Television News Repositories

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A Note on the List: The list has been split into two sections, national and local news. A few repositories show up in both lists since they hold collections of both types. I have tailored the descriptions in these cases to discuss only the relevant collections. In the local news section I have tried to organize the repositories by geographic area starting on the East Coast and moving westward. Many of the repositories below are moving image archives that have considerable amounts of film, tapes, etc. in their collections, however, some have only the papers of important persons in the broadcasting industry (many of these include transcripts of newscasts or interviews). This is not meant to be an exhaustive list of television news repositories. I am sure there are as many local news repositories as there are local news stations across the country. However, I wanted to compile a list as a starting point for researchers, librarians, and other archivists that are not intimately acquainted with the world of media archives.

National News Repositories

National Archives – Motion Picture, Sound Recordings, & Video Research Room
    - Universal Newsreel Catalog
    - National Public Radio Catalog (Sound Only)
    - ABC Radio Collection Catalog (Sound Only)
  - Contact: mopix@nara.gov

Library of Congress – Motion Picture, Broadcastings, & Recorded Sound Division
- Television Collection - [http://www.loc.gov/rr/mopic/tvcoll.html](http://www.loc.gov/rr/mopic/tvcoll.html)
  - Douglas Edwards with the News (CBS) – 40 issues September 26 1960 – November 11, 1960
    - Mostly coverage of the Kennedy-Nixon presidential election campaign
  - Nightline beginning in 1987
  - CBS news programs -1975-1993
  - MacNeil-Lehrer Newshour

Vanderbilt Television News Archive
- [http://tvnews.vanderbilt.edu/?SID=20120711779541015](http://tvnews.vanderbilt.edu/?SID=20120711779541015)
- Vanderbilt has been collecting news broadcasts since August 5, 1968. The core of the collection is the regular broadcasts of ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, and Fox News.

**NBC Universal Archives**
- NBC’s archive contains not only clips from NBC’s news dating from the late 1940s, but also Universal Newsreels clips, and footage from MSNBC and NBC’s owned and affiliated stations.

**Associated Press Archive**
- [www.aparchive.com](http://www.aparchive.com)
- Archive contains footage from many different news agency that are owned by AP Television news. These agencies include the Associated Press Television News (APTN), UPITN & WTN (1963-1998), and APTV (1994-1998), Universal Newsreels (1929-1967), and Twentieth Century Archives (1900-1969).

**CBC Digital Archives**
- [http://www.cbc.ca/archives/](http://www.cbc.ca/archives/)
- Website has several features beyond search
  - Categories
    - Each category (such as Politics, Sports) has curated “projects”
  - Discover
  - On This Day (clip)
  - For Teachers
  - French language section

**UCLA Film & Television Archive**
- [www.cinema.ucla.edu](http://www.cinema.ucla.edu)
- ABC-TV Collection – over 20,000 titles dating back to 1940s
- Hearst Newsreels
  - Over 27 million feet of theatrically release newsreels
    - Some unreleased and outtakes
    - 1914-1968
- Edward R. Murrow Collection
  - Celebrity interviews
  - Senator McCarthy interview

**Paley Center for Media**
- [http://www.paleycenter.org/collection](http://www.paleycenter.org/collection)
- The Paley Center is a repository that collects television and radio programs. This includes not only news, but also public affairs, documentaries, performing arts, children’s programs, sports, comedy, variety shows, and commercials. Holdings cover 100 years of television and radio (including international programs).
- Locations in New York and Los Angeles
South Asian American Digital Archive

- Online search is available

**Library of American Broadcasting – University of Maryland**
- [http://www.lib.umd.edu/LAB/about.html](http://www.lib.umd.edu/LAB/about.html)
- May not be the best repository for searching for news broadcast clips, but good for research about the history of news and broadcasting in the United States.
- Processed Collections
  - William S. Hedges – NBC, architect of American broadcasting
  - Helen J. Sioussat – Director of the Talks & Public Affairs Department at CBS (1937-1958)

**Syracuse University Library**
- [http://library.syr.edu/digital/guides/ead/subj_list_from_db.htm#radiotv](http://library.syr.edu/digital/guides/ead/subj_list_from_db.htm#radiotv)
- Manuscript Collection Finding Aids- Broadcasting History (65 collections)
- This repository holds the papers from many people in the broadcasting industry
- Mike Wallace Papers – transcripts of interviews

**Peabody Awards Collection – University of Georgia**
- [http://gilfind.uga.edu/vufind/Record/3761721/Description#tabnav](http://gilfind.uga.edu/vufind/Record/3761721/Description#tabnav)
- Peabody Awards 1940-2008
- Collection has over 90,000 titles of radio and television programs dating from the 1940s. These programs span all different genres including news, documentary, entertainment, educational, children’s and public service programming.

**The Museum of Broadcast Communications**
- More than just TV News – TV programs, radio, and commercials as well
- Examples in Collection
  - Frontline Collection (PBS)

**Wisconsin Center for Film & Theater Research**
- [http://wcftr.commarts.wisc.edu/collections/tvradio.html](http://wcftr.commarts.wisc.edu/collections/tvradio.html)
- Online search available through ArCAT
- Archive has both television news & other television programs
  - Collection focuses on 1940s-1960s

**Local News Repositories**

**Northeast Historic Film**
- This repository is a moving image archive for the area of Northern New England (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts).
- The repository has both news programs and other moving image collections about the area.

**Boston TV News Digital Library**
- [http://bostonlocaltv.org/](http://bostonlocaltv.org/)
- Collaboration between WGBH, Boston Public Library, Northeast Historic Film, and Cambridge Community Television

**Syracuse University Library**
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- WSYR Collection – Central NY local station – ABC affiliate

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  - WENR- KYW – Chicago, IL
  - WHB Kansas City (1922-1953)
  - WRKL Rockland County, NY (1964-1985)
  - Rover Bower – WOR in NY

**Lynn & Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives**
- [http://www.mdc.edu/wolfsonarchives/index.html](http://www.mdc.edu/wolfsonarchives/index.html)
- WTVJ Channel 4
  - Florida’s first TV station & 16th station nation wide
  - Dates from the late 1940s
- Documentaries
  - News documentary films on many topics
- Immigration, Cuban Missile Crisis, Space Program, presidential elections, Vietnam War etc.

**Mississippi Archive**
- [http://mdah.state.ms.us/arrec/digital_archives/newsfilm/](http://mdah.state.ms.us/arrec/digital_archives/newsfilm/)
- WLBT Newsfilm Collection (MP 1980.01)
  - 1954-1971
  - NBC affiliate in Jackson, MS
  - Made up of “outtakes” of film shot, not the segments that were broadcast

**The Museum of Broadcast Communications**
- Examples of Collections
  - Chicago Tonight Collection
  - Chicago 10 PM TV Collection

**University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee**
- [http://www4.uwm.edu/libraries/arch/about/overview.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/libraries/arch/about/overview.cfm)

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**Minnesota Historical Society**
- [http://www.mnhs.org/collections/kstp/](http://www.mnhs.org/collections/kstp/)
- KSTP-TV
  - NBC affiliate
  - Minneapolis/ St. Paul
  - 1948-1993
  - First to air daily newscast in Midwest, first to have full-color in world
- Searchable catalog of some clips available online

**Center for Sacramento History**
- KCRA Film Collection – Sacramento NBC affiliate 1957-1982

**UCLA Film & Television Archive**
- [www.cinema.ucla.edu](http://www.cinema.ucla.edu)
- KTLA newsfilm
  - Los Angeles, CA