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Photographs of the 2009 Presidential Inauguration and Inaugural Events

Finding Aid Type
Office/Series

Extent

5,033 assets

Record Type
Photographs

Access

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Provenance

Official records of Barack Obama's presidency are housed at the Barack Obama Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records

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Related Collections

22-16554-F: Photographs of Beyonce Knowles

22-16559-F: Photographs of Oprah Winfrey

22-16560-F: Photographs of Aretha Franklin

Scope and Content Note

Photographs from the 2009 Presidential Inauguration on January 20, 2009, including the Obama for America Staff Ball for staff members of President Obama's 2008 presidential campaign on January 22.

There are photographs from the Inauguration, Luncheon, Parade, Neighborhood Inaugural Ball, Obama Home State Inaugural Ball, Commander-in-Chief Inaugural Ball, Youth Inaugural Ball, Biden Home State Inaugural Ball, Mid-Atlantic Inaugural Ball, Western and Southwestern Regional Inaugural Ball, Midwest Regional Inaugural Ball, Southern Inaugural Ball, and Eastern Inaugural Ball.

System of Arrangement

The Executive Office of the President (EOP) instance of the Electronic Records Archive (ERA) contains electronic records created or received by Obama administration staff. These records are stored in Search and Access Sets (SAS) that represent their originating computer program, such as the White House Photo System.

The photographs are a subseries of a larger series, which includes all photographs taken by White House photographers during the Obama administration. This subseries is arranged chronologically by the photo identifier (P number), which is formatted as PMMDDYYXX-####:

- P (for Presidential photographs)
- MMDDYY (Date of image capture)
- XX (Photographer’s initials)
- [dash]
- Frame number

Container List

Electronic Records

2009 Inauguration contains 4,841 photos, of which 4048 are released in full, 17 are withheld in part, and 776 are withheld in full.

January 22 Ball contains 192 photos, of which 192 are released in full.