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Summary Information

Repository	University Archives and Special Collections
Creator	Dill, Edward C.
Title	Edward C. Dill collection of Franklin D. Roosevelt memorabilia
Date [inclusive]	1797-1952
Extent	27.0 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	Materials collected by UD alumnus, Edward C. Dill. The majority of the collection is made up of Franklin D. Roosevelt memorabilia, such as medals, stamps, buttons and pins, photographs, scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, and other promotional and campaign materials.

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Biography of Edward C. Dill

Edward C. Dill was born in 1911 and graduated from Steele High School in Dayton. In 1934, he earned his science degree from the University of Dayton. Beginning in 1951, he worked as a chemist at the Dayton Rubber Company. He died unexpectedly on February 20, 1953 at the age of forty-one.

Dill was a great admirer of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and an avid collector of memorabilia related to the thirty-second president of the United States of America.

Scope and Contents

The Edward C. Dill collection of Franklin D. Roosevelt memorabilia contains books, pamphlets, busts, plaques, campaign pins, photographs, medals, scrapbooks, and other materials related to FDR. There are also several items of interest not pertaining to FDR, including a U.S. Centennial medal and a Columbian Exposition medal. The collection spans 1797-1952.

Arrangement

The Edward C. Dill collection of Franklin D. Roosevelt memorabilia is divided into nine series.

- Series 1: Books, pamphlets, and other printed items
- Series 2: Memorabilia
- Series 3: Campaign items
- Series 4: Photographs, postcards, and slides
- Series 5: Framed photographs
- Series 6: Medals
- Series 7: Commemorative stamps
- Series 8: Commemorative album
- Series 9: Scrapbooks

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Edward Dill's mother, Helen Dill, donated the collection to the University of Dayton after her son's death in 1953.

Search Terms

Personal Name(s)

- Dill, Edward C.
- Roosevelt, Franklin D., (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945

Subject(s)

- Collectibles
- Collectors and Collecting
- Presidents--United States
- Souvenirs (Keepsakes)

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Books, pamphlets, and other printed items, 1934-1952

Scope and Contents

This series contains printed materials, including books, pamphlets, and brochures related to FDR. Included in the series are reprints of the *Annual Report of the Archivist of the United States as to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library* and *The Hyde Park Historian*. The series also contains correspondence and notes of Edward C. Dill.

Box	Folder	
1	1	Carmichael, Donald S., (Donald Scott). <i>An Introduction to the Log of Larooco, Being Chiefly the Correspondent of Franklin D. Roosevelt and John S. Lawrence</i> . Pasadena, CA: Castle Press, 1948
1	1	<i>Artists' Tribute in Memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt</i> , 1947
1	1	"Come to Britain." American Association with London, undated (Number 27 in the series of folders.)
1	1	Congressional Record excerpt. 81st Congress, 2nd session, 12 April 1950
1	1	"F.D.R. Gettysburg Speech", 30 May 1934
1	1	"F.D.R. Jones", 1958
1	1	<i>The Franklin D. Roosevelt Collector</i> . Volume IV, number 2, May 1952
1	2	"Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Dutch", undated
1	2	Josephson, Emmanuel M.. <i>Uncorrected Proof of The Strange Death of Franklin D. Roosevelt: A History of the Roosevelt-Delano Dynasty, America's Royal Family</i> . New York: Chedney Press, undated
1	2	Kisch, Guido, 1889-1985. "Roosevelt Medals and Tokens." <i>The Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine</i> , April 1946
1	2	Kisch, Guido, 1889-1985. "Roosevelt Medals and Tokens, Additional Notes." <i>The Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine</i> , June 1946
1	2	Landis, Michael B.. <i>F.D.R. Lives On: The Great Speeches of President Roosevelt</i> . Washington, D.C.: Presidential Publishers, 1947
1	2	O'Connor, Basil, 1892-1972. "Nothing Could Conquer Him.", 24 August 1945
1	2	"Polio Did Not Stop Him: A Story About Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Fight Against Infantile Paralysis", July 1950
1	3	Ordinance of 1787 (reproduction), undated
1	4	Tickets to national political conventions (reproductions), undated
1	5	Robinson, William C.. "God Incarnate for Suffering Man." Weaverville, NC: The Southern Presbyterian Journal Co., 11 April 1945

- 1 5 Roosevelt, Franklin D., (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945. "Americanism.", 1949
- 1 5 Shawen, Lena. *The Story of F.D.R.'s Stamps: A President's Hobby*. New York: H.L. Lundquist Publications, 1949
- 1 5 Smith, G. L. K.. *The Roosevelt Death, A Super Mystery: Suicide? Assassination? Natural Death? Still Alive?*, 1947 (3 copies)
- 1 5 Wall, Bernhardt, 1872-1956. *FDR Collector*. No. 14 of 200. Sierra Madre, CA. First published in the *ETCHT Miniature Monthly Magazine.*, 1948
- 2 1 "A Brief Guide to the Museum Collections in the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library." Hyde Park, NY, 1947 (3 copies)
- 2 1 Files, James Ray. "Four Years After Roosevelt.", 12 April 1949
- 2 1 "Franklin D. Roosevelt and Hyde Park: Personal Recollections of Eleanor Roosevelt", 1949
- 2 1 Franklin D. Roosevelt, National Historic Site, Hyde Park, NY, Brochure, 1947 (2 copies)
- 2 1 "Memorial Ceremony in Honor of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Campobello, New Brunswick, August 1, 1946.", August 1, 1946
- 2 1 National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis pamphlet featuring FDR, undated
- 2 1 President Roosevelt and International Cooperation for War and Peace: An Exhibit Presented by the National Archives. Brochure, May 1945
- 2 1 Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962. "The Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, National Historic Site." Brochure, 12 April 1946 (4 copies)
- 2 1 St. James Church, Hyde Park, NY. Brochure, undated (2 copies)
- 2 1 Souvenir issues from Day of Dedication of the Little White House. Franklin D. Roosevelt Warm Springs Memorial Commission, 25 June 1947 (2 copies)
- 2 2 Annual Reports of the Archivist of the United States as to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, 1939-1949
- 2 3 *The Hyde Park Historian*. Nos. 1-14 (excluding 12). Hyde Park, NY: The Hyde Park Historical Association, April 1949-June 1952
- 2 4 American History and Biography, Price List 50, 32d edition. Washington, D.C.: GPO, February 1948
- 2 4 Valentine, John. "Books, Pamphlets, Autographs, and Allied Materials Relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt and His Times." Rooseveltiana List Nos. 2-7 and 11 (30 January 1946), 1946, undated
- 2 4 King V. Hostick Historical Documents. List No. 30, undated
- 2 4 Autograph Letters, American Historical Material. List No. 107, undated
- 2 4 "Books, Pamphlets, Autographs, and Allied Materials Relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt and His Times." List Nos. 2, 11. Chicago, IL: Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, 30 January 1946, undated
- 2 5 Correspondence and notes of Edward C. Dill, undated

Series 2: Memorabilia, 1933-1949, undated

Scope and Contents

This series contains commemorative plates, small busts and figurines, plaques, and two sets of records: "Rendezvous with Destiny" and "I Can Hear It Now." The objects in this series are undated except for the "I Can Hear It Now" records, which are dated 1948, and two busts, dated 1933 and 1949. Some of the busts may be reproductions of original sculptures.

Box

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Commemorative plates, undated (9 plates)

Scope and Contents

Plates are approximately 8-10 inches in diameter and were made by the Bedford Potteries in Staffordshire, England; Vernon Kilns, USA; Royal Winton in England; and Kettle Springs Kilns in Alliance, Ohio. One was decorated by Delano Studios, Setauket Long Island, NY. Some of the plates were made for the Little White House Souvenir Shop in Warm Springs, GA; the Hyde Park Gift Shop in NY; and the F.D.R. Warm Springs Memorial Commission.

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Busts, figurines, medals, 1933, 1949, undated (10 items)

Scope and Contents

Small busts, figurines, and medals of F.D.R. ranging in size from 1.5 to 7 inches.

6

Wall plaques, undated (5 plaques)

7

Records, 1948, undated (2 record sets. 17 records)

Scope and Contents

"Rendezvous With Destiny" by the National Broadcasting Company and "I Can Hear It Now" by Columbia Records (1948).

Series 3: Campaign items, circa 1932-1944

Scope and Contents

This series is made up of buttons and pins used by the FDR presidential campaign. There are also other campaign items, including license plates and pennants. None of the objects in this series is individually dated. However, FDR ran for President of the United States in 1932, 1936, 1940, and 1944.

Box	
8	Buttons and pins, circa 1932-1944 (16 sheets. 341 buttons)

Scope and Contents

Buttons and pins mounted on 8x10 sheets of paper. Most of the buttons promote FDR and his various running mates; however, some are in opposition to him. Included are NRA and Infantile Paralysis pins, labor union pins supporting FDR, and pins supporting WWII.

	Folder	
9	1	Car license plate. Inscribed: "Roosevelt for President", circa 1932-1944
9	2	Car license plate. Inscribed: "Drive Safely- Freedom, Democracy, Roosevelt", circa 1932-1944
9	3	Car license plate. Inscribed: "Rise with Roosevelt", circa 1932-1944
9	4	Envelope and box containing various FDR campaign pins, circa 1932-1944
9	5	Sheet music: "On with Roosevelt", circa 1932-1944
9		Tray. Inscribed: "Keep Roosevelt in the White House", circa 1932-1944 (Green with gold border. Featuring a painting of the White House and an inset headshot of FDR.)
10		Pennants, circa 1932-1944 (3 pennants)

Series 4: Photographs, postcards, and slides, 1949-1950

Scope and Contents

This series contains copies of photographs of FDR and his family reprinted by the FDR Library in Hyde Park, New York. Also included are postcards from Hyde Park and Warm Springs, Georgia.

Box	Folder	
11	1	Photographs, 1949-1950 (11 photographs)
11	2	Postcards, undated
11	3	35mm slides labeled "Hyde Park Roosevelt", undated (26 slides)

Series 5: Framed photographs, undated

Scope and Contents

This series contains framed photographs of FDR, his Hyde Park home in New York, his grave, and some unidentified buildings.

Box	
12	Framed photographs, undated (6 items)

Series 6: Medals, 1797-1945

Scope and Contents

This series contains Edward Dill's medal collection, which includes not only medals pertaining to FDR, but also various other medals, including some from the U.S. Centennial, Grover Cleveland's inauguration, and the Columbian Exposition.

Box	
13	Inauguration and In Memoriam medals, 1933-1945 (6 medals)
14	U.S. Centennial, Papal, and miscellaneous medals, 1797-1902 (42 medals)
15	Roosevelt medals, ornament, and paperweight, circa 1900-1945 (8 items)

Series 7: Commemorative stamps, 1938-1951

Scope and Contents

The series contains commemorative FDR postal stamps from countries around the world.

Box	Folder	
16	1	Stamps, 1938-1949 (41 pages. 196 stamps)

Scope and Contents

Stamps from the following countries: United States, Abyssinia, Albania, Argentine, Brazil, Columbia, Cuba, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Liberia, Mexico, Monaco, Nicaragua, Panama, Philippine Islands, Salvador, San Marino, Turkey, and Yemen.

16	2	Blank binder pages: "Franklin Delano Roosevelt Postage Stamp Issues", undated (24 pages)
16	3	Commemorative envelopes with first-day issue of Roosevelt stamps, 1945-1951 (56 envelopes)

Series 8: Commemorative album, 1936-1944

Scope and Contents

This series is an album that contains assorted FDR memorabilia, including tickets to the 1936 and 1940 Democratic National Conventions and various FDR commemorative medals. The contents were removed from the album and put into two folders.

Box	Folder	
17	1	Roosevelt memorabilia, 1936-1944
		Charter membership card of Edward C. Dill in the Franklin D. Roosevelt Collectors' Association, undated
		Association envelope from FDR's stamp collection, 23 March 1939
		Correspondence: Eleanor Roosevelt to Rev. Cosmas Korb and Rev. Korb to Edward Dill, undated (2 letters)
		Encased postage stamps, undated (5 stamps)
		Matchbook covers from the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Little White House, undated
		Stickers, undated (2 pages)
		Admission tickets to the 1936 Democratic National Convention, 1936 (5 tickets)
		Ticket to an address by FDR at Shibe Park, 27 October 1944
		Ticket to an event at Soldier Field with FDR, 28 October 1944
		Admission ticket to the 1940 Democratic National Convention, 1940
		Postcards depicting Hyde Park, undated (12 postcards)
		Scrip certificates with FDR's picture, undated (2 certificates)
		Piece of FDR propaganda from Seattle, undated
Box	Folder	
17	2	Mounted medals, undated (5 pages. 48 medals)

Series 9: Scrapbooks, 1939-1943

Scope and Contents

This series contains ten scrapbooks, mostly with newspaper clippings about FDR during World War II. However, one scrapbook that belonged to Joan Antram focuses on Abraham Lincoln.

FDR postcards, undated
 Antram, Joan. Abraham Lincoln newspaper clippings, December 1939
 New York City and Statue of Liberty, 1940

FDR newspaper clippings, January 1940-October 1940
FDR newspaper clippings, November 1940-January 1941
FDR newspaper clippings, January 1941-June 1941
FDR newspaper clippings, July 1941-December 1941
FDR newspaper clippings, January 1942-June 1942
FDR newspaper clippings, July 1942-December 1942
FDR newspaper clippings, 1943