

# Scrapbooks of John F. Kennedy Memorabilia, ca. 1963-1967

**Repository:** Hingham Public Library

**Manuscript Number:** MSC #44

**Creator:** Unknown

**Quantity:** 2 scrapbooks

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**Related Materials:** ??

## Provenance

These scrapbooks were donated to the library by an anonymous donor.

## Historical Note

On November 22, 1963, U.S. President John F. Kennedy was shot and killed during a presidential motorcade in Dallas. Government investigations determined that the assassin was Lee Harvey Oswald, a former U.S. Marine who had defected to the Soviet Union and who was acting alone. Texas Governor John Connolly was critically injured during the shooting but survived, and police officer J.D. Tippit was killed by Oswald shortly afterwards when he approached him during the search for the assassin. Oswald himself was shot and killed by Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby in front of television cameras, two days after he killed Kennedy and before his case could go to trial. Ruby was convicted and sentenced to death, which he appealed, but died of a pulmonary embolism secondary to lung cancer before a new trial could take place.

## Scope and Content Note

This collection is comprised of two scrapbooks of memorabilia relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas on November 22, 1963 and his subsequent funeral and burial. The scrapbooks also contain materials that reflect on the President in the years following the assassination, that relate to the Kennedy family, and that detail events after the assassination, including the assassination of Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby's conviction and time in prison. Materials are mainly newspaper and magazine clippings, but also include photographs, personal notes written by the scrapbook's creator, and the JFK memorial issue of *Look* magazine.

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into the following series:

- Series I. John F. Kennedy Memorabilia, ca. 1963-1967

### I. John F. Kennedy Memorabilia, ca. 1963-1967

This series is comprised of two scrapbooks filled with items relating to the assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy and the years following the assassination. The scrapbooks contain handwritten notes and typed pages compiled by their unknown creator. The first scrapbook, which is blue, relates mainly to the assassination itself and to Kennedy's funeral and burial. The

second scrapbook, which is red, begins one year after the assassination and features articles looking back on the day. It also focuses largely on Jackie Kennedy and the rest of the family's life after the assassination, and includes several articles relating to Jack Ruby.

The first 25 pages of the first scrapbook had come loose from the bindings and have been placed into folders in their original order. Folders are labeled with the original page numbers. Loose items have also been removed from both scrapbooks and placed in folders labeled by scrapbook number, with their original location within the scrapbooks noted with tabs.