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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Exhibition Records
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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

On January 30, 1982, the National Museum of American History (NMAH) mounted FDR: The Intimate Presidency, a major exhibition recounting Roosevelt's relationship with the American people through mass media, particularly radio broadcasting. The exhibition was created to commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of Roosevelt's birth. Arthur P. Molella, Curator of the Division of Electricity and Modern Physics, oversaw organization of the exhibition and was involved with research, catalog publication, and symposia. When the exhibition closed on August 1, 1982, it toured under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

Descriptive Entry

Materials include correspondence and memoranda between Molella and historical societies, museums, and NMAH departments and divisions pertaining to the development of the exhibition. Also included are exhibition scripts documenting the early political years of Roosevelt and his presidency, especially emphasizing his skillful use of radio and the fireside chats during the 1930s and 1940s; exhibition blueprints and floor plans; research notes, particularly about the history of radio technology; exhibit proposals; minutes of meetings; photocopies of articles on Roosevelt radio programs and New Deal-era murals; symposium literature; photographs; and newspaper clippings concerning exhibition reviews.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Anniversaries
- Electricity -- History
- Museum exhibits
- New Deal, 1933-1939
- Physics -- History

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white photographs
- Clippings
- Floor plans
- Manuscripts

Names:

- FDR: The Intimate Presidency (Exhibition) (1982: Washington, D.C.)
- Molella, Arthur P., 1944-
- Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945
- Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service

Container Listing

Box 1

Box 1 of 2	Scripts (2 folders)
Box 1 of 2	SITES (Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service)
Box 1 of 2	Letters Regarding FDR (Franklin Delano Roosevelt) Exhibit, 1981-1982
Box 1 of 2	Photo Journalism
Box 1 of 2	Blueprints of Exhibition
Box 1 of 2	Journal of the Archives of American Art, January 1964
Box 1 of 2	Camera Set Up for "Fireside Chat"
Box 1 of 2	FDR Symposium
Box 1 of 2	Publicity
Box 1 of 2	Film Production
Box 1 of 2	Slides, notes on
Box 1 of 2	Music Proposals
Box 1 of 2	Proposals
Box 1 of 2	Sources and Resources
Box 1 of 2	Schedule of Performances
Box 1 of 2	Stapleton, Jean / Val-Kill
Box 1 of 2	General Production, notes on
Box 1 of 2	Correspondence: Roosevelt, Franklin D., Jr.
Box 1 of 2	Terant House
Box 1 of 2	FDR Vehicle
Box 1 of 2	Catalog Planning
Box 1 of 2	Minutes of Meetings
Box 1 of 2	Public Response

- Box 1 of 2 FDR Quotes
- Box 1 of 2 Articles on Television Presentation
- Box 1 of 2 Federal Art Patronage & "New Deal" Research Information
- Box 1 of 2 Political Campaign Music Themes of the 1930s.
- Box 1 of 2 FDR Library
- Box 1 of 2 Technology during the FDR Presidency
- Box 1 of 2 Radio Announcements
- Box 1 of 2 Articles on FDR relations with the Press and Radio.
- Box 1 of 2 "Fireside Chat" Broadcast Room
- Box 1 of 2 Newspaper Clippings (2 folders)
- Box 1 of 2 Curtis, Charles Grant, Jr.: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Commonwealth of Broadcasting (1978)

Box 2

- Box 2 of 2 FDR's Disability
- Box 2 of 2 Articles on Murals and "New Deal" Art
- Box 2 of 2 Reader's Guide Listings 1932-1941
- Box 2 of 2 FDR Research Articles and other Information
- Box 2 of 2 Index of American Design
- Box 2 of 2 Murals, notes on
- Box 2 of 2 Response from the Public - Possible Objects
- Box 2 of 2 Immigrant Home
- Box 2 of 2 Photographs, information on
- Box 2 of 2 Notes and Logs
- Box 2 of 2 West Corridor
- Box 2 of 2 Writer's Project
- Box 2 of 2 Dows, Olin: "Murals in the Hyde Park, New York, Post Office."
- Box 2 of 2 March of Dimes

Box 2 of 2	FDR's Stamp Collection
Box 2 of 2	WPA (Works Progress Administration) [photocopies of photographs]
Box 2 of 2	Rayna Notes
Box 2 of 2	Warm Springs, Georgia
Box 2 of 2	Ronald Reagan on FDR [newspaper clipping]
Box 2 of 2	Letters to FDR [photocopied]
Box 2 of 2	FSA (Farm Security Administration) and Documenting Photographs
Box 2 of 2	Script Notes
Box 2 of 2	Motion Picture and Sound Recording
Box 2 of 2	FDR and Music as Communication
Box 2 of 2	Federal Theatre
Box 2 of 2	USO Operations; World War II
Box 2 of 2	Exhibit Specimen Log (2 folders)