

Papers of  
Anna Eleanor Roosevelt

1884 - 1964

Accession Numbers: MS. 63-1; MS 73-40

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Quantity: 1095 linear feet (approximately 2,190,000 pages)

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Related Material: Numerous collections in the Library including: President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Official, Personal and Secretary's files; Franklin D. Roosevelt: Papers pertaining to Family, Business and Personal Affairs; Franklin D. Roosevelt: Papers as Vice-Presidential Candidate, 1920; Franklin D. Roosevelt: Papers as Governor of New York, 1929-1932; Eleanor Roosevelt Oral History Project; Papers of Anna Roosevelt Halsted; Papers of Lorena Hickok; and Roosevelt Family Papers Donated by the Children Of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, John A. Roosevelt.

✓ **Early Family Papers. 1860-1910 and Undated.**

**Container 1**

Contains letters, writings, and diaries of Eleanor Roosevelt's parents, Anna Rebecca Hall and Elliott Roosevelt, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V.G. Hall, Jr., cousin Susan Parish, aunt Edith "Pussie" Hall (Mrs. William Forbes Morgan). Correspondents include Anna "Bamie" or "Bye" Roosevelt Cowles and Corinne Roosevelt Robinson, sisters of Elliott Roosevelt; Ella Bulloch and Laura Delano, aunts of Elliott Roosevelt; Elizabeth "Tissie" Hall Mortimer, sister of Anna Hall Roosevelt; W.C.P. Rhodes, clergyman and friend of the Hall family; also, some loose flyleaves from Roosevelt family books.

✓ **Family and Personal Correspondence. 1894-1957 and Undated.**

**Containers 1 - 3**

Arranged alphabetically and thereunder chronologically. Includes messages of congratulations to Eleanor and Franklin on their engagement and the birth of their son James in 1906; condolence letters to Eleanor and Franklin after FDR's polio attack; invitations to White House affairs, 1905-1916; letters from Madame Souvestre in French with English translations; letters from David and Maude Hall Gray, Eleanor Roosevelt's aunt and uncle, written during the period when David Gray was U.S. Minister to Ireland; Edward Ludlow Hall, uncle of Eleanor Roosevelt; poetry collected by Eleanor Roosevelt; a letter sheet from the "Prinzessin Victoria Luise," the ship on which Franklin and his mother cruised in 1904; letters from the Roosevelt children, including Elliott, Franklin Jr. and James' wife, Betsy Cushing Roosevelt; messages pertaining to household management and business matters; a plan for world peace written in 1923 by FDR and his Columbia School of Law examination results.

Correspondents include Eleanor Blodgett, Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, Carrie Chapman Catt, Franklin Caulder, James M. Cox, Sara, Warren, Dora and Franklin Delano, Susie Hall, Edith Helm, Harry Hooker, Lou Henry Hoover, Esther Lape, Alice Roosevelt Longworth, Carola Passavant, Endicott Peabody, Caroline Phillips, Edmund Rogers, G. Hall Roosevelt, Edith and Theodore Roosevelt, Signorina Samaia, Alfred E. Smith, Claude Swanson, Florence Willerr and Owen D. Young.

**School Exercise Books and Notebooks. ca 1892-1902.**

**Containers 3 - 4**

Early composition books from classes taught by Frederic Roser; notebooks for English, French, and Italian literature from Allenswood in England; a music practice card and report cards. The report cards are in French and include notations by Marie Souvestre, headmistress of the school.

**Diaries, Address and Dinner Books. 1902-1932 and Undated.**

**Container 4**

Diary entries for 1910, 1919, and 1921 are brief and prosaic and refer chiefly to

the weather, errands, dinners, visitors, etc. The dinner books merely record luncheons and dinners given by ER and FDR. Guest lists and seating arrangements are included.

✓ **Special Correspondence. 1920, 1928.**

**Container 5**

From the period June to July 1920, this file contains congratulatory messages to ER after Franklin's vice-presidential nomination and includes letters and telegrams from Edith Bolling Wilson, Claude Swanson, and Josephus Daniels. The 1928 correspondence includes a small file of letters concerned with the Democratic Party in the presidential election and some speech and campaign materials.

**Todhunter School Notebooks. 1928-1932. 1932**

**Containers 5 - 6**

These four black binders contain notes, outlines, and copies of examinations for ER's classes in history, drama and literature at Todhunter School, New York City.

**General Correspondence. 1928-1932.**

**Containers 6 - 10**

Correspondence arranged alphabetically and thereunder chronologically. (Folder titles are given in container list). Topics discussed include: the handicapped; children's literature; Val-Kill furniture factory; the political and social role of women; patronage; politics; invitations to speak; requests for endorsement; pleas for financial assistance and the operation and personnel of the White House.

Among the correspondents for this period are: Esther E. Lape (American Foundation), Carter Glass (U.S. Senator), Robert F. Wagner (U.S. Senator), Rose Schneiderman (Women's Trade Union League), Elinor Herrick (Consumers League), Edward Flynn (Bronx Democratic Party Leader), Jane Hoey (New York Welfare Council), Charles Vickrey (Golden Rule Foundation), Henry Hooker (family lawyer), Amelia Earhart (aviatrix), L.E. Seaher (Encyclopaedia Britannica), Frances Perkins (New York Industrial Commission), Florence Kelley (National Consumer League), James Walker (Mayor of New York City), Carmel Show (Vogue Magazine), Henry S. Canby (Saturday Review of Literature), Selma Robinson (Literary Guild), Raymond Moley (advisor to Governor Roosevelt) and Colonel U.S. Grant III (Director of Public Buildings, National Capitol).

**Engagement Books. 1925, 1928-1932.**

**Container 10**

These books contain brief reminders of speeches, teas, appointments, luncheons and meetings.

**Trip File: Europe. 1929.**

**Containers 10 - 11**

This file includes ER's diary of her European trip and a small collection of unarranged miscellaneous travel bulletins, brochures, maps, etc.

**Invitations. 1929-1932.**

**Containers 11 - 12**

Arranged by year for the period 1929-1930 and 1931-1933. These boxes contain cards of invitation addressed to E.R. to attend club meetings, weddings, charity affairs, dances, balls, musicals, luncheons, dinners, committee meetings, political affairs, etc. On the invitation, there usually appears a pencilled notation: "regrets" or "OK".

**Prohibition Correspondence. January-February 1933.**

**Containers 12 - 13**

Letters sent and received. Arranged pro and anti E.R.'s radio message concerning prohibition and thereunder alphabetically.

**Miscellaneous Clippings. 1929-1932.**

**Container 14**

Unarranged newspaper and magazine clippings re: E.R.

**10. Membership. 1934-1945.**

**Containers 14 - 20**

Correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, newspaper clippings, pamphlets and other printed materials. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent or organization. These papers concern Mrs. Roosevelt's activities in public service organizations. They also include invitations to membership, acceptances, declinations, resignations and related correspondence, usually descriptive material pertaining to the work of the organization.

Among the organizations represented are: American Emergency Campaign of the British Relief Society, American Federation of Radio Artists, American Friends Service Committee, American Red Cross, Children's Aid Society, China Emergency Relief Committee, Daughters of the American Revolution, Girl Scouts, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Institute of Social Sciences, Newspaper Guild of New York, New York State Grange and the Society of American Arts and Letters.

Replies were prepared and signed either by Malvina Thompson, secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt, or by the Administrative Officer of Social Correspondence in the White House. Many incoming letters include marginal notes in Mrs. Roosevelt's hand indicating the reply.

## 20. Patroness. 1934-1945.

### Containers 20 -29

Correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, poetry, sheet music, books, pamphlets and other printed materials. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order. Contains correspondence from individuals and organizations inviting Mrs. Roosevelt to act as a patroness or asking permission to use her name in behalf of various civic, cultural and philanthropic enterprises. Also includes invitations to serve as contest judge and letters from individuals wishing to dedicate poems, books, musical compositions to her. Mrs. Roosevelt often agreed to serve as patroness or lend her name to those organizations dedicated to civic and cultural betterment, general welfare and war relief.

This file is divided into six parts: **20.1-Patroness:Accepted; 20.2-Patroness-Declined; 20.3-Patroness:Articles named for E.R.; 20.4- Patroness:Books, songs, etc. dedicated to E.R.; 20.5-Patroness: Judge of contests, etc.; 20.9-Patroness: Miscellaneous** Replies were drafted and signed by Malvina Thompson or the Administrative Officer of Social Correspondence. Mrs. Roosevelt's pencilled notations, outlining the reply appear on a number of incoming letters.

## 30. Invitations. 1933-1945.

### Containers 30 - 142

Correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, speech drafts, notices, lists, itineraries, newspaper clippings, pamphlets and other printed materials. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent.

This file contains information on Mrs. Roosevelt's wide-ranging activities and travels including: radio broadcasts, commencement addresses, dedications, presentations, appearances and speeches before public and private organizations, lecture tours, visits to housing projects, co-op colonies, schools, hospitals and military installations. Also invitations to speak to or appear before various gatherings, acceptances, declinations and related correspondence, usually descriptive material pertaining to the work of the organization. The series is divided into four parts: **30.1-Invitations: Accepted; 30.2-Invitations: Declined; 30.3-Birth and Wedding Announcements; 30.9-Invitations: Miscellaneous.** Replies were prepared and signed by Malvina Thompson or Ralph W. Magee, Administrative Officer of Social Correspondence. Brief notes written by Mrs. Roosevelt appear in the margin of many incoming letters.

Among the organizations represented in this file are: Alliance for Guidance of Rural Youth, American Friends of German Freedom, American Youth Congress, British War Relief, Bundlesfor Britain, Camp Fire Girls, Committee for Refugee Education, Council of Young Southerners, Girl Scouts, International Student Service,

Liberal Party of New York, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Association of the YMCA, National Public Housing Conference, National Urban League, National Youth Administration, Office of Civilian Defense, Red Cross, Rural Urban Women's Conference, United China Relief, United Nations.

40. **Messages Requested. 1934-1945.**  
**Containers 142 - 164**

Correspondence, memoranda, press releases, radiobroadcast transcriptions, newspaper and periodical clippings and statement and message drafts. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent or organization. The papers in this file include messages, statements, editorials and greetings prepared by or for Mrs. Roosevelt for defense workers, military servicemen, schools, hospitals, religious bodies, relief and philanthropic organizations, magazines and newspapers. Also messages and statements to be read before political rallies, war bond drives, social and fraternal gatherings and labor and educational conventions. Prepared statements for inclusion in periodicals and newspapers published in Australia, Great Britain, Iceland and Russia, done at the request of the Office of War Information during World War II, are also found herein. Includes personal messages and congratulations to individuals, requests to review books, write forwards and editorials. There is also correspondence concerning material written by "ghosts" and published under Mrs. Roosevelt's name. The file contains a good deal of information on Mrs. Roosevelt's background, activities, daily routine and views on contemporary matters as well as requests for interviews, information concerning the history, furnishings and routine of the White House and appeals for personal letters. This series is divided into six parts: **40.1-Messages sent by Mrs. Roosevelt; 40.2-Messages Refused; 40.3-Requests for Information about the White House; 40.4-Requests for Interviews; 40.5-Requests for Personal Letters from E.R.; 40.9-Miscellaneous Messages Requested from E.R.**

Among the organizations listed are: American Friends Service Committee, American Newspaper Guild, American Society for the Control of Cancer, American Youth League, Camp Fire Girls, California Federation of Women's Clubs, Child Study Association of America, China Relief, Civilian Conservation Corps, Common Council for American Unity, Council Against Intolerance in America, Daughters of the American Revolution Federal Arts Project, Girl Scouts, National Conference of Christians and Jews, National Education Association, National Maternal and Child Welfare Conference, National War Fund, Non-Sectarian Foundation for Refugee Children, Office of Civilian Defense, Office of War Information, Russian War Relief, United Office and Professional Workers of America, United States Travel Bureau, Women's Field Army, Women's Institute, and World Student Service Fund.

**50. Gifts. 1934-1945.**

**Containers 164 - 249**

Correspondence and memoranda arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent and organization. Contains letters of acknowledgement to individuals and organizations sending gifts to Mrs. Roosevelt. The series is organized into eight sections: **50.1-Gifts: Food; 50.2-Gifts: Books; 50.2.1-Gifts: Songs, Poems, etc.; 50.2.2-Gifts: Pictures; 50.3-Gifts: Flowers; 50.4-Gifts: Returned; 50.5-Christmas Gift Acknowledgements; 50.9-Gifts: Miscellaneous.**

**60. Business and Commercial Matters. 1934-1945.**

**Containers 249 - 260**

Correspondence, memoranda, invoices, telegrams, statements and other business papers. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent or organization. These papers relate to the management of the Roosevelt residences in New York City, Hyde Park, and Campobello, New Brunswick. Also, correspondence with business firms regarding the purchase of food, gifts, reading matter, clothing and household items. Includes letters soliciting Mrs. Roosevelt's name to promote the sale of various commercial products. Other material concerns purchases made from the Val Kill Furniture Shop, Hyde Park, the woodcraft shop at the Arthurdale, West Virginia resettlement project and various WPA handcraft projects.

The series is divided into four parts: **60.1-Purchases made by Mrs. Roosevelt; 60.2-Use of Mrs. Roosevelt's Name in Advertising; 60.3-Mrs. Roosevelt's Personal Preferences; 60.9-Miscellaneous Business Matters.**

**70. Correspondence with Government Departments. 1934-1945.**

**Containers 260 - 427**

Correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, letters of transmittal, cross reference sheets, notes, reports and newspaper and periodical clippings. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent.

This file consists largely of correspondence from the general public in which tens of thousands of citizens sought Mrs. Roosevelt's assistance, intercession or advice. The files of the 1930's reflect the plight of many desperate persons hit by the depression-farmers whose properties were being foreclosed, veterans seeking bonuses, medical help or hospitalization, unemployed appealing for jobs, funds or medical care, families in legal, social or financial difficulties of every description. The files after 1940 reflect general improvement of business conditions and the correspondence begins to deal with aspects of selective service, conditions in military camps and complaints about treatment of draftees. As the war advanced, the correspondence reflects pressures of wartime, appeals from parents for release of their sons

from the armed forces, complaints about gas rationing, price control, race riots and shortages of goods and services.

Incoming letters, whenever possible, were referred to appropriate government departments for action, otherwise the reply was drafted by members of Mrs. Roosevelt's staff, usually Malvina Thompson or Mrs. James Helm. Mrs. Roosevelt replied to relatively few letters but she did carry on an extensive correspondence with departmental heads and federal officials, including all members of the Cabinet about matters brought to her attention by the public.

The file as a whole documents Mrs. Roosevelt's interest and involvement in civil rights, public housing, problems of youth and minority groups, social and economic rehabilitation, politics and education. Among those persons who had an extensive correspondence with Mrs. Roosevelt are the following: W.W. Alexander (Resettlement), Sanford Bates (Bureau of Prisons), A.A Berle (State), Francis Biddle (Attorney General), Chester Bowles (OPA), Wilson Brown (Navy), Edward Bruce (Fine Arts, WPA), John Carmody (Federal Works), John Collier (Indian Bureau), Jonathan Daniels (White House), Elmer Davis (OWI), John Fahey (Home Owners Loan Corp.), James Farley (Postmaster General), Robert Fechner (ccc), Hallie Flanagan (Theatre Project, WPA), Leon Henderson (OPA), Lewis Hershey (Selective Service), Frank To Hines, (VA), Ovate C. Hobby (WAC), Cordell Hull (State), Florence Kerr (WPA), Katharine Lenroot (Labor), Herbert Lehman (UNRRA), Frank McCarthy (Army), Archibald MacLeish (Library of Congress), Lucille McMiller (Civil Service), Paul V. McNutt (War Manpower), Henry Morgenthau (Treasury), Basil O'Connor (Red Cross), Frederick Osborn (Army), Thomas Parran (Surgeon General), Frances Perkins (Labor), Clarence Pickett (American Friends), Nelson Rockefeller (Inter-American Affairs), James Rowe (White House), Robert Sherwood (OWI), Hilda Smith (WPA), Edward Stettinius (State), Henry Stimson (War), Nathan Straus (Housing Authority), John W. Studebaker (Education), Rexford G. Tugwell (Resettlement), J. O. Walker (Resettlement), Henry Wallace (Agriculture), E.M. Watson (White House), Sumner Welles (State), Claude Wickard (Agriculture), Aubrey Williams (NYA), M.L. Wilson (Interior), Ellen Woodward (WPA).

#### 71. Office of Civil Defense. 1942.

##### Containers 427 - 432

Correspondence, memoranda, speech drafts, lists and various printed and mimeographed materials. Correspondence is arranged in rough alphabetical order; most of the material is dated between January and March 1942. This file concerns Mrs. Roosevelt's work with the Office of Civilian Defense during the early part of 1942 when she served as associate director. It contains offers of help and suggestions on what the agency should do; and letters protesting the appointment of Melvyn Douglas, the motion picture actor and Mayris Cheney, a professional dancer. These protests resulted in restrictions being placed by the Congress on the OCD appropriation bill and the resignation of Mrs. Roosevelt as associate director on

February 20, 1942.

There is material concerning OCD administration, plans and programs for meetings and speeches, proposals for food saving campaigns, evacuation of civilians, civilian morale and the problem of Negro participation. The series is divided into four parts: 71-O.C.D.: General; 71.1-O.C.D.: Miscellaneous; 71.4-O.C.D.: Suggestions; 71-9-O.C.D.: Women's Activities.

Mrs. Roosevelt replied to a few letters but most of the outgoing correspondence was prepared and signed by Mrs. J.M. Helm. None of the approximately 1,000 letters protesting the Douglas-Chaney appointments was answered.

**75. Old Age Pensions. 1935-1945.**

Containers ~~963-973~~ 433-437

Correspondence, memoranda and related printed materials. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent or organization. The material in this file pertains to public interest in government old age pension planning, particularly the Townsend plan. There are letters urging Mrs. Roosevelt to support various pension schemes; correspondence criticizing the administration of local and state relief; and letters detailing the conditions in county and municipal poor houses. Most correspondents are among the aged and impoverished and their letters reveal a desperate need for assistance. Replies were by form letter signed by Malvina Thompson to the effect that Mrs. Roosevelt was in favor of some form of old age pension plan to be administered by the federal government.

**80. Social Events at the White House. 1933-1945.**

Containers ~~974-994~~ 437-445

Correspondence, memoranda, cross reference sheets, guest lists, menus, entertainment programs and other printed materials. Arranged chronologically for period 1935-1940; for the years 1941-1945 arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent or organization. This file contains requests for invitations to luncheons, teas, receptions and other White House social functions. Also offers from artists wishing to perform at the White House. Exchanges between Mrs. Roosevelt's staff and Mr. Henry Jurgens of Steinway and Sons, New York, the firm charged with arranging White House musical programs are found herein. Also correspondence relating to the 1939 visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth with requests for autographs and photographs of the royal couple. Also offers to "help out" during the royal visit and requests for invitations to the various functions planned for the King and Queen.

The series is divided into five sections: 80.1-Requests for Invitations to the White House; 80.2-Social Events at the White House; 80.3-Entertainment Arrangements; 80.4-Visit of British Royalty; 80.9-Miscellaneous Social Events at the White House.

**90. Congratulations and Greetings. 1933-1945.**

Containers ~~995-1196~~ 445-546

Correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, newspaper and periodical clippings and various printed materials. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order. This file includes messages declaring faith and confidence in President and Mrs. Roosevelt, birthday greetings, Christmas cards and general congratulatory notes to Mrs. Roosevelt. Contains letters praising speeches, radio broadcasts and statements made by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt; as well as communications from civic organizations thanking for participation or attendance at various functions, commendations for Mrs. Roosevelt's support of social welfare activities and invitations to visit various cities, institutions and events. Also letters suggesting Mrs. Roosevelt run for political office.

The papers are organized in two parts- **90. Congratulations and Greetings;** (The last 7 boxes of Series 90.-for 1941 contain condolences sent to Mrs. Roosevelt on the death of her brother, G. Hall Roosevelt). **90.1-Election Congratulations to Mrs. Roosevelt, 1940.**

**91. Gifts to the Red Cross etc. 1942-1945.**

Containers ~~1197-1198~~ 546-547

Correspondence, memoranda and various printed materials. Arranged chronologically. This file concerns financial contributions to charitable and philanthropic organizations chiefly the Red Cross but other groups included are: Infantile Paralysis Fund, Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, National Society for Crippled Children, United States Assembly and the fund for Mrs. Henry Bacon widow of the architect of the Lincoln Memorial. Also the Greek War Relief Association, Russian War Relief and United China Relief. Probably contributions for these groups were sent to Mrs. Roosevelt because of the interest she generated in these organizations through her "My Day" newspaper column.

**95. "My Day" Comments. 1936-1945.**

Containers ~~1199-1252~~ 547-571

Correspondence, memoranda, periodical and newspaper clippings, pamphlets and other printed materials. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order. This file concerns the public's reaction to statements and opinions made by Mrs. Roosevelt in her "My Day" column, a syndicated feature that appeared in approximately ninety newspapers throughout the country. This daily column, written in an informal style, began in 1936, and, according to Malvina Thompson, carried a "resume of Mrs. Roosevelt's day's activities and an occasional expression of her thought on current events." Much of the correspondence contains friendly expressions of views prompted by her discussions of personalities, events, personal and family problems.

There is correspondence discussing current affairs; letters protesting the anti-

Roosevelt articles of Westbrook Pegler; messages of appreciation for her defense of minority groups, individual rights and social reform; and letters relating to Mrs. Roosevelt's support or opposition to pending legislation in Congress. Also material from commercial enterprises and social service agencies requesting support for their activities.

Replies were usually prepared by Malvina Thompson although Mrs. Roosevelt did express her views on current problems to a few friends or leaders in education, suffrage, welfare and politics. A selected list includes: Douglas Chandor (painter), Carrie Chapman Catt (suffragette, lecturer), James B. Conant (scientist, government official), Amelia Earhart (aviatrix), Helen Keller (author, lecturer), David K. Niles (government official), Mary T. Norton (congresswoman), Caroline O'Day (congresswoman), Drew Pearson (columnist), Vincent Sheehan (author), Cornelia Otis Skinner (actress, authoress), Ida M. Tarbell (biographer), Dorothy Thompson (journalist), and Mary E. Wooley (college president). ~~95.1-Comments on "My Day", January 7, 1944.~~

#### 100. Personal Letters. 1933-1945.

Containers ~~1253 - 1800~~ 571 - 827

Correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, cablegrams, reports, legislative bills, cross reference sheets, article and speech drafts, press releases, article reprints, periodical and newspaper clippings, miscellaneous printed material and enclosures. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough, alphabetical order by name of correspondent.

File 100 may be considered as Mrs. Roosevelt's personal file since she drafted and signed about 90% of the replies. The material reflects and documents her interest and service in such fields as labor, the youth movement, civil liberties, public welfare, education, refugee assistance, women's rights and national defense. Mrs. Roosevelt's wide range of acquaintances, coupled with her many interests, make this file indispensable to prospective biographers as well as general historians of the New Deal period.

This correspondence reflects her association with hundreds of experts and leaders in and out of government among whom were: Negro educator Mary McLeod Bethune, President Remson Bird of Occidental College, President Isaiah Bowman of Johns Hopkins, novelist Pearl Buck, suffragette Carrie Chapman Catt, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Jerome Davis of the YMCA, Red Cross director Norman Davis, Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas, Paul Kellogg of Survey Graphic, Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, philanthropist Mary Lasker, labor leader John L. Lewis, Ambassador Lincoln McVeagh, Congressman Maury Maverick, James G. McDonald of the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Dillon Myer of the War Relocation Authority, Congresswoman Caroline O'Day, Secretary Frances Perkins, Walter Reuther of the UAW, social economist Mary Simkhovich of Greenwich House,

welfare expert Lillian Wald and Walter White of the NAACP.

Extensive and interesting exchanges between Mrs. Roosevelt and old friends such as Lady Stella Reading, the Dowager Marchioness of Reading, Esther Lape, Molly Dewson, Rose Schneiderman, Lady Florence Willerr, Helena Hirt of Great Britain, Carola von Schaffer-Bernstein of Berlin, Bernard Baruch and Josephus Daniels. Also correspondence with members of her immediate family but these "family letters," by prior agreement, are presently closed to research.

Mrs. Roosevelt always maintained friendly relations with women of the press. She encouraged them to pass on their impressions of who and what they saw, here and abroad. There is useful material from Lorena Hickok on politics and relief activities across the country; correspondence from Ruby Black describing economic conditions and politics in Puerto Rico; letters from Martha Gelhorn Hemingway on the Spanish Civil War and the plight of refugees; reports from Anna Louise Strong during and after her visits to Russia and China; and material from war correspondent Doris Fleeson concerning Mrs. Roosevelt's wartime trip to Australia and the Pacific. Other reporters who communicated regularly were Bess Armstrong, Emma Bugby, May Craig, Freda Kirchwey and Mrs. William B. Meloney.

The following topical lists illustrate Mrs. Roosevelt's concern with the economic, social and political problems of the New Deal decade:

#### **Resettlement Administration--Arthurdale and Reedsville Projects**

Bernard Baruch [1935-37], Frank T. Bell [1934], Elsie R. Clapp [1935-36], Floyd B. Cox [1936, 1938], Allie S. Freed [1936-37], Bushrod Grimes [1934-37], Pat Harrison [1936], Mrs. A.L. Holland [1939], Henry Leach [1934], Lucy S. Mitchell [1936], E. Grant Nine [1936-40], Homer Rainey [1936], Donald Stephens [1936], Rexford Tugwell [1937] and Daniel Willard [1937].

#### **Youth Movement**

Bernard Baruch [1937-44], Joseph Cadden [1938-41], James Carey [1943], Alfred Cohn [1943], Malcolm C. Dobbs [1940], Frank Graham [1943], Latham Hatcher [1938-41], William H. Hinckley [1936-40], Viola Ilma [1934-44], John A. Long [1937], Joe Lash [1936-42], Howard Lee [1939], Jack McMichael [1940-41], William E. Porter [1934-35], Trude Pratt [1943-44], Abbot Simon [1937-39], Herbert B. Swope [1940], Charles W. Taussig [1936-42], Margaret Valiant [1940], and Molly Yard [1941-43].

#### **Labor, Works Progress Administration**

Helen Astor [1935], Bernard Baruch [1937, 1941], Edward Bruce [1934-41], James Carey [1943], Howard Cullman [1935], Molly Dewson [1934-45], James Dornbrowski [1941], Adrian Dornbush [1940-41], Mary L. Drier [1937], Hallie Flanagan [1935], William Green [1943], Lester Herzog [1936], Sidney Hillman

[1938-42], Harry Hopkins [1934], Mrs. Henry G. Leach [1936], John L. Lewis [1937, 1940], David K. Niles [1937], Joseph T. Robinson [1938], Walter Reuther [1943-44], Anna Rosenberg [1943-44], Rose Schneiderman [1934-45], Hilda Smith [1943], Brehon Somervill [1936, 1940], Katherine Woodruff [1934].

### **Education and Public Welfare**

George E. Allen [1934-35], Newton D. Baker [1934], Bernard Baruch [1934-44], James F. Byrnes [1935], Jerome Davis [1936], Mary Dewson [1934-45], Florence Hale [1934], Harry Hopkins [1934], Fiorello LaGuardia [1940], Maury Maverick [1936-40], Bernard McFadden [1937-38], Mary Simkhovich [1935-42], Amson P. Stokes [1935-37], John W. Studebaker [1934], Rexford Tugwell [1934], Lillian Wald [1935-40].

### **Public Housing**

Helen Alfred [1936-37], John Carmody [1941], Frederic Delano [1934], Dorothy Draper [1934], Allie S. Freed [1936-37], Frank Hancock [1937], Harold Ickes [1934], Robert D. Kohn [1934], Paul Kellogg [1936], Fiorello LaGuardia [1941], Stewart McDonald [1936, 1938], Maury Maverick [1939-40], Mrs. Samuel Rosenman [1944], Mary K. Simkhovich [1934, 1937, 1939], Hilda Smith [1943], Charles F. Weiler [1935].

### **Politics**

Bess Armstrong [1938], George L. Berry [1936], Remsen Bird [1944], Molly Dewson [1934-45], Helen Gahagan Douglas [1940-41], Stephen Early [1936], James A. Farley [1934], Crystal Bird Fauset [1934], Lorena Hickok [1936-37], Nan Honeyman [1936], Louise Lazell [1936], Herbert Lehman [1936-37], Maury Maverick [1944], Mrs. William B. Meloney [1940], Mrs. Thomas F. McAllister [1937-45], Emma Guffey Miller [1937], W. Forbes Morgan [1936], Caroline O'Day [1934-42], Homer Rainey [1944], Harriet Ryan [1944], Rose Schneiderman [1935-45], Upton Sinclair [1934, 1937].

### **Civil Liberties**

Mary McLeod Bethune [1937-45], Jerome Davis [1943-44], Helen Gahagan Douglas [1941], C.A. Dykstra [1941], Edwin R. Embree [1943], Morris Ernst [1941], Crystal Bird Fauset [1934], T. Arnold Hill [1938], Viola Ilma [1940], Gardiner Jackson [1939], Rufus Jones [1944], Fiorello LaGuardia [1943], Mary Lasker [1942], Howard Lee [1939-41], Maury Maverick [1939-40], J.J. McCloy [1943-44], William L. Neumann [1944], Robert Patterson [1941], A. Philip Randolph [1941], Donald Stephens [1943], Anna Louise Strong [1939], Evan Thomas [1943], Walter White [1934-45], Roy Wilkins [1935].

## European Refugees

A.A. Berle [1940], Francis Biddle [1940], Jerome Davis [1941], Norman Davis [1937-40], Dorothy Canfield Fisher [1940], Marshall Field [1941], Martha Gelhorn [1937-40], Helen Hayes [1942], Sidney Hillman [1941], James W. Johnson [1944], Mrs. William B. Meloney [1940], James G. McDonald [1941], Eric Muggeridge [1940], Caroline O'Day [1940], Lady Reading [1944], Patrick F. Scanlan [1937], Abbott Simon [1940], Ingrid Warburg [1940-43].

## Civilian Defense and Domestic Matters during World War II

Bernard Baruch [1941-44], Remson Bird [1942-44], Helen Gahagan Douglas [1941], Sidney Hillman [1941-42], Paul Kellogg [1942], James Landis [1942], Mrs. William B. Meloney [1942], David K. Niles [1941], Mrs. Gifford Pinchot [1941-42], Lady Stella Reading [1940-41], Walter Reuther [1944], Mrs. W. H. Reuter [1944], Anna Rosenberg [1941].

### 100.1 Children Named for Eleanor Roosevelt 1934, and Letters from Servicemen, 1942-1945. 827-842

### 101. Comments on Books by Mrs. Roosevelt. 1937-1943.

Containers ~~1801-1806~~ 843-845

Correspondence, memoranda, newspaper and periodical clippings. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent. This file contains correspondence commenting on Mrs. Roosevelt's books, chiefly, This Is My Story (Harpers & Bros., 1937), an autobiographic account from childhood through 1924 first appearing in serial form in The Ladies Home Journal (April, 1937). Other books mentioned are: This Troubled World (H.C. Kinsey, 1938), My Days (Dodge, 1938) and Moral Basis of Democracy (Howell, Soskin, 1940).

Also letters from friends and contemporaries prompted to recall events, persons, and places after reading This Is My Story. Some of this provides interesting commentaries on social history of the Hudson Valley, Newport, Rhode Island, Sagamore Hill and Oyster Bay at the turn of century. Remaining letters include requests for Mrs. Roosevelt's autograph in books submitted to her and for copies of This Is My Story from public libraries, charitable institutions and religious groups. There are occasional memoranda from her publishers on routine business matters.

### 102. Refugee Letters. 1940-1945.

Containers ~~1807-1810~~ 845-847

Correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, cablegrams, cross reference sheets, newspaper and periodical clippings, pamphlets and other printed material. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order. This file concerns the activities of the United States Committee for the Care of European Children, Inc., an agency organized on the initiative and under sponsorship of Mrs. Roosevelt. She was

named honorary chairman while Marshall Field, Chicago businessman and philanthropist served as chairman. Approximately 70% of incoming letters were requests for information concerning requirements for adoption and care of refugee children. Also includes correspondence from officials of the Committee and other civilian agencies actively engaged in refugee work, as well as a few letters from State Department officials; transcripts of Committee meetings; and reports on care of children.

Among the more significant items in this file are: exchanges with Under Secretary Sumner Welles and Assistant Secretary A.A. Berle relating to specific refugee cases; correspondence with Marshall Field, usually about financial matters; communications from Chairman Frank Kingdon of the Emergency Rescue Committee concerning contributions for the care and rescue of refugees from occupied Europe; and memoranda on the President's wish to pay the passage for children recommended for evacuation by Muriel Martineau, an old friend of the President's family.

#### 105. Contributions. 1933-1945.

Containers ~~1811-1830~~ 247-855

Correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, statements of collections and expenditures, reports, receipts, tickets, lists, newspaper clippings, pamphlets and other printed material. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent or organization. File relates to the financial contributions made by Mrs. Roosevelt to organizations, volunteer groups and individuals engaged in social work. Her charities extended to more than one hundred institutions and welfare organizations. Also filed herein are receipts from organizations that received contributions; correspondence from organizations that benefited from regular contributions; literature describing the work of various groups; and reports from volunteer workers and field representatives on matters of health, diet, employment, education and financial condition. There are a few exchanges between the President and Mrs. Roosevelt on such joint contributions as St. James Episcopal Church, Hyde Park, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Campobello, New Brunswick, Democratic County Committee (Dutchess Co., N.Y.), James Roosevelt Memorial Library, Hyde Park and the National Cathedral, Washington.

Among the papers are appeals from prominent persons for various charities; Marian Anderson (Riverdale Children's Association, New York), Mrs. Clifford Durr (The Southern Conference for Human Welfare) Ernest Hemingway (American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born), Joe Louis (Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America), Christopher Morley (Community Service Society of New York), Paul Robeson (Council of African Affairs), Vincent Sheehan (Abraham Lincoln Brigade Veterans), Ida M. Tarbell (Aid to Infantile Paralysis) and Dorothy Thompson (Volunteer Land Corps).

Replies were drafted and signed by Malvina Thompson although Mrs. Roosevelt's instructions appear in the margin of many incoming letters.

110. Autographs. 1934-1945.

Containers ~~1810-1973~~ 855-873

Correspondence, memoranda, postal cards, cross reference sheets, newspaper and periodical clippings and various enclosures. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent. This file contains requests made of Mrs. Roosevelt to autograph letters, cards, photographs, books, philatelic covers and programs she attended. Before the war Mrs. Roosevelt usually complied with these requests but after 1941 she declined to give autographs although she might make an exception for a serviceman, a child of a serviceman or a sick person. Many correspondents also asked for the President's signature but in every case Mrs. Roosevelt's staff replied that the President was too busy to do this. Replies were routine and signed either by Malvina Thompson or Ralph Magee.

120. Photographs. 1934-1945.

Containers ~~1874-1976~~ 873-884

Correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, postal cards, cross reference sheets, newspaper and periodical clippings and various enclosures. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent. The file contains requests made of Mrs. Roosevelt for her photograph. As a rule the White House staff did not send her photograph but numerous exceptions were made for charitable and civic organizations, political groups, friends, acquaintances, servicemen, government officials and sick or disabled persons. Also requests from photographers, artists and sculptors asking Mrs. Roosevelt to sit which were usually declined.

The series is divided into five parts: 120.1-Photographs Sent; 120.2-Photographs Refused; 120.3-Sittings for Portraits; 120.5-Photographs Distributed by the White House; 120.9-Miscellaneous Photographs.

130. News Items. 1934-1945.

Containers ~~1907-2136~~ 884-990

Correspondence, memoranda, press releases, transcripts of news conferences, speech and article drafts, pamphlets, booklets, reports, article reprints and newspaper and periodical clippings. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent.

This file consists of publications and letters of transmittal received by Mrs. Roosevelt. Although these publications seem to touch on every conceivable type of endeavor a large portion is concerned with contemporary problems in which Mrs. Roosevelt publicly expressed an interest, including social and economic rehabilitation, politics, education and religion, civic planning, the welfare of refugees, Negro matters, youth movement and foreign affairs. Many transmittal letters include comments praising, complaining or questioning administration policies; during the early and mid-1930's focus is on domestic matters but by 1938 anxiety over foreign affairs is reflected in the pronounced increase of incoming material devoted to German and Japanese affairs.

Replies were usually routine acknowledgements drafted and signed by Malvina

Thompson or Ralph Magee. Among organizations regularly forwarding printed matter were: American Civic Association, American Federation of Arts, America First, American Jewish Congress, American League Against War and Fascism, American Youth Congress, Christian American Crusade, Committee to Aid Agriculture, Foster Parents Plan for Children of Spain, Indiana State Conference on Social Work, Institute of Propaganda Analysis, The Institute of Women's Professional Relations, Labor Housing Conference, National Consumers League, National Public Housing Conference, National Recreation Association, Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, Spanish Child Welfare Association, Women's Trade Union League.

**140. Merchandise for Sale. 1934-1945.**

Containers ~~2137-2187~~ 990-1012

Correspondence, memoranda, postal cards, cross reference sheets, newspaper clippings and printed materials. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent. This file concerns the misfortunes of people during the depression specifically their efforts to sell personal belongings and property. Correspondents include farmers, merchants, the unskilled, professionals of all types and the aged. A random list of items offered for sale includes old pistols, snuff boxes, swords, bayonets, muskets, portraits of historical personages, manuscripts, books, coins, stamps, furniture and all kinds of handcraft work. Interspersed among the papers are also letters and commercial lists from collectors and dealers in rare books, manuscripts, china and silver ware and early American furniture.

There are a few memoranda between the President and Mrs. Roosevelt regarding his interests or reaction to items referred to him of local historical or family interest. Mrs. Roosevelt's replies, drafted by Miss Thompson, are brief but sympathetic. She was compelled to acknowledge her helplessness in assisting most of those people who wrote to her.

**150. Material Assistance Requested. 1934-1945.**

Containers ~~2188-2541~~ 1012-1172

Correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, receipts, reports, cross reference sheets, newspaper and periodical clippings, pamphlets and other enclosures. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent.

This is one of several files among Mrs. Roosevelt's papers relating to requests for assistance. However the title is only roughly descriptive of the contents. Many letters contain thoughtful comment on politics, government, education, unemployment, the war, bigotry or other contemporary issues. In general, the papers reflect the problems of those citizens most acutely affected by the depression and the war. There are pleas from individuals in need of medical aid, hospital care, food, housing and clothing; by the jobless seeking employment; from persons who lost their property; from wives deserted by husbands and similar complaints; letters referred to the appropriate

organization whenever possible--for example, persons suffering from polio-myelitis were directed to the Warm Springs (Ga.) Foundation; applicants for federal employment were advised to contact the Civil Service Commission of the United States Employment Bureau; those in need of legal help were directed to the Legal Aid Society; and cases involving servicemen or their families were referred to the American Red Cross.

Other types of material include requests for copies of her speeches and radio broadcasts; letters asking for stamps and recipes and other articles; correspondence from churches, schools, civic, fraternal and political organizations requesting donations of money, books and clothing; also letters offering remarks on topics mentioned in the "My Day" newspaper column.

There is some correspondence with prominent people including: Edward Bruce (Treasury), Thomas Parran (U.S. Public Health), Frederick D. Patterson (Tuskegee Institute), Henry W. Roberts (author), John Wo Studebaker (Dept. of Education), Walter White (NAACP) and Owen D. Young (philanthropist).

The file divides into nine sections: **150.1-Material Assistance Requested; 150.2-Donations Requested; 150.3-Positions Sought Through Mrs. Roosevelt; 150.4-Handcrafts; 150.5 Recipes Requested; 150.6-Requests for Flowers; 150.7-Requests for Copies of Speeches; 150.8-Requests for Books; 150.9-Miscellaneous Requests.**

#### **160. Genealogy and Biography. 1934-1945.**

Containers ~~2542-2547~~ 1173-1174

Correspondence, memoranda, postal cards, genealogical charts, horoscope charts, cross reference sheets, newspaper clippings and printed materials. Arranged chronologically. Includes letters from individuals asking for biographies of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and questions concerning Roosevelt genealogy, especially President Roosevelt's six Mayflower ancestors and the Roosevelts in Holland. Also requests for genealogical information on the Livingston, Ludlow, Delano and Ballinger families.

#### **170. Appointments. 1934-1945.**

Containers ~~2548-2621~~ 1175-1213

Correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, transcripts of conferences and meetings, pamphlets, programs, newspaper and periodical clippings, cross reference sheets and various enclosures. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent.

This file contains requests to visit Mrs. Roosevelt in the White House from school and civic groups and other organizations planning trips to Washington; letters from individuals asking for appointments; invitations to attend or speak before various conferences, forums and gatherings. The papers also contain information on Mrs. Roosevelt's trips and speaking engagements. Correspondence from organizations often includes detailed information about projects for which Mrs. Roosevelt's support or interest was solicited. Her replies, always signed by others, do indicate her civic and charitable interests. There is material on education, housing, Negro affairs, economic

and social rehabilitation, civil defense, consumer and cooperative activities, the role of women in American life, art projects, Democratic Party affairs, peace movements, youth, Spanish Civil War, refugees and the internment of Japanese-Americans.

Printed materials concerning the activities of the following organizations will be found in the files: American Friends of German Freedom, American Friends Service Committee, American Labor Party, American Student Union, American Youth Commission, American Youth Congress, American Youth Hostels, Good Neighbor League, International Student Service, Labor's Non Partisan League, National Conference of Christians and Jews, National Consumers Conference, National Farmers Union, National League of Women Voters, National Negro Congress, National Student Federation, National Urban League, National Youth Administration, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, Southern Regional Conference, U.S. Student Assembly, World Youth Congress.

**180. Manuscripts to Review. 1934-1945.**

**Containers ~~2622-2675~~ 1213-1237**

Correspondence, memoranda, poetry, sheet music, photographs, manuscripts, newspaper and periodical clippings, pamphlets and other printed matter. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent.

This file contains requests made of Mrs. Roosevelt for a critical evaluation of poetry, song lyrics, fiction and non-fiction materials sent to her, most of which include a plea for publication assistance. Mrs. Roosevelt did not read this material but referred it to various literary agents and to the Song Mart in New York. Also pleas from individuals wishing to get into newspaper work.

**190. Miscellaneous. 1934-1945.**

**Containers ~~2676-2984~~ 1237-1317**

Correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, cross reference sheets, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, posters and other printed material. Arranged chronologically and thereunder in rough alphabetical order by name of correspondent.

A large part of this file is comprised of "public opinion" letters written in response to Mrs. Roosevelt's public activities and her writings and utterances on contemporary issues. Also there are many letters of protest, particularly during the war period, that complain of the following: conditions in military camps, rent control and inadequate housing, discrimination, food and gasoline rationing and the sale of liquor to young servicemen. Political letters are scattered throughout the file including: views and forecasts on the presidential elections of 1936, 1940 and 1944; letters endorsing candidates for political office; and pro and con remarks on such political movements as the Townsend Plan, Coughlin's National Union for Social Justice, the America First Committee, and Huey Long's "Share the Wealth" scheme. Occasional letters from American citizens, some of whom were residing abroad, and letters from citizens of foreign countries are included in the papers. Some of the more interesting of these are listed below:

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Jesse M. Aldrich (1939) war in Spain; Esparanza Ellis (1944) Trujillo dictatorship; John P. Harrington (1935) war in Ethiopia; Ben Hecht (1945) British censorship after the murder of Lord Moyne in Cairo; Ezra Pound (1935, 1940) politics; Mrs. Josephine Sterling (1939) refugee children; Sada C. Tomlinson (1941) political and military conditions in China; May Cullen White (1940) war in China; and Eugene Wolman (1937) war in Spain. Correspondence from and about Mrs. Roosevelt's wartime trips to England (1942), the Pacific (1943), and the Caribbean area (1944) are also included in this file. This series is divided into four sections: 190.1-Criticism re: Negro Question, 1942; 190.3-Trip File: England, 1942; 190.4-Trip File: Pacific Theatre, 1943; 190.5-Trip File: Caribbean Area, 1944.

**200. Girl Scouts of America. 1934-1945.**

Containers ~~2985-2986~~ 1377-1378

Correspondence, memoranda, printed material and newspaper clippings. Arranged chronologically. Letters from girls applying for membership in the Girl Scouts (Mrs. Roosevelt served as honorary president); requests for help in financing local programs; and information on procedures for organizing new chapters. All such requests were referred to national headquarters in New York City. Also a few items from the national director on field work; administrative policy and ceremonial affairs.

**210. Receipts for Articles Mailed from the White House. 1933-1945.**

Container ~~2987~~ 1378

A file of material consisting of receipts and notes relating to registered letters sent from the White House to the Roosevelt family, friends, banks federal agencies and business concerns. The file concerns the routine business of registering and insuring outgoing mail. A few postal notices of mail intended for the White House and held for postage are included in the file. Notes by members of the clerical staff regarding instructions about addresses, names and value of articles.

**220. Prohibition. 1934-1944.**

Containers ~~2988-2989~~ 1378, 1379

Correspondence, telegrams, newspaper clippings, leaflets, pamphlets and other printed material. Arranged chronologically. Letters in this file are from individuals opposed to the sale of liquor, particularly members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and religious organizations. Many correspondents protested the serving of wine at White House functions. Mrs. Roosevelt's replies were prepared by Mrs. James Helm.

**White House Telegrams. 1933-1939.**

Containers ~~2990-2995~~ 1381-1385

Telegrams and night letters. Arranged chronologically. This file consists of copies of several thousand outgoing telegrams and night letters sent by Mrs. Roosevelt or under her

name by Malvina Thompson for the period 1933-1939. Telegrams for the following years of the White House period were not filed separately as these but interfiled in the appropriate correspondence files, according to chronological and alphabetical order.

**Topical File. 1933-1945.**

Containers ~~2996-2997~~ 1374-1380

Correspondence, memoranda, lists, reports, etc. Arranged alphabetically according to folder title. Material in this file, arranged by Mrs. Roosevelt, consists of various, unrelated subjects. Some of which include: birthday and Christmas books, miscellaneous gift orders, Christmas card, inauguration and wedding lists, memoranda to her staff, personal and general correspondence, material concerned with the Office of Civil Defense, war matters, press conferences, etc. (For a complete list of subjects, see the container list to this collection).

**Address Books and Index Cards. 1933-1945.**

Containers ~~2998-2999~~ 1385

Arranged chronologically and thereunder alphabetically. This file consists of the address records kept by Mrs. Roosevelt and her secretary, Malvina Thompson during the period 1933-1945. The many addresses of family members, friends, business associates and acquaintances collected over the years, fill two bound address books, two black loose-leaf binders and two sets of index file cards.

**Engagement Books. 1933-April 12, 1945.**

Containers ~~2000-2001~~ 1386-1387

These engagement books are merely day by day calendar reminders of Mrs. Roosevelt's appointments, luncheons, dinners, meetings etc.

**Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings re- E.R. 1933-1945.**

Container ~~3002~~ 1387

This file consists of unarranged newspaper clippings from various newspapers, chiefly from New York and Washington, D.C. Most of the clippings are from Luce's Clipping Bureau.

**Honorary Degrees, Citations from Academic Institutions. 1933-1945.**

Container ~~3003~~ *oversize*

The material in this file represents only a small number of the many honorary degrees and citations Mrs. Roosevelt received during her lifetime. Among those found herein are: an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania, the Pi Delta Epsilon Award from American University, the dedication scroll for Eleanor Roosevelt Hall, Rhode Island State College, Class Day Award, New York University, etc. (For other awards and honorary degrees, see: Case Drawer 44, E.R. : Bound Miscellany).

**Non-Academic Awards, Citations, Memberships, etc. 1933-1945.**

**Container ~~3004~~ *Oversize***

This unarranged file consists of a number of oversized awards, certificates, memberships, citations, etc. which Mrs. Roosevelt, as First Lady, received from various groups and organizations. Some of these represented include: Midwest Antiquarian Association, International Ladies Garment Workers Union Chorus, Boys Club of the Metropolitan Police, D.C. American Red Cross, Navy Relief Society, General Federation of Women's Clubs, National Education Association, United Charity Institutions of Jerusalem, National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

**Miscellaneous Reports. 1932-1945.**

**Containers ~~3005-3017~~ *1387-1394***

Arranged chronologically only. This file contains a wide variety of miscellaneous reports, abstracts, studies, reviews, etc., received by Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House. The subject range of these materials is wide, for example, in the same container, may be found such divergent items as: a report from the Office of the U.S. Attorney General (1934), and a study of the flags of Texas (1934). Some other materials found in this file include: the Annual Report of the Women's Trade Union League of New York (1932), a study of the White House Conferences (1933), a guide book to Fairmont, West Virginia (1934), summaries from the Women's Division of the Democratic National Campaign Committee (1932), reports from the FERA (1934), TVA. (1937, 1939), NYA (1942), WPA (1935, 1936), abstracts of magazine book reviews from the Department of Commerce (1935), studies on Dutchess County and Defense (1941), the Population Policy and Social Planning (1939), etc.

**Benedict Research Reports. March, 1933-April, 1935.**

**Container ~~3018~~**

Arranged in chronological order. The material found in this file was compiled by Editorial Research Reports, Washington, D.C. This agency maintained a weekly and/or daily service which provided its subscribers with information and background material of national and international significance. This file contains two years of material (weekly and monthly bulletins) sent to the White House and Mrs. Roosevelt which was used at various times in the preparation of speeches, articles, radio addresses, etc.

**Scrapbooks Presented to E.R. 1933-1945.**

**Container ~~3019~~ *1395***

The few volumes found in this file represent only a very small sampling of the many such mementoes presented to Mrs. Roosevelt by well-wishers over the many years she spent as First Lady. Included herein are scrapbooks made in honor of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt as well as those commemorating special places and occasions.

**Amidst Crowded Days. 1942.**

Container ~~3020-3021~~ 1395

These two volumes compose a 1942 diary in clippings of Mrs. Roosevelt. This work was compiled, edited and executed by A. Cypen Lubitsh in 1943. These magnificent books, bound in leather and wood, contain pictures and articles from a number of New York, Washington and Los Angeles' newspapers substantially in 1942. Volume I contains material chronologically arranged from December, 1941 through the OCD controversy i.e. January-February, 1942; Volume II begins with March, 1942 and concludes with June of the same year.

**Speech and Article File. 1917-1962.**

Containers ~~3022-3176~~ 1396 - ~~1505~~ 1484

This file is composed of hundreds of Mrs. Roosevelt's speeches, articles, radio addresses, statements, reviews, which were written, delivered, presented or read in the United States and/or abroad, over a span of approximately 45 years. The file is arranged in rough chronological order but the container list provides a catalogue of the contents of each container. ~~This file has a separate finding aid.~~

**Book and Manuscript File. 1932-1963.**

Containers ~~3177-3212~~ 1484-1505

This file represents another aspect of Mrs. Roosevelt's writing career. In it, are the manuscripts, drafts, proofs, notes and correspondence relating to over 15 published works. The container list details the contents of each container. Also, in this file are the notes, drafts and sketches for Elliott Roosevelt's book, *Hunting Big Game in the 80's*, *Letters of Elliott Roosevelt*, which Mrs. Roosevelt edited in memory of her father in 1933; and a printers' proof of Alfred Steinberg's, *Mrs. R.: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt*.

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