

OLLIE ATKINS, 60, DEAD; NIXON'S PHOTOGRAPHER

Worked on Saturday Evening Post
and Two Washington Newspapers

WASHINGTON, Va., Jan. 10(AP) —Ollie F. Atkins, the personal photographer for President Nixon from 1969 to 1974, has died after a long illness. He was 60 years old.

Mr. Atkins, a long-time member of the staff of The Saturday Evening Post who also worked for the old Washington Daily News and The Washington Post, died yesterday at his home here.

As the Presidential photographer, Mr. Atkins shot thousands of rolls of film while the Nixon family was in the White House. Mr. Atkins traveled everywhere with Mr. Nixon, witnessing and recording events that made history. Several of his photographs have been published and a new book with photos of foreign dignitaries taken during the Nixon Administration is to appear this year.

Mr. Atkins was summoned to take pictures of the Nixon family in their private quarters on the former President's last day in office in 1974. One of the memorable photos that he took earlier showed Mr. Nixon on his hands and knees in the Oval Office with a young blind man who was fingering the raised pile of the Presidential Seal set into the carpeting.

Born in Hyde Park, Mass., Mr. Atkins was graduated from the Huntington School for Boys in Boston and, in 1938, from the University of Alabama. He worked for two years as staff and chief photographer for The Birmingham, Ala., Post in 1939 and 1940 before serving overseas with the Red Cross in World War II.

Mr. Atkins won several awards for his work, including the Grand Award of the White House News Photographers' Association. He also became the first president in the history of the White House photographers' group to succeed himself in 1964.

Mr. Atkins is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and two daughters. Funeral arrangements were incomplete.