goodwin Papers* contains of memoranda, drafts, correspondence, photographs, and digital materials related to Goodwin's career as a speech writer and assistant to political figures including John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Robert F. Kennedy.

**Access to Holdings:**

The collection is not available online but is open to researchers upon request.

## University of Texas at San Antonio – Special Collections



**Location:** San Antonio

**Contact:** 210.458.5505 | [specialcollections@utsa.edu](mailto:specialcollections@utsa.edu)

**Website:** <https://lib.utsa.edu/specialcollections>

### **Description and Relevance of Holding:**

Oral History interview with Dr. Adele E.U. Edisen, March 23, 2009. Dr. Edisen -- a neurophysiologist with a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago -- describes her interactions with Dr. Jose Rivera in 1963 that led her to a different conclusion regarding JFK's assassination than that of the Warren Commission.

### **Access to Holdings:**

The transcript of this oral history interview is online here:  
<https://digital.utsa.edu/digital/collection/p15125coll4/id/1966/rec/1>