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**ONLINE RESEARCH SOURCES IN THE GEORGE W. BUSH
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum opened to the public in May 2013. The Library's holdings include more than 70 million pages of textual materials from the Bush (43) presidency, from staff files to National Security Council documents to special commission files. The Library also is the repository for condolence mail received by the State Department after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. It additionally houses the George W. Bush gubernatorial records and other donated collections.

The Library website includes biographies of President George W. Bush, First Lady Laura Bush, and the Bush Family dogs, Barney and Miss Beazley. Frequently Asked Questions are included with each biography. The main website also includes links to descriptions of Presidential Places: the White House, Air Force One, Camp David, and Marine One. Links to general Presidential and First Lady trivia are provided as well.

The George W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum
<http://www.georgewbushlibrary.smu.edu/>

RESEARCH

The Research section of the Bush Library website contains links to Textual Materials, the Archived White House Website, Audio Visual Materials, Exhibits, Electronic Records, Gubernatorial Records, and Other Research Resources. A link to information about submission of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and Presidential Records Act (PRA) requests also is provided.

The online Textual Materials include finding aids and a featured document. The two main collections of presidential records are the White House Staff Member Office Files and the White House Office of Records Management – Subject Files. Each collection contains several finding aids, on such subjects as

the Domestic Policy Council, the Office of Faith Based & Community Initiatives, the Interstate Highway System, Reports and Statistics, and more. Each finding aid contains a brief description of the files, a container list, box numbers, and folder titles.

A small selection of documents is available online in a Sneak Peek Document Gallery. These online documents include President Bush's handwritten remarks to the press on September 11, 2001; maps used by the President that depict damage caused by Hurricane Katrina (with a red "The President Has Seen" stamp at the top of the document); and the letter from U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor announcing her retirement. The documents may be displayed as a visual grid or as a list.

The Archived White House Website page contains photographs, press releases, and other public records of the Bush (43) presidency. The archived website is not updated anymore, of course, so some links and features are no longer active.

The Audiovisual Materials page provides a brief summary of the images and tapes from the Bush (43) presidency in the library. The collection includes approximately 46,000 audio and video tapes, as well as about 375,000 photographs. The Library has three online photo galleries to date: "From the White House Photo Archive" (40 photos); "September 11, 2001 Photographs Gallery" (60 photos); and "Tee Ball on the South Lawn" (25 photos).

The Exhibits page presents a brief summary of the Museum's architecture, exhibits, and artifacts. A permanent interactive (though not online) exhibit is Decision Points Theater, in which Museum visitors participate in a simulation of an actual decision faced by the administration (Ex. Response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005; 2007 troop "surge" in Iraq) and decide how they would have responded. The Museum has an online Artifact Gallery, which displays images of some of the 43,000 gifts given to President and Mrs. Bush by American citizens and foreign Heads of State. The online images may be rotated 360 degrees for full viewing.

The Electronic Records page summarizes the approximately 80 terabytes of electronic files from the Bush (43) presidency. The data include more than 200 million e-mail messages from the White House e-mail system, nearly four million photographs, and other materials from the administration. The

electronic records are subject to the Presidential Records Act, and processing requests may be made under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Gubernatorial Records page provides a brief description of the records from George W. Bush's two terms as governor of Texas that are housed at the Presidential Library. The gubernatorial records are state property, and public information requests must be submitted to the Texas State Library & Archives Commission. Contact information for mail, fax, and in-person requests is provided.

The Other Research Resources page provides a list of memoirs by President and Mrs. Bush as well as administration officials that use primary sources from the Presidential Library and Museum. Also provided are links to publicly available resources on the Bush (43) presidency, such as Public Papers and Executive Orders, and links to websites about the American presidency more generally.

PHOTOS & VIDEOS

This page presents Photo and Video Galleries of selected materials from the Library and Museum. Topics include "White House Photo Archive" (40 photos), "Tee Ball on the South Lawn" (25 photos), "White House Video Archive" (videos recorded by the White House Communications Agency during the Bush [43] Presidency); "White House Barney Cams" (videos of the Bush dogs, Barney and Miss Beazley, recorded by the White House Communications Agency); and more.

EDUCATION

A Library webpage for teachers provides Classroom Resources that include online lesson plans on such subjects as "Teaching Students to Recognize Primary & Secondary Sources," "Analyzing Historical Objects," and "Teaching About the Role of the First Lady." Also included is a "Primary Sources Toolkit" page, which defines and discusses the uses of primary sources, as well as a Presentation Archives page, which highlights selected student research papers. The Library webpage additionally includes a section on "The First Lady & Education," which identifies Mrs. Bush's initiatives as First Lady, on such diverse topics as "Advocating for the Women and Children of

Afghanistan,” and “Supporting PEPFAR: The Fight Against HIV/AIDS,” as well as a list of Mrs. Bush’s favorite family books.

A Kids webpage provides links to information about the Bush (43) presidency and the American presidency more generally. Topics include “The Treasure Vault” (selected images of artifacts, documents, and photographs from the library), “Games & Trivia” (about the American presidency), and “Homework Zone” (links to websites about George W. Bush presidency, the American presidency, and the White House).

A Topics webpage contains a 9/11 Resource Guide, which provides a summary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks as well as links to selected public resources, such as “The National September 11th Memorial Museum” and “Featured Artifact: 9/11 Bullhorn,” which may be viewed at the Bush (43) Museum. Additional topic pages are under development on “the War in Iraq,” “Presidential Photographers,” and more.