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National Christmas Tree Collection

An inventory of National Christmas Tree at DC Public Library

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English

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Summary Information

Repository:	People's Archive, MLK Library
Title:	National Christmas Tree Collection
ID:	088
Date [inclusive]:	1923-1969
Physical Description:	0.25 Linear feet
Physical Description:	1 Boxes
Language of the Material:	English
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Biographical / Historical

The first Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Washington, D.C. occurred during the Woodrow Wilson administration in 1913 at the U.S. Capitol. Over the years, the ceremony took place at many different locations, including the Ellipse, Sherman Park, Lafayette Park, and the grounds of the White House. The event was permanently moved to the Ellipse in 1954, the first year that the Pageant of Peace festivities began.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of correspondence, speeches, invitations, parking passes, sheet music, clippings, and photographs related to the history and raising of the National Christmas Tree, as well as items from the Christmas Pageant of Peace, which began in 1954.

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Arrangement

Processed without series.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

Finding aid revised to be more evergreen. 2020-07-31

Custodial History

The collection has been with the DC Public Library since 1983. Donor unknown.

Processing Information

Basic archival procedures were used at the time of processing.

Conditions Governing Use

No known restrictions.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Music
- Ephemera

- Photographs
- Speeches, addresses, etc
- Christmas
- Holidays
- Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Series 1

Title/Description	Instances	
Christmas Carols (sheet music), 1926	Box 1	Folder 1
Clippings, 1937-1969	Box 1	Folder 2
Correspondence, 1940-1963	Box 1	Folder 3
History, 1957	Box 1	Folder 4
Passes and Tickets, 1947-1960	Box 1	Folder 5
Photographs, 1950	Box 1	Folder 6
Programs, 1923-1965	Box 1	Folder 7
Speech, 1938	Box 1	Folder 8

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