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## **New Website Provides One Place to Search Presidential Digital Collections**

Scholars, students, and a general public interested in presidential history are one important step closer to having a single website to search the digital collections of multiple presidential sites and libraries, thanks to a new initiative launched as a beta website by the University of Virginia's Miller Center and several partner organizations.

At [PresidentialCollections.org](https://PresidentialCollections.org), users can search select subcollections of the:

- Massachusetts Historical Society
- Miller Center's Presidential Oral History Project
- Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center
- Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
- Theodore Roosevelt Center
- Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) funded this beta project, which is a successful proof of the concept. The Miller Center aims to increase the number of partners contributing collections to the website with more funding over the next few years.

Current materials on these sites include:

- diaries of John Adams and letters between him and his family
- letters and speeches by Woodrow Wilson
- letters to Theodore Roosevelt
- photos and film of John and Jacqueline Kennedy around the time of the assassination
- oral-history interviews of the administrations of Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush

"The Connecting Presidential Collections project is a great first step in an effort to give users one place to look for presidential materials. I want to stress that this is just a first step; once we scale up the existing site, it will be an essential resource for anyone researching the American Presidency. The Miller Center would like to thank all the partners for their involvement and support in getting this project launched," said Miller Center librarian Sheila Blackford.

The website is the culmination of a year-long IMLS grant that included convening a summit meeting with experts in the fields of archives, libraries, and digital humanities. The project was also presented at the annual conferences of the Society of American Archivists and the Digital Library Federation Forum.

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