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COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: The Jacob J. Podell Collection of Franklin Delano Roosevelt Letters, Manuscripts, and Books

SOURCE: Gift of Mrs. Carol Podell Vinson, Mr. Robert L. Podell, and Mrs. Madeleine Podell Michael -- 1965

SUBJECT: _____

DATES COVERED: 1896-1943 NUMBER OF ITEMS: 89 letters and mss.
59 volumes

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DESCRIPTION:

A collection of Franklin Roosevelt letters, manuscripts, and documents collected by Jacob J. Podell. There are 12 letters written to his mother, Sara Delano Roosevelt, of a personal nature, and 24 letters written to a business associate, John B. Shearer. Signed typescript and mimeographed copies of the first three inaugural addresses are present in the collection, as well as a valuable document, "Biographical Notes for the Cyclopedia of American Biography", completed in the President's holograph on August 21, 1919. The most charming letter is the one written to his grandfather, Warren Delano, on August 23, 1896, when the President was 14 years old and traveling through Germany. The books in the collection reflect a wide range of interest -- religion, poetry, history -- and all are either signed or inscribed, including the seventeen copies of the President's own writings.

For the contents of the collection see the typewritten list on following sheets.

THE JACOB J. PODELL COLLECTION
OF FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT LETTERS, MANUSCRIPTS, AND BOOKS

Gift of his children, Mrs. Carol Podell Vinson, Mr. Robert L. Podell, and Mrs. Madeleine Podell Michael, 1965.

PART A: LETTERS

I. Letters to Sara Delano Roosevelt:

1. A.l.s., 1p. On Board the George Washington -1 January 1919.
(On the verso is a letter from Eleanor Roosevelt)
 2. A.l.s., 2p. Key Largo, 22 March 1926.
 3. A.l.s., 2p. Warm Springs -5 December 1932.
 4. A.l.s., 3p. Washington, 1 July 1934.
 5. A.l.s., 2p. New York, 23 February n.y.
 6. A.l.s., 2p. Warm Springs, 21 March n.y.
 7. A.l.s., 3p. Warm Springs, n.d.
 8. A.l.s., 1p. Washington, n.d.
 9. A.l.s., 2p. Warm Springs, n.d.
 10. A.l.s., 2p. Washington, n.d.
 11. A.l.s., 2p. New York, n.d.
- 6a. A.l.s., 2p. Warm Springs.
1 March n.y.*

II. Letters to John B. Shearer:

1. A.l.s., 2p. Key West, 23 March -1925. (With carbon copies of telegrams to Roosevelt dated 13 March and 18 March 1925)
2. A.l.s., 2p. New York -August 1925. (With carbon copies of Shearer's replies dated 7 August 1925)
3. T.l.s., 1p. New York, 4 August 1925. (Signed by secretary, F. J. McQuade)
4. A.l.s., 1p. New York, 7 August -1925.
5. A.l.s., 2p. Westport Point, Mass., 14 August -1925. (With carbon copy of Shearer's reply dated 18 August 1925)
6. T.l.s., 1p. Marion, Mass. -c. September 1925.
7. A.l.s., 1p. New York -c. September 1925.
8. T.l.s., 1p. New York, 29 October 1925. (With carbon copy of Shearer's letter to Roosevelt, dated 28 October 1925, containing Roosevelt's approval and signature; also a carbon copy of Shearer's reply, dated 30 October 1925)
9. T.l.s., 1p. New York, 10 November 1925. (With carbon copies of Shearer's letters to Roosevelt, dated 7 November and 13 November 1925)
10. T.l.s., 1p. New York, 19 November 1925. (With carbon copy of Shearer's reply, dated 20 November 1925)
11. T.l.s., 1p. New York, 17 December 1925. (With carbon copy of Shearer's reply, dated 18 December 1925)
12. A.l.s., 1p. Hyde Park -1926?
13. T.l.s., 1p. Long Key, Fla., 22 February 1926. (With carbon copies of Shearer's letters to Roosevelt, dated 16 February and 26 February 1926)
14. T.l.s., 1p. Long Key, Fla., 8 March 1926. (With carbon copies of related letters from Shearer, dated 2 March, 8 March, and 11 March 1926)

15. T.l.s., lp. Warm Springs, 12 April 1926. (With carbon copy of Shearer's reply, dated 13 April 1926)
16. T.l.s., lp. Warm Springs, 15 April 1926.
17. T.l.s., lp. Warm Springs, 1 May 1926.
18. A.l.s., lp. Marion, Mass., 30 June 1926. (With carbon copy of Shearer's reply, dated 1 July 1926)
19. T.l.s., lp. New York, 8 October 1928.
20. T.l.s., lp. Albany, 6 January 1929.
21. T.l.s., lp. Albany, 12 August 1930.
22. T.l.s., lp. Albany, 13 September 1930.
23. T.l.s., lp. Warm Springs, 12 October 1931.
24. T.l.s., lp. Albany, 26 July 1932.
25. Carbon copies of letters and telegrams to Roosevelt, dated 1925-1926. 12 items.

III. Letters to various correspondents:

1. A.l.s. to Warren Delano, 4p. St. Blasien, 23 August 1896.
2. A.l.s. to Lyman S. Spitzer, lp. Cambridge 1902.
3. A.l.s. to Albert de Roode, 4p. On Board the Prinzessin Victoria Luise, 26 July 1903.
4. A.l.s. to Arthur T. Benson, 3p. Hyde Park, 22 October 1910.
5. A.l.s. to John A. Dix, lp. Albany, 25 March 1911.
6. A.l.s. to Mr. Cooper, 2p. Washington c.1913.
7. A.l.s. to Howes Norris, Jr., lp. Washington, 10 April 1913.
8. A.l.s. to Walter R. Benjamin, 2p. Washington, 22 March 1914.
9. A.l.s. to Alfred E. Smith, 2p. Hyde Park, 21 December c.1923.
10. A.l.s. to Mr. Robinson, 2p. Warm Springs c.1925.
11. A.l.s. to Mr. Lacks, 2p. Warm Springs, 15 April 1925.
12. A.l.s. to Julian Goldman, 2p. Westport Point, Mass., 19 August 1925.
13. A.l.s. to Mrs. Edward D. Newton, 2p. Key West, 14 March 1926.
14. A.l.s. to Dr. Forhan, lp. Warm Springs, 11 April 1926.
15. A.l.s. to Mr. Hamilton, lp. New York, 29 August 1926.
16. A.l.s. to Mr. Holt, 2p. Warm Springs, 1 November c.1927.
17. A.l.s. to "Bill", 3p. Albany c.1929.
18. A.l.s. to Peter Offinwanger, lp. Paris, 19 May 1931.
19. A.l.s. to LeRoy W. Hubbard, 4p. Warm Springs, 14 October 1931.
(Copy in Roosevelt's hand with carbon typescript)
20. A.l.s. to Carolyn Wells, 2p. On Board the U. S. S. Houston, 28 July 1934.
21. A.n. to Mrs. Franks, lp. N.p., n.d.

IV. Miscellaneous letters:

1. Cross, Guernsey T. T.l.s. to George H. Riley, lp. Albany, 15 August 1932.
2. Cross, Guernsey T. T.l.s. to George H. Riley, lp. Albany, 17 September 1932.
3. Hubbard, LeRoy W. A.l.s. to Franklin D. Roosevelt, 6p. Warm Springs, 11 October 1931.
4. Tully, Grace G. T.l.s. to Harry MacNeill Bland, lp. Washington, 1 July 1943.
5. Wear, Priscilla. T.l.s. to Jacob J. Podell, lp. Washington, 11 May 1961. (From President John F. Kennedy's secretary)

10. Church of England. The book of common prayer. Oxford, University Press, 1846. Signed on the fly-leaf.
11. Cibber, Colley. The double gallant. Dublin, Hyde, 1725. Signed on the fly-leaf and inscribed "Rare".
12. Cowper, William. Poems. London, Baynes, 1824. Signed on the fly-leaf.
13. The disastrous journey of Johnny Gilpin to Edmonton. London, Harris, 1806. Signed on the fly-leaf.
14. Fielding, Henry. The tragedy of tragedies; or, The life and death of Tom Thumb the Great. London, Cawthorn, 1805. Signed on the fly-leaf and inscribed "Rare".
15. Gallaudet, Rev. T. H. Scripture biography for the young. New York, American Tract Society -1838. Signed on the fly-leaf and inscribed "Very fine copy".
16. Giles, William. The guide to domestic happiness. New York, Wells, 1834. Signed on the fly-leaf.
17. Hill, Rowland. A collection of psalms and hymns. London, Wayland, 1787. Signed on the fly-leaf.
18. Hoadly, Benjamin. The suspicious husband. Dublin, Powell, 1747. Signed on the fly-leaf and inscribed "Rare".
19. Hofland, Barbara. Matilda, or, The Barbadoes girl. Philadelphia, Carey, 1817. Signed on the inside front cover.
20. Knight, Austin M. Modern seamanship. 7th ed. New York, Van Nostrand, 1918. Inscribed to Livingston Davis on the endpaper.
21. Lilly, Lambert. The early history of the Southern States. Boston, Ticknor, 1847. Signed on the endpaper.
22. _____. The history of New England. Boston, Ticknor, 1847. Signed on the fly-leaf.
23. _____. The history of the Middle States. Boston, Ticknor, 1847. Signed on the fly-leaf.
24. _____. The history of the Western States. Boston, Ticknor, 1847. Signed on the fly-leaf.
25. Messinger, Rosewell. Sentiments on resignation. Schenectady, Isaac Riggs, 1820. Signed on the inside front cover and inscribed "A rare imprint".
26. Morse, Jedidiah. Geography made easy. 11th ed. Boston, Thomas & Andrews, 1807. Signed on front endpaper.
27. _____, and Sidney Edwards Morse. A new system of geography, ancient and modern. Boston, Richardson and Lord, 1826. Signed on front cover.
28. The New England primer. Albany, Munsell, 1887. Signed on the fly-leaf.
29. Petrarca, Francesco. Il Petrarca. Venice, Aldus, 1546. Signed on endpaper and inscribed "Bought by me in Venice in 1905—a very fine Aldus".
30. Prenties, Samuel Waller. Narrative of a shipwreck on the Island of Cape Breton, in a voyage from Quebec, 1780. 5th ed. London, Egerton, 1783. Signed on the front cover.
31. Presbyterian Church. Psalms and hymns. Philadelphia, Allen, 1833. Signed on endpaper.
32. Prudentius Clemens, Aurelius. Prosper. Ioannes Damascenus. Cosmas Hierosolymitanus. Marcus episcopus Taluontis. Theophanes. Lyon, Balthazard de Gabiano, 1503. Signed on the fly-leaf and inscribed "My cousin's book from Una Soley".
33. Ramsay, Allan. The gentle shepherd. Dublin, Powell, 1733. Signed on the fly-leaf and inscribed "Rare".
34. Reynolds, Helen Wilkinson. Dutch houses in the Hudson Valley before 1776. With an introduction by Franklin D. Roosevelt. New York, Payson and Clarke, 1929. Inscribed to Elliott Roosevelt on the endpaper.

PART B: MANUSCRIPTS

1. Address by Franklin D. Roosevelt nominating Governor Smith at the Democratic National Convention in Houston. Mimeographed, inscribed to P. J. Woolf, 7p. Houston c.1928.
2. Inaugural address. T.ms.s., 10p. Washington, 4 March 1933.
3. Second inaugural address. Mimeographed; signed, 4p. Washington, 20 January 1937. (With covering letter from the President's secretary, M. A. LeHand)
4. Third inaugural address. Mimeographed; signed, 4p. Washington, 20 January 1941.
5. Speech at Rollins College. T.ms.s., 5p. (with corrections in pencil). Winter Park, Fla., 23 March 1936.
6. Statement by the President concerning the execution by the Japanese Government of members of the United States armed forces. Mimeographed; signed, 1p. Washington, 21 April 1943.
7. Biographical notes for the Cyclopedia of American Biography. P.d.s., 2p. (completed in manuscript). Washington, 21 August 1919.
8. Map showing the location of Warm Springs and containing directions for getting there. A.ms., 1p. New York c.c.1926.
9. Signed sentiment regarding Abraham Lincoln, 1p. Albany, 22 November 1931.

PART C: PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Photograph, signed and dated 1924.
2. Photograph taken at Warm Springs and showing Roosevelt mounted on a horse.
3. Signed photograph, c. 1928.
4. Signed photograph, c. 1928.
5. Reproduction of a crayon sketch by Henry Reid, dated 10 May 1935. Inscribed by Roosevelt to Henry Reid. (With a note by the artist on the verso)
6. Photostat of the Roosevelt Family coat of arms.

PART D: ASSOCIATION BOOKS

1. American air mail catalogue. 1941 supplement. Albion, Penn., Airpost Journal c.1941. Signed on endpaper.
2. Ashley, Clifford W. Whaleships of New Bedford. With an introduction by Franklin D. Roosevelt. Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin, 1929. Signed on the endpaper, and with the Roosevelt naval crest pasted beneath.
3. Bible. New Testament. The New Testament. Stereotype ed. Hartford, Andrus and Judd, 1833. Signed on fly-leaf.
4. Bible. New Testament. Novi Testamenti Graeci. London, Bagster, 1830. Signed on the fly-leaf and inscribed "From Una".
5. Buchan, John. John MacNab. London, Nelson c.1931. Signed on the fly-leaf.
6. Bunyan, John. The holy war. London, Religious Tract Society, n.d. Signed on the endpaper.
7. The child's gem for 1845. Ed. by Mrs. S. Colman. Boston, Carter c.1845. Signed on the endpaper.
8. The Christian year. 46th ed. Oxford, Parker, 1855. Signed on the fly-leaf and inscribed "From Una".
9. Christmas improvement; or, Hunting Mrs. P. London, Hailes, 1834. Signed on the fly-leaf.

35. Roosevelt, Franklin Delano. Address by Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Dinner in commemoration of the birthday of Woodrow Wilson, Thursday, December twenty-eight, 1933. Washington, 1933. Signed on the title-page.
36. _____. Back to the land. Extract from "The Review of Reviews", October 1931. Signed.
37. _____. F. D. R. His personal letters: Early years. New York, Duell, Sloan and Pearce 1947. With the bookplate of Jacob J. Podell.
38. _____. The happy warrior Alfred E. Smith. Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin, 1928. Signed on the half-title by Roosevelt, Alfred E. Smith, and Harry Truman.
39. _____. The happy warrior Alfred E. Smith. Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin, 1928. Presentation copy inscribed on fly-leaf.
40. _____. Inaugural address. Washington, United States Government Printing Office, 1933. Signed on p. 9 following text.
41. _____. Looking forward. New York, John Day 1933. Inscribed to W. Gordon Crawford on the endpaper.
42. _____. Looking forward. New York, John Day 1933. Inscribed to Ralph C. Jackson on the endpaper.
43. _____. On our way. New York, John Day 1934. Inscribed to W. Gordon Crawford on the endpaper.
44. _____. On our way. New York, John Day 1934. Inscribed on the endpaper to Philip de Navarro, Jr. Corrections in Roosevelt's hand on p. x and p. 162.
45. _____. On our way. New York, John Day 1934. Inscribed to Charles Harwood, Jr., on the endpaper.
46. _____. Our realization of tomorrow. Chicago, Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, 1945. Inscribed by John Valentine to Jacob J. Podell.
47. _____. The public papers and addresses, 1928-1936. New York, Random House, 1938. 5 volumes. Volume 1 inscribed to Judge Moses H. Grossman on the endpaper. The bookplate of Moses H. Grossman is in each volume.
48. _____. Records of the Town of Hyde Park. Hyde Park, Dutchess County Historical Society, 1928. No. 82 of 100 copies signed by Roosevelt.
49. _____. The war message. Philadelphia, Ritten House, 1942. Signed on the endpaper by Roosevelt and Henry A. Wallace.
50. _____. Whither bound? Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin, 1926. Inscribed on the endpaper to Roosevelt's Aunt Dora.
51. _____. Whither bound? Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin, 1926. Inscribed on the fly-leaf to LeRoy W. Hubbard.
52. Scudder, Horace E. A history of the United States of America. New York, Sheldon 1884. Signed on the endpaper.
53. Shelley, Percy Bysshe. The poetical works. London, Daly, 1839. Signed on the endpaper.
54. Sherwood, Mary Martha. The history of Theophilus and Sophia. 9th ed. Wellington, Houlston, 1827. Signed on the fly-leaf.
55. Society of Friends. Book of meetings. New York, Wood, 1858. Signed on the fly-leaf and inscribed "Dutchess Co. Quakers".
56. Vanbrugh, John. Aesop. A comedy. Dublin, Risk, 1725. Signed on the fly-leaf and inscribed "Rare".
57. Williams, Matilda. The united family. London, Joy, 1829. Signed on the inside front cover.
58. Young, Edward. Night thoughts on life, death, and immortality. New York, Bartow, 1818. Signed on the fly-leaf.
59. _____. Night thoughts on life, death, and immortality. New York, Bartow, 1821. Signed on the endpaper.
60. Latimer, Murray W. Industrial pension systems in the United States and Canada. New York, Industrial Relations Counselors, Inc., 1932. Inscribed on endpaper to Frances Perkins.
61. _____. Trade union pension systems... New York, Industrial Relations Counselors, Inc., 1932. Inscribed on endpaper to Frances Perkins.