
Guide to the Nixon Presidential Photograph Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Nixon Presidential Photograph Collection

Dates: 1969-1972

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Collection Size: 1.5 linear feet (5 oversize boxes).

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Abstract: Mounted prints taken by official White House photographers; given to Mrs. [?] Firestone, mother of Brooks Firestone, and prominent Republican supporter.

Physical location: Annex 2.

Languages: English

Access Restrictions

None. Collection is stored off-site; advance notice required for retrieval.

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Brooks Firestone, via UCSB History Department, 2007.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection, donated by Brooks Firestone, is comprised of official White House photographic prints, primarily taken by Ollie Atkins, the Official White House Photographer during the Nixon administration. The collection includes over 50 large format prints with matching descriptions, as well as two medium size photograph collections focusing on his daughter Tricia's wedding at the White House Rose Garden in June 1971 and on Nixon's trip to China in February of 1972 in which he met Chairman Mao Zedong and other Chinese officials.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994.

Atkins, Oliver F., 1916-1977

Related Material

Original prints, slides, and negatives of Ollie Atkins' photographs are located in the Special Collections & Archives Department at George Mason University: Many of the prints in this collection have been digitized by GMU and are available here: <http://www.gmu.edu/library/specialcollections/ollie1.html> .

Researchers looking for information and additional photographs about President Nixon may want to contact the Nixon Presidential Library and Museum: <http://www.nixonlibrary.gov/> .

Numbered Series

Scope and Content Note

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| Box 1 | 8. Typical ceremony for a State visit, South Lawn, White House, May 26, 1970. |
| Box 1 | 9. President and Mrs. Nixon attend reception at French Embassy with President and Madame Georges Pompidou, Feb. 25, 1970. |
| Box 1 | 10. The President converses with Chancellor Willy Brandt of Germany in the Green Room at the White House, May 14, 1969. |
| Box 1 | 11. Mrs. Nixon receives a big hug during a party for diplomatic children, Dec. 23, 1969. |
| Box 1 | 12. The President meets with David Lupi, the Hearing and Speech Poster Child, Apr. 24, 1969. |
| Box 1 | 15. The President throws out the first ball at opening day, Apr. 7. |
| Box 1 | 17. Duke Ellington looks on as the President takes a turn at the piano. |
| Box 1 | 23. Presidential motorcade with President Nixon and President Diaz Ordaz of Mexico; San Diego, California, Sep. 9, 1970. |
| Box 2 | 28. Tricia and friends attend a masked party at the White House. |
| Box 2 | 32. President Nixon visits Pope Paul at the Vatican, Sep. 28, 1970. |
| Box 2 | 33. Airport arrival ceremonies at Belgrade, Yugoslavia with President Tito, Sep. 30, 1970. |
| Box 2 | 34. Motorcade during visit to Madrid, Spain, Oct. 2, 1970. |
| Box 2 | 35. Mrs. Nixon receives Irish linen from a family in Ireland during visit, Oct. 4, 1970. |
| Box 2 | 36. Motorcade in Dublin, Ireland, during visit, Oct. 5, 1970. |
| Box 2 | 37. President Nixon stops along roadside to watch horsemen work out during visit to Ireland, Oct. 5, 1970. |
| Box 2 | 47. President Nixon walks with Prime Minister Heath at the Presidential retreat, Camp David, Maryland, Dec. 18, 1970. |

Unnumbered Series

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| Box 3: 1 | Tricia Nixon's wedding at the White House, June 12, 1971 (15 photographs, see box 4 for one additional oversize photograph) |
| Box 3: 2 | Nixon in China, Feb. 21-28, 1972 (8 photographs, see box 5 for one additional one oversize photograph) |
| Box 3: 3 | "Special Photographic Report on Recent Activities of the President and the First Family," April 5, 1974. (41 photographs plus 1 form letter from O. Atkins) |
| Box 3: 4 | Portrait of President Nixon; Portrait of President and Mrs. Nixon; photograph of Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Ford, Queen Fabiola of Belgium, and one unidentified woman |
| Box 4 | Miscellaneous images of President Nixon, the First Family, and the White House, May 14, 1969-July 18, 1971 (9 photographs) |
| Box 5 | Miscellaneous images of President Nixon, the First Family, and the White House, Aug. 6, 1971-May 24, 1972 (8 photographs) |
| Box 5 | Miscellaneous images of President Nixon, the First Family, and the White House, undated. (3 photographs) |