PAPERS OF THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT LIBRARY, INC.
1938 - 1947

Accession No. 53-8, 57-13, 60-25

The papers were donated to the Library by Frank C. Walker, his heirs, and the National Park Service.

Quality: 21 feet.

Restrictions: None

Related Materials: FDR Library File
On December 10, 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt held a press conference at which he announced his intention to present his papers to the Federal Government and to donate land for a library to house the papers.

A corporation, The Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Inc., was set up with Randolph G. Adams, Waldo G. Leland, Samuel E. Morison, Basil O'Connor, and Frank C. Walker as trustees. Roosevelt and corporation executives held a dinner meeting at the Carlton Hotel in Washington, DC on February 4, 1939. Frank C. Walker was named chairman of the fund raising committee, assisted by James T. Mathews and John A. Walker. An advisory committee of 35 persons was also set up. Samuel E. Morison, Professor of History at Harvard University, gained publicity for the project by publishing an article, "The Very Essence of History", in which he discussed the disposition of Presidential Papers, (New York Times Magazine, March 19, 1939).

After the corporation received authorization from Congress and the Archivist of the United States, work on the building proceeded rapidly. The land was deeded to the Government, a contract for construction of the building was let to John McShain, Inc. of Philadelphia, and the ground was broken by mid-September. The cornerstone was laid by the President in late fall and the completed building was turned over to the Government on July 4, 1940, although the formal dedication was not held until June 30, 1941.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Inc. was dissolved as of December 31, 1960.
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