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FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

(1882 - 1945)

The papers of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Governor of New York State, President of the United States for 4 terms (which included the banking holiday, the devaluation of gold and the Federal Reserve Acts of 1933 and 1935), are housed in the specially built Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, N. Y. by the wish of President Roosevelt. Most of them reached the library in 1947. The collection includes books, pictures and memorabilia as well as Albany and White House papers and a vast personal correspondence.

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See: Internal memorandum, 2/15/55, of visit to Library, with attached papers giving further details.

## Biographical Note

1882, Jan. 30      Born, Hyde Park, New York

1904              A.B., Harvard University

1904-07          Columbia Law School

1905, Mar. 17     Married Anna Eleanor Roosevelt (5 children)

1907              Admitted to N. Y. bar

1907-10          Practiced law with Carter, Ledyard & Milburn, N.Y.

1910-13          State Senator, New York

1913-20          Assistant Secretary of the Navy

1920              Ran on Democratic ticket for Vice President of U.S. (defeated)

1924-29          Practiced law with Roosevelt and O'Connor

1929-33          Governor of New York State (2 terms)

1933-45          President of the United States (elected 4 times)

1945, Apr. 12     Died

Author of:        Whither Bound? 1926.  
The Happy Warrior--Alfred E. Smith. 1928.  
Government--Not Politics. 1932.  
Looking Forward. 1933.  
On Our Way. 1934.

(Subject of numerous biographies and commentaries which constitute a separate bibliography for students of the period.)

See: Who Was Who in America, 1943-50, vol.II, Marquis

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- (3) Correspondence with Department heads
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See: Paper by Herman Kahn, Director, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, entitled "World War II and its Background. Research Materials at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Policies Concerning Their Use."