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**ONLINE RESEARCH SOURCES IN THE JIMMY CARTER
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

The Jimmy Carter Library and Museum began construction in 1984 and opened to the public in 1986. The archives contain almost 27 million document pages from the Carter presidency, approximately half a million photographs, and hundreds of hours of audio, film, and video tapes. The documents include Carter's White House papers as well as the papers of administration associates, which include correspondence, memoranda, and more.

The library website includes biographies and photographs of President Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter. It also includes genealogical information about the Carter family, a chronology of the Carter presidency, information summary lists – such as Cabinet officials in the Carter administration; Carter's National Security Council meetings, press conferences, presidential trips, and church attendance; and Carter's Medal of Freedom Award recipients – and a post-presidential chronology for President and Mrs. Carter. The text of President Carter's lecture after receiving the Nobel Peace Prize on December 10, 2002, is available as well.

For scholars, the website contains several pages of interest, including Library/Research, Museum, and Education. Links to Special Events and News Releases are available as well. The Library additionally provides links to external sites of relevance to the Carter presidency, including transcripts for the 1976 and 1980 presidential debates, biographies and films about Carter, special exhibits and resources about Carter, such as a University of North Carolina exhibit on the Camp David Accords, and more.

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum
<http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/>

RESEARCH

The Research section of the Carter Library website contains pages on manuscript collections, finding aids, audio-visual collections, oral histories, and other references. A page with an annotated list of books by President and Rosalynn Carter also is available.

The Carter Library separates its manuscripts into three categories: Jimmy Carter Presidential Materials, Donated Historical Materials, and Federal Records. The Presidential Materials are further divided into the President's Files, White House Central Files, and Staff Office Files. A listing of papers in each collection is provided, along with brief descriptions.

The Donated Historical Materials include papers from scholars and journalists as well as Carter's Pre-Presidential, Post-Presidential, and Family Papers. The latter two collections have not been processed and are unavailable for research. Also listed are collections from administration officials that have not been processed and are unavailable for research. The Federal Records include the 1977 Inaugural Committee Files as well as records of temporary Committees, Commissions, and Boards.

The Finding Aids page lists in alphabetical order the finding aids for collections. Detailed finding aids for the White House Staff Office Collection; Donated Historical Materials; Committees, Commissions, and Boards; Oral Histories; and Audiovisual Collections are available online. The page also includes a link to the Carter Presidency's Digital Library, which currently includes papers from the Office of Chief of Staff and the Office of Staff Secretary. The Digital Library may be searched electronically, and detailed descriptions of each collection are provided.

The Audio-Visual Collections page contains descriptions of White House collections, including Staff Photographers, Communications Agency Videotapes, and Communications Agency Audiotapes. Descriptions of related collections also are included. Logs for the White House Communications Agency Videotapes, White House Communications Agency Audiotapes, and Naval Photographic Center Film also are available online. A page with selected online audio materials (Carter's 1977 inaugural address, 1979 energy speech, and 1980 state of the union address) is available as well.

The oral history page contains descriptions of the Carter/Smith Family Oral History Project; the National Parks Service Plains Project Oral Histories; the Exit Interview Project; the University of Virginia's Miller Center Jimmy Carter Project; the Carter Library Oral History Project, and Miscellaneous Interviews. Selected interviews in each collection are available online.

Other resources include a Selected Bibliography page, which contains links to book lists about the 1976 and 1980 presidential campaigns, children's literature about Jimmy Carter, and books by Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter. A New Material page about library holdings also is available, with New Documents, Exhibits, and Curriculum highlighted on the Library's main page.

EXHIBITS

Permanent exhibits at the Carter Library include an exact recreation of Carter's Oval Office and head of state gifts received by the Carters. An exhibit about Carter's life and political career also is on permanent display. Descriptions of each exhibit are available online, with a few sample images.

A special replica of the Crown of St. Stephen, also known as "The Holy Crown of Hungary," which was transferred to U.S. safekeeping by Hungary after World War II, also is on permanent display. President Carter returned the Crown to Hungary in 1978, and Hungary presented a special reproduction of the Crown to Carter in 1998 at the Carter Library and Museum.

EDUCATION

Resources for educators include downloadable curriculum units and lesson plans on such topics as The President's Travels and the Panama Canal Treaties. Lesson plans from the Carter Center on topics related to its focus on "Waging Peace. Fighting Disease. Building Hope" also are available.

Curriculum materials from the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site are available, such as "A Pathway to Peace – Jimmy Carter and the Camp David Accords." Links to several PBS productions include "Jimmy Carter and the Iran Hostage Crisis," "Meltdown at Three Mile Island," and "Brokering Peace: the Camp David Accords." The American Experience video on Jimmy Carter includes detailed online descriptions of Carter's life and career as well as a teacher's guide with proposed group exercises and discussion questions.