

The Hall of Fame for Great Americans Collection



Description: This collection represents the history of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, the first hall of fame created in the United States. Included in this collection are documents, photographs and audiovisual items. Located at the Bronx Community campus, the Hall of Fame for Great Americans was the first hall of fame in the United States. Dedicated in 1901, the hall was created to commemorate prominent Americans who made a significant impact on the nation's history.

Scope: The audiovisual items in this collection depict recordings of Hall of Fame events such as unveiling ceremonies and electorate meetings. This collection brings up a number of issues related to memory, commemoration, historical exclusion, and issues of representation throughout history. The online collection and exhibit [“Visions of Greatness at BCC: Rethinking Racial Disparities at the Hall of Fame.”](#) discusses some of these topics in greater detail. Access to these ceremonies would not only benefit scholars of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, but would also be a major asset to scholars researching the larger issues of commemoration and the inclusion and exclusion of certain groups throughout history. The audiovisual material in this collection are from the 1960s into the 1990s.

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