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The Papers of

JAMES A. FARLEY

The papers of James A. Farley (1888-1976), businessman, politician, and Postmaster General of the United States, were deposited and then given to the Library of Congress by Mr. Farley between 1965 and 1969. Additional items were obtained by purchase in 1971, by gifts of Emil Hurja from 1937 to 1942, and by donation of Mr. Farley's son, James A. Farley, Jr., in 1983.

Literary rights in the unpublished writings of James A. Farley in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress have been dedicated to the public.

The private file and scrapbooks, formerly in containers 37-46 and 84-204, were microfilmed in 1986 and are now available on 54 reels for purchase from the Library's Photoduplication Service or for interlibrary loan from the Library's Loan Division. Ten reels may be requested at a time for a loan period of one month. The shelflist for the scrapbooks is reproduced at the beginning of reel 1.

Motion picture films, prints, photographs, and recordings received with the James A. Farley papers have been transferred to the appropriate divisions of the Library of Congress, where they are identified as part of this collection.

> Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 70.4 Approximate number of items: 106,000

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<u>REELNOS.</u> ,	SERIES	CESSION NO.
1 - 6	Private File	(19,365)
7 - 54	Miscellany- Scrapbooks	(19,365)

Biographical Note

1888, May 30	Born, Grassy Point, N.Y.
1911	Elected town clerk, Grassy Point, N.Y.
1918	Appointed warden of the Port of New York City
1919-29	Chairman of the Rockland County Democratic Committee
1920	Married Elizabeth A. Finnegan
1922-23	Member of the New York State Assembly
1922-33	Member, then chairman, of the New York State Boxing Commission
1924-48	Delegate to Democratic National Conventions
1926	Sales manager of the Universal Gypsum Co. Organized the James A. Farley Co.
1928-34	Secretary, then chairman, of the New York State Democratic Committee
1929	Merged his company with five others to form General Builders Supply Corp.
1932-40	Chairman of the Democratic National Committee
1933-40	Postmaster General of the United States
1938	Publication of Behind the Ballots (New York, Harcourt, Brace. 392 p.)
1940-73	Chairman of the Board of the Coca Cola Export Corp.; honorary chairman, 1973-76
1948	Publication of Jim Farley's Story; the Roosevelt Years (New York, Whittlesey House. 388 p.)
1976, June 9	Died, New York City

Scope and Content Note

The papers of James A. Farley span the years 1790 to 1976, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1918 to 1976. The collection includes general correspondence, a Presidential file, private file, subject files, speeches and writings, and a large series of scrapbooks and other miscellaneous printed matter. The focus is on Farley's political career and connections, although a great deal of the material after 1940 also concerns his public relations activity on behalf of the Coca Cola Export Corporation and his personal involvements with commercial and service organizations, Irish-American societies, the Catholic Church, professional sports, and world leaders whom he met socially in the course of many foreign travels.

The richest portion of the Farley papers are those segments which reflect his role as Franklin D. Roosevelt's campaign manager and as Postmaster General of the United States. Documented in every series of the collection, his relation to Roosevelt and the New Deal is especially well traced in the Presidential file and in the private file of confidential logs or memoranda he dictated to himself as a record of important events. The Presidential file contains a variety of documentation regarding the Roosevelt White House, including letters with First Lady Eleanor, whom Farley often consulted on political matters, and correspondence with other members of the Roosevelt family and staff. The private files, begun sporadically in 1918, swell in volume and significance after 1932 and lessen again after Farley's break with Roosevelt on the issue of the third term. In addition to containing inside descriptions of Cabinet meetings, the private files offer day-to-day evaluations of Roosevelt's political standing during critical phases of the New Deal. They also render occasional assessments of other Cabinet officers and advisers, and give firsthand accounts of major patronage issues, personality conflicts, and Farley's private visits with the President.

The general correspondence of the Farley papers covers a wide chronological span featuring the Postmaster General's many prominent acquaintances. Consisting mostly of letters received, the series is a veritable autograph collection of leading personages of 20th-century America. Present in addition to the signatures of innumerable politicians, judges, Cabinet officers, diplomats, and legislators of national significance are those of actors, boxers, baseball players, newspaper and reporters, businessmen, and socialites. There is also considerable correspondence with officials of the Catholic Church, including several Cardinals and Pope Pius XII, and with the foreign heads of state of many American allies from the period, such as Winston Churchill, Haile Selassie, General Madame Chiang Kai-shek, General Francisco Franco, and Anastasio Somoza.

The subject file in this collection consists of various personal, financial, and genealogical data, but is strongest in its documentation of Democratic Party politics. Included in the files for the Presidential campaign of 1936, for instance, are transcripts of ad hoc discussions regarding local and regional election conditions, transcripts of Chairman Farley's press conferences, and a campaign book detailing state reports as they were received by the Democratic National Committee prior to the vote. Other files of significance cover narrower issues. Examples include New York State politics, Farley's home base; Louisiana Senator Huey Long, who before his assassination had become a perennial nemesis of the Postmaster General; and the 18th amendment, which Farley opposed and helped to repeal.

Two final series, the speeches and writings and miscellany files, cover the full range of Farley's activities. Partially indexed, the speech file is notable for what must be a virtually complete record of his talks as Postmaster General. The miscellany is also notable for its completeness, in this case for the absolute thoroughness of the more than 100 scrapbooks which Farley and his family or staff compiled from about 1923 until his death in 1976.

In addition to Roosevelt, Farley corresponded with every President and most First Ladies from Herbert Hoover to Gerald Ford, Among the more frequent of the Presidential correspondents were Hoover, Harry Truman and Bess Wallace Truman, John F. Kennedy, and Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson. Other important correspondents whose letters appear regularly in these papers are Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., Claude G. Bowers, Homer Cummings, Eamonn De Valera, Denis J. Cardinal Dougherty, John Nance Garner, Carter Glass, Louis McHenry Howe, Cordell Hull, Harold Ickes, Breckinridge Long, Sean T. O'Kelly, Al Smith, William Woodin, and Harry Woodring. Container Reel Series

Nos. Nos.

- 1-32 General Correspondence, 1918-76. Letters received and some letters sent, with attachments, arranged chronologically.
- 33-36 Presidential File, 1928-76. Correspondence and related matter, including private and official memoranda, case materials, lists, and appended printed matter and other miscellany, arranged alphabetically by President and chronologically therein. Also includes correspondence and related materials to and from First Ladies and other Presidential family members and staff.
- 37-46 1-6* Private File, 1918-76. Private and confidential memoranda by Farley, dictated to himself as a personal diary of important events and activities, with occasional attachments relating to incidents discussed. Organized chronologically, with a hiatus between 1947 and 1955 and 1956 and 1974. The period between 1974 and 1976 is covered by bound diaries with infrequent entries in Farley's hand.
- 47-57 Subject File, 1806-1976. Correspondence, reports, memoranda, transcripts of interviews, financial data, condolence letters and funeral registers, genealogical information, and miscellaneous nearprint and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, institution, or topic.
- 57-71 Speeches and Writings, 1927-74. Manuscripts, typescripts, and printed and near-print copies of speeches and writings by Farley, arranged in separate categories, with the speeches organized chronologically and the writings alphabetically by title. Undated speeches are located at the end of the chronological speech listings and organized alphabetically by title or location of address. An incomplete index precedes the speeches file.

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Container <u>Reel</u> Nos. <u>Nos.</u>	Series
72-204	Miscellany, 1790-1976. Academic papers and theses on Farley, antiquarian collectibles, citations and certificates, clippings, invitations, programs, books, and printed and near-print matter of all variety, often organized in scrapbooks. Organized alphabetically by type or subject of material, with the scrapbooks generally arranged according to whether they pertain to athletics, New York State and City, national politics, personal mention, or trips.
72-83A	Miscellany, 1790-1976. A. Academic papers, citations and certificates, material relating to the Post Office, programs, invitations, and books, organized alphabetically by type of subject of material. Container 83A, added after the scrapbooks described below were microfilmed, consists of manuscripts and other selected material removed from the scrapbooks after filming and kept for preservation.
[84-204] 7-54	B. Scrapbooks, formerly containers 84-204, arranged generally by topic (athletics. New York State and City, national politics, personal mention, trips) and chronologically within.

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Container List

Containe	er Nos. Contents
GENERAL	CORRESPONDENCE, 1918-76
1	1918-Feb. 1933 (6 folders)
2	Mar. 1933-Aug. 1934 (8 folders)
3	Sept. 1934-1935 (7 folders)
4	JanOct. 1936 (6 folders)
5	Nov. 1936-Sept. 1937 (8 folders)
б	Oct. 1937-June 1938 (6 folders)
7	July 1938-Jan. 1939 (6 folders)
8	Feb. 1939-Jan. 1940 (11 folders)
9	FebJune 1940 (7 folders)
10	July 1-26, 1940 (7 folders)
11	July 27-Aug. 12, 1940 (8 folders)
12	Aug. 13-Sept. 10, 1940 (7 folders)
13	Sept. 11-Nov. 6, 1940 (8 folders)
14	Nov. 7, 1940-Aug. 1941 (9 folders)
15	Sept. 1941-July 1942 (8 folders)
16	Aug. 1-21, 1942 (7 folders)
17	Aug. 22-Nov. 11, 1942 (8 folders)
18	Nov. 12, 1942-1945 (8 folders)
19	1946-July 1947 (7 folders)
20	Aug. 1947-49 (6 folders)
21	1950-July 1952 (6 folders)

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GENERAL CORRESPON	IDENCE, 1918-76 (Continued)
22	Aug. 1952-June 1955 (6 folders)
23	July 1955-May 1958 (8 folders)
24	June 1958-1959 (5 folders)
25	1960-Aug. 1961 (6 folders)
26	Sept. 1961-1963 (7 folders)
27	1964-Mar. 1965 (6 folders)
28	Apr. 1965-Feb. 1967 (7 folders)
29	Mar. 1967-1968 (6 folders)
30	1969-72 (5 folders)
31	1973-74 (6 folders)
32	1975-76, n.d. (6 folders)
PRESIDENTIAL FIL	E, 1928-76
33	Eisenhower, Dwight D. and Mamie, 1945-69, n.d. Ford, Gerald, 1975 Hoover, Herbert, and family, 1948-69 Johnson Lady Bird, 1963-75, n.d. Lyndon B., 1954-73 (3 folders) Kennedy, John F. and Jacqueline, 1952-65 Nixon, Richard, 1959-74
34	Roosevelt Eleanor, 1932-62, n.d. (4 folders) Franklin D., 1928-Sept. 1935 (4 folders)
35	Roosevelt Franklin D., Oct. 1935-1938 (7 folders)
36	1939-45, n.d. (4 folders) James, 1933-66 Other children, 1933-65 Sarah, 1933-40 Truman Harry S., 1936-73 (3 folders) Bess Wallace, 1955-76

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PRIVATE	FILE, 19	18-76
37	1*	1918-Apr. 1935 (9 folders)
38	1 M	May 1935-Jan. 1936 (8 folders)
39	2 F	PebJuly 1936 (7 folders)
40	3 <i>I</i>	AugNov. 1936 (7 folders)
41	3	Dec. 1936-Aug. 1937 (8 folders)
42	3-4	Sept. 1937-Feb. 1938 (7 folders)
43	4	Mar. 1938-Apr. 1939 (9 folders)
44	4-5	May 1939-Mar. 1940 (9 folders)
45	5	Apr. 1940-1946 (10 folders)
46	5-6	1947 1955 1974-76 (3 bound v.)
SUBJECT FILE, 1806-1976		

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SUBJECT FILE,	1806-1976 (Continued)
47 (cont.)	Death of Farley, 1976 Condolence letters (3 folders) Registry of friends (1 folder)
48	(2 folders) Democratic National Committee Circulars by Farley, 1933-39 (3 folders) 18th amendment, repeal, 1933 (5 folders)
49	<pre>Farley family genealogical data and pre-1920's biographical clippings, 1806-1935, n.d. Financial Farley, James, Jr., 1955 Income taxes James A. Farley Holding Corp., 1929-35 Private loans, 1945-53 Securities and Exchange Commission, 1958-76 Stocks, 1965-68 Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., 1934 Interviews Columbia University Oral History Project, 1957-58, 1972 Correspond</pre>
51	1931-38, n.d. Library of Congress, 1966-70 Long, Huey Correspondence and related matter, 1932-35 Printed matter (3 folders)
52	Long, Huey Printed matter (1 folder) New York Democratic State Committee, 1930-40 New York Democratic State Convention, 1942 Orden de Isabel La Catolica, 1955 Presidential campaigns 1932 1936 Campaign book (reports by state) (6 folders)
53	Convention (3 folders) Democratic National Committee receipts and disbursements (bound v.)
54	Democratic Party Conferences Aug. 12-Sept. 11 (2 folders) Press conferences June-Sept. 25 (4 folders)

Container Nos. Contents

SUBJECT FILE, 1806-1976 (Continued) 55 Presidential campaigns 1936 Press conferences Sept. 26-Nov. 10 (3 folders) State reports (Emil Hurja papers) Ala.-Mass. (5 folders) Minn.-Wyo. and miscellaneous (9 folders) 56 57 Victory dinners-financial report 1940 Democratic Convention, Committee on Arrangements Press conferences, July Miscellaneous Radio broadcasts about Farley School papers, 1903-4 Smith (Alfred E.) Memorial Hospital Fund, 1943-46 Smithsonian Institution

SPEECHES AND WRITINGS, 1927-74

	Speeches Index (incomplete) 1927-Sept. 1932 (2 folders)
58	Oct. 1932-Oct. 1933 (8 folders)
59	Nov. 1933-Aug. 1934 (9 folders)
60	Sept. 1934-1935 (8 folders)
61	1936-Apr. 1937 (8 folders)
62	May 1937-Apr. 1938 (8 folders)
63	May 1933-May 1939 (6 folders)
64	June 1939-1940 (7 folders)
65	1941-53 (10 folders)
66	1954-60 (6 folders) 1961 JanDec.
67	Undated 1962-67 (8 folders)

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SPEECHES AND WRI	TINGS, 1927-74 (Continued)
68	Speeches 1968-74 (2 folders) Undated (alphabetically arranged by title or location of speech) A-E (19 folders)
69	F-Sai (23 folders)
70	Saj-Z (8 folders) Writings Autobiographical (incomplete) (2 folders) Jim Farley's Storv Comments and background data Manuscript (4 folders)
71	"Why I Broke With Roosevelt" (bound v. of articles in Colliers). 1947 Miscellaneous articles
MISCELLANY, 1790	0-1976
72	Academic papers and theses on Farley (4 folders) Antiquarian collectibles, 1830–1914
73	Citations and certificates Extracts, near-print material, and typescript speeches by others (2 folders) <u>Nat</u> ional Whirligig 1934-37 (5 folders)
74	1938 Office and research notes and messages Post Office Department Annual Reports of the Postmaster General Antiquarian items, 1790-1870 History Printed matter Clippings (3 folders)
75	Presidential campaign, 1936 (2 folders) Programs, invitations, etc. 1933-37 (4 folders)
76	(3 folders)

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MISCELLANY, 1790-1976 (Continued)

77	Printed matter Programs, invitations, etc. 1934-39 (1 folder)
78	(4 folders)
79	1939-40 (3 folders) Ca. 1940-75 (1 folder)
80	(4 folders)
81	(1 folder) Books and bound items
	(8 v.)
82	(5v.)
83	(3 v.)
83A	Scrapbooksselected material

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MISCELLAN	Y, 1790	-1976 (Continued)
84	7*	Scrapbooks (foldered) Birthday celebration, New York World's Fair, 1964 Pierce School of Business, 1953 Speech to Jersey City Knights of Columbus, 1945 Trip to South America, 1943 Trip to Texas, 1940 Visit to Springfield and New Salem, Ill., 1934 Visit to Tennessee A & I, 1955
85	7	Scrapbooks (bound) Banchees luncheon for Farley, 1947
86	7	Athletics FebJuly 1924 July 1924-Feb. 1925
87	7	JanMar. 1925 MarJune 1925
88	8	July-Sept. 1925 SeptDec. 1925
89	8	Sept. 1925-Mar. 1926 Dec. 1925-Sept. 1926
90	8	MarSept. 1926 Aug. 1926-Mar. 1930
91	8 - 9	1926-27
		1930-32
		Apr. 1932-1934
92	9	Elks Club Apr. 1923-1933
	9	June-Sept. 1924 1925
94	10	New York State and City 1918-28 1923

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MISCELLANY	, 179	0-1976 (Continued)
95	10	Scrapbooks (bound) New York State and City Dec. 1923- June 1924 1924-25
96	10	1925-26
97	11	1928-31
98	11	1930-31 Feb Sept. 1933
99	11	Oct. 1932-Aug. 1933
100	11	Sept. 1933-Jan. 1934
101	12	JanAug. 1934
102	12	Sept. 1934-Oct. 1935
103	12	Oct. 1935-Oct. 1936
104	12	Oct. 1936-Oct. 1937
105	13	Oct. 1937 -Oct. 1938
106	13	Nov. 1938-May 1942
107	13	AprJuly 1942
108	13	Aug. 1-21, 1942
109	14	Aug. '21 -Oct. 1942
110	14	Oct. 1942-Dec. 1944
111	15	National July 1931-Mar. 1932 Dec. 1931-Feb. 1932
112	15	MarApr. 1932 AprMay 1932
113	15	June-Nov. 1932
114	15	Nov. 1932-Mar. 1933
115	16	FebMay 1933

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MISCELLANY, 17	90-1936 (Continued)			
116 16	Scrapbooks (bound) National			
	May-Aug. 1933			
117 16	Sept. 1933-Jan. 1934			
118 16	JanMar. 1934			
119 16	MarApr. 1934			
120 17	AprSept. 1934			
121 17	AugNov. 1934			
122 17	NovDec. 1934			
123 17	Dec. 1934-Mar. 1935			
124 18	MarMay 1935			
125 18	June-Aug. 1935			
126 18	AugOct. 1935			
127 18	Oct. 1935-Feb. 1936			
128 19	FebAug. 1936			
129 19	Sept. 1936-Feb. 1937			
130 19	Sept. 1936-Jan. 1938			
131 20	Jan. '1938-Nov. 1940			
132 20	Nov. 1940-Dec. 1943			
133 21	Trip of Mr. Farley's daughters, Personal (newspaper clippings) 1925-26			
134 21	1931-32			
	Oct. 1932-Nov. 1933			
135 21	Dec. 1933-Sept. 1935			
136 22	Apr. 1934-Mar. 1940			

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MISCELLANY	, 1790)-1976 (Continued)
137	22	Scrapbooks (bound) Personal (newspaper clippings) Sept. 1935-Mar. 1936
138	22	MarJune 1936
139	22	June-Sept. 1936
140	23	Sept. 1936-Apr. 1937
141	23	AprAug. 1937
142	23	Aug. 1937-May 1938
143	23	May-Oct. 1938
144	24	Nov. 1938-June 1939
145	24	June 1939-Jan. 1940
146	24	JanApr. 1940
147	25	AprJune 1940
148	25	June-July 1940
149	25	July 1940
150	25	July-Nov. 1940
151	26	Personal (magazine clippings)
		Aug. 1932-Feb. 1934
152	27	Dec. 1932-Nov. 1934
153	28	May 1933-Feb. 1934
154	28-2	29 Apr. 1934-July 1935
155	29	1935
156	30	1936
157	30-3	31 Sept. 1936-Dec. 1937
158	31	Jan. 1937-Feb. 1940

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MISCELLANY	1790-	1976 (Continued)		
159	32	Scrapbooks (bound) Personal (magazine clippings May 1939- Nov. 1940		
160	33	Mar. 17-Sept. 19, 1940 Editorials July 1935-Feb. 1936		
161	33	Feb. 1936-Sept. 1937		
162	33	Sept. 1937-Feb. 1940		
163	33	FebSept. 1940		
164	34	Personal Sept.1937-Feb. 1940		
165	34	Feb. 1940- June 1944		
166	34-35	Feb. 1940-Nov. 1944		
167	35	Apr. 1941-July 1944		
168	35-36	Jan. 1944-Dec. 1946		
169	36	May 1946-Sept. 1948		
170	37	1948-49		
171	37-38	1949-50		
172	38	1950-51		
173	39	1951-52		
174	39-40	1952-54		
175	40-41	1953-54		
176	41-42	1954-55		
177	42	Personal 1955-57		
178	43	1957-58		
179	43-44	1958-59		

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MISCELLANY	, 1790	-1976 (Continued)
180	44	Scrapbooks (bound) Personal May-Aug. 1958
181	44-45	JanSept. 1959
182	45-46	1960
183	46	1961
184	47	1962
185	47	1963
186	48	1964
187	48	1965
188	48	1966
189	49	1967
190	49	1968
191	49-50	1969-70
192	50	1971
193	50-51	1972-73
194	51	1940-74
195	51	1901-75
196	52	1976
197	52	Trips Oct. 1933- Mar.1937
198	52	MarOct. 1937
199	52	Oct. 1937-Sept.
200	53	Sept. 1938-Oct.
201	53	May 1939 (oversize item)

<u>Container</u> Nos.		ontents	
MISCELLANY, 1790-1976 (Continued)			
202	53	Scrapbooks (bound) Miscellaneous Roosevelt's campaign for Governor, 1930	
203	53	Presidential inauguration, 1937 Testimonial dinner for Farley, Feb. 15, 1937 Victory dinner, May 4, 1937 Comment on Farley's <u>Behind the Ballots,</u> 1938-39	
204	54	Roosevelt's Presidential campaign, 1932	

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