

ROOSEVELT FAMILY PAPERS

Donated by the Children of Franklin D. and Eleanor Roosevelt

c. 1686 - 1959

Accession Numbers: MS. 55-4; MS 55-15

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Quantity: 19 linear feet (approximately 38,000 pages)

Restrictions: None.

Related Material: Family Papers (Appendix I) in the Papers of Anna Eleanor Roosevelt; Roosevelt Family Papers collected by Franklin D. Roosevelt; Delano Family Papers; Hall Family Papers; Franklin D. Roosevelt: Papers pertaining to Family, Business and Personal Affairs; Franklin D. Roosevelt: Papers as Vice-Presidential Candidate, 1920; and Franklin D. Roosevelt: Papers as Governor of New York, 1929-1932.

NOTE:

The pencilled number designation on portions of this collection has no significance for the present arrangement of these papers. This numbering system relates to the order in which some correspondence chiefly among the principals, i.e. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Sara, his mother and Eleanor, his wife, was microfilmed.

Description of Series

Container Series

- 1 - 6 Old Family Papers (Roosevelt, Ludlow, and Hall).
c. 1686-1912 and Undated. 6 containers.

Among the material in this series are some of the oldest indentures, deeds and estate papers of the Roosevelt family. Chiefly, these are the papers of Elbert Roosevelt, 1767-1817, a New York City merchant and ancestor of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Also the miscellaneous legal papers of Franklin Roosevelt's parents, James and Sara Delano Roosevelt, 1864-1904 including their 1880 wedding certificate, a deed to land purchased at Campobello by Sara 1903, drawings for a burial plot in St. James Churchyard at Hyde Park, the will of Mary Roosevelt, James' mother and the probate record of James' own will and other estate papers. Some family correspondence between James Roosevelt and his wife and son, 1894-1900 is included here.

The papers of the Ludlow Family, 1811-1890 include those of Eleanor Roosevelt's great grandparents, Edward and Elizabeth Livingston Ludlow and her grandparents Valentine G. and Mary Hall 1853-1912; also some family and business correspondence, the latter relating to the maintenance of "Oak Terrace," the Hall family estate at Tivoli, New York.

The papers of Elliott Roosevelt, Sr., father of Eleanor Roosevelt consist chiefly of correspondence 1870-1894, (many letters have attached transcriptions) between Elliott, his parents Martha Bulloch and Theodore Roosevelt, Sr., his sisters Anna Cowles and Corinne Robinson, his brother Theodore, his wife Anna Hall and his daughter Anna Eleanor.

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(con't) The papers of Anna Hall Roosevelt 1875-1893 include her school memorabilia, prose and poetry fragments (holograph), clippings concerning the Hall-Roosevelt wedding, commemorative booklets in Anna Hall Roosevelt's memory written by friends, her obituaries bound and inscribed, "For Anna's Children, 1893" and a small amount of undated correspondence with her mother Mary L. Hall and her sisters-in-law Anna Cowles and Corinne Robinson.

Material in this series is arranged chronologically by family.

7 - 21 Correspondence. 1883-1945 and Undated.
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Chiefly, this series consists of personal family correspondence. Included are almost 3,000 letters exchanged among Franklin Roosevelt, his mother Sara and his wife Eleanor 1888-1945; letters of the Roosevelt children: Anna, James, Elliott, Franklin Jr., and John to their parents and grandmother; and correspondence written to the Roosevelts by their relatives. Among the correspondence from family members (Roosevelt, Delano and Hall) are letters from Catherine and Warren Delano II, grandparents of Franklin Roosevelt; Frederic A. Delano, his uncle; James Roosevelt Roosevelt, his half-brother; Susan Ludlow Parish, Eleanor Roosevelt's cousin; G. Hall Roosevelt, her brother; and President Theodore Roosevelt, her uncle. (Note: Only principal correspondents are listed on folder titles. This, however does not preclude correspondence from the principal's immediate family. Where such correspondence exists, it is filed together, e.g. in the file for "G. Hall Roosevelt," correspondence from his first wife, Margaret Cutter, his son Henry and his second wife Dorothy Kemp can also be found).

Among the General Correspondence material c.1905-1945 non-family letters concerned with business, social engagements and related matters are located; also included is correspondence from Franklin Roosevelt's New York Senatorial Constituency 1911-1913; get well messages following his polio attack,

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(con't) 1921; and letters of condolence on the death of "Rosy," his half-brother in 1927. Some correspondents in this series include; Nancy Cook, Isabella Greenway, Crown Princess Martha of Norway, Langdon P. Marvin, Endicott Beabody, Catherine Smith, Mlle. Marie Souvestre, Margaret "Daisy" Suckley, Edith B. Wilson and Walter Winchell.

Correspondence is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent and thereunder chronologically.

22-24 Political Files. 1920, 1929-1933. 3 Containers

Correspondence, speeches, notes and clippings from Franklin Roosevelt's unsuccessful bid for the vice-presidency in 1920..

The Correspondence as Governor Files 1929-1933, contain letters, telegrams, and memoranda of a fairly routine nature, arranged alphabetically. Correspondents of note are: Vincent Astor, Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Father Charles Coughlin, Mary "Molly" Dewson, Frederic A. Delano, James A. Farley, Fannie Hurst, Colonel Edward M. House, Louis M. Howe, Basil O'Connor, Key Pittman, Alfred E. Smith and Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.

25-34 Writings and Printed Materials. c. 1943-1959 and Undated. 11 Containers.

Contains a collection of materials used in published works, namely FDR: His Personal Letters (1949) by Elliott Roosevelt and Affectionately, FDR (1959) by James Roosevelt and Sydney Shallett; a proof copy of This I Remember by Eleanor Roosevelt; copies of presidential logs from FDR's wartime trips, 1943-1945; and a manuscript relating to John Paul Jones.

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I Old Family Papers. c.1686-1912 and Undated

Roosevelt. 1686-1866
Ludlow. 1811-1890
Hall. 1853-1912
James Roosevelt. 1864-1904
Elliott Roosevelt, Sr. 1870-1894
Anna Hall Roosevelt. 1875-1893.

II Correspondence. 1896-1941 and Undated

Sara Delano Roosevelt. 1896-1941.
Franklin D. Roosevelt. 1888-1945
Eleanor Roosevelt. 1903-1945
Family Members. 1883-1945
General. 1902-1945

III Political Files. 1920, 1929-1933

IV Writings and Printed Materials. c.1943-1959 and Undated

Roosevelt Family Papers

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- 1 Old Family Papers: Roosevelt and Ludlow, 1686-1890.
Roosevelt. 1686-1866.
1. Indenture. Johannes Hardenberg - Jacob Hardenbergh. 1686.
 2. Plan (Pen and Ink) New York Harbor and Agreement between A. Rutgers and J. and J. Roosevelt. June, 1748.
 3. Petition. John Roosevelt: New York City Water Supply. 1748.
 4. Letter. Adolphus Roosevelt to John de Peyster, Jr. April 16, 1763.
 5. Will. Cornelius Roosevelt. February 11, 1771.
 6. Account Ledger (2 pp.). Christopher Roselvelt (sic). 1772.
 7. Letter. A.N. de Peyster to G. De Peyster. January 23, 1779.
 8. Indenture. John Rocsevelt - William de Peyster. June 29, 1784.
 9. Indenture. Jacobus Roosevelt. July 9, 1785.
 10. Receipt. Margaret Roosevelt. April 24, 1788.
 11. Commissions. New York State Militia. Elbert Roosevelt 1789, 1793.
 12. Indenture. Abraham Van Gelden and Cornelius C. Roosevelt. June 3, 1791.
 13. Indenture. John Roosevelt and Elbert Roosevelt. July 18, 1793.
 14. Indenture. Samuel Jones and Cornelius C. Roosevelt. April 30, 1794.
 15. Receipt. E. Roosevelt for Black Woman, Judith. October 7, 1803.

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| 1
(con't) | 16. Bond. Jonas Smith and Cornelius C. Roosevelt.
May 15, 1804. |
| | 17. Money Order. Elbert Roosevelt. December 23,
1807. |
| | 18. Deed. Elbert Roosevelt. July 12, 1810. |
| | 19. Indemnification. Elbert Roosevelt. June 3,
1813. |
| | 20. Receipt. E. Roosevelt to Caleb Pell.
February 9, 1814. |
| | 21. Letter. S.N. Bayard to Elbert Roosevelt.
February 27, 1816. |
| | 22. Title Abstract. Elbert Roosevelt. c.1816. |
| | 23. Tax Receipt. Caleb Pell to Elbert Roosevelt (sic)
January 21, 1817. |
| | 24. Report (Printed). Secretary of State (John Q.
Adams) to Senate. April 18, 1820. |
| | 25. Power of Attorney. Elbert Roosevelt. May 24,
1825. |
| | 26. Bond. Henry Roosevelt. June 8, 1826. |
| | 27. Sermon (Printed). David Parker on Death of
Margaret Tillotson. Reformed Dutch Church.
Rhinebeck Flats. March 30, 1828. |
| | 28. Title Search. Gilbert Thorne. May 30, 1832. |
| | 29. Promissory Note. Calvin I. Van Kleek to Henry
Davis. November 25, 1833. |
| | 30. Letter. W.H. Marsh, M.D. to Bushnell.
January 22, 1866. |
| | 31. Ms. "A Description of Jamaica." Anonymous.
Undated. |
| | 32. Poem. "Satan Visiting New York" Anonymous.
Undated. |

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<u>Container</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1 (con't)	Ludlow. 1811-1890. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Agreements, Contracts, Deeds and Indentures, etc. 1811-1859.2. Agreements, Contracts, Deeds and Indentures, etc. 1860-1869.3. Agreements, Contracts, Deeds and Indentures, etc. 1870-1884 and Undated.4. Accounts and Receipted Bills. 1845-1873 and Undated.5. Accounts and Receipted Bills. 1880-1890 and Undated.6. Correspondence. 1846-1889 and Undated. <p style="text-align: center;">*Additional oversize materials are located in drawer: Roosevelt Family Papers. List of items found therein.</p>
2	Old Family Papers: Hall. 1853-1912. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Correspondence. Family and Personal. 1853-1902 and Undated.2. Correspondence. Edward Ludlow and Mary Ludlow Hall with their Parents. 1860-1871.3. Correspondence. W.C.P. Rhodes to Hall Family Members. 1871-1889 and Undated.4. Condolence Correspondence. Death of Anna Hall Roosevelt, 1892 and Undated.5. Journal. Valentine G. Hall. c.1861-1862.6. Business and Financial Papers. 1863-1894 and Undated.7. Wills and Probate Records. 1883-1912.
3	Papers of James Roosevelt. 1864-1904. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Legal Papers. James and Sara Delano Roosevelt. 1880-1904.2. Correspondence. Family and Personal. 1864, 1900 and Undated.3. Correspondence. James Roosevelt to Sara Delano Roosevelt. 1894-1896.4. Correspondence. James Roosevelt to Franklin Delano Roosevelt. 1895-1900 and Undated.5. Condolence Correspondence. Death of James Roosevelt. 1900-1901 and Undated.

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- 4 Papers of Elliott Roosevelt, Sr. 1870-1894.
1. Bulloch, Anna. 1877-1883.
 2. Cowles, Anna Roosevelt. 1874-1881 and Undated.
 3. Cowles, Anna Roosevelt. 1882-1892 and Undated.
 4. Gracie, Archibald. 1872-1874 and Undated.
 5. Hall, Mary L. (Mrs. Valentine G.). 1883-1893 and Undated.
 6. Miscellaneous Family and Personal Correspondence. 1880-1893 and Undated.
 7. Robinson, Corinne Roosevelt. 1876-1892, and Undated.
 8. Roosevelt, Anna Hall. c.1881-1889 (Chiefly Undated).
 9. - Congratulatory Correspondence on Engagement to. 1883.
 10. - Condolence Correspondence on Death of. 1892-1893 and Undated.
- 5 Papers of Elliott Roosevelt, Sr. 1870-1894.
1. Roosevelt, Eleanor. c.1889-1894 and Undated.
 2. Roosevelt, Elliott, Jr.
 - Condolence Correspondence on Death of. 1893.
 3. Roosevelt, Elliott, Sr. Writings. Undated.
 4. Roosevelt, Martha Bulloch (Mrs. Theodore Sr.). c.1871-1877.
 5. Roosevelt, Martha Bulloch (Mrs. Theodore Sr.). 1880-1884 and Undated.
 6. Roosevelt, Theodore, Sr. 1870-1877.
 7. Roosevelt, Theodore, Jr. 1877-1880.
- 6 Papers of Anna Hall Roosevelt. 1875-1893.
- Correspondence:
- 1-2. Cowles, Anna Roosevelt. 1887 and Undated (2 folders)
 3. Hall, Mary L. (Mrs. Valentine G.) 1883 and Undated.
 4. Robinson, Corinne Roosevelt. Undated.
 5. Miscellaneous. 1875-1892 and Undated.
- Printed Materials:
6. College Series of German Plays. 1866.
 7. Certificate. Children's American Missionary Society. 1871.
 - * 8. Out of the Shadows into the Light. (Commemorative Booklet for Valentine G. Hall). 1880.
 - * 9. ARH Prose Book (holograph). 1880.
 - * 10. ARH Poetry and Scenes of Ireland. 1881.
 11. Clippings. re: Hall-Roosevelt Wedding. December 1, 1883.
 12. Clippings. AHR's Obituaries (bound) for Anna's Children. 1893.
 - 13-14. In Loving Memory of Anna Hall Roosevelt. (Commemorative Booklet). 1893. (4 copies)
 - * 17. Tablet. List of linens belonging to AHR. (ER's holograph). n.d.
- * Original Only. See Archivist for Details.

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24 (con't)	8. P 9. Pamphlets 10. Pittman, Key 11. Political 12. R 13. S 14. Smith, Alfred E. 15. V 16. Vanderbilt, Cornelius, Jr. 17. W 18. Water Power: Correspondence 19. Water Power: Printed Materials 20. XYZ
25	Writings and Printed Materials. c.1943-1959 and Undated. <u>FDR: His Personal Letters.</u> Correspondence and Reviews. 1948-1950. A - Z.
26	Writings and Printed Materials. c.1943-1959 and Undated. <u>FDR: His Personal Letters.</u> Drafts.
27	Writings and Printed Materials. c.1943-1959 and Undated. <u>FDR: His Personal Letters.</u> Transcripts (Topical) A - F.
28	Writings and Printed Materials. c.1943-1959 and Undated. <u>FDR: His Personal Letters.</u> Transcripts (Topical). F - N
29	Writings and Printed Materials. c.1943-1959 and Undated. <u>FDR: His Personal Letters.</u> Transcripts (Topical). N - W.
30	Writings and Printed Materials. c.1943-1959 and Undated. <u>FDR: His Personal Letters.</u> Transcripts Unused.
31	Writings and Printed Materials. c.1943-1959 and Undated. <u>FDR: His Personal Letters.</u> Transcripts Unused. Presidential Logs (Wartime Conferences) 1943-1945.

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32	Writings and Printed Materials. c.1943-1959 and Undated. Bound Page Proofs. <u>This I Remember</u> . Manuscript. "John Paul Jones."
33	Writings and Printed Materials. c.1943-1959 and Undated. <u>Affectionately, FDR</u> . Selected Family Letters (copies).
34	Writings and Printed Materials. c.1943-1959 and Undated. <u>Affectionately, FDR</u> . Selected Family Letters (copies).