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Collections

The Museum's Collection provides audio, visual, and artifacts related to the life, legacy and assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Artifacts and documents include campaign ephemera, musical scores, theatrical plays, and photographs. Audio and video recordings include oral history interviews, home movies and archival news footage.

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Oral Histories

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Harold L. Adams

A fellow of the American Institute of Architects and longtime chairman and CEO of RTKL Associates Inc. (1987-2003), Adams worked for noted American architect John Carl Warnecke in the early 1960s. In that capacity, Adams consulted directly with President and Mrs. Kennedy on the Lafayette Square Historic District in Washington, D.C., and supervised a personal project for Robert Kennedy. Adams was actively involved in the planning, design and construction of President Kennedy's gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery and consulted on early planning for the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. Recorded July 5, 2011.

Delbrook Binns

A freelance photographer in Massachusetts, Binns photographed John F. Kennedy at various times between 1953 and 1960. At the time of the assassination, he was serving jury duty in Boston. Recorded July 5, 2007.

Ann H. Buell

During the 1960 presidential campaign, Buell had frequent contacts with John F. Kennedy as she helped campaign for his election. Recorded February 13, 1995.

James F. Chambers, Jr.

Publisher of the Dallas Times Herald for many years, Chambers had several personal contacts with President Kennedy and helped keep his newspaper organized and working during the weekend of the assassination. Recorded June 10, 1994. Mr. Chambers passed away on September 21, 2006.

Toby Chandler

One of the youngest U.S. Secret Service agents assigned to the presidential detail, Chandler worked with Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson. He was in Washington, D.C., at the time of the assassination. Recorded November 20, 2010.

Nancy Cheney

One of the Dallas County Historical Foundation's original board members, Cheney had close ties to the Kennedy family. Recorded December 1, 1994.

Sue Crutchfield

Crutchfield was the cousin of the late U.S. Senator John McClellan of Arkansas (1943-77), an acquaintance of the Kennedy family. According to Crutchfield, her cousin was sent to Dallas to survey the city's political climate shortly before President Kennedy's trip to Texas. Recorded June 19, 2015.

John H. Davis

A cousin to the Kennedy family, Davis was the author of *The Kennedys: Dynasty and Disaster* (1993) and *Jacqueline Bouvier: An Intimate Memoir* (1998). Davis also wrote two books about the Kennedy assassination involving a mafia conspiracy. Recorded October 23, 1992. Mr. Davis passed away on January 29, 2012.

Robert Drew

A Life magazine editor and pioneer of American cinema verité, Drew made several documentaries about John F. Kennedy, including *Primary* (1960), *Crisis* (1963) and *Faces of November* (1964). Recorded January 9, 2004, and June 14, 2006. Mr. Drew passed away on July 30, 2014.

James W. Graham

Seven years old in 1963, Graham was inspired by President Kennedy to pursue a career as a speechwriter and political consultant. He is the author of *Victura: The Kennedys, a Sailboat, and the Sea* (2014). Recorded October 1, 2015.

Don Hewitt

Best known as the creator of 60 Minutes, Hewitt produced and directed the first televised presidential debate between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon. In 1963, he was the executive

producer of the CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite and he was one of the producers coordinating CBS coverage of the assassination. Recorded on November 9, 2002. Mr. Hewitt passed away on August 19, 2009.

Clint Hill

The most recognized U.S. Secret Service agent on the Kennedy detail, Hill jumped onto the back of the presidential limousine during the assassination. He received an award for his service and continued to protect Mrs. Kennedy for one year after the shooting. Reluctant to speak for years about the assassination, Hill was deeply impacted by the tragedy. Recorded November 18, November 19, and November 20, 2010, and April 19, 2012.

Philip Johnson

An internationally recognized American architect, Johnson was acquainted with the Kennedy family and designed the John F. Kennedy Memorial in Dallas, which was dedicated in 1970. Recorded August 11, 1998. Mr. Johnson passed away on January 25, 2005.

Dee J. Kelly

A longtime Fort Worth community leader, Kelly met John F. Kennedy in 1960 and attended his speech at the Hotel Texas on November 22, 1963. In the following years Kelly maintained close ties to the Lyndon Johnson and John Connally families. Recorded February 8, 2012. Mr. Kelly passed away on October 2, 2015.

Trini Lopez

An internationally recognized singer and guitarist, Lopez scored his first hit single in 1963. A Dallas native, he briefly worked at Jack Ruby's Vegas Club in the 1950s and went on to become acquainted with Kennedy family members, Frank Sinatra, and other notable figures. Recorded October 5, 2012.

Jacques Lowe

The Kennedys' personal photographer for many years, Lowe photographed John and Jackie Kennedy frequently from 1958 to 1961, taking some 40,000 images. During the 1960 presidential campaign, Lowe served as the official campaign photographer. Recorded October 9 and November 21, 1997. Mr. Lowe passed away on May 12, 2001.

Albert Maysles

A celebrated documentary filmmaker, Maysles worked with Robert Drew on the landmark 1960 Kennedy documentary *Primary*. In 1975 Maysles and his late brother, David, directed the film *Grey Gardens*, an intimate portrait of Jacqueline Kennedy's aunt and cousin. Recorded January 8, 2004. Mr. Maysles passed away on March 5, 2015.

John E. McElroy

McElroy served in the Pacific during World War II and was part of the rescue party sent to find John F. Kennedy and party after their ship, PT-109, was lost. Recorded March 4, 1998. Mr. McElroy passed away on February 10, 2001.

Lynne Novack

Former director of the Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations, Novack is the daughter of the late Colorado Republican leader Peter H. Dominick. Dominick, an acquaintance of President Kennedy and his brothers, served in the U.S. House of Representatives (1961-63) and the U.S. Senate (1963-75). Recorded May 20, 2015.

Kari-Mette Pigmans

A flight attendant for four decades, Pigmans was a Pan Am stewardess aboard the White House press plane in 1963 and traveled around the world with President Kennedy. She was in Dallas on the day of the assassination. Recorded August 1, 2012, and March 28 and March 29, 2014.

Cynthia S. Ray

Ray was Rose Kennedy's personal secretary from December 1963 until the summer of 1966. Recorded July 15, 1996.

Pierre Salinger

President Kennedy's press secretary, Salinger was en route to Japan with a group of Cabinet members at the time of the assassination. Recorded September 9, 1996. Mr. Salinger passed away on October 16, 2004.

Dr. Ira Seiler

A pediatric resident at Georgetown University Hospital in 1960, Seiler participated in the birth and treatment of John F. Kennedy, Jr. As a result, he was invited to sit on the platform for President Kennedy's inauguration. The letter Seiler wrote to Jackie Kennedy following the assassination was selected for publication in Dr. Ellen Fitzpatrick's book, *Letters to Jackie: Condolences from a Grieving Nation* (2010). Recorded August 24, 2010.

Capt. Maury Seitz

A former U.S. Air Force captain who later served as a longtime captain for American Airlines, Seitz was co-pilot on numerous chartered flights that backed up Air Force One during the Kennedy presidency. Seitz met the Kennedy family and spent time with Caroline and John Jr. During the Cuban missile crisis, his plane carried a JFK decoy during a top-secret flight. Recorded February 13, 2002, March 7, 2008, July 15, 2009, and June 9, 2010.

Hugh Sidey

A longtime journalist, Sidey was the White House correspondent for Time magazine and had frequent contact with President Kennedy. He was traveling with the presidential party in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Recorded November 20, 1995, and November 21, 2003. Mr. Sidey passed away on November 21, 2005.

Candace Reed Stern

Stern is a goddaughter of President Kennedy. Her late father, James A. Reed, and John F. Kennedy were longtime friends, having met in the South Pacific during World War II. Reed served as Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury from 1962 to 1965. Recorded April 2, 2013.

George Stevens, Jr.

As chief of the United States Information Agency's motion picture division in the 1960s, Stevens produced the celebrated documentary *John F. Kennedy: Years of Lightning, Day of Drums*. As the first director of the American Film Institute, he was involved in the opening of the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and has produced The Kennedy Center Honors since the program's inception. Recorded November 21 and 22, 2003.

Dr. Kathleen Stokes

As a student nurse at Georgetown University Hospital, Stokes had several personal encounters with Kennedy family members, including President Kennedy, between 1960 and 1963. Recorded November 2, 2011.

Cecil Stoughton

A captain in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, Stoughton was an official White House photographer for Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. He took more than 8,000 photographs of the Kennedys between 1961 and 1963, though he is best known as the only photographer to capture the swearing-in of Lyndon Johnson at Dallas Love Field. Recorded May 29, 1998. Mr. Stoughton passed away on November 3, 2008.

John Summey

A U.S. Army flight engineer and crew chief from 1958 to 1974, Summey flew aboard White House helicopters during the Eisenhower to Nixon administrations. He had several personal interactions with President Kennedy and his family. Recorded September 19, 2008, and July 8, 2013.

Vance & Dee W. Torbert, Jr.

Vance W. Torbert, Jr., was a PT boat captain during World War II and was stationed in the Pacific with Lt. John F. Kennedy. He was later offered the position of White House architect. Dee Torbert, who in 1963 was married to the late U.S. Rep. James M. Collins, was at the Trade Mart luncheon

with her husband on the day of the assassination. Recorded November 17, 2004. Mr. Torbert passed away on May 6, 2006.

Ambassador William vanden Heuvel

A distinguished lawyer and former representative to the United Nations, vanden Heuvel was Attorney General Robert Kennedy's assistant in the Justice Department during the Kennedy administration. Recorded November 21 and 22, 2003.

Harold Vaughan

A campaign secretary for the Boston area during John F. Kennedy's senatorial campaign in the 1950s, Vaughan had personal contact with JFK and arranged several of his appearances and public events, particularly in local African-American communities. He maintained political ties to the Kennedy family and later worked with Ted Kennedy on his early senatorial campaigns. Recorded July 25, 2007.

Senator Harris Wofford

A onetime civil rights advisor to both President Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Wofford also served as associate director of the Peace Corps (1962-66) and U.S. senator from Pennsylvania (1991-95). He wrote the book *Of Kennedys and Kings: Making Sense of the Sixties* (1992). Recorded September 21, 2010.

Speaker Jim Wright

A Democratic U.S. Congressman (1955-89) for more than three decades, Wright was Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1987 to 1989. In 1963, he was one of the key planners for President Kennedy's visit to Fort Worth, and he traveled with the presidential party to Dallas. Recorded February 22, 1996.

YouTube

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

[The Kennedy Half Century](#)

A conversation with Dr. Larry Sabato, University of Virginia professor and author of "The Kennedy Half Century." Moderator was Jim Falk, President of the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth.

[50 Years of Service: Peace Corps Volunteers 1961-2010](#)

A panel discussion in recognition of the 50th anniversary of President Kennedy's launch of the Peace Corps. Five decades of Peace Corps Volunteers reflected upon how the experience changed their lives and made a difference in the countries where they served. Documentary filmmaker Allen

Mondell moderated the conversation with his fellow returned Peace Corps Volunteers Jonathan Braddick, Rodney Davis-Gilbert, Paula Selzer and Sharon Sugarek.

[John F. Kennedy: Elusive Hero](#)

Television journalist and author Chris Matthews discussed his book, "Jack Kennedy: Elusive Hero" (2011), moderated by KERA's Lee Cullum.

[JFK and LBJ: The Evolution of Presidential Legacies](#)

This program featured Southern Methodist University political scientist Dennis Simon who moderated a discussion between LBJ Presidential Library Director Mark Updegrove, George W. Bush Presidential Library Director Alan Lowe and the University of Virginia's Miller Center political scientist Sidney Milkis about the changing nature of presidential legacies.

Websites

American Experience - [John F. Kennedy](#)

This Presidents Web site presents over 25 hours of Presidents programming as streaming *video*. It also builds on the enormous collection of research materials developed for the award-winning broadcasts. The site includes a summary page for each chief executive, provides Featured Presidents, an in-depth look at the presidents in the broadcast series line-up, and includes links to presidential sites, a detailed bibliography, collections of primary sources, and more. Of special note is an expanded Teacher's Guide for each of the featured presidents, which provides instructional activities and suggestions for using the programs in the classroom.

Arlington National Cemetery - [John F. Kennedy](#)

Arlington Cemetery serves as the final resting place for the thirty-fifth president. This web site includes information and photographs about Kennedy's death and burial.

CSPAN American Presidents - [John F. Kennedy](#)

The Peabody Award winning series profiles the men who have served as chief executive of the United States. This website provides an in-depth look at Kennedy's life, family and administration. A good source for elementary and secondary school students.

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum - www.jfklibrary.org

The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum is dedicated to the life, leadership and legacy of President Kennedy. The site offers biographical information about Kennedy and the Kennedy family, historic speeches, a photo gallery, interactive exhibits and a link to the JFK 50th Anniversary Website. Information about President Kennedy's last two days in Texas including a video clip documenting his trip can be found at *here*.

Library of Congress - [John F. Kennedy: A Resource Guide](#)

List of resources including America's Library (stories designed for elementary and middle school students), exhibitions, prints and photographs, The Teacher's Page (short essay on the 1960 election and links related to documents found within American Memory), and webcasts related to John F. Kennedy.

The Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia - [John F. Kennedy](#)

The Miller Center is a leading public policy institution, with a focus on Presidential studies. This site provides a brief list of biographical facts on Kennedy, essays on Kennedy, his family and his administration, video and audio clips of important speeches delivered by Kennedy, and White House Presidential tapes, transcripts and audio clips. Also, included are Miller Center presentations and a list of Miller Center Kennedy scholars.

National Park Service, Teaching with Historic Places - [Birthplace of John F. Kennedy](#)

Teaching with Historic Places posts lesson plans that help tell personal story of Kennedy as a young child. The interactive exercise visits his birthplace home and considers the effects of culture and community in shaping his character and personality.

The Presidential Timeline of the Twentieth Century - www.presidentialtimeline.org/

The Presidential Timeline provides a single point of access to an ever-growing selection of digitized assets from the collections of the thirteen Presidential Libraries of the National Archives. Among these assets you'll find documents, photographs, audio recordings, and video relating to the events of the presidents' lives. The goal of the project is to make these resources readily and freely available to students, educators, and adult learners throughout the world.

The White House - [John F. Kennedy](#)

The White House is the official residence of the President of the United States, recognized worldwide as a symbol of the prestige of the presidency. Through this site, you can learn more about the President's office, the many state rooms, and the grounds and history of America's most famous home.