

FICKLIN, JOHN WOODSON: Papers, 1946-1994  
(1.1 l.ft.; Box 1-3)

**Biography**

John Woodson Ficklin (1919-1984) served forty three years on the domestic service staff at the White House. His final position was as the White House Maitre d', the most senior service staff position at the executive mansion.

John Ficklin, one of ten children, was born on a farm in rural Rappahannock, Virginia. His father was a former slave. Both he and his older brother Charles moved to Washington, DC and worked as butlers and housemen for wealthy families in the Georgetown neighborhood. At some point, they both met Sam Jackson, Jr. whose father was a butler at the White House. Through him, Charles and John Ficklin both began part-time work assisting out as housemen/butlers when White House special events required extra help. This was just before and during the early years of World War II.

John Ficklin enlisted in 1941 and in the Army medical corps in the South Pacific. In the meantime, his older brother Charles was hired as a full-time butler at the White House. Charles managed to get John the chance at a White House job which he chose over other options in 1946. Charles was soon promoted to head butler and then maitre d'. He retired in the mid-1960s and John Ficklin was promoted to maitre d'. The Ficklins' younger brother, Samuel, was an engineer at the Bureau of Engraving, but he also worked as an as-needed, part-time butler at the White House.

Ficklin worked for nine presidents from Franklin Roosevelt to Ronald Reagan. He refused to name a favorite of any of them. He was present when Mrs. Kennedy returned to the White House from the assassination of her husband in Dallas in 1963. Ficklin assisted Mrs. Kennedy with all the funeral and family arrangements, not returning to his home for over a week. Mrs. Kennedy asked him to be an usher at the funeral services for President Kennedy.

During his tenure, Ficklin assisted with the planning and execution of three White House weddings: Patricia Nixon Cox, Luci Baines Johnson Nugent and Lynda Byrd Johnson Robb. He worked with all the First Ladies in planning meals and state dinners and worked with numerous White House Social Secretaries.

Mr. Ficklin appeared as a mystery challenger on the CBS Goodson-Todman game show, *What's My Line?* on November 6, 1960. Ficklin included a reference to the "upcoming" election in one of his responses which was the clue the panel used to make his connection to the White House. Ficklin earned \$325.00 for his appearance on another Goodson-Todman show, *To Tell the Truth*, appearing on April 30, 1962.

After his retirement, Ficklin and his wife Nancy were special guests at the state dinner for Shaykh Isa bin Sulman Al Khalifa, the Amir of Bahrain on July 19, 1983. Ficklin sat at the table with First Lady Nancy Reagan. This was the first occasion of a White House service staff

member attending a State Dinner. Some of Ficklin's experiences were used in the movie, *The Butler*, although the movie is based on another maitre d', Eugene Allen.

Ficklin retired on May 28, 1983 and passed away on December 16, 1984 from cancer. Ficklin and his wife had two sons, J Woodson Ficklin and John Wroly Ficklin. Woodson Ficklin died in 2009 after a year long cancer illness. John Wroly Ficklin was a long-time employee of the National Security Council, retiring in 2016.

### **Scope and Content**

This collection consists of historical materials related to John Woodson Ficklin's career in the White House.

This collection was donated by John Wroly Ficklin, John W. Ficklin's son. The majority of the donation consists of museum objects and audiovisual materials. The objects are multiple large framed photographs, pens, oversize Christmas cards and other types of artifacts. For storage and preservation these items were removed and now make up a separate Ficklin objects collection housed and administered by the museum staff at the Library. An item-by-item list of all of the objects transferred to this separate collection is at the end of this inventory.

The remaining material makes up the John Woodson Ficklin Papers at the Reagan Library. The material is dated from 1946 through 1994. The material has been arranged within two series: White House Maitre D' Textual Materials, 1947-1994 and White House Maitre D' Audio-Visual Materials, 1946-1984.

The material that post-dates Ficklin's death is from his son John Wroly Ficklin. This includes his email to the *Washington Post* correcting Wil Haygood's contention that Eugene Allen was the first maitre d' to attend a state dinner. Haygood, the author of *The Butler: A Witness to History*, and an associate producer on the movie adaptation of his book, wrote an article about being on the movie set in *WP*, July 28, 2013. He states that Allen was "the first butler in the history of the White House to be a guest at a state dinner." Ficklin's son included a series of email exchanges with the *WP* copy chief who promised a printed correction.

This post-mortem material also includes an interview with John Wroly Ficklin about his father's career in *Footsteps: African-American History: Blacks and the White House*, 2002; the announcement of the donation of this collection to the Reagan Library and selected images from the collection in *Washingtonian*, July 2014; a Smithsonian Institution Folklife/Cultural studies project program with a photo of Ficklin *Workers at the White House*, 2002; and Christmas cards for John Wroly Ficklin and his family from President George H.W. Bush and President George W. Bush.

## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

### SERIES I: WHITE HOUSE MAITRE D' TEXTUAL MATERIALS, 1947-1994 (1.1.1.ft.; Box 1-3)

This series consists of thank you letters to Ficklin on numerous topics and events; notes on Ficklin's health, notes on the death of Ficklin's brother Charles, retirement congratulations notes; 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary congratulations to John Ficklin; Christmas cards; invitations; and general correspondence to Ficklin in his capacity as head butler. Correspondents include Presidents Truman, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, and Carter; First Ladies Mamie Eisenhower, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis; Lady Byrd Johnson, Patricia Nixon, Betty Ford, Rosalyn Carter and Nancy Reagan; Presidential children including Luci Johnson Nugent, Lynda Johnson Robb, Tricia Nixon Cox, and Susan Ford; and White House Social Secretaries Bess Abell, Lucy Winchester, Gretchen Poston, and Mabel "Muffie" Brandon.

Also included is material on the state dinner attended by Ficklin and his wife, Nancy. It includes the guest list, the menu, the program and both Ficklins got autographs on the back of their menus from all of the guests at their respective tables. This series also has random items which may or may not have had significance for Mr. Ficklin including the event program for the visit of Pope John Paul II to the White House in 1979; a poster on the surrender of the Japanese in World War II; invitation to the opening of the John F. Kennedy Library and the christening of the *U.S.S. John F. Kennedy*, information on the John Quincy and Louisa Adams portraits; a White House dinner menu from 1953 and a White House luncheon menu from 1969; an assortment of table place cards; a single catering bill; and a florist card from the White House to Ficklin.

The series also contains two scripts/proposals for programs on the White House staff and possible input from Ficklin; invitations to White House weddings and to Susan Ford's wedding in California; programs and items from memorial services for President Kennedy and President Johnson; correspondence with former butlers/maitre d's John Pye and Alonzo Fields; publications on the White House, and numerous news clippings about Mr. Ficklin, his life and domestic service work at the White House.

### SERIES II: WHITE HOUSE MAITRE D' AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS, 1946-1984.

Five photograph albums were part of this donated collection. The albums were identified by the creator or the donor (this is unclear) as letters A-D, and also included an "E" volume. We removed the photos from the albums, sleeved the photos when possible, and for preservation reasons have moved these photographs to the audio visual storage area. We have provided an item list of these photographs

The photographs contained in each album are numbered 1, 2, etc., and we have retained this marking. Mr. Ficklin identified some of the people in the photographs but he was unable to identify all of the individuals. Where a question mark is noted, Ficklin could not identify the individual. People are identified from left to right in each photograph.

Please request to see this material from the audio-visual archivist, Steve Branch.

## CONTAINER LIST

## Box 1

*A Great New Beginning: The 1981 Inauguration Story* (Housed in Box 3)  
 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1971 (1)(2)  
 Christmas  
 Backstairs at the White House  
 Card, Johnson Family 1966  
 Christmas  
 Catering Expenses  
 Event Programs (1)(2)  
 Flower Gift Card  
*Footsteps: African American History: Blacks and the White House*, 2002  
 Formal Surrender of the Second Japanese Army Poster  
 Gate Passes  
 Identification  
 Inauguration  
 In Memoriam  
 Invitations (1)(2)  
*JET Magazine*, August 15, 1983  
*Life Magazine*, Winter 1978 (Housed in Box 3)  
 Kennedy Library  
 Media Correspondence  
 Personal Correspondence, 1947-1974  
 Personal Correspondence, 1975-1978  
 Personal Correspondence (Undated)  
 Place Cards  
 Press Clippings (1)-(4) (Housed in Box 3)

## Box 2:

Pye, John  
 Retirement  
 Seating Arrangement OAS Delegation 1972  
 State Dinner 1983 (1)-(3)  
*The Living White House*, 1970  
*The Living White House*, 1978  
 The Portraits of John Quincy Adams  
*The View from the White House*  
*US News and World Report*, June 2, 1975  
 USS John F. Kennedy Christening  
 Vice-President Official Portraits  
*Washingtonian*, July 2014  
 Wedding Invitations (1)-(3)  
 "Workers at the White House"  
 White House Staff Picnic Photo 07/04/1981

Winchester, Lucy  
Envelopes, Originals

Box 3 (Legal Size)

*A Great New Beginning: The 1981 Inauguration Story*  
Press Clippings (1)-(3)

SERIES II: AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIAL

State Dinner Dub (VHS Tape)  
John Woodson Ficklin "The White House Years" (VHS Tape)  
John W. Ficklin Retirement (VHS Tape)  
Workers at the White House (VHS Tape)  
"What's My Line?" (3 audio disks)

Box #1 (Album A) (JWF=John W. Ficklin)

- 1- Signed President Harry Truman Official Photograph
- 2- Signed Vice President Alben W. Barkley Photograph
- 3- JWF And Roy Rogers At Children's Birthday Party (1)
- 4- President. Harry Truman And First Lady Bess Truman, Christmas 1946 Signed
- 5- JWF (2)
- 6- State Dining Room
- 7- Eugene Allen, ?, JWF (3)
- 8- JWF, ?, White House Usher (4)
- 9- White House Usher, JWF, Eugene Allen, ?, Charles Ficklin
- 10- ?, Mrs. Eisenhower, JWF
- 11- Magazine Cut-Out of Eugene Allen And JWF Setting the Table
- 12- Protestor, JWF, Johnnie Johnson Dated 1962 on Verso
- 13- Chef, JWF
- 14- JWF Looking in Fridge
- 15- Photograph of Food on Table 1968
- 16- Chef, Charles Ficklin, Chef
- 17- Two Chefs at Serving Table
- 18- Charles Ficklin Lighting Candle
- 19- President Kennedy, Vice President Johnson, ?, JWF With Tray, John Glenn
- 20- 1958 State Dining Room Set-Up
- 21- Kennedy Children Birthday Party
- 22- Johnnie Johnson, JWF, Charles Ficklin With Children Entering Room
- 23- JWF Behind Mrs. Kennedy (Orange Dress) With Caroline
- 24- JWF Behind Mrs. Kennedy With John Jr.
- 25- JWF, Caroline Kennedy
- 26- JWF Behind Table 19 November 1962
- 27- Jacqueline Kennedy, John Jr., Caroline Kennedy
- 28- Caroline Kennedy Kissing John Jr.
- 29- President Kennedy and First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Signed
- 30- President Kennedy, Caroline, and John Jr. In Oval Office

- 31- President Kennedy Signed
- 32- Jacqueline Kennedy Signed
- 33- President Kennedy And Mrs. Kennedy
- 34- JWF, Chef?, Chef?, Johnnie Johnson
- 35- JWF, Johnson, Chef, Chef, Norwood Williams
- 36- John F. Kennedy Memorial East Room
- 37- Men Standing at Attention In East Room, Memorial
- 38- Pres. Kennedy and Family at Ceremony
- 39- ?,?, Mrs. Kennedy, JWF with John Jr. Birthday Party After Assassination
- 40- Mrs. Kennedy, JWF, John Jr.
- 41- Lynda Johnson, JWF
- 42- Lynda Johnson Signed To JWF
- 43- Lady Bird Johnson, LBJ
- 44- Lady Bird Johnson
- 45- Vice President Hubert Humphrey
- 46- JWF, Hortense Burton
- 47- Dated 2 May 1964, Ceremony With Washington Monument in Background
- 48- Night Time White House Dinner Outside Dated June 12, 1964
- 49- Lynda Johnson, Lady Bird Johnson, Lyndon Johnson, JWF In Background With JB West  
(Chief Usher) With School Children
- 50- Lady Bird Johnson And JWF At Monticello
- 51- Lady Bird, ?, ?, JWF
- 52- Lucy Johnson Party, JWF Extreme Right
- 53- JWF, Lucy Johnson
- 54- JWF Polaroid
- 55- JWF Shaking Hands
- 56- Chef ?, JWF
- 57- ?, JWF, Samuel Ficklin, ?
- 58- Chocolate Easter Bunny With JWF
- 59- ?, JWF, Lucy Johnson, ?, ?
- 60- East Room Wedding Reception, JWF in Right Corner By Cake
- 61- JWF At BBQ
- 62- Jan 1967, East Room
- 63- JWF, ?
- 64- Puppies Signed By President Johnson and Freckles the Dog
- 65- Puppy in Boot
- 66- JWF With Cupcakes
- 67- Cupcakes
- 68- Frank Gordon, Eugene Allen, JWF, ?, ?, ? Samuel Ficklin
- 69- Serving Table Dec. 1967
- 70- Jerman Wilson
- 71- Serving Table With Pink And White Decorations Dated 9 Dec 1967 On Back
- 72- Christmas Decorations
- 73- JWF, Alfredo Saenz, Eugene Allen
- 74- Alfred Saenz
- 75- Man At Carving Station

- 76- East Room
- 77- Center Piece at Serving Table
- 78- Centerpiece in Front of Fireplace
- 79- Gingerbread House Christmas Decorations, 1968
- 80- Table Christmas Decorations With Snowmen Ice Cream
- 81- East Room with Christmas Tree Centerpieces
- 82- Bess Abel (Social Secretary) Farewell Gathering With Staff
- 83- JWF
- 84- JWF (Copy Of #81)

Box # 2 Album B (Contains 24 Photographs) (JWF=John W. Ficklin)

- 1- Nixon Family Photo (Torn At Edges Where Three Ring Binder Was)
- 2- JWF In Back Of Rose Centerpiece
- 3- Halloween Photo JWF As A Skeleton
- 4- William Bowen Sr., ?, Eugene Allen, President Nixon, JWF
- 5- Mrs. Nixon, JWF, Johnnie Johnson
- 6- ?,? JWF
- 7- Johnnie Johnson, JWF Rex Scouten, ?
- 8- Chef Henry Haller, JWF
- 9- ?, JWF, Rex Scouten, ?
- 10- Eugene Allen, Johnnie Johnson, JWF
- 11- JWF, Lucy Winchester
- 12- JWF With Tongue Out In Kitchen
- 13- JWF, Mrs. Nixon
- 14- JWF in Kitchen
- 15- John Wroly Ficklin (Son), JWF, Mrs. Nixon, Nancy S. Ficklin (Wife), ?, J. Woodson Ficklin,
- 16- JWF, ?, Santa Claus, ?
- 17- JWF in East Room
- 18- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of JWF White House Service With Colleagues
- 19- Assembly Of Nixon Daughter Wedding Cake
- 20- Wedding Ceremony
- 21- Nixon Family Wedding Cutting The Cake
- 22- JWF Behind Christmas Decorations
- 23- Christmas Carving Station
- 24- JWF Behind Christmas Decorations

Box # 3 Album C (Contains 46 Photographs Listed On Donor Sheet) Actual Count 47 Items

(JWF=John W. Ficklin)

- 1- Official Photograph of President Gerald R. Ford
- 2- President and Mrs. Ford in Back of Car
- 3- Black And White Official Photograph Of President Ford Signed
- 4- Nelson Rockefeller
- 5- President Ford and His Family Official Photograph
- 6- JWF, Mrs. Ford
- 7- JWF, Susan Ford

- 8- JWF, ?
- 9- President Ford with JWF
- 10- President Ford with JWF, Man in Background
- 11- JWF, Mrs. Ford
- 12- JWF with Mrs. Ford Laughing
- 13- JWF with Mrs. Ford Laughing
- 14- JWF with Social Office Staff
- 15- Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Johnson,?, JWF,?
- 16- Christmas Tree
- 17- Children Celebrating with Balloons
- 18- Santa Claus, JWF, Mrs. Ford, ?
- 19- Henry Kissinger, JWF
- 20- JWF with Clowns
- 21- Program with Official Portraits of President And Mrs. Ford
- 22- Prime Crew of Ninth Manned Apollo Mission Official Photograph
- 23- Apollo 15 Crew in Lunar Roving Vehicle
- 24- Chefs, JWF, Social Secretary
- 25- ?, JWF
- 26- Carter Family Christmas Picture Signed to JWF By President Carter
- 27- President Carter Signing Treaty with Israeli Prime Minister
- 28- President Carter, Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Shaking Hands
- 29- JWF, Menachem Begin and Wife, President and Mrs. Carter, Anwar Sadat and Wife
- 30- Middle East Peace Celebration Dinner
- 31- Middle East Peace Celebration Dinner
- 32- JWF Holding Bottle of Wine
- 33- ?, JWF
- 34- JWF in Background of Dinner
- 35- President Carter Listening to Speech JWF in Background
- 36- Chefs, ?JWF, ?
- 37- ?, Mrs. Carter Receiving Award, JWF
- 38- Mrs. Carter Giving Speech with JWF in Background
- 39- Eugene Allen, Chef Haller, Eli Young, William Bowen Jr., ?, ? Alfredo Saenz, ?,  
Charlie Miller, Johnnie Johnson, ?, JWF
- 40- JWF, Gretchen Posten
- 41- Eli Young, JWF
- 42- Bruce Thomas, Lem Johns, Irvin Williams, John Ficklin
- 43- Ceremony on White House Lawn Set-Up
- 44- Red and White Tent Set-Up
- 45- JWF, ?, Johnnie Johnson
- 46- Carter at Podium with Olympians
- 47- Photograph Signed by Carter of President and First Lady Carter

Box 4: Album D (Contains 20 Photographs) (JWF=John W. Ficklin)

- 1- JWF in the Red Room
- 2- JWF and President Ford
- 3- President Ford Shaking Hands with JWF



- 4- JWF and President Reagan Cutting Cake
- 5- JWF and President and Mrs. Reagan
- 6- President Reagan and JWF
- 7- Mrs. Reagan and JWF
- 8- JWF Next to Booth
- 9- JWF in Front of Trailer That Reads, "Gee Dad-It's A Wurlitzer."
- 10- Photo Signed by President and Nancy Reagan to John Ficklin
- 11- ?, ?, JWF
- 12- Johnnie Johnson, JWF, President Reagan Standing at Eagle Lectern
- 13- ?, President Reagan, JWF
- 14- White House Residence Staff
- 15- Bessie Walker, JWF, Nancy S. Ficklin (Wife)
- 16- Mrs. Reagan and JWF
- 17- First Lady Nancy Reagan and JWF Shaking Hands Signed by Mrs. Reagan
- 18- JWF, ?,?, Johnnie Johnson, Charlie Miller, Eugene Allen
- 19- Photo of Staff Behind the Buffet Table
- 20- Sugar Ray Leonard (Boxer) and JWF
- 21- Envelope and Letter that Reads "Miss the 1981 Sample of Egg Nog" (Not Transferred To AV)

Box 5: Album E (Contains 34 Photographs) (JWF=John W. Ficklin)

- 1- 1959 State Dinner Set-Up
- 2- JWF, Alonzo Fields, Armstead Barnett, ?, John Pye
- 3- John Kennedy Jr. Birthday Party (After Assassination)
- 4- JWF, ?, Mrs. Kennedy, Caroline Kennedy, Eugene Allen
- 5- JWF, Rex Scouten, ?, ?, Frankie Blair
- 6- ?, Eli Young, JWF, Rex Scouten, Eugene Allen "Amissville Kid Makes Good"  
Plaque Given To JWF In Honor Of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of Service
- 7- Lucy Winchester (Social Secretary And JWF
- 8- Mrs. Nixon And JWF
- 9- Lucy Winchester, Mrs. Nixon, And JWF
- 10- JWF, Eli Young, Johnnie Johnson, Eugene Allen, Jerman Wilson, JWF And Full-Time Butler Staff
- 11- Tricia Nixon Wedding, JWF Next To President Nixon
- 12- Tricia Nixon Wedding
- 13- Tricia Nixon Wedding
- 14- Tricia Nixon Wedding Cake
- 15- JWF And President Ford B/W
- 16- JWF And President Ford, Color
- 17- First Lady Ford with JWF
- 18- JWF Talking with Pres. Ford
- 19- Mrs. Carter and JWF Reading Menu
- 20- JWF, First Lady Carter and President Carter At Carter's Farewell Event
- 21- President Reagan, JWF, Mrs. Reagan (Signed)
- 22- President Reagan and JWF Looking at Cakes
- 23- President Bush, President Carter, JWF, President Nixon

- 24- JWF, President Bush, Mrs. Bush
- 25- Ella Fitzgerald and JWF with Note
- 26- Sugar Ray Leonard and JWF
- 27- Julia Child and JWF (Signed)
- 28- Fred Jefferson (Social Aide And Part-Time Butler)
- 29- Professional Boxer and JWF
- 30- William Bowen, JWF, Robert Harmon, Eugene Allen
- 31- JWF, Johnnie Johnson, Charlie Miller, Eugene Allen
- 32- JWF with a Wedding Cake
- 33- JWF with Note
- 34- Night Time Dinner Party on White House Lawn

Manila Envelope Found In Album E Contents (10 Total Items)

- 35- Reagan Family Portrait
- 36- Reagan Family Portrait
- 37- Official Picture of President Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan
- 38- Official Picture of President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan
- 39- George H. Bush
- 40- Barbara Bush
- 41- President Reagan and Vice President Bush
- 42- President Reagan and Vice President Bush
- 43- Time Life Cover Photograph of Reagan
- 44- Time Life Cover Photograph of Reagan

Oversize Photographs (JWF=John W. Ficklin)

1. B/W Photo JWF in Entrance Way to Outside Ceremony
2. President Ford Official Photograph
3. JWF with Pat Nixon Looking over Menu
4. Butler Staff before Dinner
5. JWF Standing by Table 10
6. B/W Photograph of Fish Dinner
7. B/W Photograph of Fish and Caviar
8. Photo of JWF Handing Glass of Champagne To President Nixon And Russian President Brezhnev
9. Duplicate Photograph Of #4
10. President Ford with King Hussein of Jordan and JWF in Background
11. State Dinner Set-Up for Lt. General Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria
12. JWF Helping in the Kitchen Dated 1974 on the Back
13. State Dinner for Lt. General Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria
14. B/W with JWF and Jelly Logs
15. Negative of Mrs. Reagan and JWF in State Dining Room

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS TRANSFER

Framed Invitation to Attend Celebration of 25 Years of Service, Dated 02/4/1977

Framed Staff Signature Board Given to Ficklin Upon Retirement (1946-1983)  
Framed President Gerald Ford, Mrs. Ford Congratulatory Note Re. 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Framed Photograph of John Woodson Ficklin  
Framed Photograph of Queen Elizabeth on White House Balcony with President Ford  
Framed Artwork "Mount Eisenhower" By President Eisenhower Christmas 1959  
Framed Dinner Menu Dated 01/29/1979  
Framed Letter from First Lady Patricia Nixon Re. Excellent Service, Dated 10/28/1969  
Framed Photograph of Eugene Allen, Ely Young, Johnnie Johnson, JWF with President Ford  
and President Carter  
Framed "St. Louis Creek" in Byers Peak Ranch Painting by President Eisenhower, Christmas  
1955  
"Church In Bavaria" Painting By President Eisenhower, Christmas 1960  
Special Dinner for President and Mrs. Carter, 01/11/1983  
Framed Photograph of Jack H. Watcon, 12/19/1980  
"Frisbee Ficklin" Award, 09/18/1979  
Photograph of Mrs. Nancy Reagan  
Framed Photograph of Incoming First Lady Rosalynn Carter with President. Ford, Eugene Allen,  
German Wilson  
First Lady Pat Nixon at "POW" Dinner, 05/24/1973-Picture of Richard Nixon on Stage with His  
Arms Raised, Message is from Pat Nixon  
Handwritten Framed Note to John Ficklin from Jacqueline Kennedy  
Typed Letter from President Johnson, Dated 06/26/1967  
Framed Black and White Photograph of the State Dining Room  
Framed Photograph of Chuck and Lynda Robb Wedding  
Framed Staff Signature Board Re. Congratulations for 30th Wedding Anniversary, 01/28/1978  
Framed Photograph of John Bourgeois (Marine Band Director) Retirement  
Typed Letter from President Carter Dated 03/27/1979  
Handwritten Note from First Lady Rosalynn Carter Dated 12/22/1978  
Signed Dinner Menu by President and Mrs. Ford  
Picture of Ficklin Helping Bride and Groom Cut the Wedding Cake (Possible Nixon Daughter  
Wedding)  
First Lady Mamie Eisenhower Dated 01/03/1961  
Framed Picture of President and Mrs. Ford and Signed  
Framed Picture of Ficklin Hugging First Lady Betty Ford  
Framed Letter Dated 10/24/1969 To John Ficklin Signed by President Richard Nixon Thanking  
Him for His Excellent Service  
Small Drawing of the White House  
Texas Welcome Dinner Program Dated 11/22/1963  
Photograph of Wedding at the White House with Ficklin Cutting Cake  
Photograph of President Nixon Wearing Ribbon, Eugene Allen, Wilson German, Johnnie  
Johnson  
Framed Photograph of John Ficklin with President Gerald Ford  
Framed Admission Ticket For Mrs. Nancy S. Ficklin To Vice Presidents Gallery, Senate  
Chamber Signed by Herbert Humphrey  
Luci Johnson and Patrick Nugent, 08/03/1966 Framed Picture  
Luci Johnson Nugent, Christmas 1968

Framed Photograph of Ficklin with Five Females and Signed by Them Dated 09/20/1973  
Photograph of Pasha, Vicky, & Tim (Johnson Or Nixon Dogs) With Their Paw Prints  
Photograph of President Ford and Rex Scouten (Chief Usher)  
Photograph of President Johnson & Family, Christmas 1968, Damaged Cardboard on the Verso,  
Ripped  
Framed Photograph of Henry Kissinger, First Lady Betty Ford, President Ford  
Framed Photograph of President and Mrs. Nixon  
Framed Photograph of Julie & David Eisenhower, Tricia Nixon & Ed Cox  
Framed Photograph of First Lady Betty Ford  
Photograph of President Ford, Framed  
Photograph of President Johnson Christmas Card 1965, Framed  
Photograph of President Johnson Christmas Card 1966, Framed  
Photograph of President Johnson Christmas Card 1964, Framed  
(4) White House Lawn Easter At The White House Tickets, 04/16/2001 in Envelope Entitled  
"John- Eggs Tix"  
Christmas Card from Dick And Lynne Cheney with Envelope  
Small Christmas Card from President Eisenhower and Mrs. Eisenhower Dated 1958  
Christmas Card from President George H. Bush 1989 in Envelope  
Christmas Card From President Bill Clinton and Hilary Clinton in Envelope, 1999  
Christmas Card Cover in Green Felt With Presidential Seal And Picture of Thomas Jefferson  
Inside from President Richard Nixon 1970 and Envelope with Green Ribbon Still  
Attached.  
Christmas Invitation to Open House 12/16/1984 with Carolers on the Cover and Inside and  
Envelope with Pass Through the Visitor's Entrance  
Christmas Card and Envelope, Reagan 1984  
Large Christmas Card From Reagan 1984 and Large Envelope with Yellowed Glue  
Christmas Card and Envelope With Green Ribbon Taped on  
Christmas Card 1983 from Reagan  
Christmas Card "Christmas Greetings from The President And Mrs. Truman, 1952 Picture of  
The White House View from the East Garden (Black and White Photo) and Envelope  
Christmas Card 1981 from Reagan with Smaller Greeting Card Inside and Envelope  
Christmas Card 1981 from Reagan with Smaller Greeting Card Inside and Envelope  
Christmas Card 1981 from Reagan with Smaller Greeting Card Inside and Envelope  
Christmas Card 1981 from Reagan with Smaller Greeting Card Inside and Envelope  
Christmas Card 1981 from Reagan with Smaller Greeting Card Inside and Envelope  
Picture of the White House in the Foreground and White House in the Background with Old  
Cover Sheet  
Christmas Greeting Card from Harry S. Truman Dated 1950  
Inaugural Committee Invitation to John Ficklin for the Presidential Inauguration of Dwight  
David Eisenhower and Richard Millhouse Nixon as Vice President, Monday 01/21/1957  
Photo Copy of the Boy Scout Robert F. Kennedy Citation Awarded to P337, Dated  
05/25/1962  
Inaugural Committee Invitation to John Ficklin for the Presidential Inauguration of Harry S.  
Truman and Alben W. Barkley on 01/20/1949  
Christmas Card from President Truman and Mrs. Truman, Black and White Photo of the Blair  
House 1951 and Envelope

Christmas Card with Red Velvet Cover from President Nixon with Picture of George Washington 1969

Christmas Card with Blue Covered Felt and Presidential Seal on Cover from President Nixon And Mrs. Nixon with Picture of Lincoln Inside and Greetings for a Merry Christmas 1971

Christmas Card (A) from the Reagan's 1982 with Smaller Note (B) in White Envelope (C ) Inside a Red Envelope

Season's Greetings Christmas Card from Eisenhower Dated 1956

Christmas Card in Green Felt with Green Felt Ribbon and Gold Presidential Seal Wrapped Around it from President Nixon and Mrs. Nixon. Picture 1970

Blank Envelope That Reads from the Carters

Christmas Card from Nixon and Mrs. Nixon with a Picture of James Monroe Inside Dated 1973, with Red Envelope

(3) Duplicate Christmas Card Dated 1977 from Jimmy and Roselynn Carter in Envelope

Christmas Card of a Picture of Bill and Hilary Clinton Dated 1993 in White Envelope, Also Attached to Gold Sticker on Envelope Is Another White Envelope and Smaller Picture Card of the Clinton's in Front of Lincoln Portrait and Christmas Tree

Christmas Card from The Reagan's 1987, Picture of Lincoln Portrait (Drawing) in Envelope in Larger Envelope

Christmas Open House Invitation 12/14/1986 (A) with Dolls on Cover, Mother Goose Christmas Booklet and Christmas Card from the Reagan's 1986 All in Envelope

Christmas Card from Dwight D. Eisenhower and Mamie Eisenhower, Picture Of The Green Room In Color With Presidential Seal on Bottom Left of Picture Matting Inside Covering Drawing of Christmas Carriages in Front of the White House with Signatures of Jimmy Carter and Roselynn Carter Inside Envelope

(10) Duplicate Copies of Christmas Card With Smaller Christmas Card and Envelope Sealed with Silver Presidential Seal from the Carters, (1) Copy without Smaller Card and Smaller Envelope. "The President's House" Reprint of a Painting from 1860.

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Christmas Card Signed By Jimmy Carter and Roselynn Addressed To John Ficklin and Envelope Sealed With Silver Presidential Seal (B)

Christmas Card from the Carters of the Presidents House

Christmas Card Addressed to John Ficklin Signed by Jimmy Carter Date Unknown

Christmas Card from the Carters without Seal on the Outside, Seal Is Stuck to Inside Matting No Date Visible

Christmas Card from Bill And Hilary Clinton Dated 1995. Drawing of the Blue Room at Christmas Time with Their Signatures on the Bottom, in Envelope.

"Farmyard in Winter" Painting Christmas Card from President Ford 1975 in Green Envelope Blank Brown Envelope

1986 Christmas Card from Reagan in White Matting

Christmas Card Handwritten and Signed by John Eisenhower with Family Black and White Photo Attached in Envelope

Happy Birthday and Speedy Recovery Card Signed by Richard Nixon, Pat Nixon and Julie Eisenhower and Entire White House Staff, Dated 06/27/1972

North Portico 1999 Christmas Card from Bill and Hilary Clinton in White Envelope

Christmas Card, "The President's House" from the Carters. Picture Has Sailboat in Front of

House. (1) Large Card in Envelope, with Smaller Card in Smaller White Envelope  
 Large Christmas Cards from 1976, President Ford Image Is of "Philadelphia in 1858" In Red Envelope  
 Christmas Card from George H.W. Bush 1989 in Large Blue Envelope with Presidential Seal on the Cover  
 Christmas Card From George H.W. Bush 1991 in Large Blue Envelope with Presidential Seal on the Cover  
 Very Large Get Well Card Signed by White House Staff for John Ficklin on His 25th Anniversary at the White House Dated 02/18/194602/18/1971, Attached (Glued) to Large Blue Folder  
 Christmas Card from Lady Bird Johnson and Lyndon B. Johnson Dated 1966 in Large White Matting  
 Christmas Card from John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Kennedy 1963  
 "New England Snow Scene" Christmas Card from President Ford 1974 in White Matted Cover  
 Large Picture of The White House Behind Fountains (A) with a Letter Inside That States " One of Our Happiest Family Times Was the Planting of the Darlington and a Willow in October 1964" with Two White Card Board Supports  
 Christmas Card Dated 1962 from John Kennedy and Jacqueline Kennedy, Drawing of the Red Room  
 Christmas Card of a Drawing by Dwight D. Eisenhower of George Washington, Inside Large White Envelope Also Included Small Greeting Card Dated 1954, in Smaller White Envelope  
 Christmas Card of A Reprinted Drawing of Lincoln by Dwight D. Eisenhower (A) in White Envelope With Presidential Seal on Cover  
 (3) Duplicate "New England Snow Scene" Drawings on 1971 Christmas Card from President Ford in White Matted Covers, In Red Envelopes Blank Red Envelope With White Matt Inside And White Envelope Addressed to John Ficklin  
 Christmas Card Entitled "Farmyard In Winter" from President Ford 1975  
 Christmas Card of the White House with Fountain in Foreground from John Kennedy 1961, One Letter, with a Small Card That Reads "General Eisenhower and Mrs. Eisenhower Extend Their Best Wishes" All In White Envelope  
 Christmas Card Dated 1968 from Lyndon B. Johnson of The View from the White House South Portico  
 Green White House Commemorative Pen. in Green and Gold Box with Jimmy Carter's Signature Printed on Top  
 Blue White House Commemorative Pen in a White and Gold Box with Richard Nixon's Signature Printed on Top  
 White House Commemorative Pen Depicting the Presidential Seal and Lyndon B. Johnson's Signature  
 White Polyester Shirt, with LBJ Monogram in a Plastic Bag.  
 American Flag Bow with Red, White, and Blue Cummerbund  
 Coffee Mug Depicting Cowboy Titled, "White House Barbecue, 09/23/1981  
 (2) Silver Cups, One Inscribed "Betty Ford 1975" and One Inscribed "Betty Ford 1976"  
 Bronze Bust of President Eisenhower (Chipped)  
 Square Crystal Ashtray  
 (2) Square Ashtrays, One Commemorating Monticello and One LBJ Ranch

Blue, Hard Bound Display of Gerald Ford's 1963 and 1964 Inaugural Address  
Pink Inflatable Hound with Signatures  
Poster Tube of Queen's Party, 07/07/1976 [White House Diagram of Table Arrangements],  
White House Photograph, 02/06/1981, DNC Convention Poster 08/11/1980-08/14/1980, White  
House Poster Signed by Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn Carter, Carter-Mondale Ribbon  
Wooden Fishing Net With IKE on Handle  
1 Set of Cufflinks Depicting Presidential Seal. in Blue Box with Gold Ronald Reagan Signature  
Printed on Top  
Gold-Colored Presidential Seal Key Chain.  
(1) Stack of Business Cards Belonging to John W. Ficklin  
(1) Paperweight with Image of the White House, Signed by Patricia Nixon  
Gold Tie Clasp Depicting Presidential Seal and Ronald Reagan Signature. 1 Gold  
Presidential Seal Trinket. Both in Blue Box with Reagan Signature on Top.  
Gold-Colored Commemorative Pen Depicting Presidential Seal and Lyndon B. Johnson's  
Signature, in a Transparent Plastic Case.  
(1) Gold-Colored White House Belt Buckle, in Transparent Plastic Case  
(1) Brass Zippo Style Lighter Depicting Presidential Seal.  
Commemorative LBJ Medallion Inscribed with the Words "The Chamizal Settlement" and U.S  
And Mexico Presidential Seals, 10/28/1967. In Red Leather Box.  
2 Crystal Birds  
(1) Golf Ball with Richard Nixon Signature and Presidential Seal on It  
Nixon-Agnew Pin  
Set of 7 White House Tournament Gold Tees in Plastic Bag  
Lady Bird Johnson Gift- Decorated Waste Bin  
Wide-Brimmed Hat, Tan, Lyndon B. Johnson  
Wide-Brimmed Hat, Grey-Brown, Lyndon B. Johnson  
Wide-Brimmed Hat, Brown, Lyndon B. Johnson  
First Lady Betty Ford, 30th Anniversary Greetings  
POW Dinner, Nixon, Administration Framed Photograph  
*Backstairs at the White House: a Novel* by Gwen Bagni, Paul Dubov  
*The Johnson Humor*, Edited by William Adler  
*Mr. President: the First Publication from the Personal Diaries, Private Letters, Papers and  
Revealing Interviews of Harry S Truman, 32<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States of America*  
by William Hillman  
*The Torch is Passed: the Associated Press Story of the Death of a President*