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50th Anniversaries of Voting Rights

Tina L. Ligon

In recognition of the 50th anniversaries of the Selma to Montgomery March and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, archivist Tina L. Ligon presents records documenting these pivotal events in American history.



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Selma to Montgomery and the Voting Rights Act of 1965

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Introduction



Aftermath of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

- ❑ RG 60 Press Releases, Speeches, Testimonies, and Other Records, 1933–1984 (NAID 5605357)
- ❑ Rediscovering Black History Blog *After the Civil Rights Act, Now What?* from July 2014 at <http://blogs.archives.gov/blackhistoryblog/2014/07/29/after-the-civil-rights-act-now-what/>



Access to Records

FBI and DOJ Restrictions

- ❑ Medical and Health
- ❑ Law Enforcement Techniques
- ❑ Informant Information
- ❑ Grand Jury Testimonies (withdrawn)



NARA's FOIA Information
<http://www.archives.gov/foia/>

Jimmie Lee Jackson (1938–1965)

- ❑ **RG 65 Classification 44 (Civil Rights) Headquarters Case Files, 1924–1978 (NAID 2329984)**
- ❑ **RG 60 Class 144 (Civil Rights) Films, 1939–1970 (NAID 1080020)**



Bloody Sunday (March 7, 1965)



- ❑ **RG 65 Classification 44 (Civil Rights) Headquarters Case Files, 1924–1978 (NAID 2329984)**
- ❑ **RG 60 Class 144 (Civil Rights) Films, 1939–1970 (NAID 1080020)**

Williams, Lewis, and Boynton v. George C. Wallace (1965)

RG 21 Civil Cases, September 1938–
November 26, 1968 (NAID 279193)

- *Hosea Williams, John Lewis, and Amelia Boynton et al. v. Honorable George C. Wallace, as Governor of the State of Alabama et al., Civil Action No. 2181-N*



Turnaround Tuesday (March 9, 1965)



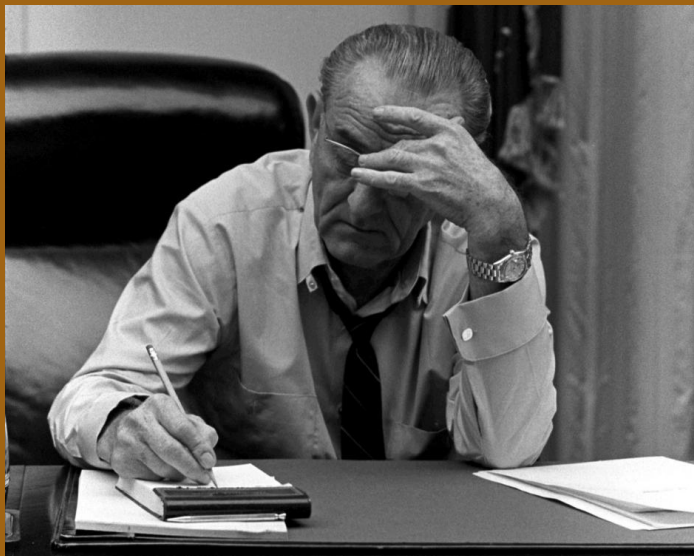
- ❑ **RG 306 Moving Images
Relating to U. S. Domestic and
International Activities, 1982–
1999 (NAID 46890)**
- ❑ **Hearst Metrotone News, Inc.
Collection News of the Day
Motion Picture Newsreel
Films, October 1963–
December 1967 (NAID 95102)**

James Reeb (1927–1965)

- ❑ **RG 65 Classification 44 (Civil Rights) Headquarters Case Files, 1924–1978 (NAID 2329984)**
- ❑ **RG 65 Classification 157 (Civil Unrest) Field Office Case Files [Chicago, Illinois], 1957–1978 (NAID 1487609)**



President Lyndon B. Johnson



LBJ Presidential Library

- ❑ **White House Subject Files on Human Rights, 11/22/1963–1/20/1969 (NAID 591577)**
- ❑ **Civil Rights Bulk Mail Files, 04/1964–08/1965 (NAID 978262)**

March from Selma to Montgomery (March 21–25, 1965)

Moving Images

- ❑ *News of the Day (Mar.24), 1965* (NAID 95253)
- ❑ *News of the Day (Jan.2), 1966* (NAID 95334)
- ❑ *America in the 20th Century: Black Protest* (NAID 567597)
- ❑ *Civil Rights, Selma to Montgomery* (NAID 53422)
- ❑ *Selma, Alabama* (NAID 49624)



Viola Liuzzo (1925–1965)



- ❑ **RG 60 Class 144 (Civil Rights) Litigation Case Files, 1936–1997 (NAID 603432)**
- ❑ **RG 65 Classification 44 (Civil Rights) Case Files, 1965–1980 (NAID 2554701)**
- ❑ **RG 65 Classification 157 (Civil Unrest) Field Office Case Files [Chicago, Illinois], 1957–1978**

Voting Rights Act of 1965

- ❑ **RG 60 Subject Files, 1967–1979 (NAID 1488779)**
- ❑ **RG 60 Class 166 (Voting Rights) Litigation Case Files, 1957–1987 (NAID 608587)**
- ❑ **RG 453 Records Relating to Equal Protection and the Administration of Justice, 1961–1965 (NAID 1075676)**



Conclusion

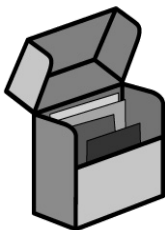




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