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## **New York State Governor Audiovisual Records 13700**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists of audio and video tape cassettes, motion picture films, and reel-to-reel audio tapes documenting the activities of New York's governors. Included are tapes and films of Thomas E. Dewey, W. Averell Harriman, Nelson A. Rockefeller, Malcolm Wilson, Hugh L. Carey, and Mario M. Cuomo. The tapes and films cover such events as: gubernatorial inaugurations; annual state-of-the-state addresses; budget messages; press conferences; interviews; radio and television announcements; award and dedication ceremonies; and meetings with government officials and representatives.
<b>Title:</b>	Governor audiovisual records
<b>Quantity:</b>	54.8 cubic feet
<b>Quantity:</b>	1991 tapes
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1951-1986
<b>Series:</b>	13700

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## Arrangement

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Chronological by date of event.

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## Scope and Content Note

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This series consists of audio and video tape cassettes, motion picture films, and reel-to-reel audio tapes documenting the activities of New York's governors. Included are tapes and films of: Thomas E. Dewey (1943-1954); W. Averell Harriman (1955-1958); Nelson A. Rockefeller (1959-1973); Malcolm Wilson (1973-1974); Hugh L. Carey (1975-1982); and Mario M. Cuomo (1983-1994).

The tapes and films cover such events as: gubernatorial inaugurations; annual state-of-the-state addresses; budget messages; press conferences; interviews; radio and television announcements; award and dedication ceremonies; and meetings with local, state, federal, and foreign government officials and representatives.

13700-82: This accretion consists of almost 1,700 audio and video cassette and reel-to-reel tapes of Governor Hugh L. Carey (1975-1982) covering events and topics such as: Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza dedication ceremonies; New York State and New York City budget crises; mayoral conferences; political conventions and election campaigns; comments regarding and meetings with U.S. presidents; 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid; "I Love New York" advertising campaign; international trips (e.g. trade talks in Japan); Love Canal and hazardous waste issues; energy policy; women's issues; gun control; and the death penalty.

13700-83: This accretion consists of 60 video tapes, motion picture films, and audio reel-to-reel tapes documenting activities of governors Thomas E. Dewey, W. Averell Harriman, Nelson A. Rockefeller, Malcolm Wilson, and Hugh L. Carey. The video materials include both sound and silent film and both color and black-and-white materials. The films and tapes cover events and topics such as: 1) Governor Dewey: 1951 inauguration; New York State Thruway opening, ca. 1954; 2) Governor Harriman: Whiteface Ski Center opening, 1957; 3) Governor Rockefeller: inaugurations; dedication ceremonies of St. Lawrence Seaway with Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, and Vice President Richard M. Nixon, 1959; Northway opening, 1959; Empire State Plaza (South Mall) model unveiling (1963), stone laying ceremony (1965), and dedication (1973); and traffic safety; 4) Governor Wilson: opening legislature, 1974; and 5) Governor Carey: visit to Israel, 1977.

13700-83A: This accretion consists of 61 video tapes of Governor Hugh L. Carey covering events and topics such as: Empire State Plaza rededication ceremonies, 1978; tour of Attica Correctional Facility; greeting released Iran hostages at Stewart Air Force Base, 1981; and interviews with Carey associates (e.g. agency heads), November 1982.

13700-97: This accretion consists of 130 video tape cassettes documenting activities of Governor Mario M. Cuomo. Events depicted include inauguration activities and oath of office; television talk show appearances; state of state addresses (1983-1985); speeches; bill signing ceremonies; budget presentation to the legislature; dedication ceremonies; and news conferences. Topics include appointment and swearing in of judges; budget; consumer and economic issues; bond issues; legal drinking age; civil rights; acid rain; awards; and AIDS.

13700-18: This accretion contains motion picture films and phonograph records relating to Governor W. Averell Harriman. The films document media appearances during his 1954 gubernatorial campaign and during his term as governor. One film contains footage of Harriman denying allegations of corruption in prior political and business affairs. These charges were major issues during Harriman's 1954 gubernatorial campaign. The second film documents an appearance by Harriman on *Face the Nation* during his tenure as governor, with discussion focusing on the upcoming 1956 presidential election. Two phonograph records in this accretion document a speech by Major General John R. Deane during Harriman's 1956 campaign for president. General Deane describes Harriman's work as U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union during World War II.

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## Related Information

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### Related Material

13705Series 13705, Transcripts of Press Conferences, contains related records created by the governor's office. 13700-18: Materials related to Governor Harriman's appearance on Face the Nation, including a full transcript of his appearance, are located in Box 42 of Series 13682-07.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

### Alternate Formats Available

### Items Online

Selected audiovisual materials from this series have been digitized and are available in State Archives Digital Collections.

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## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

13700-97: These video tapes were produced by the New York Network, a unit of State University of New York (SUNY) Central charged with producing and distributing public affairs television programming. Exact provenance of these records from the New York Net to the Governor's Office and the Assembly Radio-Television Unit is uncertain.

13700-18: This accretion was transferred to Syracuse University by Governor Harriman in 1959, and was transferred to the New York State Archives in 2006. It was accessioned in September 2018.

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## Access Terms

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- AIDS (Disease)--New York (State)
- Hostages--Iran
- New York (State)
- Women public officers
- Iran Hostage Crisis, 1979-1981
- Video recordings
- Traffic safety
- Documenting governors
- Drinking age--Law and legislation--New York (State)
- New York State Thruway (N.Y.)
- Public relations and politics
- Women--New York (State)
- Governors
- Energy policy--New York (State)
- Hazardous waste sites
- Audiotapes
- Videocassettes
- Women--Health and hygiene
- Love Canal Chemical Waste Landfill (Niagara Falls, N.Y.)
- Gun control--New York (State)
- Capital punishment--New York (State)
- New York (State)--Politics and government
- Acid rain--New York (State)
- Governors--United States
- Saint Lawrence Seaway
- Audiocassettes
- Governors--New York (State)--Inaugural addresses
- Videotapes
- Equal rights amendments--New York (State)
- Empire State Plaza (Albany, N.Y.)
- Motion pictures (visual works)
- Dewey, Thomas E. (Thomas Edmund), 1902-1971
- Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-
- New York (State). Governor (1973-1974 : Wilson)
- Philip, Prince, consort of Elizabeth II, Queen of Great Britain, 1921-

- New York (State). Governor (1959-1973 : Rockefeller)
- Elizabeth II, Queen of Great Britain, 1926-
- Deane, John R. (John Russell), 1896-1982
- New York (State). Governor (1975-1982 : Carey)
- Harriman, W. Averell (William Averell), 1891-1986
- New York (State). Executive Department
- New York (State). Governor (1955-1958 : Harriman)
- New York (State). Governor (1983-1994 : Cuomo)
- Cuomo, Andrew M., 1957-
- Attica Correctional Facility
- Olympic Winter Games (13th : 1980 : Lake Placid, N.Y.)
- New York (State). Governor (1943-1954 : Dewey)
- Rockefeller, Nelson A. (Nelson Aldrich), 1908-1979.