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## **Finding Aid for the Allen Family Collection of Kennedy-Johnson Inaugural Ephemera, 1961-1963**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Allen Family Collection of Kennedy-Johnson Inaugural Ephemera

**Date (inclusive):** 1961-1963

**Collection number:** 1751

**Extent:** 1 box (.5 linear ft.)2 oversize boxes.

**Abstract:** The collection consists mainly of ephemera and printed material, a ball gown worn by the donor's mother to the Inauguration Ball, publications such as "Life" and "Look" and newspapers which cover the Kennedy inauguration and assassination. This collection also includes ephemera from the California Governor Brown's Inauguration.

**Language:** Finding aid is written in English.

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.

Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

**Physical location:** Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library, Department of Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.

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**Provenance/Source of Acquisition**

Gift of Judith A. and Gene Tuch in memory of Marian and Albert H. Allen, 2007.

**Preferred Citation**

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**Processing Note**

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**Biography**

Marian and Albert H. Allen attended the Kennedy-Johnson Inauguration in 1961. Marian Allen (1917-2003) and Albert H. Allen (d. 2002) married in 1939. Mr. Allen was one of the longest practicing attorneys in California, practicing real estate law in Beverly Hills for nearly 70 years.

**Scope and Content**

The John F. Kennedy Collection of Inaugural and Assassination Ephemera consists of invitations and tickets from the John F. Kennedy Presidential Inauguration, menus, magazines, newspapers and the ball gown worn by the donor's mother, Marian Allen, to the Inauguration Ball. Publications such as "Life" and "Look" cover the Kennedy inauguration and assassination as well as newspapers and newspaper clippings from Los Angeles and Washington. This collection also includes ephemera from the California Governor Brown's Inauguration. The bulk of the collection dates from 1961-1963.

**Organization and Arrangement**

Arranged in the following series:

1. John F. Kennedy inaugural material
2. Edmund G. Brown inaugural material

**Indexing Terms**

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

**Subjects**

Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963 --Inauguration, 1961 --Archival resources.

Presidents --United States --Inauguration --Archival resources.

**Genres and Forms of Material**

Evening dresses (garments).

Ephemera.

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Series 1. **John F. Kennedy inaugural material**

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Subseries 1. **Ephemera**

- Box 1, Folder 1                    **Campaign button for John F. Kennedy**
- Box 1, Folder 2                    **Inaugural Guidebook 1961**
- Box 1, Folder 3                    **Invitation to Inaugural Ball 1961 January 20**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   Invitation to the Inaugural Ball with envelope and RSVP card. 5 items.
- Box 1, Folder 4                    **Invitation to Inaugural Gala 1961 January 20**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   Engraved invitation, hard card stock sheet, and envelope.
- Box 1, Folder 5                    **Invitation to Inaugural Gala from the Democratic National Committee at the Armory 1961 January 19**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   Invitation and envelope.
- Box 1, Folder 6                    **Invitation to reception honoring Mr. James Edward Day, Postmaster General-Designate 1961 January 19**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   Invitation and envelope.
- Box 1, Folder 7                    **Official Inaugural photo of Marian and Albert H. Allen in Ball Gown with official seal 8x10" black and white photo 1961 January 20**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   Marian Allen is wearing the I Magnin ball gown in this photo, which is part of this collection.
- Box 1, Folder 8                    **Official Inaugural Program 1961 January 20**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   The official Inaugural Program for John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, January 20, 1961 with envelope.
- Box 1, Folder 9                    **Programs--Inaugural Gala 1961 January 19**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   Two Inaugural Gala programs in honor of the inauguration of John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Lyndon Baines Johnson at the Armory, Washington D.C. Includes photographs of Jacqueline Kennedy, John F. Kennedy, Lady Bird Johnson, Lydon B. Johnson, Harry S. Truman, Eleanor Roosevelt, and gala entertainers: Harry Belafonte, Milton Berle, Leonard Bernstein, Joey Bishop, Nat Cole, Tony Curtis, Bette Davis, Jimmy Durante, Ella Fitzgerald, Mahalia Jackson, Gene Kelly, Alan King, Peter Lawford, Janet Leigh, Frederic March, Ethel Merman, Sir Laurence Olivier, Sidney Poitier, Keely Smith, Louis Prima, Juliet Prowse, Anthony Quinn, Nelson Riddle, Frank Sinatra, Pat Suzuki, and Helen Traubel.

Box 1, Folder 10  
Box 1, Folder 11

**Reception Menu [1961]**

**Tickets to Inaugural 1961 [January]**

**Scope and Content Note**

1 Presidential Inauguration Ticket- silver  
3 Inaugural Platform tickets, January 20, 1961 - green  
4 Inauguration tickets - blue and grey  
3 Texas State Society Reception honoring VP elect Lyndon B. Johnson tickets  
1 Democratic National Convention ticket  
1 Democratic National Committee Inaugural Gala contribution card for free ticket.

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**Subseries 2. Publications**

Box 1, Folder 12

**Inaugural Spectacle: by the editors of Life 1961**

**Publisher:** Life

**Scope and Content Note**

Special edition magazine, "Inaugural Spectacle: by the editors of Life, Souvenir Edition 50¢"

Box 2, Folder 1

**Kennedy and his family in pictures: by the editors of Look 1963**

**Scope and Content Note**

Magazine: "Kennedy And His Family: By the Editors of Look, with exclusive pictures from the files of Look, One Dollar."

Box 2, Folder 2

**Life: November 29, 1963 1963 November 29**

**Scope and Content Note**

Magazine: "Life: November 29, 1963 25¢ Caption reads, "President John F. Kennedy 1917-1963."

Box 2, Folder 3

**Life: December 6, 1963 1963 December 6**

**Scope and Content Note**

Magazine: "Life: December 6, 1963, 25¢ Caption reads, "Mrs. Kennedy, Caroline and John Jr. wait to join procession to capitol."

Box 2, Folder 4

**Post: In Memoriam: A senseless tragedy, the New President 1963 December 14**

**Scope and Content Note**

Magazine "Post: The Saturday Evening Post December 14, 1963 20¢: In Memoriam: A Senseless Tragedy, The New President, John F. Kennedy 1917-1963" Portrait on front cover by Norman Rockwell.

Box 2, Folder 5

**Newspapers and Clippings 1961-1963**

**Physical Description:** 18 clippings pasted on paper.

**Scope and Content Note**

Portions or whole of the following newspapers:

*The Washington Post*, January 20, 1961

*The Washington Post*, January 21, 1961

*Citizen-News* (Los Angeles), November 22, 1963

*Herald Examiner* (Los Angeles), November 22, 1963 (2 copies)

*Times Classified Ads* (Los Angeles), November 23, 1963

*The Los Angeles Times*, November 23, 1963

*The New York Times*, November 25, 1963.

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Subseries 3. **Textiles 1961**

Box 3

**Inaugural Ball Gown 1961 January 20**

**Scope and Content Note**

I Magnin ball gown worn by Mrs. Allen to the Kennedy-Johnson Inauguration.

Series 2. **Edmund G. Brown inaugural material**

Box 1, Folder 13

**Invitation to inaugural brunch 1961**

**Scope and Content Note**

Invitation from the California Democratic Congressional Delegation to a Brunch for Californians at the Mayflower Hotel

Inaugural Activities Calendar and Information

Democratic National Committee Memorandum Re Inauguration.

Box 1, Folder 14

**Program 1963 January 7**

**Scope and Content Note**

Inaugural Ceremony and Joint Legislative Session Program. 2 copies.

Box 1, Folder 15

**Program 1963 January 6-8**

**Scope and Content Note**

California Governor Brown's Inaugural Sacramento Tour Program.

Box 1, Folder 16

**Program and tickets 1963 January 7**

**Scope and Content Note**

Governor's Inaugural Celebration

Sacramento Memorial Auditorium

Inaugural Dance, El Dorado Hotel Program. 2 copies

One inauguration ticket and one inaugural dance ticket.