

## 1953 Presidential Inauguration

### **ADKINS, BERTHA S.: Papers, 1907-1989**

Box 22 [Presidential Inauguration, 1953] (1)-(2)

### **BROWNELL, HERBERT JR.: Papers, 1877-1988**

Box 42 Inauguration 1953 (1)-(4)

### **COCHRAN, JACQUELINE: Papers**

#### **Eisenhower Campaign Series**

Box 2 [Eisenhower Inauguration Program 1953] (1)(2)

#### **General File Series**

Box 40 Inauguration 1953 (1)(2)

#### **Scrapbook Series**

Box 21 Black Album - Presidential Invitations and Programs 1953 Inauguration (1)(2)

### **Dwight D. Eisenhower Library: Small Manuscript Collections**

Box 49 Dale Richardson [newspaper clippings and flight orders re: flight of a U.S. Navy blimp over Washington, DC, on Inauguration Day, January 20, 1953]

Box 51 Sandra S. Fisher (1)-(2) [1953 Inauguration parade documents including District of Columbia Metropolitan Police meeting minutes, orders, and arrangements; vehicle pass; parade map; complimentary guide book]

Box 63 Bobbie Pray ["Account of the Trip To and Activities Involving the Inauguration for Dwight D. Eisenhower, January 16-20, 1953," by Mildred A. Pray]

Box 65 Marie C. Farca [memoir and scanned copies of photographs of the Nationality Groups of American float in the 1953 inaugural parade]

### **EISENHOWER, DWIGHT D.: Papers as President**

#### **Cabinet Series**

Box 1 Cabinet Mtg Commodore 1/12/53 [discussion of matters pertaining to inauguration]

#### **Campaign Series**

Box 1 Inauguration 1953 (1)(2) [guest lists and related correspondence]  
Inauguration programs, etc. (1)(2)

#### **Speech Series**

Box 3 Speeches--Prime Copy Inaugural Address 1/20/53  
Inaugural Address 1/20/53

### **EISENHOWER, DWIGHT D.: Records as President, White House Central Files**

#### **Alphabetical File Series**

Box 1527 Inaugural, A-K  
Inaugural, L-Z  
Inauguration (only)

#### **General File Series**

Box 97 GF 6-A Inauguration 1952-1953 (1)-(4)

Box 98 GF 6-A Inauguration 1952-1953 (5)

GF 6-A-1 Inauguration, Tickets for Inaugural Events

GF 6-A-1 Inauguration, Tickets for Inaugural Events A, B

Box 99 GF 6-A-1 Inauguration, Tickets for Inaugural Events C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N,  
GF 6-A-1 Inauguration, Tickets for Inaugural Events O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, Z-Y-Z  
GF 6-A-2 Inauguration, Inaugural Medals

Box 1034 GF 132 Inauguration Day

**Official File**

Box 328OF 101-A Inauguration (1)  
OF 101-A-1 Inauguration, Inaugural Medal

**Permanent File (Office of Executive Clerk, William Hopkins)**

Box 1 Inauguration, 1953-1961 (1)

**Pre-Inaugural Files of Dwight D. Eisenhower, July 1952- January 1953 [except where noted, these citations refer primarily to attendance of/or tickets to Inaugural events]**

- Box 1 California: MA-MZ [George Murphy]
- Box 2 Colorado: M-Z [C. A. Schmitt]  
Colorado: Nielsen, Aksel
- Box 3 District of Columbia: Black James C.  
District of Columbia: EA-EZ [Edward Elson re: religious services on Inauguration Day;  
Luther Evans re: Eisenhower exhibit at Library of Congress to open 1/20/53]  
District of Columbia: LA-LZ [Eisenhower exhibit at Library of Congress]  
District of Columbia: McGarraghy, Joseph [various arrangements for events]  
District of Columbia: Maines, George  
District of Columbia: SA-SZ [Warren Stephenson re: tickets, Paul Smilo's medal]
- Box 4 Florida: BA-BZ [J. D. Brandon]  
Florida: PA-PZ [Gen. W. S. Paul re: Inauguration Day church services; William Pawley]  
Georgia: A-Z [Joe W. Jones]  
Illinois: FA-FZ [John A. Feaman]
- Box 5 Illinois: HA-HZ [Romy Hammes]  
Illinois: Klein, Julius [Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver to participate inaugural services]  
Indiana: TA-TZ [Joseph Giallana offering original song for use at Inauguration]
- Box 6 Maryland: Littlejohn, Maj. Gen. Robert M.  
Massachusetts: A-Z [Charles Hedges re: National Day of Prayer prior to Inauguration]
- Box 7 Minnesota: Bullis, Harry  
Missouri: Eisenhower, Arthur  
Missouri: Finder, Leonard
- Box 8 New York: BA-BZ [Charles Bunnell re: elephant selected to march in parade]  
New York: CA-CZ [Mrs. Daniel Connor]
- Box 9 New York: FA-FZ [M. Loeb offering to make a hat for the Inaugural ceremony]  
New York: HA-HZ [brochure for the Kansas Sunflower Inaugural Special train]  
New York: Haas, Roland
- Box 10 New York: Knox, William E.  
New York: MA-MZ [W. J. McFadden re: DDE's clothes for the ceremony; Olga  
MacTaggart; Julius Mark re: pre-Inaugural service at Temple Emmanuel]
- Box 11 New York: SA-SZ [Paul Smilo re: permission to make Inaugural medal]  
New York: Stephens, Tom [Edgar Eisenhower]  
New York: Watson, Thomas J.
- Box 12 Pennsylvania: Eisenhower, Milton  
Pennsylvania: Lee, John C. H. [church services on Inauguration Day]
- Box 13 Texas: MC-Z [T. J. Moroney]  
Texas: Beach, James K.  
Virginia: A-Z [Mildred Ballard]  
Washington: Eisenhower, Edgar  
Washington: Stack, Col. James

Box 18 Michigan [Request from the American Male Chorus to sing at the Inauguration]

Box 19 Replies to Appreciation Letters

**President's Personal File**

Box 78 PPF 1-I Inauguration, 1952 (1)(2)

Box 79 PPF 1-I Inauguration, 1953-1957(1)-(3)

**EISENHOWER, MAMIE DOUD: Papers, 1896-1979**

**Scrapbooks and Albums Series**

Box 1 The Eisenhower Family Scrapbook, 1918-1953

Box 12 Album 1, Folder 2

**White House Series**

Box 22 Inauguration 1953 (1)(2)

**HOAGLAND, HENRY W.: Papers, 1931-95**

Box 1 Inauguration Jan. 20, 1953

**HOWARD, KATHERINE G.: Papers 1917-1974**

Box 20 Inauguration, 1953

**INAUGURAL COMMITTEE OF 1953: Records**

Review all boxes

**MCCANN, KEVIN: Papers, 1918-81**

Box 4 DDE Letters, 1953 [Defiance Choir at the 1953 Inauguration and gift of stock for the College]

**NORGREN, CARL A.: Papers**

Box 1 1953 Inauguration Materials (1)-(6)

**PETERSEN, HOWARD: Papers, 1951-1956**

Box 3 Inauguration - Eisenhower (1953) (1)(2)

**REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE: News clippings and publications**

Box 65 RNC Directory for 1953 Inauguration

**SMITH, GERARD C.: Papers**

Box 56 Diary 1953

**STEPHENS, THOMAS E.: Records,**

Box 4 Inaugurations - 1953

**SUMMERFIELD, ARTHUR E.: Additional Papers**

Box 4 INAUGURATION (1/20/53) (1)(2)

**SUTTON, IONE ULRICH: Papers,**

Box 1 Inauguration 1953 (1)-(3)

## ORAL HISTORY TRANSCRIPTS

The following oral history transcripts are available through interlibrary loan. Transcripts marked with \* are available to read in full on the Library web site.

BEACH, Edward L. OH-128 (interview #2)  
BROWNELL, Herbert OH-157 (interview #2)  
BUCHANAN, Ruth (Mrs. Wiley T.) OH-540  
\*CANNON, C. Craig OH-77 (interview #2)  
\*EISENHOWER FOLTZ, Barbara OH-554 (interview #2)  
HOWARD, Katherine G. OH-255 (interview #3)  
ROBERTS, Clifford OH-266 (interview #9)  
SCHULZ, Robert L. OH-150 (interview #4)  
SHERROD, Robert Lee OH-237  
THORNTON, Jessie Willcock OH-273  
TODD, Webster B. OH-207  
WEEKS, Sinclair OH-277  
\*WHITMAN, Ann C. OH-511

## AUDIOVISUAL DEPARTMENT

### Photographs

The Audiovisual Department holds over 300 still photographs of 1953 Inauguration events. Most of these photographs are black-and-white. Researchers should contact the Audiovisual archivist for more information.

### Motion Picture Film

This filmography is a select list of motion picture film in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library's Audiovisual Collection relating to the 1953 inauguration. The film accession number is located at the beginning of each entry. This number must be used to request the film.

#### **EL-MP16-36 NEWSREEL: THE NATION'S CAPITOL January 20, 1953**

Copyright: Castle Films/United World Films, Inc.

1 reel 350' 9 minutes sound B&W

A film guide to the sights of Washington, DC including the Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Memorial, National Archives Building, National Gallery of Art Museum, Arlington Cemetery, the Capitol Building, Supreme Court Building, Department of Justice Building, Treasury Building, State Department Building and the White House. It concludes with a filmed account of the inauguration of President Eisenhower on January 20, 1953. Eisenhower and Harry Truman riding in the motorcade to the Capitol Building. Senator Knowland administering the vice-presidential oath to Richard Nixon, Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson administering the oath to Eisenhower, the conclusion of Eisenhower's inaugural address, and part of the inaugural parade from the viewing stand at the White House.

#### **EL-MP16-84 INAUGURATION Washington, DC January 20, 1953**

Copyright: Public Domain

1 reel 1100' 30 minutes Sound Color

Joe Martin and Styles Bridges present a filmed account of inauguration to Eisenhower. Members of planning committee: Norris Cotton, Chester E. Morrow, Sam Rayburn, Joe Martin, Styles Bridges, Herman Welker, Carl Hayden, Leslies C. Arends, Mark J. Trice and Edwin King. On speakers stand: Omar Bradley, Fred M. Vinson, Harry S. Truman, Herbert H. Hoover. William Knowland administers oath to Richard Nixon. Vinson administers oath to Eisenhower. Eisenhower gives Inaugural Prayer and Address. Luncheon at Senate follows. With Eisenhower reviewing the Inaugural Parade were Herbert Hoover, appointed cabinet members: Charles E. Wilson, George Humphrey, John Foster Dulles, Arthur Summerfield, Herbert Brownell, Douglas McKay, Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, Ezra Taft Benson; in addition, Harold Stassen, Oveta Culp Hobby, Sherman Adams, Governor Edward Arn. Total: 5 minutes of Eisenhower talking, oath and presidential prayer.

#### **EL-MP16-222 GOING TO THE INAUGURAL Washington, DC January 20, 1953**

Copyright: unknown

1 reel 150' 4 minutes sound B&W

Eisenhower and Mamie leave the National Presbyterian Church and are driven to the White House where they are greeted by President Harry S. Truman and Bess Truman. Accompanying them are

Senator Styles Bridges and Joseph Martin. Following a motorcade to the Capitol, Eisenhower, Mamie, and Richard and Pat Nixon are seen leaving the Capitol to lead the inaugural parade to the reviewing stand.

**EL-MP16-236 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION Washington, DC January 20, 1953**

Copyright: NBC

1 reel 750' 19 minutes sound B&W

The film opens with a view of the crowd at the inaugural ball at the National Guard Armory in Washington. The announcers talk with George Murphy, then discuss a few of the guests and their attire. Among the guests mentioned are Mrs. Everett Dirksen and Mrs. Arthur Summerfield. The entertainers mentioned include the bands of Lionel Hampton, Fred Waring, Wayne King, and Guy Lombardo; the Marine Band Orchestra; the Meyer Davis Orchestra; singer Jeannette McDonald. The scene shifts to Eisenhower, Mamie, John and Barbara Eisenhower, and Elivera Doud as they prepare to depart. The next scene is the ball at McDonough Auditorium at Georgetown University. Announcers Ben Grauer and Ray Michaels discuss the size of the crowd, then cover the arrival of Richard and Pat Nixon, John and Barbara Eisenhower, Elivera Doud, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson. Eisenhower and Mamie enter. Albert Melchior sings the Star Spangled Banner and Because, then Gladys Swarthout sings Bless This House.

**EL-MP16-237 DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER BECOMES THE 34th PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

Washington, DC January 20-21, 1953

Copyright: United States Information Agency Public Domain

1 reel 750' 19 minutes sound B&W

January 20, 1953, crowds from all over country pour into Washington for the inauguration. Eisenhower, Mamie, and John Eisenhower arrive, attend religious services and are met at the White House by President Harry and Bess Truman. Following a motorcade to the Capitol, dignitaries file through the Rotunda. Among these are members of Congress, the Supreme Court, the Diplomatic Corps, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General George C. Marshall, Truman's cabinet, Herbert Hoover. Senator William F. Knowland administers the oath to Richard M. Nixon, then Eisenhower is sworn in by Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson. Eisenhower offers the inaugural prayer, then addresses the nation. Eisenhower presents Mamie, then they attend the parade. January 21, 1953, the cabinet members take office. Oaths are administered to John Foster Dulles and Oveta Culp Hobby.

**EL-MP16-247 INAUGURATION DAY Washington, DC January 20, 1953**

Copyright: NBC

2 reels 4100' 100 minutes sound B&W

Reel 1: NBC commentators Morgan Beattie and Clifton Utley describes the pre-inaugural scene and point out the locations of the NBC cameras. Eisenhower, Mamie, Joseph Martin and Styles Bridges arrive at the White House and are greeted by President Harry Truman, Bess and Margaret. The group follows the parade route to the Capitol. The invocation is given by Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle. Dorothy Maynor sings the anthem, Sen. William Knowland administers the vice presidential oath to Richard Nixon; Eugene Conley sings America The Beautiful. Rabbi Silver offers a prayer, then Eisenhower is sworn in by Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson. Eisenhower gives inaugural prayer, then begins his inaugural address. Among those on the platform are Harry S. Truman, Mamie Eisenhower, Herbert Hoover, Richard Nixon. Reel 2: Eisenhower concludes his inaugural address. H. V. Kalterborn analyzes the address as the President prepares for the parade. Eisenhower and Mamie are escorted to the White House by a police

squad and the 1st Battalion of the Third Infantry. Eisenhower, Mamie, Richard Nixon, Herbert Hoover, and Joseph Martin view the parade from the reviewing stand. The parade includes West Point Cadets, a religious float, the District of Columbia ROTC, the Abilene Kansas Cowboy Band, the Wyandotte County Horse troop, a miniature stagecoach, a California horse troop (led by Governor Earl Warren in a car), and the US Naval Academy.

**EL-MP16-476 1953 INAUGURAL PARADE**

Copyright: unknown

1 reel 225' 6 minutes silent color