
Gerald R. Ford Library

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Ford Personal and Post-Presidential Files

GERALD R. FORD SCRAPBOOKS, 1929-present

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

Materials concerning Gerald Ford and his family, including: newspaper and magazine clippings, photographs, invitations and programs and other memorabilia, and occasional correspondence and other manuscript material. The earliest scrapbook dates from Mr. Ford's high school years, and throughout Mr. Ford's public life his staff has continued to compile scrapbook material. The material is both in bound volumes and loosely filed. In each case the order is chronological. Most scrapbook materials from 1929 to 1978 are available in microfilm via interlibrary loan.

QUANTITY

74 volumes; 20.8 linear feet (ca. 41,600 pages); 28 reels (15,318 frames)

DONOR

Gerald R. Ford (accession number 70-NLF-012 and numerous accretions)

ACCESS

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INTRODUCTION

The Gerald R. Ford Scrapbooks provide an overview of Ford's public life from his high school through his post-Presidential years. The seventy-four large bound volumes and over 40,000 pages of loosely filed items consist especially of newspaper and magazine clippings, but also included are photographs souvenir programs and invitations, holiday and courtesy messages, occasional notes and other correspondence, and assorted other memorabilia collected by Mr. Ford or his staff. For the period 1929-78, the contents are reproduced on 35 mm. microfilm and are available on interlibrary loan. The microfilm edition is described below under a separate heading.

The scrapbook collection consists of several segments: bound scrapbooks, the many items that have come loose/unglued from the scrapbooks, the loose items that the post-Presidential office sends to the Library several times per year, and the 1929-78 microfilm edition. The order is generally chronological but not entirely so because there are several special subject scrapbooks and because the Library has received the material in piecemeal fashion.

As a group, the scrapbooks contain a significant number of unique items, printed matter not readily available elsewhere, and voluminous press coverage of Mr. Ford and his family. Four volumes, assembled by Ford 1929-48, relate to his early life through his election to Congress, including his wedding to Elizabeth Bloomer Warren in 1948. Ford's office staff created thirty-four volumes during his service in the House of Representatives, 1949-73. Two additional volumes from the same period concern reviews of his book on the Kennedy assassination, Portrait of the Assassin (1965) and his congressional race in 1972.

Mr. Ford's staff continued to assemble scrapbooks on his career through his Vice Presidency, Presidency, and immediate post- Presidency. This group of thirty-three scrapbooks, 1973-78, provides an overview of Ford's activities and those of his family as reported by the national writing press. Numerous local newspaper clippings document regional reporting on domestic trips, and there are sometimes foreign press clippings from overseas trips.

Scrapbook materials from 1978 to the present were never mounted in bound volumes. They are a loose file of memorabilia and newspaper and magazine clippings. About one-half of the clippings are from local papers and concern Ford visits. The remainder are divided about equally between California dailies and weeklies and national press, especially the *Washington Post*, *Time*, and *Newsweek*. Mr. Ford and his staff send scrapbook material to the Ford Library on a regular basis. Library volunteers clip and file those items relating to Mr. Ford and his family.

The Microfilm Interlibrary Loan Edition

The microfilm edition is a reproduction of the contents of most of the 74 bound volumes and loose items from the period 1929 to 1978. It is available on interlibrary loan, no more than five reels per order. Appendix C summarizes the contents of each microfilm reel.

The volumes are reproduced one page per frame on 35 millimeter positive film. For multi-page items, programs for example, only the title page and selected other pages were microfilmed. Memorabilia such as badges, pins and campaign buttons were not microfilmed.

The microfilm reel for each scrapbook volume has up to three segments, filmed in succession: the bound volume pages; the loose/unglued items from the volume; and the photographs that have been removed and transferred to the Library audiovisual unit.

Index of Correspondents

An index of correspondents is available for scrapbook volumes 2 to 35, January 1949 to October 1973.

Vol. 1A-70 *Bound Scrapbooks, 1929-79.*

Bound volumes tracing Ford's life from high school through his first post-Presidential years. Includes local and national newspaper and magazine clippings; foreign news clippings (vols. 59, 60, 65); programs, certificates, campaign buttons and other memorabilia; photographs; and scattered letters, notes, and other documents. Items which have come unglued are now in boxes 1-22 of the series described below. Most but not all of these volumes and their loose items have been microfilmed.

Arranged in rough chronological order, but there are anomalies. The careful researcher will want to scan Appendix A.

1-50 *Unbound Scrapbook Items, 1949-Present*

Scrapbook material similar to that described above. Boxes 1-22, for the period 1949-79, consist of items which have come detached/unglued from the bound volumes above. In 1979, the Ford Office stopped placing materials in bound volumes and began sending them to the Library in loose form. These are in the later boxes.

Arranged chronologically. See Appendix B for box title list.

Reels 1-27 *Scrapbook Microfilm Edition, 1929-78*

Microfilm edition of bound volume 1A-70 and boxes 1-22. However, these photo album volumes are not included: 38, 61, 64.

APPENDIX A List of Scrapbook Volumes

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reel</u>
1A	1929-41, 1943	1
1B	1934-48	1
1C	Curbstone QB/Jaycees 1941	16
(California)	Wedding 1948	1
2	1949-50	1
3	Jan. 1951- April 1953	2
4	May 1953 - Dec. 1954	2
5	Jan. 1955 - March 1956	2
6	Feb. 1956 - Dec. 1956	3
7	Jan. 1957 - Dec. 1957	3
8	Jan. 1958 - Oct. 1958	3
9	Oct. 1958 - Aug. 1959	4
10	Aug. 1959 - Feb. 1960	4
11	Feb. 1960 - July 1960	4
12	July 1960 - Dec. 1960	5
13	Jan. 1961 - Dec. 1961	5
14	Jan. 1962 - July 1962	5
15	Aug. 1962 - Jan. 1963	6
16	Jan. 1963 - March 1964	6
17	April 1964 - Jan. 1965	7
18	Jan. 1965 - May 1965	7
19	June 1965 - Oct. 1965	8
<u>Volume</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reel</u>

20	Nov 1965 - July 1966	8
21	Aug. 1966 - Feb. 1967	9
22	Feb. 1967 - Aug. 1967	9
23	Aug. 1967 - Dec. 1967	10
24	Jan. 1968 - March 1968	10
25	March 1968 - Aug. 1968	11
26	Sept. 1968 - March 1969	11
27	March 1969 - Sept. 1969	12
28	Sept. 1969 - April 1970	12
29	May 1970 - Dec. 1970	13
30	Jan. 1971 - May 1971	13
31	May 1971 - Nov. 1971	14
32	Nov. 1971 - June 1972	14
33	June 1972 - Nov. 1972	15
34	Nov. 1972 - April 1973	15
35	May 1973 - Oct. 1973	16
36	<u>Portrait of the Assassin</u> , 1965	7
37	Fifth District Campaign, 1972	15
38	Photos of staff interns, 1970-73	not filmed
39	Oct. 1973 - Dec. 1973	17
40	Dec. 1973 - Feb. 1974	17
41	Feb. 1974 - Aug. 8, 1974	18
42	Aug. 1974	19

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reel</u>
43	Aug. 1974 - Sept. 1974	19
44	Sept. 1974 - Oct. 1974	19
45	Oct. 1974	19
46	Oct. 1974 - Nov. 1974	19
47	Nov. 1974 - Dec. 1974	19
48	Jan. - Feb. 1975	20
49	Feb. - April 1975	20
50	May - July 1975	21
51	July - Sept. 1975	21
52	Sept. - Nov. 1975	22
53	Nov. 1975 - March 1976	23
54	March - June 1976	23
55	June - Aug. 1976	24
56	Sept. - Oct. 1976	24
57	Misc. Aug 1974 - Oct. 1975	27
58	<i>Grand Rapids Press</i> Aug. 1974-Jan. 1976	26
59	Foreign Press Oct. 1974 - Sept. 1975	26
60	Far East Trip, 1975 (China, Indonesia, Philippines, Hawaii)	22
61	Photo album	not filmed
62	Invitations, awards, programs 1974-76 (See boxes 18, 19)	27
63	Miscellaneous Oct. 1975 - April 1976	27
64	Photo album	not filmed

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reel</u>
65	Foreign press Oct. 1975 - Aug. 1976	26
66	Miscellaneous, April 1976 - Dec. 1978	27
67	Grand Rapids Press Jan. 1976-Aug.1978	26
68	Invitations, awards, programs 1976-78 (See boxes 20, 21)	27
69	June 1977 - Dec. 1978	25
70	Oct. 1976 - May 1977	24A

APPENDIX B
Container List of Unbound Scrapbook Items

<u>Container</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1949 - April 1955
2	May 1955 - June 1959
3	July 1959 - May 1960
4	June 1960 - June 1961
5	July 1961 - February 1964
6	March 1964 - June 1965
7	July 1965 - June 1967
8	July 1967 - May 1968
9	June 1968 - December 1968
10	January 1969 - June 1970
11	July 1970 - August 1971
12	September 1971 - September 1972
13	October 1972 - February 1973
14	March 1973 - September 1973
15	October 1973 - July 1974
16	August 1974 - March 1975 (Look at Finland)
17	Miscellaneous Items, 1976
18	Invitations and Programs - Volume 62 (Nov. 1974-May 1975)
19	Invitations and Programs - Volume 62 (June 1975-July 1976)
20	Invitations and Programs - Volume 68 (May 1976-Oct. 1976)
21	Invitations and Programs - Volume 68 (Nov. 1977-Jan. 1979)
22	Undated 1977 - November 1978

<u>Container</u>	<u>Contents</u>
23	December 1978 - March 1979
24	April 1979 - May 1979
25	June 1979 - September 1979
26	October 1979 - February 1980
27	March 1980 - June 1980
28	July 1980 - September 1980
29	September 1980 - Undated 1981
30	January 1981 - April 1981
31	May 1981 - September 1981
32	September 1981 - December 1981
33	January 1982 - March 1982
34	April 1982 - August 1982
35	September 1982 - December 1982
36	January 1983 - February 1983
37	March 1983 - May 1983
38	June 1983 - September 1983
39	October 1983 - December 1983
40	January 1984 - February 1984
41	March 1984 - June 1984
42	July 1984 - September 1984
43	October 1984 - December 1984
44	January 1985 - March 1985
45	April 1985 - July 1985

Container**Contents**

46	August 1985 - October 1985
47	November 1985 - January 1986
48	February 1986 - May 1986
49	June 1986 - August 1986
50	September 1986 - December 1986

APPENDIX C
Contents of Scrapbook Microfilm Edition

<u>Reel</u>	<u>Scrapbook</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Total Frames</u>
1	1A	1929-41, 1943	534
	1B	1934-48	
	--	Wedding, 1948	
	2	1949-50	
2	3	January 1951 - April 1953	631
	4	May 1953 - December 1954	
	5	January 1955 - March 1956	
3	6	February 1956 - December 1956	472
	7	January 1957 - December 1957	
	8	January 1958 - October 1958	
4	9	October 1958 - August 1959	552
	10	August 1959 - February 1960	
	11	February 1960 - July 1960	
5	12	July 1960 - December 1960	609
	13	January 1961 - December 1961	
	14	January 1962 - July 1962	
6	15	August 1962 - January 1963	641
	16	January 1963 - March 1964	
7	17	April 1964 - January 1965	533
	18	January 1965 - May 1965	
	36	<u>Portrait of the Assassin, 1965-66</u>	
8	19	June 1965 - October 1965	521
	20	November 1965 - July 1966	
9	21	August 1966 - February 1967	550
	22	February 1967 - August 1967	
10	23	August 1967 - December 1967	474
	24	January 1968 - March 1968	
11	25	March 1968 - August 1968	645
	26	September 1968 - March 1969	
12	27	March 1969 - September 1969	621
	28	September 1969 - April 1970	

<u>Reel</u>	<u>Scrapbook</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Total Frames</u>
13	29 30	May 1970 - December 1970 January 1971 - May 1971	511
14	31 32	May 1971 - November 1971 November 1971 - June 1972	544
15	33 37 34	June 1972 - November 1972 Fifth District Campaign, 1972 November 1972 - April 1973	589
16	35 1C	May 1973 - October 1973 "Curbstone Quarterback" 1941	306
17	39 40	October 1973 - December 1973 December 1973 - February 1974	695
18	41	February 1974 - August 8, 1974	431
19	42 43 44 45 46 47	Clippings, Aug. 1974 Clippings, Aug. 1974 - Sept. 1974 Clippings, Sept. 1974 - Oct. 1974 Clippings, Oct. 1974 Clippings, Oct. 1974 - Nov. 1974 Clippings, Nov. 1974 - Dec. 1974	648
20	48 49	Clippings, Jan. 1975 - Feb. 1975 Clippings, Feb. 1975 - April 1975	524
21	50 51	Clippings, May 1975 - July 1975 Clippings, July 1975 - Sept. 1975	699
22	52 60	Clippings, Sept. 1975 - Nov. 1975 Far East Trip, Nov. - Dec. 1975	519
23	53 54	Clippings, Nov. 1975 - March 1976 Clippings, March 1976 - June 1976	515
24	55 56	Clippings, Jun 1976 - Aug. 1976 Clippings, Aug 1976 - Oct. 1976	863
24A	70	Clippings, Oct. 1976 - May 1977	494
25	69	Clippings, June 1977 - Dec. 1978	479

<u>Reel</u>	<u>Scrapbook</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Total Frames</u>
26	58	<i>Grand Rapids Press</i> Aug. 1974 - January 1976	877
	67	<i>Grand Rapids Press</i> Jan. 1976 - August 1978	
	59	Foreign News Articles June 1974 - Sept. 1975	
	65	Foreign News Articles Sept. 1975 - Aug. 1976	
27	62	Invitations and Programs August 1974 - July 1976	536
	68	Invitations and Programs May 1976 - January 1979	
	57	Miscellaneous Items August 1974 - October 1975	
	63	Miscellaneous Items October 1975 - April 1976	
	66	Miscellaneous Items April 1976 - December 1978	