Presidential Inauguration, 1981

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Provenance

Unknown

Scope and Content

The collection contains invitations to the Inauguration and the Inaugural Ball, an Inauguration program and official guide book, tickets to the Inaugural Ball, and tickets and a menu from the Indiana Society of Washington, DC, Indiana Inaugural Dinner and Ball.

Background

The 1981 Presidential Inauguration took place January 20, 1981, in Washington, DC, during which Republicans Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush, who defeated the Democratic incumbents President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale in the 1980 election, were sworn in as President and Vice President of the United States, respectively. This was the first inauguration to be held on the west front of the US Capitol Building.

The Indiana Society of Washington, DC, founded in 1905, is a “non-partisan social and philanthropic group” that offers support to Hoosiers in the District of Columbia. The Society has hosted an Inaugural Ball at every presidential inauguration since 1952. The 1981 Indiana Inaugural Dinner and Ball occurred on January 18 in the Sheraton Washington hotel.

Sources


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Related Holdings: None

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