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# Guide to the Edward H. Levi Inauguration Records 1967-1968



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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Identifier** ICU.SPCL.LEVIINAUGURATION

**Title** Levi, Edward H. Inauguration. Records

**Date** 1967-1968

**Size** 8 linear feet (13 boxes)

**Repository** Special Collections Research Center  
University of Chicago Library  
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Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract** The Edward H. Levi Inauguration Records contain material pertaining to the inauguration of Edward H. Levi, eighth president of the University of Chicago. Contains letters of congratulation, correspondence, and publications related to specific events planned for Inauguration Week, November 11-16, 1968. Also contains official letters of greeting from colleges and universities and two scrapbooks containing clippings and additional acknowledgments.

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

No restrictions.

### **Citation**

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Levi, Edward H. Inauguration. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### **Biographical Note**

Edward H. Levi (1911-2000) received a PhB in English from the University of Chicago in 1932 and a J.D. from its Law School in 1935. He first joined the University of Chicago Law School faculty as Assistant Professor in 1936 and remained on the faculty until his retirement in 1984. Levi became dean of the law school in 1949. In 1962, Levi entered University administration in the newly-created position of Provost. His term as Provost coincided with the Presidency of George Beadle; he is generally agreed to have had a major role in University leadership during those years.

In 1968, Levi succeeded the retiring George Beadle, becoming the first Jewish president of a major American university. As University of Chicago President, Levi became a nationally

recognized authority on higher education. He wrote and spoke often on the subject and served on President Nixon's Task Force on Higher Education. He also continued efforts to bring vigor and stability to the University and the surrounding community. Major building projects were begun or continued under President Levi, including Regenstein Library and new laboratories and teaching facilities for medicine and the sciences.

Levi's administration gained national attention for its response to student protests, particularly the February, 1969 student occupation of the administration building in response to the denial of tenure to professor Marlene Dixon. Levi and his administration and staff moved their work offsite for the two-week duration of the protests. Many protesters were then expelled or suspended. The measured nature of Levi's initial response, the reliance on university rules and disciplinary bodies and the severity of the punishments were the subject of widespread comment.

In 1975, Levi left Chicago to become Attorney General of the United States in the new administration of Gerald Ford. Upon leaving the Justice Department in early 1977, Levi completed a Chubb fellowship at Yale and the Phleger Professorship at Stanford University. He then returned to the faculty of the University of Chicago, where he taught, in both the College and the Law School, until his retirement in 1984. In 1986, Levi was named to a two-year term as President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He remained active in the Academy and many other organizations until the early 1990s.

Levi married Kate Sulzberger in 1946. They had three sons, John, David and Michael. Edward H. Levi died in Chicago on March 7, 2000.

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### **Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Levi, Edward H., Papers

### **Subject Headings**

- Levi, Edward Hirsch, 1911-

- University of Chicago -- History
- University of Chicago -- Presidents
- College presidents -- Inauguration

## **INVENTORY**

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 1**

Accepts & regrets

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 2-4**

Alphabetical listings of mailings, etc. from Public Information Office

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 5-6**

Bergman Gallery opening

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 7-8**

Civic dinner

### **Box 2**

#### **Folder 1-2**

Civic dinner

### **Box 2**

#### **Folder 3-4**

Copies of announcements, invitations, tickets, etc.

### **Box 2**

#### **Folder 5-7**

Convocation

### **Box 3**

#### **Folder 1**

Convocation luncheon

### **Box 3**

#### **Folder 2**

Dinner for faculty - oversize?

### **Box 3**

#### **Folder 3**

Evening of music

### **Box 3**

#### **Folder 4**

Evening with Saul Bellow

### **Box 3**

#### **Folder 5**

Greetings from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

### **Box 3**

#### **Folder 6**

Historical

### **Box 3**

#### **Folder 7**

Honorary degrees

**Box 3**

**Folder 8-10**

Inauguration plans, pre-Sept. 1968

**Box 3**

**Folder 11-12**

Inauguration plans, Sept.-Nov. 1968

**Box 4**

**Folder 1-2**

Inauguration plans, Sept.-Nov. 1968

**Box 4**

**Folder 3**

Inauguration week, schedule of events

**Box 4**

**Folder 4-5**

Institutions & delegates, accepts and rejects

**Box 4**

**Folder 6-7**

Invitees and responses

**Box 5**

**Folder 1**

Invitees and responses

**Box 5**

**Folder 2**

Law School alumni reception

**Box 5**

**Folder 3-4**

Letters and comments, A-C

**Box 5**

**Folder 5-7**

Letters and comments, D-K

**Box 6**

**Folder 1-3**

Letters and comments, L-P

**Box 6**

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Letters of greeting

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**Folder 1**

London event (cancelled)

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New York Pro Musica performance

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Newspaper clippings

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**Folder 4**

Panel discussion

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**Folder 5**

Personal acceptances or "hope to accept" letters

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**Folder 6**

Post material

**Box 7**

**Folder 7**

Preliminary announcement

**Box 7**

**Folder 8**

President-Designate Edward H. Levi, announcement on Sept. 14, 1967, clippings, articles

**Box 7**

**Folder 9**

President-Designate Edward H. Levi, announcement on Sept. 14, 1967, outside comments

**Box 7**

**Folder 10**

President-Designate Edward H. Levi, announcement on Sept. 14, 1967, press conference

**Box 8**

**Folder 1**

President-Designate Edward H. Levi, announcement on Sept. 14, 1967, press conference

**Box 8**

**Folder 2**

President-Designate Edward H. Levi and Mrs. Levi, 1967-

**Box 8**

**Folder 3**

Press packets

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**Folder 4-6**

Press releases & clippings

**Box 8**

**Folder 7**

Printing

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**Folder 8**

Regenstein Library cornerstone laying

**Box 8**

**Folder 9-10**

Sample mailings, invitations, etc.

**Box 9**

**Folder 1-3**

Sample mailings, invitations, printed matter, etc.

**Box 9**

**Folder 4-5**

Speeches

**Box 9**

**Folder 6**

Summary and report

**Box 9**

**Folder 7**

Honorary degree from Indiana University

**Box 9**

**Folder 8**

Honorary degree from Wayne State University

**Box 10**

**Folder 1**

Honorary degree from Ohio University

**Box 10**

**Folder 2-6**

Congratulations notices from other university administrations

**Box 11**

**Folder 1-6**

Congratulations notices from other university administrations

**Box 12**

**Folder 1-4**

Acknowledgements of congratulatory letters

**Box 12**

**Folder 5-7**

Newspaper clippings and press releases

**Box 13**

**Folder 1**

University of Chicago events calendar

**Box 13**

**Folder 2**

Dinner for faculty: Campus plans

**Box 13**

**Folder 3-6**

Congratulations notices from other university administrations

**Box 13**

**Folder 7**

Scrapbook with newspaper clippings, photos, and press releases