

William J. Clinton Presidential Library

Guide to Audiovisual Holdings

Introduction

The following is a guide that provides a brief overview of the audiovisual materials in the custody of the Clinton Presidential Library. This guide does not provide all-inclusive information. However, it does serve as a general guide.

Collection:

White House Photograph Office (WHPO)

The White House Photograph Office was responsible for the official photography of the First Family and the Presidential administration. The primary duty of this office was to document the President, First Lady, and staff in their official capacities. The office handled media and personal requests for photographs of the President and administration.

Official Photographers for the Clinton administration are as follows:

Robert McNeely
Sharon Farmer
Barbara Kinney
Ralph Alswang
David Scull

The collection is approximately 553 linear feet in size. There are approximately over 88,000 photo rolls of 35mm film, and approximately over 23,000 born digital photographs in the photograph collection

Collection:

White House Communications Agency (WHCA)

The White House Communications Agency was responsible for the audio and video documentation of the President and staff. The primary duties of this office involved the audio and video recording of the President and his staff during their official capacities. The office handled media requests for audiovisual material. Within the agency there was a sub office that created the video documentation. The White House Television Office (WHTV) recorded on video formats the President and staff while in office. The size of the WHTV collection is approximately 12,489 betacam formatted videotapes.

The White House Communications Agency in addition to the WHTV video also provided two other primary audiovisual documentations for the administration. The agency recorded the

President's, First Lady, and staff speeches to audio cassette format. The size of the audio cassette collections are approximately over 11,000 tapes. In addition, the agency recorded "off the air" video from broadcast, cable, and satellite providers concerning the President, First Lady, and staff for the administration. These video recordings are under copyright of the originating broadcaster. The size of the "off the air" video recordings collection is approximately over 7,000 videotapes in a variety of videotape formats.