

Edward J. Flynn
Papers, 1913 - 1963

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Edward J. Flynn, the youngest child of Henry T. and Sarah Mallon Flynn, was born in New York City on September 22, 1891. He was graduated from Fordham Law School in 1912 and admitted to the New York Bar in June 1913.

Flynn practiced law in partnership with Bill McKeown (1913-1922) and Monroe Goldwater (1924-1953), but he soon became involved in politics in the Bronx and rose to prominence in the Democratic Party. He served as Assemblyman of Bronx County (1918-1921), Sheriff of Bronx County (1922-1925), Chamberlain of the City of New York (1926-1928), Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Bronx County Democratic Committee (1922-1953), Secretary of State for New York (1929-January 1939), Democratic National Committeeman from New York (1930-1953), and Chairman of the Democratic National Committee (1940-1943). He was also the United States Commissioner General on the New York World's Fair Commission. (1939-1940).

Although Flynn was a close associate of Franklin D. Roosevelt for many years, he refused Roosevelt's repeated offers of jobs in the Roosevelt Administration. He accompanied Roosevelt to the Yalta Conference and remained in Europe after the conference, carrying out various missions for the President, until his trip was terminated by news of Roosevelt's death.

In 1947, Flynn wrote a book, You're the Boss, about his experiences in politics.

Flynn died on August 18, 1953 while on a visit to Ireland.

The papers consist of incoming and outgoing personal, business, and political correspondence; clippings; memorabilia; photographs; material relating to Flynn's book, You're the Boss; and condolence correspondence. The material is arranged in a single alphabetical series. The bulk of the material is from 1931-1952.

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