

United States Courthouse at Canandaigua, New York, photograph (recent print), not dated

Susan B. Anthony's trial took place inside this building.

Courtesy of Ontario County Historical Society, Canandaigua, New York

Testimony of John Lewis regarding the violence of "Bloody Sunday," March 7, 1965, when peaceful demonstrators marching for black voting rights were attacked in Selma, Alabama by state troopers, selected pages
National Archives-Southeast Region, Morrow, Georgia, Records of the District Courts of United States

"The State Troopers took their position, I guess, and they moved forward with their clubs up over their – near their shoulder, the top part of the body; they came rushing in, knocking us down and pushing us."

John Lewis (left) and Hosea Williams, photograph (recent print), July 26, 1965

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John Lewis (in the foreground) being beaten by state troopers, photograph (recent print), March 7, 1965

Courtesy of AP Images

"Two Minute Warning," photograph (recent print) by Spider Martin, March 7, 1965

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SCENES FROM HELL

Letter from George Washington to John Hancock, President of Congress, regarding an alleged plot of the British to spread smallpox among the American troops, December 4, 1775, signature page
National Archives, Records of the Continental and Confederation Congresses and the Constitutional Convention

"A Sailor Says that a number of these Comeing out have been innoculated, with design of Spreading the Smallpox thro' this Country & Camp."

George Washington, painting (reproduction) by Charles Willson Peale, 1776

Courtesy of the White House Historical Association (White House Collection)

Washington, DC

Washington at Cambridge, taking command of the Army, 1775, print (reproduction) by Charles Stanley Reinhart, 1875

Courtesy of the Picture Collection, The Branch Libraries

The New York Public Library, New York City

Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations

Audio Station: Herb Morrison's report of the explosion of the *Hindenburg*
Donated Materials in the National Archives

Herb Morrison, photograph (recent print) appeared in *Stand By* magazine, published by WLS, May 15, 1937

Courtesy of Library of American Broadcasting, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

Hindenburg Explosion, photograph (recent print),
May 6, 1937
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Report of Marie Adams, Field Director, Hospital Service, American Red Cross, who had been held prisoner in the Santo Tomas Internment camp in the Philippines, 1942-45

National Archives, Records of the Office of the Surgeon General (Army)

"We were hungry; we were starved. When I went to bed at night, I felt just on the verge of screaming. I ached to the ends of my fingers and toes, with the most horrible ache that I have ever experienced."

Photostats of Marie Adams, included in her official report, submitted 1945
National Archives, Records of the Office of the Surgeon General (Army)

Shanties were built in a courtyard at Santo Tomas to help ease the overcrowding in the buildings, 1945

National Archives, Records of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer

Letter from Pfc. Harold Porter to his parents, 116 Evacuation Hospital, stationed at Dachau, May 10, 1945, first page

National Archives, Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, Abilene, Kansas

"I've told you before about the thousands of dead bodies here. They are not nearly so ghastly nor horrible as our patients, the 'living corpses'... To enter a ward at night is like hearing the 'Inner Sanctum' radio program. There are weird wails, sobs, groans, rattles, gnashing of teeth, and above it all the chant of men praying."

Gates at the main entrance to Dachau Concentration Camp, photograph (recent print), 1945

National Archives, Records of the Office of War Information

"Tattered clothes from prisoners who were forced to strip before they were killed, lay in huge piles in the infamous Dachau concentration camp," photograph (recent print), 1945

National Archives, Records of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer

Railroad cars at Dachau concentration camp, photograph (recent print), 1945

National Archives, Records of the Office of War Information

Audio-Visual Station: American POW, Navy Commander Jeremiah Denton—1966 television interview conducted when Denton was being held by the North Vietnamese.

National Archives, Records of the Central Intelligence Agency

During the interview, he blinked his eyes in Morse code spelling out the word "T-O-R-T-U-R-E"

Comdr. Jeremiah Denton, Jr., photograph (recent print) by Pomponio, March 1965

National Archives, General Records of the Department of the Navy, 1947

Navy Lt. Paul Galanti, American Prisoner of War during Vietnam War, photograph (recent print), 1969

National Archives, Records of United States Air Force Commands, Activities, and Organizations, 1900-85

FREE AT LAST

Letter from John Boston, a runaway slave, to his wife, Elizabeth Boston, January 12, 1862

National Archives, Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1780's-1917

"...this Day I can Address you thank god as a free man I had a little truble in giting away But as the lord led the Children of Isrel to the land of Canon So he led me to a land Whare freedom Will rain"

Pvt. Hubbard Pryor of Georgia, before and after his enlistment in the 44th U.S. Colored Infantry, photograph (recent print), 1864

National Archives, Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1780's-1917 [Enclosed in Col. R.D.Mussey to Major C.W. Foster, 10 October 1864. Letters Received, ser.360, Colored Troops Division. RG 94 [B-468]

*African American soldiers mustered out at Little Rock, Arkansas, drawing (reproduction) by Alfred R. Waud, published in Harper's Weekly, May 19, 1866
Courtesy of the Library of Congress, Washington, DC*

PASSING OF AN ERA

Diary of Theodore Joslin, secretary to President Herbert Hoover, February 27-28, 1933

National Archives, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, West Branch, Iowa

"The Commercial [Bank] did open this morning and although I felt unpatriotic in doing so, I drew out most of the money in my checking account and had Rowena come in and withdraw her savings account. And I told the President what I had done.

Anxious depositors in Cleveland, Ohio, learn that withdrawals are limited to five percent of their deposits, photograph (recent print), February 28, 1933

National Archives, Records of the U.S. Information Agency

President Herbert Hoover in the Oval Office with Theodore Joslin, photograph (recent print), 1932

National Archives, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, West Branch, Iowa

George H.W. Bush's diary entry for August 9, 1974, describing President Nixon's farewell address (to the White House staff) and President Ford's swearing-in ceremony, selected pages

National Archives, George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, College Station, Texas

"President Nixon looked just awful. He used glasses – the first time I ever saw them. Close to breaking down – understandably. Everyone in the room in tears. The speech was vintage Nixon – a kick or two at the press – enormous strains."

President Richard Nixon, flanked by his family, delivering his farewell remarks to the White House Staff in the East Room of the White House, photograph (recent print) by Karl Schumacher, August 9, 1974

National Archives, Nixon Presidential Materials Staff, College Park, Maryland

President Ford delivering remarks in the East Room of the White House moments after being sworn in, photograph (recent print) by David Hume Kennerly, August 9, 1974
National Archives, Gerald R. Ford Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Richard Nixon departs from the White House before Gerald Ford was sworn in as President, photograph (recent print) by Oliver F. Atkins, August 9, 1974
National Archives, Nixon Presidential Materials Project, College Park, Maryland

FALLEN LEADERS

Statement of Dr. Robert King Stone, President Lincoln's family physician, on his treatment of the President after he was shot on April 14, 1865, selected pages
National Archives, Records of the Office of the Judge Advocate General (Army)
"I at once informed those around that the case was an hopeless one; that the President would die; that there was no positive limit to the duration of his life, that his vital tenacity was very strong, and he would resist as long as any man could, but that death certainly would soon close the scene...he died the next morning at about half past seven o'clock."

Dr. Robert King Stone, photograph (recent print) from the Mathew Brady Collection, ca. 1861-65
National Archives, Records of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer

President Lincoln's deathbed, photograph (recent print) by Julius Ulke, April 15, 1865
Courtesy of Chicago History Museum, Chicago, Illinois

Abraham Lincoln, photograph (recent print) from the Mathew Brady Collection, ca. 1861-65
National Archives, Records of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer

Audio Station: Lady Bird Johnson's account of President Kennedy's assassination, November 1963

National Archives, Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, Austin, Texas
Lady Bird Johnson working on her diary in the second floor bedroom of the White House, photograph (recent print) by Robert Knudsen, November 15, 1968
National Archives, Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, Austin, Texas

President and Mrs. Kennedy arrive at Dallas, November 22, 1963, photograph (recent print) by Cecil Stoughton, November 22, 1963
National Archives, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston, Massachusetts

LEADERS IN CRISIS

President Harry S. Truman's diary describing his first meeting with Soviet Marshal Joseph Stalin at Potsdam, July 17, 1945

National Archives, Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum, Independence, Missouri

"Just spent a couple of hours with Stalin...Promptly a few minutes before twelve I looked up from the desk and there stood Stalin in the doorway...."

President Truman and Soviet Marshal Stalin, photograph (recent print), July 18, 1945
National Archives, Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum, Independence, Missouri

Hand-carved desk used by President Truman at the “Little White House” where he stayed during the Potsdam Conference, photograph (recent print) by Lieutenant Newell, July 13, 1945

National Archives, Records of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer

President Harry S. Truman (right) and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin (left), photograph (recent print), July 17, 1945

National Archives, Records of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer

Notes of Alonzo Fields, Chief White House Butler, on the June 25, 1950, dinner for the President and his advisors

National Archives, Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum, Independence, Missouri

“At about 4:P.M. Sunday, June 25, Mr. Claunch, the usher on duty called me excitedly saying that the President was returning and wanted cocktails and dinner at 8:00 P.M. for the Sec. of State and the Army, Navy and Airforce chiefs of Staffs... I planned dinner in the cab on my way to the White House, in respect to the supplies I had on hand.

Alonzo Fields, photograph (recent print), not dated

Courtesy of the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, Washington, DC

Audio Station: President John F. Kennedy’s recollections of discussions held during the Cuban Missile Crisis, October 18, 1962

National Archives, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston, Massachusetts

President John F. Kennedy at the White House, photograph (recent print) by Cecil Stoughton, October 24, 1961

National Archives, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston, Massachusetts

Map showing potential missile range, 1962

National Archives, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston, Massachusetts

MRBM Field Launch Site, San Cristobal No. 1, photograph (recent print), October 14, 1962

National Archives, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston, Massachusetts

MRBM Launch Site 3, San Cristobal, Cuba, photograph (recent print), October 27, 1962

National Archives, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston, Massachusetts

IRBM Launch Site No. 1, Guanajay, Cuba, photograph (recent print), October 23, 1962

National Archives, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston, Massachusetts

WAR AT SEA

“From an address on the ‘Cumberland’ prepared by Admiral Selfridge in 1885,” an account of the sinking of the USS *Cumberland* by the Confederate ironclad CSS *Virginia*, selected pages

National Archives, Naval Records Collection of the Office of Naval Records and Library

“ [The Merrimac’s] first shot passed through the starboard hammock netting killing and wounding nine Marines and their Commander (p.3)...Events followed too fast to record them. The dead were thrown over the other side of the deck, the wounded carried below...the carnage was something awful.... The appearance of the gun deck forward at this time was something never to be forgotten.(p.4)

*U.S. Frigate Cumberland, 54 Guns. The flag ship of the Gulf Squadron, Com. Perry, lithograph (reproduction) by N. Currier, 1843
Courtesy of the U.S. Navy Art Collection, Washington, DC*

*CSS Virginia, wash drawing (reproduction) by Clary Ray, 1898
Courtesy of the U.S. Navy Art Collection, Washington, DC*

*Rear Adm. Thomas O. Selfridge, Jr., photograph (recent print), not dated
National Archives, Records of the Bureau of Ships*

*The Sinking of the Cumberland, hand-colored lithograph (reproduction) by F. Newman, published by Currier & Ives, ca. 1862
Courtesy of the Library of Congress, Washington, DC*

War Diary of Kapitanleutnant Walter Schwieger, Commander of the German U-boat that attacked and sank the *Lusitania* on May 7, 1915, selected pages

National Archives, Naval Records Collection of the Office of Naval Records and Library

“A second explosion must have followed that of the torpedo...It appeared as if it would capsize in a short time. Great confusion arose on the ship; some of the boats were swung clear and lowered into the water. Many people must have lost their heads; several boats loaded with people rushed downward, struck the water bow or stern first, and filled at once. ..The ship blew off steam; at the bow the name “Lusitania” in golden letters was visible.”

*Lusitania, photograph (recent print), not dated
Courtesy of the Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, Washington, DC*

*Kapitänleutnant Walter Schwieger, photograph (recent print), not dated
Courtesy of Bundesarchiv, Freiburg, Germany*

*Torpedoed Lusitania, drawing printed in New York Herald and London Sphere (reproduction), ca. 1915
Courtesy of the Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, Washington, DC*

PERSONAL ENCOUNTERS

Letter from John Adams to John Jay, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, reporting on his audience with King George III, June 2, 1785, selected pages

National Archives, Records of the Continental and Confederation Congresses and the Constitutional Convention

“...the door was shut, and I was left with his Majesty and the secretary of state alone...”

John Adams, painting (reproduction) by John Singleton Copley, 1783
Courtesy of the Harvard University Portrait Collection, Boston, Massachusetts, Bequest of Ward Nicholas Boylston to Harvard College, 1828

George III, oil painting by Studio of Allan Ramsay (reproduction), London, England, ca. 1770
Courtesy of Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg, Virginia

King George Seated on the Coronation Chair, painting (reproduction) by Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1779,
Courtesy of the Royal Academy of Arts, London, United Kingdom

Rose Kennedy’s account of the weekend she and her husband, Ambassador Joseph Kennedy, spent at Windsor Castle as the guests of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, April 9-11, 1938, selected pages
National Archives, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston, Massachusetts

“There were numerous servants in evidence, in full livery; soon one of them brought us sherry. Another, who as well as livery wore a peruke. ...After a few minutes of contemplating the scene, Joe turned to me and said, ‘Rose, this is a hell of a long way from East Boston...”

Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy at the embassy residence in London, photograph (recent print) by Peter Hunter, 1939
National Archives, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston, Massachusetts

Aerial view of Windsor, photograph (recent print) by Chorley and Handford, 1999
Courtesy of The Royal Collection © 2006, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Windsor Castle, Green Drawing Room, photograph (recent print) by Mark Fiennes, 1997
Courtesy of The Royal Collection © 2006, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

President Jimmy Carter’s notes from his private meeting with Pope John Paul II, October 6, 1979
National Archives, Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum, Atlanta, Georgia

President Jimmy Carter with Pope John Paul II, photograph (recent print) by Bill Fitz-Patrick, October 6, 1979
National Archives, Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum, Atlanta, Georgia

President Jimmy Carter and Pope John Paul II at the White House, photograph (recent print) October 6, 1979
Courtesy of AP Images

AMERICA ON THE MOVE

Report of John C. Fremont, The Exploring Expedition to the Rocky Mountains by Brevet Col. J.D. Fremont, March 1, 1843, selected pages

National Archives, Records of the Office of the Chief of Engineers

"I put upon the boat the remaining two carts with their accompanying loads. The man at the helm was timid in water, and in his alarm capsized the boat. Carts, barrels, boxes and bales, were in a moment floating down the current...almost everything—even heavy articles—were recovered...but our heaviest loss was a bag of coffee, which contained nearly all our provision. It was a [loss] which none but a traveller in a strange and inhospitable country can appreciate..."

*View of the Wind River Mountains, illustration (reproduction) by Charles Preuss, reprinted from A Report of an Exploration of the Country Lying between the Missouri River and the Rocky Mountains on the Line of the Kansas and Great Platte Rivers, printed by order of the United States Senate, 1843
Courtesy of the National Archives Library, Washington, DC*

John C. Frémont, photograph (recent print) from the Mathew Brady Collection, ca. 1860-65

National Archives, Records of the Office of the Chief Signal Office

Typed manuscript of Laura Ingalls Wilder's *On the Way Home, The Diary of a Trip from South Dakota to Mansfield, Missouri, in 1894*, selected pages

National Archives, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, West Branch, Iowa

"We went through Prescott...Met a family of emigrants who have spent the last two months traveling in southwest Missouri. They do not like it at all down there...We passed another covered wagon stopped by the road, and those folks are on they way to Missouri. The whole country is just full of emigrants, going and coming."

*"Rocky Ridge Farm in Mansfield after Almanzo had cleared a good deal of the land," photograph (recent print) by Laura Ingalls Wilder, ca. 1910
Courtesy of Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Home Association, Mansfield, Missouri*

Laura Wilder as a young woman, photograph (recent print), not dated
Courtesy of Laura Ingalls Wilder Home Association, Mansfield, Missouri

*View of the Red Buttes, along the Oregon Trail, photograph (recent print) by William Henry Jackson, 1870
National Archives, Records of the U.S. Geological Survey, 1839-2001*

"Report on Trans-Continental Trip. November 3, 1919 by Lt. Col. D.D. Eisenhower, selected pages

National Archives, Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, Abilene, Kansas

"In Illinois [the convoy] started on dirt roads, and practically no more pavement was encountered until reaching California...."

Lt. Col. Dwight D. Eisenhower, photograph (recent print), 1919
National Archives, Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, Abilene, Kansas

"Lemonade—gratis," photograph (recent print), 1919
National Archives, Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, Abilene, Kansas

Transcript of televised message from the crew of *Apollo 8*, December 24, 1968, selected pages

National Archives, Records of the U.S. Information Agency (USIA)

Jim Lovell: ...the vast loneliness up here of the moon is awe inspiring and it makes you realize just what you have back there on Earth. The Earth from here is a grand oasis to the big vastness of space."

Apollo 8 Moon view, photograph (recent print), 1968
National Archives, Records of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Earthrise, photograph (recent print), by Bill Anders, 1968
National Archives, Records of the U.S. Information Agency

Audio-Visual Station: Excerpts from the telecast of the *Apollo 8* crew, December 24, 1968

National Archives, Records of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Apollo 8 Crewmembers, left to right: James A. Lovell, Jr., William A. Anders, and Frank Borman, photograph (recent print), November 22, 1968

Courtesy of National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC

Earthrise, photograph (recent print), by Bill Anders, 1968
National Archives, Records of the U.S. Information Agency