

**Title:** Richard M. Nixon Collection

**Dates:** 1930-1994

**Creator/Collector:** Peck, Bryam; Whittier College

**Extent:** 110 boxes (577 linear feet)

**Repository:** Wardman Library-Whittier College. Whittier, California 90602

**Abstract:** United States politician Richard Milhous Nixon served as a member of the House of Representatives, the Senate, as Vice President, and as the thirty-seventh president of the United States. He had close ties to Whittier College and the city of Whittier. The Collection contains a wide range of information pertaining to all stages of his life in a variety of formats and materials.

**Language of Material:** English, French, Italian

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**Acquisition Information:** A significant portion of this collection was donated by Bryam Peck. Other contributors include Irwin F. Gellman.

**Administrative and Biographical History:** United States politician Richard Milhous Nixon served as a member of the House of Representatives (1947-1950), the Senate (1950-1952), as Vice President (1952-1961), and as the thirty-seventh president of the United States (1968-1974). He was born on the Nixon family lemon farm in Yorba Linda, California, on January 9, 1913. During childhood, Nixon regularly attended Quaker services in Whittier, California, where the family moved in 1922 after the farm failed and where Nixon's father ran a grocery store. Nixon attended Whittier College where he excelled as a student and debater. He was president of his freshman class and president of the student body during his senior year, participated in the football, basketball, track, and debate teams, and co-founded the Orthogonian Society. Graduating second in his class in 1934, he won a scholarship to study law at Duke University.

At the age of 26, Nixon was elected to the Whittier College Board of Trustees. During this time, Nixon met Thelma Catherine Patricia (Pat) Ryan, a high school teacher. They married in

1940 and had two daughters, Patricia and Julie. Nixon entered the Navy as a lieutenant junior-grade in August 1942 in order to serve in the Second World War. After the Navy, a group of Whittier Republicans asked him to run for Congress; Nixon agreed and began his political career in earnest. That career concluded on August 9, 1974 when he resigned from the Presidency after being impeached for his role in the Watergate scandal. As a private citizen, Nixon visited a variety of countries on behalf of the U.S., consulted with the Bush and Clinton Administrations, and wrote memoirs and books on international politics. Nixon died of a stroke on April 22, 1994.

The Nixon Collection contains one sub-series, the Gloria Gae Gellman Papers. This finding aid was created by Paige Harris in 2023.

**Scope and Content of Collection:** The Collection includes various materials pertaining to Nixon's college years, Congressional, Senatorial, Vice Presidential and Presidential offices; an eclectic collection of campaign ephemera, political cartoons, memorabilia, general correspondence, appearances, invitations, foreign trips, gifts, newspaper clippings, photographs, souvenirs, brochures, audio visual, periodicals and monograph publications.

## Sub-series A: General Materials

### Container List:

Cataloged books are searchable via Wardman Library catalog:

[https://library.whittier.edu/search/X?SEARCH=\(\\*\)&SORT=D&b=snix](https://library.whittier.edu/search/X?SEARCH=(*)&SORT=D&b=snix)

- Box 1- Silver bowls
- Box 2- VCR tapes
- Boxes 3-4- Nixon/Frost interview reels
- Box 5- Presidential Library proposal papers
- Box 6- 1996 election memorabilia
- Box 7- Poster from Kennedy's inauguration, newspapers
- Box 8-15, 25-34- uncatalogued papers
- Box 16- Silver plates, presidents #1-6
- Box 17- Silver plates, presidents #7-12
- Box 18- Silver plates, presidents #13-18
- Box 19- Silver plates, presidents #19-24
- Box 20- Silver plates, presidents #25-30
- Box 21- Silver plates, presidents #31-36
- Box 22- Silver plates, presidents #37-40
- Box 23- Silver plates, Washington, Jefferson, Garfield, Roosevelt, and Kennedy
- Box 24- 1952 election ballots
- Boxes 35-37- Class of 1934 reunion booklets
- Box 38- Watergate microfilm and cassettes
- Box 39- Ceramic elephant
- Box 40-47, 49-50, 52-53, 68, 81- state gifts from Kuwait, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Tunisia, France, China, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Taiwan, Argentina, Ireland, Russia, Peru, campaign staff, Guatemala, Australia, Poland, Israel, Burma, Colombia, Korea, Thailand, Switzerland, and Nepal.
- Box 48- Books about Nixon

- Box 51- uncatalogued film reels
- Box 54, 72, 82-83- Presidential china
- Box 55- Presidential silverware
- Box 56, 73, 75- cassettes and VCRs
- Box 57-67, 70-71, 76, 89-90- newspaper clippings
- Box 69- Inaugural American flag
- Box 74- booklets
- Boxes 77-80, 92-93, 104, 107-109- ephemera
- Box 84-86- Reels
- Box 87- Nixon's Address to Whittier booklets
- Box 88- uncatalogued papers
- Box 91
  - Folder 1: Sam Ervin papers
  - Folder 2: Apollo 11 memorabilia
- Box 94
  - Folder 1: Nixon mailers
  - Folder 2: Pamphlets not pertaining to elections
  - Folder 3: Nixon election campaign materials
  - Folder 4: Bush, Reagan, and Wallace campaign materials
  - Folder 5: Pocket Facts, election 1972
  - Envelopes 1-3: Nixon election pamphlets
  - Envelope 4: "President Nixon's Goals for a Greater America" pamphlet series
  - Envelope 5: "About..." policy series of pamphlets
  - Envelope 6: George Wallace and Reagan/Bush election pamphlets
- Boxes 95-96- Commemorative coins
- Boxes 97-103- Political pins
- Boxes 105-106- Jewelry

- Filing cabinet papers and photos- accessible for search here:  
<https://poetcommons.whittier.edu/finding/10/>

### **Sub-series B:** Gloria Gae Gellman Collection

**Container Summary:** 6 boxes (3 linear feet)

**Administrative and Biographical History:** The Gloria Gae Gellman Collection is named in honor of biographer Irwin F. Gellman's wife, who was the motivating force in his decision to write a life of the 37<sup>th</sup> President. Mr. Gellman donated the research materials to Whittier College in order to assist serious students of history with a body of original source materials, and to familiarize them with the various sources scholars use while conducting research in the discipline of history.

**Scope and Contents:** The Collection is a compilation of research materials collated by Irwin F. Gellman in the preparation of his multi-volume biography of Richard Nixon.

#### **Container List:**

- Box B1
  - Folder 1. Alsop, Stuart, papers. Responses to Alsop's appeal to his readers for information about RN. 1958, January-April.
  - Folder 2. Anderson, Totton J., "The Political West in 1960" and Eugene C. Lee and William Buchanan, "The 1960 Election in California". In: *The Western Political Quarterly*, 1961.
  - Folder 3. Arnold, William A., *Back When it All Began: The Early Year Nixon Years*.
  - Folder 4. Brashear, Ernest, "Who is Richard Nixon?" In: *The New Republic*, 1952.
  - Folders 5-6. Cronin, John F. FBI file on John Francis Cronin.

- Folder 7. Cronin, John F. “The Education of an Anti-Communist: Father John F. Cronin and the Baltimore Labor Movement” by Joshua B. Freeman and Steve Rosswurm.
- Folder 8. Davis, Paul H., Notes on the Republican National Convention, July 1952.
- Folders 9-10. Dulles, John Foster. Papers, calls, etc., 1953-1955.
- Box B2
  - Folders 1-2. Dulles, John Foster. Papers, calls, etc., 1956-1959 with telephone calls recorded in the post-Dulles period.
  - Folders 3-6. Eisenhower, Dwight D. Cabinet meetings, 1952-1961.
- Box B3- Eisenhower, Dwight D. Diaries, etc. 1952- June 1960
- Box B4
  - Folders 1-2. Eisenhower, Dwight D. Diaries, etc. July 1960-1961.
  - Folders 3-5. Eisenhower, Dwight D. Legislative meetings, 1953-1960.
  - Folder 6. Eisenhower, Dwight D. Office files, 1953-1960.
  - Folder 7. Gellman, Irwin F. “Richard Nixon’s Congressional Career: The Mythology that Made Him Awful”. In *The New England Journal of History*. 1999-2000.
  - Folder 8. Gellman, Irwin F. “Richard Nixon’s Legal Career”. To appear in a forthcoming special issue of the American Bar Association Journal.
  - Folder 9. Hagerty, James. Oral history.
  - Folder 10. Knowland, William. Oral history.
- Box B5
  - Folder 1. Mundt, Karl. Papers, 1947-1950.
  - Folder 2. Nixon, Richard. Application for an appointment with the FBI, April 23, 1937.
  - Folder 3. Nixon, Richard. Campaign, 1946-1950. Official statements of receipts and expenditures.

- Folder 4. Nixon, Richard. Campaign, 1946. Includes correspondence between Jerry Voorhis and his father.
- Folder 5. Nixon, Richard. Trip files. 1947—Europe. Includes newspaper accounts of RN's speeches in his District following his return from Europe. 1947, September-December.
- Folders 6-7. Nixon, Richard. Work file. House Committee on Un-American Activities, including Hiss-Chambers case, clippings of Hiss-Chambers case, 1948, December.
- Folder 8. Nixon, Richard. Campaign, 1948. Includes correspondence with Stephen Zetterberg and James Gleason and clippings regarding the 1948 Republican National Convention.
- Folder 9. Nixon, Richard. Congressional themes: Santa Margarita Project, Chowder & Marching Club, and debate with JFK on the Taft-Hartley Bill.
- Box B6
  - Folder 1. Persons, Wilton. Oral history.
  - Folder 2. Republican National Committee. Polls and election analyses, 1952-1968; 1968 "Answer Desk" and "Answer Desk Supplement"; selected RN speeches delivered in 1954 and 1960.
  - Folder 3. Smith, H Alexander. Diary kept during the 1952 Republican National Convention, describing the manner in which RN became the Vice Presidential nominee.
  - Folder 4. U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, materials relating to the Hiss-Chambers Case.
  - Folder 5. Wertenbaker, Charles, "The China Lobby". In *The Republic*, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1952.
  - Folder 6. Biographical materials pertaining to: Aldrich, Winthrop; Alinsky, Saul; Anderson, Dillon; Beck, Dave; Blue, J. B.; Kersten, Charles J.; McKinnon, Clinton Dodson; Pepper, Claude; Rankin, John E.; Smathers, George.

- Book. Gellman, Irwin F. *The Contender: Richard Nixon, the Congress Years, 1946-1952*. New York, The Free Press, 1999. Signed by the author.

### Sub-series C: Oral Histories

**Container Summary:** 24 boxes (35 linear feet)

**Administrative and Biographical History:** In 1970, a collection of scholars including Dr. C. Richard Arena, Edward Nixon, and Evelyn Dorn began conducting taped interviews with then-President Richard Nixon's family, friends, and acquaintances.

This collection was digitized with the help of John McDonald in 2023. A limited number of interviews have been withheld from the general public at the request or presumed request of the interviewee and/or their descendants. These interviews are still available on request to scholars conducting certain types of research.

**Scope and Contents:** These interviews covered Nixon's early childhood all the way through to the start of his political career but did not cover his politics or the interviewees' opinions about them. In many instances, the interview was concluded with a photograph of the interviewee in their own home as it was at the time of the interview.

#### Container List:

Digitized oral histories are available for search here: <https://poetcommons.whittier.edu/nixon/>

- Box C1
  - Folder 1. Fund drive.
  - Folder 2. Reports to the President.
  - Folder 3. Fifth National Colloquium on Oral History.
  - Folder 4: Running notes.

### Sub-series D: US Government Papers

**Container Summary:** \_\_ linear feet



## **Administrative and Biographical History:**

### **Scope and Contents:**

#### **Container List:**

- Hearings Before the Committee on the Judiciary House of Representatives Ninety-Third Congress, Second Session, Pursuant to H. Res 803
  - Impeachment Inquiry
  - Errata
  - Testimony of Witnesses
  - Debate on Articles of Impeachment
  - Brief on Behalf of the President of the United States
  - Statement of Information Background Memorandum
  - Transcripts of Eight Recorded Presidential Conversations
  - Minority Memorandum on Facts and Law
  - Summary of Information
  - Comparison of White House and Judiciary Committee Transcripts of Eight Recorded Presidential Conversations
  - Statement of Information Submitted on Behalf of President Nixon
  - Statement of Information
- Hearings Before the Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities of the United States Senate Ninety-Third Congress, First Session
  - Presidential Campaign Activities of 1972, Phase 1: Watergate Investigation
  - Presidential Campaign Activities of 1972, Phase 2: Campaign Practices
  - Presidential Campaign Activities of 1972, Phase 3: Campaign Financing
  - Presidential Campaign Activities of 1972: Milk Fund Investigation
  - Presidential Campaign Activities of 1972: Watergate and Related Activities, Responsiveness Program
  - Presidential Campaign Activities of 1972: Hughes-Rebozo Investigation

- Presidential Campaign Activities of 1972: Supplement- Campaign Practices and Finances
- Presidential Campaign Activities of 1972: Legal Documents Relating to the Select Committee Hearings
- Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents
  - Semiannual Index, Volume 8, 1972
  - Annual Index, Volume 8, 1972
  - Volume 10, The President's Trip to the Middle East
  - Annual Index, Volume 9, 1973
- Miscellaneous
  - Selected Materials- Committee on the Judiciary House of Representatives One Hundred Fifth Congress: Impeachment
  - Report of the Committee on the Judiciary House of Representatives: Impeachment of Richard M. Nixon President of the United States
  - Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations (Pursuant to S. Res 212, 90th Congress) of the Committee on Government Operations, United States Senate: Specialists and Generalists, A Selection of Readings
  - Hearings Before the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary House of Representatives Ninety-Third Congress Second Session: Pardon of Richard M. Nixon and Related Matters
  - United States Congress-Senate Committee of Commerce: The Speeches of Senator John F. Kennedy, Presidential Campaign of 1960
  - U.S. Senate- Congressional Record, July 22, 1969
  - The Speeches of Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Presidential Campaign of 1960
  - The Joint Appearances of Senator John F. Kennedy and Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Presidential Campaign of 1960
  - U.S. Foreign Policy 1971
  - U.S. Foreign Policy 1972
  - Inaugural Addresses 1789-1973

## Sub-series E: Multimedia

**Container Summary:** \_\_\_ linear feet

**Administrative and Biographical History:**

**Scope and Contents:**

**Container List:**

- Purdue University Public Affairs Video Archives
  - The Opening to China
  - Nixon and Foreign Affairs
  - The Protest Movement
  - Nixon Impeachment Proceedings
  - The Nixon Presidency
  - America's Role in the Emerging World
  - An Assessment of Richard Nixon
  - C-SPAN Sunday Journal
  - Confessions of a White House Ghostwriter
  - Events Before Nixon Funeral
  - Former President Nixon Stamp Unveiling
  - Global Changes
  - Nixon: The Movie
  - Nixon Funeral Departure from Stewart Air Base
  - Nixon Funeral Arrival at El Toro Air Station
  - Nixon Funeral Special
  - One of Us: Richard Nixon
  - Open Phones and Faxes: Nixon's Funeral
  - Pat Nixon Funeral
  - President Nixon's Political Career
  - Richard M. Nixon Library Dedication

- Seize the Moment
- Time and Chance
- Twenty Years of Wage and Price Control
- Watergate: Corruption of American Politics
- Watergate 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- U.S.-Far East Relations
- War Powers Resolution
- Evolution of the Nixon Legacy
- Ending the Vietnam War
- Secrecy, Government, & the Media
- Détente & the Soviet Union
- Social Welfare Policies
- Perspectives on Nixon
- Nixon Appointments to the Supreme Court
- Richard E McDonald Political Collection
  - Nixon/Massey
  - Richard Nixon
  - Choice
- PBS
  - The Kennedys
  - LBJ
  - Nixon
  - Watergate Plus 30: Shadow of History
  - Nixon's China Game
  - The Presidency, the Press and the People
  - Paul Conrad: Drawing Fire
- ABC News
  - Richard Nixon: His Life and Times
  - All the President's Men

- The Final Days
- The Great Debates: John F. Kennedy vs Richard Nixon
- The Freedom Forum
  - Watergate: 25 Years Later- Cartoons
  - Watergate 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Theater Program
  - Watergate: 25 Years Later- Watergate & Reporting
  - Watergate: 25 Years Later- Watergate & Celebrity Journalism
  - Watergate: 25 Years Later- Watergate & Money
  - Watergate: 25 Years Ago
- Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace, Nixon Center for Peace and Freedom American Leadership Video Series
  - The Splendid Evening of Richard Nixon
  - President Richard Nixon: A Great Challenge for a Great People
- 60 Minutes
  - Nixon to Nixon
  - The Aviator and the President
- The History Channel
  - Kennedy and Nixon
  - Declassified: John Lennon

**Sub-series F:** Periodical Collection

**Container Summary:** \_\_ linear feet

**Administrative and Biographical History:**

**Scope and Contents:**

**Container List:**

- American Heritage August 1956- October 2001
- American Report
- American Reporter

- The Atlantic Monthly December 1971-May 2002
- The American Spectator June 1994-March 1998
- The Black Politician 1970-1971
- Berkeley Barf July 1973, March 1977
- Book Digest March 1977-May 1982
- Business Week
- The Center Magazine
- Christianity and Crisis
- The Christian Science Monitor
- Esquire
- Forbes FYI
- First Monday
- Foreign Affairs October 1967-May/June 1999
- Gallup Opinion Index
- George!
- Good Housekeeping 1957-1991
- Harpers 1968-2000
- The Illustrated London News
- Insight
- LA Times West
- Ladies Home Journal
- Life 1952-1988
- Look 1940-1979
- Mad 1961-1988
- McCall's
- Monday
- The Nation 1974-1992
- National Geographic December 1959-Dec 1969

- National Lampoon
- National Review
- New Choices
- The New Leader
- New Times 1973-74
- The New Republic
- New West
- New York 1969-1994
- The New Yorker 1973-1999
- Newsweek 1953-1989
- People 1974-1988
- The Plain Truth
- Playboy 1970-1978
- Presidential Studies Quarterly 1988-1992
- The Progressive 1974-1979
- Reader's Digest 1976-1996
- The Republican 1968-1971
- Republican Congressional Committee Newsletter 1969-1974
- The Rock 1950-1994
- Saturday Review
- The Saturday Evening Post
- Smithsonian
- Soviet Life
- Sports Illustrated 1990-2005
- Time 1969-1982
- TV Guide 1970-1995
- US News and World Report 1953-1985
- Misc. Other Newspapers

- Misc. Other Magazines