



THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM AT DEALEY PLAZA

Jack Ruby

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Collections

The Museum's Collection provides audio, visual, documentary resources, and artifacts related to *Jack Ruby*, the Carousel Club, the Ruby trial, and his incarceration. Artifacts and documents include newspaper clippings, letters and photographs. 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](#)

Ruth Altshuler

A longtime community leader and member of the SMU Board of Trustees, Mrs. Altshuler was waiting at the Trade Mart for President Kennedy's arrival and then served on the Grand Jury that indicted Jack Ruby the following Monday. Recorded 5/25/2001.

Hugh Aynesworth

A reporter for The Dallas Morning News in 1963, Mr. Aynesworth covered the events of that weekend and has since become a recognized authority on the assassination. Recorded 7/28/1994.

Don Archer

A Dallas Police auto-theft detective assigned to the Trade Mart for President Kennedy's luncheon, Mr. Archer later witnessed the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald and extensively interviewed Jack Ruby that afternoon, ultimately informing Ruby that he was going to be charged with murder. Recorded 3/11/2002.

Eddie Barker

In 1963, Mr. Barker was News Director for Dallas CBS affiliate KRLD-TV/Channel 4. He was heavily involved in the coverage of the Kennedy assassination. Recorded 10/7/1992 and 10/23/2003.

Archie Barnes

A Dallas County deputy sheriff for 26 years, Mr. Barnes spent three months guarding Jack Ruby in his jail cell in 1965. He and Ruby talked and played board games, and Ruby drew pictures for Mr. Barnes' children. Recorded 9/29/2006.

Andrew Bell

Owner of radio station KSKY in Dallas, Mr. Bell was an acquaintance of Jack Ruby beginning in the early 1950s. He recalls the advertisements Ruby would read on the air for his clubs. Recorded 11/7/1997.

Fred Bieberdorf

A first aid technician working at Dallas Police headquarters on November 24, 1963, Mr. Bieberdorf was the first individual to examine Lee Harvey Oswald after his shooting. After riding in an ambulance with Oswald to Parkland Hospital, Mr. Bieberdorf returned to police headquarters and conducted an examination of Jack Ruby. Recorded 3/9/2007.

Eugene Boone

Mr. Boone was the Dallas Deputy Sheriff who discovered the rifle on the sixth floor of the School Book Depository. Prior to joining the sheriff's department, he worked at The Dallas Times Herald and had contact with Jack Ruby. Recorded 11/25/2003 and 11/20/2006.

Mary M. Booth

A cashier at the Skyliner Ballroom in Fort Worth in 1960, Mrs. Booth had occasional contact with Jack Ruby. In 1963, she was married to the late Captain Lloyd Booth of the Dallas County Sheriff's Department, who served as one of Ruby's jailers. As a result, Mrs. Booth had the opportunity to visit with Jack Ruby in prison. Recorded 7/28/2005.

George W. Bramblett, Jr.

Now a partner with Haynes and Boone, LLP, Mr. Bramblett was a freshman law student at SMU in 1964 and attended one day of the Jack Ruby Trial, which turned out to be the day of the infamous Dallas County jailbreak. Recorded 3/10/2004, 3/14/2004, and 5/19/2004.

Robert Brock

In 1963, Mr. Brock was The Dallas Times Herald television editor. Prior to that, he covered local nightclubs and was an acquaintance of Jack Ruby. Recorded 2/7/2000.

Howard Brodie

A noted courtroom sketch artist for over 35 years, Mr. Brodie covered every day of the Jack Ruby trial in 1964 as an artist correspondent for CBS News. Previously, during the 1960 campaign, he sketched both Kennedy and Nixon for Newsweek. Recorded 10/13/2006.

Judge Joe B. Brown, Jr.

A Dallas Justice of the Peace in 1963, Judge Brown held an inquest into the death of Officer Tippit and issued search warrants for several assassination-related locations. His father, Judge Joe B. Brown, presided over the Jack Ruby Trial in 1964. Recorded 3/2/2004, 3/14/2004, and 5/19/2004.

Phil Burleson

One of Jack Ruby's defense attorneys during his trial for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, Mr. Burleson remained part of the counsel until Ruby's death in 1967. Recorded 4/4/1995.

Phil Burleson, Jr.

Mr. Burleson, an attorney in Dallas, is the son of the late Phil Burleson, who served as one of Jack Ruby's defense attorneys until Ruby's death in 1967. His recollections of his father were recorded in conjunction with the Center for American and International Law during a Higginbotham Inn of Court panel discussion on the Ruby Trial. Recorded 5/19/2004.

Bill Cannon

A Dallas County deputy sheriff in the 1950s, Mr. Cannon visited Jack Ruby in prison in 1965 and made detailed notes of the experience. Now retired, Mr. Cannon writes books on Texas history and trivia. Recorded on 1/10/2003.

C. Keith Causey

Mr. Causey is the son of the late Max E. Causey, the first juror selected and later jury foreman for the Jack Ruby Trial. Recorded 8/23/2002.

Bill Ceverha

A reporter for KRLD-TV in 1963, Mr. Ceverha was on vacation in Chicago at the time of the assassination. In 1964, he covered the Ruby Trial for KRLD-TV and Westinghouse Broadcasting. Mr. Ceverha later became an active political leader and served in the Texas House of Representatives. Recorded 5/2/2005.

Howard Chamberlain

A longtime engineer at KRLD-TV, Mr. Chamberlain was at the Trade Mart, Parkland Hospital, Dallas City Hall, and the Dallas County Jail on the weekend of the assassination. His late wife, Pollyann Chamberlain, was an employee at the Old Red Courthouse and heard the shooting take place. In 1964, his late mother-in-law, Ruth Thornton, was briefly held hostage following a county jail break during the Jack Ruby trial. Recorded 5/17/2006.

Joe Cody

A Burglary and Theft detective with the Dallas Police in 1963, Mr. Cody went to the Texas School Book Depository after the assassination. A friend of Jack Ruby's, in 1960 he purchased a gun for Ruby that he later used to shoot Lee Harvey Oswald. Recorded 10/11/1999.

Joy Dale

In 1963, Ms. Dale worked as a stripper at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club. She spoke with Ruby at the club the afternoon of the assassination and was later interviewed on live television the day of the Oswald shooting. Recorded 8/3/2004.

Dr. John Mark Dempsey

The nephew of Max Causey, jury foreman of the Jack Ruby Trial, Dr. Dempsey is the editor of the 2000 book, *The Jack Ruby Trial Revisited*. He has also written an academic article on the diary of another Ruby Trial juror, J. Waymon Rose. Recorded on 12/6/2002.

Jim Dolan

Mr. Dolan is the son of the late James "Doc" Dolan, who was head of the Dallas office of the American Guild of Variety Artists in 1963. An alleged front for organized crime, AGVA booked dancers and entertainers for local clubs, including Jack Ruby's Carousel Club. Some researchers have linked Mr. Dolan's father to mafia figure Carlos Marcello and the Kennedy assassination. Recorded 6/2/2006.

Jim English

An engineer for KRLD-TV, Mr. English was at the Trade Mart, Parkland Hospital, and Dallas Police headquarters on November 22, 1963. On Sunday, he was operating the studio camera that captured Oswald's shooting. During the Jack Ruby trial in 1964, he operated the pool camera during the announcement of the verdict. Recorded 4/14/2006.

Charles Fisher

Art Director at KRLD-TV in 1963, Mr. Fisher processed film from all over the world the weekend of the assassination. In 1964, he was a sketch artist for the Jack Ruby Trial. Recorded 4/8/2004.

Judge Garvin Germany

As President of the Junior Bar Association in Dallas in 1959, Judge Germany hired exotic dancers from Jack Ruby for a stag party for the 1959 annual meeting of the American Bar Association. Supposedly among the distinguished guests at the party was Senator John F. Kennedy. Recorded 11/1/2005.

L. C. Graves

Dallas Police Detective Graves was on Lee Harvey Oswald's left side when he was shot during his transfer on November 24, 1963. Recorded 3/21/1994.

Kenneth Hansen

Mr. Hansen was working the KRLD art department in 1963 and processed film from all over the world during the assassination weekend. In 1964, he was one of the station's sketch artists for the Jack Ruby Trial. Recorded 4/8/2004.

Joe Hathaway

In 1962, Mr. Hathaway met Jack Ruby while working in the camera department at Sanger Brothers Department Store in Dallas. At Ruby's request, Mr. Hathaway frequently visited the Carousel Club for six months between 1962 and 1963 to photograph the dancers on stage. Recorded 8/21/2006.

Helen Holmes

Mrs. Holmes was Public Relations Director at the Sam Bloom Agency and coordinated media coverage for both President Kennedy's visit to Dallas and the Jack Ruby Trial. Recorded 5/3/1993 and 3/14/2004.

Bob Huffaker

A KRLD police reporter in 1963, Mr. Huffaker broadcast the motorcade through Dallas and later covered events at Parkland Hospital. He then reported live from Dallas Police headquarters on CBS and stood a few feet from Jack Ruby when Ruby shot Oswald on live television. In 1964, he covered the Jack Ruby trial. Recorded 8/3/1994 and 7/28/2006.

Betty Lewis

The widow of Jack Ruby's first attorney, Tom Howard, Ms. Lewis vividly recalls her late husband's involvement in the case and the controversy surrounding his death. Recorded 4/7/2004.

Bill Lower

Mr. Lower is the nephew of the late John Fisher, a prominent Dallas attorney in the 1960s and 1970s. Mr. Fisher knew Jack Ruby and believed that Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald to become a hero. Recorded 2/27/2007.

Al Maddox

A former Dallas Deputy Sheriff, Mr. Maddox went to the Texas School Book Depository building after the assassination. An acquaintance of Jack Ruby prior to the shooting, he was later assigned guard duty for Ruby in prison and later at Parkland Hospital. Recorded 3/7/2002, 6/4/2004, and 5/8/2006.

Joyce Martin

The wife of former ABC newsman Murphy Martin, Mrs. Martin sat in on every day of the Jack Ruby trial taking notes for her husband while he conducted interviews outside the courtroom. She became acquainted with both of Jack Ruby's sisters and always sat with them during the trial. Recorded 11/18/2004.

Murphy Martin

Longtime radio and television personality, Mr. Martin was a news anchor for ABC Television in New York at the time of the Kennedy assassination. He flew to Dallas that weekend to cover the Oswald funeral. In 1964, he supervised ABC's coverage of the Jack Ruby trial. Over the years, he has interviewed many key players and developed a close friendship with Oswald's brother, Robert. Recorded 6/22/2001 and 3/14/2004.

June McCoy

Mrs. McCoy is the widow of Allen McCoy, the second man chosen for the jury in the Jack Ruby Trial. Recorded 8/7/2002.

Beverly Oliver

A singer at the Colony Club in Dallas in 1963, Ms. Oliver knew Jack Ruby and many of his performers at the Carousel Club. In 1970, she came forward as a close eyewitness to the assassination, identified by researchers in films and photographs as the "Babushka Lady." Recorded 1/12/2007.

Robert B. Payne

A Dallas lawyer, Mr. Payne was acquainted with some of the conservative Dallas businessmen who funded the anti-Kennedy ad in The Dallas Morning News. Mr. Payne also visited Jack Ruby's apartment and met his sister. Recorded 12/18/2001.

Francois Pelou

A reporter with Agence France-Presse (AFP) in 1963, Mr. Pelou flew from New York to Dallas after the assassination and covered the scene at Dallas City Hall. He was a close eyewitness to Lee Harvey Oswald's shooting, and he was immediately interviewed by other reporters. In 1964, he covered the Jack Ruby trial. Recorded 7/22/2005.

Bob Porter

A theatre critic and columnist for The Dallas Times Herald, Mr. Porter was acquainted with Jack Ruby. From 1992 to 2001, Mr. Porter supervised the Oral History Project and handled public relations for The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. Recorded 1/26/1993.

Pat Revill

The wife of Dallas Police Lieutenant Jack Revill, Mrs. Revill worked as a secretary in District Attorney Henry Wade's office from 1964 to 1973 and had daily interaction with D.A. Wade and Assistant D.A. Bill Alexander. During that time, she worked on the Jack Ruby appeal. Recorded 5/4/2005.

Rusty Robbins

A Dallas patrolman in 1963, he was assigned crowd control on Main Street during the motorcade and guard duty later at Parkland Hospital after Oswald's shooting. An acquaintance of Jack Ruby, he often visited the Carousel Club. Recorded 9/5/2003.

Ann Rose

The wife of Ruby Trial juror J. Waymon Rose, Mrs. Rose observed several days of the trial and kept a diary of her experiences. Over the years, she created several oversized scrapbooks about the assassination and Ruby Trial, which were donated to the Museum in 2002. Recorded 6/25/2004.

Dr. Earl F. Rose

A distinguished forensic pathologist, Dr. Rose served as Dallas County medical examiner from 1963 to 1968. In that capacity, he performed the autopsies for Officer J. D. Tippit, Lee Harvey Oswald, and Jack Ruby. He would also have performed President Kennedy's autopsy had his body not been taken immediately back to Washington, D.C. Recorded 11/8/2005.

J. Waymon Rose

Mr. Rose was the tenth person selected to serve on the jury of the Jack Ruby Trial. He donated his diary that he kept during the trial to the Museum in 2002. Recorded 6/12/2002 and 3/14/2004.

Earl Ruby

Mr. Ruby was Jack Ruby's brother and believed that his brother killed Lee Harvey Oswald because of his love for John F. Kennedy. Recorded 10/20/1989.

Wilene Rushing

Mrs. Rushing is the widow of Dallas radio evangelist Rev. Ray Rushing, who unsuccessfully tried to visit Lee Harvey Oswald on the morning of his shooting. He allegedly encountered Jack Ruby while at Dallas Police headquarters that morning—at a time when Ruby testified he was still at his apartment. Recorded 1/11/2005.

Donald Safran

The nightclub columnist for The Dallas Times Herald in 1963, Mr. Safran was an acquaintance of Jack Ruby. Recorded 4/21/1995.

Paul Salos

An entertainer at the Theatre Lounge in Dallas in 1963, Mr. Salos knew Jack Ruby and spent time with him at his club and apartment. As a result, he was interviewed by the FBI. Recorded 7/20/2004.

Rabbi Hillel Silverman

Rabbi Silverman led Congregation Shearith Israel in Dallas during the 1950s and 1960s. He met Jack Ruby in 1958 following the death of Ruby's father and, after the assassination, visited Ruby frequently during his incarceration and 1964 trial. Recorded 6/28/2006.

Charles Tessmer

A notable criminal lawyer in 1963, Mr. Tessmer was a friend of Jack Ruby's and turned down the opportunity to represent him at his trial. Recorded 3/31/2000.

Joe Tonahill

One of Jack Ruby's defense attorneys, Mr. Tonahill remained loyal to Ruby even after the Ruby family dismissed him from the case. Recorded 8/9/1996.

Henry Wade

The District Attorney for Dallas County in 1963, Mr. Wade was extensively involved in the assassination investigation and later served as chief prosecutor during the Jack Ruby Trial. Recorded 7/20/1992.

Breck Wall

An entertainer in Dallas in 1963, Mr. Wall was one of Jack Ruby's best friends at the time of the assassination. He spoke to Ruby on the phone the day before Oswald's shooting and was one of the only individuals allowed to visit him in jail. Later, Mr. Wall was almost implicated in Jim Garrison's controversial investigation. Recorded 12/28/1993.

Abe Weinstein

Mr. Weinstein was the owner of the Colony Club, a burlesque establishment two doors down from Jack Ruby's Carousel Club on Commerce Street. Considered the most reputable burlesque establishment in Dallas, the Colony Club was the chief rival of Ruby's club. Recorded 8/16/1994.

Carol Wells

A 1960s Dallas restaurateur, Ms. Wells owned the La Pigalle club, a popular night spot among the Dallas gay community. Among her frequent customers was Jack Ruby and several of his strippers. Recorded 2/6/2007.

Bill Winfrey

A longtime photographer with The Dallas Morning News, Mr. Winfrey was heavily involved in covering the events of the weekend from Parkland Hospital to Dallas City Hall. He later covered the Ruby Trial and interacted with many of the key figures. Prior to the assassination, he frequented the Carousel Club and knew Ruby and many of his dancers. Recorded 7/15/2004.

Wes Wise

Mayor of Dallas from 1971 to 1976, Mr. Wise was a reporter for KRLD-TV in Dallas in 1963 and president of the Dallas Press Club. He spoke with Jack Ruby in Dealey Plaza the day after the assassination. Previously, in October of 1963, Mr. Wise captured on film the famous attack on U.N. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson in Dallas. From 1992 to 1997, Mr. Wise served as a consultant and primary interviewer for the Museum's Oral History Project. Recorded 1/26/1993 and 9/22/2005.

Tony Zoppi

The nightclub editor for The Dallas Morning News in 1963, Mr. Zoppi knew Jack Ruby for more than twelve years. He maintained contact with Ruby after the assassination and became good friends with Ruby's flamboyant defense attorney, Melvin Belli. Recorded 6/1/1992.

YouTube

[The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza Channel](#)

[Jack Ruby: The Man Who Shot Lee Harvey Oswald](#)

Jack Ruby, the Dallas nightclub owner who shot Lee Harvey Oswald on live national television two days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, is profiled by those who knew him: brother Earl Ruby, Dallas Morning News columnist Tony Zoppi, entertainers Breck Wall and Joy Dale, and Dallas Police Officer W.E. "Rusty" Robbins. The video includes actual footage from KRLD-TV's coverage of the shooting and a snippet from Ruby's Carousel Club.

[The Jack Ruby Trial: A Panel Discussion](#)

A panel discussion on the Jack Ruby Trial, organized by The Center for American and International Law, held on May 19, 2004. Panelists included: H. Louis Nichols, head of the Dallas Bar Association in 1963; Judge Joe B. Brown, Jr., son of Ruby trial Judge Joe B. Brown; Judge Barefoot Sanders, U.S. Attorney stationed in Dallas in 1963; and Phil Burleson, Jr., son of defense attorney Phil Burleson. The moderator was Dallas attorney George W. Bramblett, Jr.

[Living History with Nancy Myers](#)

An interview with Nancy Myers, a headlining stripper at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club at the time of the assassination. Myers performed under the stage name "Tammi True" and knew Ruby for several years.

[Oswald Has Been Shot!](#)

A panel discussion as part of its annual observance of the assassination's anniversary. A collection of law enforcement officials, photographers and reporters who were at or near Dallas Police Headquarters when Lee Harvey Oswald was shot by nightclub owner Jack Ruby discussed memories of that day. Featured panelists included KLIF police reporter Gary DeLaune, KRLD radio and television reporter Bob Huffaker, Dallas Times Herald photographer Bob Jackson, Dallas Police detective James Leavelle and NBC News producer Fred Rheinstein.

[Living History with Maurice "Mickey Carroll"](#)

An interview with Maurice "Mickey" Carroll, who was a reporter for the New York Herald Tribune in 1963. Carroll witnessed the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald, covered the Jack Ruby trial and later co-wrote the book Dallas Justice with Ruby's attorney Melvin Belli.

[Living History with Rio Sam Pierce](#)

A Dallas police officer for 27 years, Rio Sam Pierce was in charge of basement security on the day of Lee Harvey Oswald's scheduled transfer to Dallas County Jail. Pierce drove his vehicle up the Main Street ramp at the same time that many believe Jack Ruby gained access to the basement.

[Living History with Waymon Rose](#)

An interview with J. Waymon Rose, who was selected as the tenth juror for the Jack Ruby trial in 1964. Rose kept a diary throughout the trial and made scrapbooks of the event over the years, all of which are now part of the Museum's collection.

Websites

Texas State Historical Association, The Handbook of Texas Online - [Jack Ruby](#)

The Handbook of Texas Online is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association. This entry from the handbook provides basic biographical information about Ruby and his life.

History Matters - [Testimony of Jack L. Ruby](#)

A verbatim account of Ruby's testimony and affidavit taken during the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy during the Warren Commission Hearings.

Kennedy Assassination Home Page - <http://mcadams.posc.mu.edu/home.htm>

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."

National Archives - [The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection](#)

The site offers online guides on the various record groups, including the records of the Warren Commission, Assassination Records Review Board and the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Mary Ferrell Foundation - [Jack Ruby](#)

This website was created by researcher and historian Mary Ferrell. The site offers the largest searchable electronic collection of materials related to the JFK assassination.