Guide to FDR, the New Deal, and WWII
Primary Sources in Microform

Press Conferences of Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933-1945
Microfilm. Unclassed film no. 5197

Stenographic transcripts of FDR’s 1,011 press conferences are original sources for the New Deal era and the public face of Roosevelt as World War II leader. They provide information about social and economic conditions in the United States as well as U.S. foreign policy. The conferences are continuously paged from one roll to the next, with each roll generally comprising one full year.

Finding aid: Subject indexes, including notes indicating scope of each press conference, precede each volume on the individual reels.

Map Room Messages of President Roosevelt (1939-1945)
Microfilm E742.5 R63 1981

The White House Map Room was FDR’s primary daily link with a war that was being fought simultaneously across two oceans and three continents. This collection publishes the confidential messages received in the Map Room from Roosevelt’s leading war-time contemporaries from around the world -- politicians, diplomats, and military commanders -- organized by correspondent. Topics cover the whole scope of Allied military and diplomatic activities including intelligence findings and questions of public information policies.


Papers of Eleanor Roosevelt, 1933-1945
Microfilm E807.1 R48 A36 1986

Filmed from selected holdings at the FDR Library, this collection of Mrs. Roosevelt’s correspondence from her White House years documents her interaction with the leading figures of the 1930s and 1940s, as well as her involvement in some of the country’s most far-reaching reform movements for social change long before they won popular acceptance: social welfare and relief, expanding opportunities for women in public life, and civil rights.


Henry A. Wallace Papers at the University of Iowa
Microfilm E748 W23 A32

A leading progressive political figure of the era, Wallace was variously an editor, plant breeder, businessman, secretary of agriculture and of commerce, vice president, and 1948 presidential candidate. Collection includes correspondence, appointment and schedule records, notes and memoranda. Chronologically arranged, with a few exceptions as noted in the finding aid.

Reminiscences of Henry Agard Wallace.
Microfilm E748 W23 A29 1977

More than 5,000 pages of transcribed telephone and personal interviews with Wallace recalling events 1888-1953, he dealt with his childhood, his work in agriculture and in the New Deal administration under President Roosevelt, his years as vice president, his views on foreign relations, his work under President Truman, and his role in the Progressive Party. The interviews are arranged chronologically by period.


Microfilm E748 W23 A33 1977

Related materials

This is a selective guide to microform resources on this topic at Virginia Tech. Many additional collections of presidential papers are also available in printed sets, and various organizations are providing provides an increasing volume of papers and primary-source materials online, including the Library of Congress American Memory project <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/finder.html> and the Avalon Project at Yale Law School <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/presiden/presiden.htm>.

Use Addison to view the wider range of collections of personal papers at Tech. Narrow your search by using the person’s name and “archives,” “manuscripts,” or (narrower) “correspondence” as keywords. Broaden it by searching for the person (last name first, of course) as a subject.

Representative official subject headings and subdivisions include:
• Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945 – Archives
• Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945 – Correspondence
• Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945 – Friends and associates
• Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945 – Military leadership

See also these related microform collections:
• The Official & Confidential File of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. Microfilm E743.5 O33 1988
• Presidential Executive Orders [1845-1936]. Microfilm J80 A25

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