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Sharing California's History

Digital Concierge Program completes pilot project in partnership with California State Parks

By Kristi Powell

In August 2023 the California State Library announced a newly digitized collection highlighting the 1959 inaugural year of Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown. The series of digitized photographs marked the completion of a project by the library's Digital Concierge Program, a content-creation, digitization, and digital preservation center dedicated to preserving and sharing the collections hidden throughout California state government.

The Digital Concierge Program partners with California state agencies to offer several services, including advising on best practices and standards for the digitization and digital preservation of historical and cultural materials; facilitating and managing digitization projects; and sharing state agency stories and collections with the public through online platforms. The program is part of the overall effort by the State Library to collect, preserve, and provide access to collections and material related to California's history, government, and culture.

In partnership with the California State Parks Capital District, the Digital Concierge Program collaborated with the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park to digitize the series of 171 photographs from Gov. Brown's inauguration, inaugural ball, and visit to the California State Fair. The collection is a snapshot in time and a rare



Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown speaking from the dais in the Assembly Chambers at the State Capitol during the 1959 Inauguration.





glimpse of California's political who's who for 1959, including then Lieutenant Governor Glenn Anderson, State Controller Allen Cranston, Attorney General Stanley Mosk, and Supreme Court Justice Phil Gibson, among others. Additional highlights are candid photos of the entire Brown family including 20-year-old Jerry in a priest's collar (his career intent at the time) and 13-year-old Kathleen (future California State Treasurer). There are even a few glimpses of famous entertainers, including singer Nat King Cole and actress/dancer Ann Miller.

A selection of the digitized photos from the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park collection can be viewed in the State Library's Google Arts & Culture online exhibit, "Governor Pat Brown's Inaugural Year": <https://artsandculture.google.com/story/7QXBxbjRN5h3ow>.

The Brown family pictured in the first-floor dining room at the Executive Mansion. The Governor and Bernice Brown are seated at the dining table with family (L to R): Ida Brown holding Charles Edward Casey, Jr, Jerry Brown, Cynthia Brown Kelly, Pat Casey, Joseph Kelly, Barbara Brown Casey, and Kathleen Brown holding Kathleen Kelly.

Procession into the Memorial Auditorium upon the arrival of Governor Brown to the 1959 Inaugural Ball held at the Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento.

