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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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People's Archive, MLK Library

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## Summary Information

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

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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

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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

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Processed without series.

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## Administrative Information

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### 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

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- Music
- Ephemera

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

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## Collection Inventory

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### 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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