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**ONLINE RESEARCH SOURCES IN THE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER  
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

The ground-breaking ceremonies for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum, and Boyhood Home took place fifteen months before Eisenhower left office, in October 1959. The Museum was dedicated on Veterans Day in 1954. Eisenhower and his brothers donated their childhood home to the Eisenhower Foundation after their mother died in 1946, and it became part of the federal government in 1966. The home originally opened to the public in 1947 as a World War II Veterans Memorial. Also located with the Library and Museum is the Place of Meditation, where Eisenhower, his wife, Mamie, and their first-born son, Doud Dwight (who died at age 3) are buried. The building contains a meditation section, which Eisenhower requested for visitors to reflect upon and pledge their continued loyalty to American ideals.

The website contains numerous sources about Eisenhower's life and times, including an "All About Ike" page, which has topic links ("Abilene Years," "Army Years," "Eisenhower Brothers," etc.), as well as the Research, Education, and Museum pages that other presidential libraries have as well.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum  
<http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov/index.html>

**RESEARCH**

The library website contains extensive research resources online, including finding aids, online documents, oral histories, and audiovisual materials. A full list of manuscript collections, with short descriptions, is available, and many finding aids for those collections may be viewed online as well. For example, the finding aid for the Inaugural Committee of 1953: Records, 1953-1954 collection is available, and it lists box numbers and folder titles. The finding aids for several White House office collections are available online, including National Security Staff, Office of the Special Assistant for Executive

Appointments, and Office of the Staff Secretary. Finding Aids for the many Series (Cabinet, DDE Diary, NSC, etc.) in the Eisenhower Papers as President of the United States, popularly known as the “Ann Whitman File,” named after Eisenhower’s personal secretary, are available online as well.

The online documents collection is separated into a few categories: Military Era; Pre-Presidential Era; Presidential Era; Declassified Documents; and Presidential Appointment Books. Each category is further subdivided by topic – the Presidential category, for example, includes links for Atoms for Peace, Civil Rights Act of 1957, Farewell Address, McCarthyism, Sputnik & the Space Race, and U-2 Spy Plane Incident. Each link contains a topic description and links to images of original documents, such as Memoranda of Conversation, Press Releases, and more.

The Oral History link includes a full list of the Library’s oral histories (identified by subject’s last name) and finding aids for many of them, which contain descriptions as well as the subject content order in the transcript. The full transcripts are available online as well. Some oral history transcripts may be ordered via interlibrary loan. The collection includes the Library’s own oral histories as well as those created by the Columbia Oral History Project (discussed below) and others donated by institutions or individuals.

The Audiovisual link provides a description of those collections, which includes photographs, motion picture film, and audiotapes. Some audiovisual collections have online finding aids, which are searchable by keyword.

## MUSEUM

The Museum links provide descriptions of current exhibits, featured artifacts, and permanent galleries. Current exhibits include commemorations of historic events in Eisenhower’s lifetime, such as World War II leaders, battles, heroes, and allies. The featured artifact identifies and explains specific items in the Museum’s collection. The permanent galleries include exhibits on Eisenhower’s life, First Lady Mamie Eisenhower, and key events in Eisenhower’s presidency, such as school desegregation and creation of the interstate highway system. Online images from the permanent galleries are not available.

## EDUCATION

The Education link provides several resources for students and teachers. It includes a list of articles, with full-text links available online, published in connection with special exhibits, such as World War II and Getting to Know George (Washington). Online student resources include descriptions, documents, photos, and first-hand accounts of such topics as “Ike’s Abilene: 1890-1910” and “The Eisenhower Life Series.” The latter is divided chronologically into periods of Eisenhower’s life, such as “In the High Cause of Human Freedom: 1935-1945” and “Called to a Higher Duty: 1945-1961.” Online teacher resources include links to primary documents identified in the Research section above as well as descriptions of special teacher workshops.

## RELATED ONLINE SOURCE ON EISENHOWER PRESIDENCY

Columbia University’s Center for Oral History includes an “Eisenhower Administration Project: Oral History, 1962-1972.” (Eisenhower served as President of Columbia University from 1948 to 1953.) The webpage contains a full list of the oral histories as well as subject links that identify relevant oral histories. The transcripts are not available online, and permission is required to cite, quote, or reproduce.

Eisenhower Administration Project: Oral History, 1962-1972

[http://oralhistoryportal.cul.columbia.edu/document.php?id=ldpd\\_4074583](http://oralhistoryportal.cul.columbia.edu/document.php?id=ldpd_4074583)