

SUCKLEY / FDR LETTERS

Accession Number: 10-18

PROVENANCE NOTE: This collection was acquired by the Library as part of the resolution of the Grace Tully Archive acquisition. Conrad Black and Hollinger International Corporation collected materials related to FDR, including a series of handwritten letters from Roosevelt to Margaret “Daisy” Suckley that were put up for auction by Wilderstein Preservation. The Suckley-FDR letters, along with other FDR memorabilia, were framed and hung in Hollinger’s New York City offices, particularly in board room and executive office corridors. In 2006, the successor to Hollinger, Sun-Times Media Group, Inc., requested that the Roosevelt Library remove the memorabilia from its offices and store it for safekeeping. The materials remained in storage at the Library until July 2010, when the Suckley/FDR Letters and other framed memorabilia were formally deeded to the Library by Chicago Newspaper Liquidation Corp, the successor to Sun-Times Media Group.

CONTENT NOTE: This collection is composed of twenty-one (21) handwritten letters from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Margaret “Daisy” Suckley dated from 1932 to 1943. There are eleven (11) additional items related to FDR that were acquired as part of the Suckley/FDR Letters acquisition that also are included. See the Item List of Documents within this finding aid for descriptions of the items.

QUANTITY: 31 items (.010)

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: None.

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RELATED COLLECTIONS:

Franklin D. Roosevelt Papers: President’s Master Speech File

Franklin D. Roosevelt Papers: President’s Official File

Franklin D. Roosevelt Papers: President’s Personal File

Franklin D. Roosevelt Papers: President’s Secretary’s Files

Margaret L. Suckley Papers (Small Collections)

Copies of Margaret L. Suckley Papers and Diaries from Wilderstein Preservation (Microfilm)

ITEM LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Letters from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Margaret “Daisy” Suckley:

1. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 17 December 1932.
2. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 28 October 1933.
3. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 23 February 1935.
4. Letter, FDR to Margeret Suckley, 5 October 1935.
5. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 16 October 1935.
6. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 2 February 1936.
7. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 24 February 1936.
8. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 23 March 1936.
9. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, ca. April 1936.
10. Letter fragment, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 11 May 1936.
11. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 21 November 1936.
12. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 28 November 1936.
13. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 3 January 1937.
14. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 11-19 August 1937.
15. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 3 September 1937.
16. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 5 May 1938.
17. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 17 July to 1 August 1938.
18. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 6 January 1939.
19. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 17 September 1940.
20. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 3 August 1941.
21. Letter, FDR to Margaret Suckley, 10 January 1943.

Other Franklin D. Roosevelt Documents Acquired as Part of Suckley/FDR Letters Acquisition:

22. Handwritten Note by FDR, case abstract of *Giles v. Giles*, possibly from Columbia Law School, ca. 1904-1905.
23. Letters, FDR to Walter R. Benjamin, 18 January 1912 and 20 August 1923.
24. Signed check, FDR to Louis McHenry Howe, 11 December 1912.
25. Letter, FDR to Dr. Bulloch, 30 January 1914, and Order of Washington Application.
26. Letter, FDR to Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., 29 September 1931.
27. Letters, FDR to Basil O'Connor, 1 June and 28 July 1933.
28. Letter, FDR to James Roosevelt, 11 June 1934, with signed menu from FDR's 50th Birthday Luncheon, 30 January 1932.
29. Telegram Drafts, FDR to Secretary of the Navy and Commander in Chief, US Fleet, ca. October 1935.
30. Letter, USS Houston Radio Personnel to Lt. C.C. Wood regarding Presidential Cruise, 23 October 1935.
31. Letter, FDR to Missy LeHand, 12 February 1942.

Framed Items Transferred to the Museum Collection

1. Framed photographic portrait of FDR inscribed and signed to Mrs. Edward Peabody. Inscription reads "Mrs. Edward Peabody with my regards, Franklin D. Roosevelt." Framed in frame made from wood from the White House roof, according to brass plaque affixed to frame.
2. Framed print by Miguel Covarrubias titled "The Inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt: An Heroic Panorama . . . March 4, 1933." Illustration created for *Vanity Fair*. Signed in bottom portion by Franklin D. Roosevelt and twelve others.
3. Photographic class portrait by Pack Bros. showing FDR and other members of the Harvard Class of 1904, in frame embossed with Class of 1904 and Greek letters representing Phi Beta Kappa.
4. Framed color art print of the USS HOUSTON transiting the Panama Canal in 1934.
5. Pen and ink print by C. de Grimm of Theodore Roosevelt on horseback racing another unidentified bearded man, titled "The Mayoral-ty Race."

Photographs Transferred to Photograph Collection

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| Px 11-01 | Class photo of Groton School Senior Class, June 1900. Autographed by members of the class, including FDR. Same as NPx 47-92:1773(111). |
| Px 11-02 | Studio portrait of FDR by James A. Glenn, 1933. Same as NPx 48-22:3873(4). |