



THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM AT DEALEY PLAZA

Reporting and the JFK Assassination

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Collections

The Museum's Collection provides audio, visual, documentary resources, and artifacts related to news reporters and photographers that covered the assassination of the President and its aftermath. Artifacts and documents include photographs, press badges, notebooks, memoirs, newspapers,

letters and cameras. 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](#)

Pierce Allman

A WFAA radio reporter, Allman was one of the first media representatives inside the Texas School Book Depository. He is believed to have encountered Lee Harvey Oswald leaving the building. Recorded November 30, 1995, November 20, 2006, September 25, 2010, and January 26, 2013.

Eddie Barker

In 1963, Barker was news director for Dallas CBS affiliate KRLD-TV/Channel 4. He was heavily involved in the coverage of the Kennedy assassination. Recorded April 14, 1993, November 22, 1998, October 23, 2003, June 8, 2006, and January 24, 2007.

Isadore "Izzy" Bleckman

A photographer for Fox Movietone News in 1963, Bleckman filmed the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald. Earlier that weekend, he filmed on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, at the Texas Theatre, and at other assassination-related sites in the Dallas area. In 1964, he covered the Jack Ruby trial. Recorded August 15, 2009.

Alex Burton

A reporter for Dallas NBC affiliate WBAP-TV, Burton covered some of the events of the assassination weekend in Dallas. Later, he served as a commentator on community affairs. Recorded August 30, 1995.

Michael Cochran

A reporter for the Associated Press, Cochran interviewed Marina and Marguerite Oswald during the weekend of the assassination and then served as a pallbearer for Lee Harvey Oswald. Recorded July 14, 1993, and November 19, 1998.

Gary DeLaune

The police reporter for radio station KLIF in Dallas, DeLaune covered the events of that weekend, and on Sunday, he was standing next to photographer Bob Jackson as he took his Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph of Jack Ruby shooting Lee Harvey Oswald. In 1964, DeLaune covered the Ruby trial. Recorded October 21, 1998, February 4 and November 10, 2012.

Jim English

An engineer for KRLD-TV, English was at the Trade Mart, Parkland Memorial 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 April 14, 2006.

Jim Ewell

A *Dallas Morning News* reporter, Ewell was at the Texas Theatre when Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested. Later, Ewell became the spokesperson for the Dallas County Sheriff's Department. Recorded December 14, 1993.

A.C. Greene

Editor of the *Dallas Times Herald's* editorial page in 1963, Greene was also a columnist, author and noted Dallas and Texas historian. Recorded June 18, 1992.

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.

Bob Huffaker

A KRLD police reporter in 1963, Huffaker broadcast the motorcade through Dallas and later covered events at Parkland Memorial 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, Huffaker covered the Jack Ruby trial. Recorded August 3, 1994, November 22, 1998, July 28, 2006, November 1, 2007, June 24 and November 20, 2008, April 3 and October 28, 2009, June 30, 2010, October 25, 2011, February 22, October 27, and November 10, 2012.

Bob Jackson

In 1963, Jackson was a photographer with the *Dallas Times Herald*. On November 22, 1963, he covered the president's arrival at Dallas Love Field and, while riding in the motorcade, spotted a rifle in the sixth floor window of the Texas School Book Depository building. He was also at Parkland Memorial Hospital and Dallas police headquarters that day. On Sunday, Jackson captured an iconic image of Jack Ruby shooting Lee Harvey Oswald, which won the 1964 Pulitzer Prize in News Photography. Recorded November 22, 1993, October 23, 2003, February 28, 2007, April 17 and July 22, 2009, September 10 and October 16, 2010, and November 10, 2012.

Frank B. Johnston

A thirty-five year photographer with *The Washington Post*, Johnston was working for the Austin bureau of United Press International in 1963. In the basement of Dallas police headquarters, he captured an image of Lee Harvey Oswald approximately one second before he was fatally shot by Jack Ruby. In 1964, Johnston testified at Ruby's trial and also covered the event as a UPI photographer. Recorded August 15, 2009.

Jon McConal

A longtime reporter for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, McConal spent the weekend of the assassination in the newsroom and interviewed Marguerite Oswald on Sunday. The following day he served as a pallbearer at Lee Harvey Oswald's funeral. Recorded November 19, 1998, and October 20, 2005.

Ike Pappas

A reporter with radio station WNEW-New York, Pappas flew to Dallas to cover the assassination story and spent the weekend at Dallas police headquarters. On Sunday, he was one of the closest bystanders to the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald. Recorded March 1, 1993.

Bob Ray Sanders

A respected longtime newspaper, radio and television journalist in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Sanders was attending high school at an African-American school in Fort Worth in 1963. On Thanksgiving Day that year, his marching band performed a memorial tribute to President Kennedy. Sanders was later an active supporter of the civil rights and peace movements of the 1960s and 1970s. Recorded September 6, 2006, September 19, 2007, June 11, 2008, and January 13, 2012.

Peggy Simpson

The only female Associated Press reporter working in Texas in 1963, Simpson covered the events of that weekend at the Texas School Book Depository building and Dallas police headquarters. On Sunday morning, she was an eyewitness to the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald. Recorded April 11, 2005.

Richard B. Stolley

The senior editorial advisor of Time, Inc., and the founding managing editor of *People* magazine, Stolley was the Los Angeles bureau chief for *Life* magazine in 1963. Immediately after the assassination, he traveled to Dallas and negotiated the magazine's purchase of the rights to the Abraham Zapruder film. Recorded November 22, 1996, November 21, 2003, October 15, 2008, and November 19, 2011.

YouTube

[A Photographer's Story: Bob Jackson and the Kennedy Assassination](#)

Bob Jackson was a photographer with the Dallas Times Herald and followed President John F. Kennedy's motorcade from Love Field through downtown Dallas on November 22, 1963. He was a few cars behind President Kennedy's limousine as it passed through Dealey Plaza and was one of only a handful of eyewitnesses to see a rifle protruding from a sixth-floor window of the former Texas School Book Depository.

[Covering Chaos: Reporting the JFK Assassination](#)

Covering Chaos explores the challenges faced by reporters covering the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in November 1963. Produced as the introduction to a special exhibition created by The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in 2005, it includes actual footage from White House Assistant Press Secretary Malcolm Kilduff's official announcement of the death of the President, the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald by nightclub owner Jack Ruby, and coverage of President Kennedy's funeral.

[Journalists, Trauma and JFK: Images That Shape History](#)

The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza hosted The Ochberg Society for Trauma Journalism's conversation with four Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalists whose work includes tragic news events. Photographers Tom Franklin, Bob Jackson, Kim Komenich and John Moore reflected on why pictures have so much power to shape society's understanding of tragedy. Komenich moderated the discussion.

[Journalists, Trauma and JFK: Why Storytelling Matters](#)

The Sixth Floor Museum hosted The Ochberg Society for Trauma Journalism's conversation with individuals who recalled President Kennedy's assassination. Rosemary Hinojosa, Brenda Spencer Robertson, Albert Valtierra discussed the African American and Mexican American community responses. The Dallas Morning News reporter Diane Solis moderated. Former Dallas Morning News staffers Bob Miller and Jim Ewell shared details about covering the story with current Dallas Morning News reporter David Tarrant.

[When the News Went Live: Author Panel Discussion](#)

A panel discussion featuring former KRLD journalists Bob Huffaker, Bill Mercer, and Wes Wise, who were joined by former KRLD photographer George Phenix. They discussed their memories of covering the Kennedy assassination and their joint book, *When the News Went Live: Dallas, 1963* (2004).

[LIFE: The Day Kennedy Died](#)

A panel discussion featuring LIFE managing editor Richard Stolley; contributing editor Jim Baker and editorial director Bob Sullivan; and Abraham Zapruder's granddaughter Alexandra as they discussed the 50th anniversary of the date that LIFE mobilized to cover President Kennedy's assassination. This presentation took place on October 26, 2013 as part of a tour to promote their book, "LIFE: The Day Kennedy Died: 50 Years Later LIFE Remembers the Man and the Moment" (2013).

[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.

Websites

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum- [News Media](#) and [Nov. 22, 1963](#)

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to the memory of our nation's thirty-fifth president and to all those who through the art of politics seek a new and better world.

The Museum of Broadcast Communication - [Assassination and Funeral of JFK](#)

The Museum of Broadcast Communications collects, preserves, and presents historic and contemporary radio and television content as well as educates, informs, and entertains the public through its archives, public programs, screenings, exhibits, publications and online access to its resources. This article explains how television influenced the events surrounding the assassination and the days following November 22, 1963.

Newseum.org - [John F. Kennedy](#)

The Newseum offers visitors an experience that blends five centuries of news history with up-to-the-second technology. The website contains links to current exhibits featuring the life, death, and legacy of President John F. Kennedy.

PBS - [The Kennedy Assassination](#)

The nation marks the anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and historians discuss the public's perceptions of the many conspiracy theories still associated with the president's untimely death. The site provides a list of PBS documentaries and articles on the topic of the life, death, and legacy of President John F. Kennedy.