

## JFK MATERIALS COLLECTION

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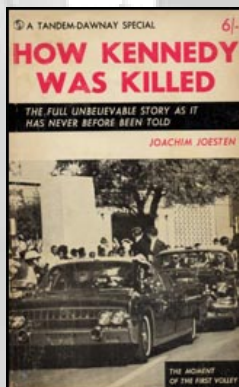


The JFK Materials collection began in 2004 with the acquisition of the papers of Penn Jones, Jr. from his friend, Bob Platt. These papers included correspondence, manuscripts, cassette tapes, video tapes, magazines, photographs and various publications. Additional materials were

given by Penn Jones' sons including a large group of materials related to Penn's service with the 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in WWII. The new web site for the Penn Jones Collection is [www.baylor.edu/lib/poage/jones/](http://www.baylor.edu/lib/poage/jones/)

Since then, we have partnered with Jack White and Gary Shaw to duplicate JFK materials from their personal collections.

As of 2008, we had added 40+ JFK assassination research newsletter titles with over 800 individual issues, 420 magazine articles, 200+ videos, 100+ cassettes, HSCOA videos and cassettes, and correspondence from hundreds of individuals. We have also added general magazines, newspapers and videos documenting the life and death of President Kennedy.



The library has also received materials from H. C. Nash, John Kelin, Chris Pike, Bob Platt, Doug Weldon, and Jack Hightower, as well as local Waco residents Larry Breen, Don Grisham and Joan Jasek. Many of these materials are listed on our JFK web site: [www.baylor.edu/lib/poage/jfk/](http://www.baylor.edu/lib/poage/jfk/).

We are also partnering with the Harold Weisberg Archive at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, to share materials and information.

### Who was Penn Jones?

William Penn Jones was born in Annona, Texas, on October 15, 1914. In 1946, Jones purchased the local newspaper, *Midlothian Mirror*. His liberal opinions caused controversy and his attacks on the John Birch Society resulted in his office being firebombed. He was the recipient of the Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award for courageous journalism.

In 1963, Jones became involved in investigating the assassination of John F. Kennedy. He was the author of several books on the assassination: *Forgive My Grief I* (1966), *Forgive My Grief II* (1967), *Forgive My Grief III* (1974), and *Forgive My Grief IV* (1976).



Jones sold the *Midlothian Mirror* in 1974. He began publishing the newsletter, *The Continuing Inquiry*, in 1976. Every year on the anniversary of the assassination, Jones held a memorial service at Dealey Plaza.

William Penn Jones died in a nursing home in Alvarado, Texas, on 25th January, 1998.

### Who is Jack White?

Jack White, a long time resident of Fort Worth, Texas, is a professional photographer. As a photo analyst, he testified before the House Selection Committee on Assassinations in

1978 and served as a consultant on the Oliver Stone film, *JFK*, in 1990. He edited *The Continuing Inquiry* for Penn Jones in the early 1980s. He is currently engaged in photo analyst of photographs related to September 11, 2001.



### What do Donors say?

Jack White, Photo analyst

"Penn Jones was a great American devoted to truth and justice. Penn would be proud that his work is being carried forward by the Poage Library's JFK materials collection honoring his name. I am proud to have contributed most of my archives of newsletters, magazines, newspapers and videos to the Penn Jones Collection in honor of Penn, and for the benefit of historians and researchers."

### What do researchers say?

#### Joe Green, JFK researcher

I have found everyone there [Poage Library] to be extremely friendly and helpful...It's been especially helpful for someone like myself, who had never seen tiny publications like *The Third Decade* and *The Iconoclast* and needed to have that kind of detailed background to work on my book. The Baylor Collections of Political Materials continues to be a fantastic resource for me, which can be seen just by checking my footnotes.

#### Chris Pike, Penn Jones biographer

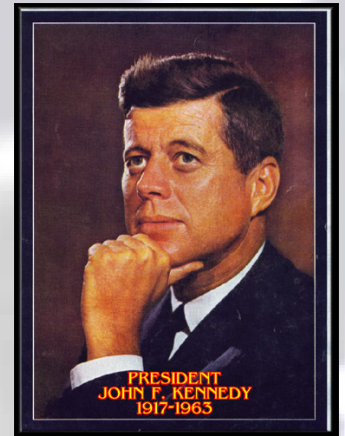
The political collections archive of the W. R. Poage Legislative Library at Baylor University is emerging as one of the foremost research facilities for political materials. Beginning in 2004, when I was first informed that materials about the subject of my book were available, JFK Materials collection has been an essential resource for my biographical research effort involving the late Brig. Gen. Penn Jones, Jr. For a time, the whereabouts of the Jones files and personal papers had been unknown. But due to the Political Collections' staff, the papers were obtained from Robert Platt of Ft. Worth and from the Jones family. From that point onward I was able to successfully complete the deep research phase of my book project. Had the staff not been persistent in locating materials, I seriously doubt that I would have come this far. In obtaining materials that encompass both sides of an issue or controversy, the archive has amassed a reputable collection of books, articles, newsletters, photographs, films, and other items ranging from the September 11, 2001 attack on the United States to political assassinations.

### How you can help?

The Fiftieth anniversary of Kennedy's death will be in 2013. Our goal is to have as many resources available by then for a new generation of researchers especially children and teachers in secondary schools. So please look over our list of JFK newsletters online and see if you have any issues we are missing. Do the same with our list of magazines.

Let us know what you have. Do you know of unpublished manuscripts which we could copy?

We will be glad to work with you to make copies if you need originals returned.



President Kennedy at Love Field, Nov. 22, 1963

Visiting the archive in Waco Texas [ 57 on map ]



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