

PERSONAL PAPERS OF HARRY HOPKINS

1930-1946

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Harry L. Hopkins was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on August 17, 1890. After graduation from Grinnell College, he began working as a supervisor for the Association for Improving Conditions of Poor in New York City. He was affiliated with various health and welfare agencies in New York and New Orleans, the most notable being the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association which he served as director. In 1931, he became Executive Director of the New York State Temporary Emergency Relief Administration. Hopkins was appointed Federal Administrator of Emergency Relief in 1933, and Works Progress Administrator in 1938. He served in that capacity until he was appointed Secretary of Commerce in 1938. He resigned in August, 1940, and was appointed to head the Lend-Lease program in 1941. During the war, he served as Special Assistant to the President. After the death of President Roosevelt, he left government service to work with the Women's Cloak and Suit Industry in New York. Hopkins died on January 29, 1946.

The papers of Harry L. Hopkins were sent to the Library in 1949, by his widow, Louise M. Gates. After her death in 1963, by the terms of her will, the legal ownership of the papers was bequeathed to David and Robert Hopkins, the surviving sons of Harry Hopkins. At their request, certain of the papers, which were considered personal, were returned to the family. Before the papers were returned, they were copied on twenty-two rolls of microfilm. Some of the more routine correspondence, such as greeting cards, invitations and requests for autographs, was not filmed.

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The microfilm contains nine series:

Personal and Family Papers. 1932-1946

Correspondence dealing with the illnesses of Hopkins, real estate, various members of the Hopkins family and Grinnell College. This series also contains Appointment Diaries and an Address Book. Materials of this nature may be found on Rolls 1-6, 15-16 and 19.

Speeches and Writings. 1933-1945

Drafts of articles and books, correspondence with publishers, correspondence about lecture engagements and a group of cartoons about Hopkins. Rolls 6, 17 and 22.

Trips. 1934, 1941-1942'

Correspondence and memorabilia from European trips and visits to London. Rolls 6 and 7. (Additional items can be found in Personal Materials in the Sherwood Collection, Rolls 19-21.)

Personal Correspondence. 1933-1945

This series is divided into two sections - Correspondence, 1933-1940, and Correspondence, 1941-1945. Includes correspondence with many prominent individuals. In most cases, the material has been arranged alphabetically. Where the material is not in strictly alphabetical order, the Shelf List will indicate the order in which it has been filmed. Rolls 7-13. (Additional correspondence is found in General Correspondence [below].)

Secretary of Commerce. 1938-1940

Letters of congratulation on Hopkins' appointment and Hopkins' reply. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically. Some incoming letters contain reminiscences about Hopkins. Rolls 13-15.

Political Correspondencej. 1939-1944

Correspondence with political figures, businessmen, the Press and private citizens regarding the 1940 and 1944 Presidential Campaigns.

General Correspondence. 1933-1945

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Special Assistant to the President. 1941-1944

Correspondence with Arthur Robinson, Winston Churchill, George Zarle and Oscar Cox. Roll 19.

Personal Materials in the Sherwood Collection. 1935-1946

Consists of personal items from the collection segregated from the main body of the papers by Robert E. Sherwood in writing his book, Roosevelt and Hopkins. The folder titles on the film were given by Sherwood. These titles correspond with those in the Sherwood Collection in the Hopkins Papers (see Hopkins Finding Aid). Rolls 19-21.

- Roll 3 - Hopkins, Stephen, Death of Aime, Adah
Continued (Mrs. Frank) [Sister of HEH] Inquiries
re HLH's Family and Ancestry Biography,
Articles, Clippings, etc
- Roll 4 Grinnell College, 1934-1945
Hopkins, Harry L.: Odds and Ends - Correspondence,
telephone log, receipts Franklin D. Roosevelt
Library Appointment Diaries and Calendars,
1932-1936 List of Hopkins' Speeches, 1933-1935
- Roll 5 -Appointment Calendars, 1937-1946
Address Book
- Roll 6 Address Book (Continued)
Correspondence re Hopkins' book Spending to Save
Reviews of Spending to Save V
Correspondence re Articles by Hopkins
Correspondence re Lecture Engagements
European Trips - 1934, 1941: Correspondence and
Memorabilia London, 1941-42:
Correspondence
- Roll 7 London, 1941-42: Correspondence (Continued)
Personal Correspondence: 1933-1940
A - Ba
Baruch, Bernard
Be - Bo
Beard, L. A.
Boettiger, John
Br - Bu
Ca
Carter, Amon
Ch
Chief Wa-Ba-Jeeg
Cl - Co
Comer, Donald
Cr
Crandall Melvin [See also Roll 18]
Cu
Gummings, Homer
Cutler, Leland W.
Da
Daniels, Jonathan and Josephus
Davies, Joseph E.
De
Democratic National Convention, 1936

Roll 7 -
Continued

Personal Correspondence:- 1933-1940

Di - Do
Dodd, William E.
Drew, Ira W.
Dr - Du
Dryden, F. H.
Ea - Ed
Early, Stephen.
El - Em
Emerson, Kendall
Engagement Calendar - Sept.-Dec., 1940
Er - Ew Fa
Farley, James A.
Fay, James H.
Fe - Fi
Fieser, James L.
Fi - Fl
Flanagan, Father E. J.
Folks, Homer Fo
Fortune Magazine
Fr - Fu
Ga - Gr

Personal Correspondence: 1933-1940

Roll 8

Gu
Griffith, E. J.
Ha
Harriman, W. A.
Harrison, Marvin C.
He
Henderson, Leon
Helm, Edith Hertz,
John Herridge,
William Hi
Hinckley, Robert H.
Ho
Hoehler, Fred K.
Hopkins, Harry L. - Mementos
Hopkins Family Genealogy
Hu
Hull, Cordell
Hunter, Howard O.
I
Ickes, Harold L.
Ja - Je
Jefferson Islands Club
Jenkins, D. H.

Roll 8 -
Continued

Personal Correspondence, 1933-1940

Je - Jo
Jones, Jesse
Johnson, Lyndon and Louis
Johnstone, Alan
Ka - Ke
Kennedy, Joseph P.
Kelly, Mayor E. J.
Kerr, Florence and Robert
Ki
Kingsbury, John A.
Ko - Kr
La
LaFollette, R. M.
La - Le
Leche, R. W.
LeHand, Miss M. A.
Le - Li
Library of Congress

Roll 9 Lo

Loening, Grover
Look Magazine
Lu - Ly
HLM Memo on a weekend on the Sequoia
and memo on drafting a speech
Misc. Memoranda
Miller, Malcolm J.
Mi, Me
McIntyre, Marvin H.
Me
McEonald, Stewart
Maybank, Burnet R.
Matthews, William H.
Ma - Mo
Moodie, T. H.
Mo
Morgenthau, Henry
Murphy, Frank
Mu
Ha - Ne
Neely, Frank
No - Ny
O'Connor, Basil
O'B - Ov
P
Olson, Floyd B.
Pa - Pi
Pinckney, Lawrence
Pr - Fu
Ra - Ro
Robert, L. W.

Roll 9 - Personal Correspondence, 1933-1940
Continued
Ro
Roosevelt, Mrs. F. D.
Roosevelt, Mrs. James (Betsy)
Roosevelt, James Roper, D. C.
Rowland, Lea

Roll 10 Personal Correspondence, 1933-1940
Ru - Sa
Sandburg, Carl
Saxon, Lyle
Sc - Sh
Shepperson, Miss Gay B.
Sherwood, Robert
Si - So
Somervell, Brehon
St - Su
Sutherland, David
Ta - Te
Swope, Herbert B.
Th - Tu
Tugwell, Rexford G.
U - Wa
Watson, Edwin M.
WCAU - Wh
Wallace, H. A.
Westbrook, Col. Lawrence
Wi
Williams, Aubrey
Williams, Pierce
Win - Wo
Woodring, Harry
Woodward, Mrs. Ellen
X - Y - Z

Personal Correspondence, 1941-
1945
A
Arnold, Gen. H. H.
Ba - Be
Beaverbrook, Lord
Atlee, Clement
Baruch, Bernard
Be - Br
Bracken, Brendan
Br - By

Roll 11

Personal Correspondence, 1941-1945
Ca - Ch
Churchill, Winston and Family
Ci - Co
Cox, Oscar
Cr
Cripps, Sir Stafford
Cr - Cu
Da
Davenport, Russell
Davies, Joseph F,
De
Democratic National Committee, 1941-44
Di - Dy
Douglas, L, W.
Ea - Ew
Early, Stephen
Eden, Anthony
Fa - Fu
Forrestal, J. V.
Fortune Magazine
G
Ha - He
Halifax, Lord
Harriman, W. A,
Harrison, M. C.
Hinckley, Robert
Herridge, William
Hertz, John
Hi - Hu
Hunter, Howard
Hull, Cordell
Hu - Hy
I

Roll 12

Personal Correspondence, 1941-1945
Ja - Jo
Johnson, Lyndon B.
Jo - Ju
Ka - Ke
Kellogg, Paul (Survey Associates)
LaGuardia, F. H. (Mayor of New York)
Kelly, Edward J. (Mayor of Chicago)
Kerr, Robert
Kerr, Mrs. Florence
Ki - Ku
King, Admiral Ernest J.
Kung, H. H.
L
Lyons, Leonard

Roll 12 -
Continued

Personal Correspondence, 1941-1945

Ma
Marshall Gen. George C.
Martin, John Monnet, Jean Moskovit,
Harold R. (Affiliated Young
Democrats of New York)
Mo - My
McA - McD
McCarthy, Frank
MacLeish, Archibald
McE - McY
Na - Ne Newspapers
Ni - Nu
Nollen, John
O
Pa - Pe
Pegler, Westbrook
Pf - Po
Poletti, Charles
Pr
President, The
Sherwood, Robert
President's Death-Letters from
Unknown Persons, April, 1945
Ra - Ro
Roosevelt, Mrs. Eleanor
Rosenblatt, Sol A.
Rosenman, Samuel I.
Ru - Ry

Personal Correspondence, 1941-1945

Roll 13

Sa - St
Steinhardt, Laurence
Stettinius, E. R., Jr.
Stowe, Leland Su - Sw
Survey Associates
Swing, Raymond Gram Swope,
Herbert Bayard
T - V
Vassos, John
Wa - We
Westbrook, Lawrence
Wh - Wil
Winchell, Walter
Win - Wy
X - Y - Z

Roll 13 - Secretary of Commerce, 1938-1940
Continued Letters of Congratulation re
Appointment: A - C

Roll Secretary of Commerce, 1938-1940
Letters of Congratulation re
Appointment: D - Smith, M.

Roll 15 Secretary of Commerce, 1938-1940
Letters of Congratulation re
Appointment: Smith, E, - 1 Campaign,
Presidential; Correspondence,
1944 Confidential Political File,
1940
A - C
Committee Members, Democratic National
D - M
Mahoney, Willis
Me
Miscellaneous
O - P
Platform
Q - Z Selected Personal Correspondence,
1933-1945
Christmas cards, messages and lists

Roll 16 Selected Personal Correspondence (Continued)
Christmas, 1941 Financial Records
Health, 1937-38 Hospital, 1941
Operation, 3/29/44 Health, Menus
Security Storage - List of materials
sent
Real Estate Correspondence Mr. Hopkins'
Farm Barbara D. Hopkins - Condolence
letters
on the Death of, October, 1937
Franklin D. Roosevelt Library

Selected Personal Correspondence (Continued)
Invitations, 1944 Diary, 1935 Speeches and
Articles

Roll 17 Suggestions for Press Club Speech,
6/15/40
New Republic Article - "What Price
Recovery" (1936)
Saturday Evening Post Article on
Flood Control (1937)

Roll 17 - Speeches and Articles
Continued Survey Mid-Monthly Article - "The WPA
 Looks Forward" (June, 1938)
 Fortune Article - "Department of Commerce"
 Draft by Russell W. Davenport (June, 1939)
 Correspondence re Mr. Hopkins' Book,
 Spending to Save
 Materials for Book
 American Magazine - "Hitler Won't Win",
 "You Will Be Mobilized" (also condensed
 in Reader's Digest)
 Correspondence, Drafts and Reader Reaction
 Letters
 Requests for Books, Articles and Columns
 American Magazine - Material for Articles
 Nollen, John S. - President of Grinnell
 College, Correspondence with
General Correspondence, 1933-1940
 A - Cr

Roll 18 General Correspondence, 1933-1940 (Continued)
 Cu - E
 Farley, James A.
 Fay, James H.
 F
 Dunham, Robert J.
 G
 He
 -Hertz, John
 Hi - Hu
 Jefferson Island Club
 J - R
 Roosevelt, Mrs. James (Betsy)
 S - T
 Tugwell, Rexford G.
 U - W
General Correspondence, 1941-1945
 A - Be
 Beaverbrook, Lord
 Batt, William
 Bo - Br
 Bracken, Brendan
 Br - By
 C - E
 Early, Stephen
 Douglas, L. W.
 Churchill, Winston and Family
 C - E (Continued)
 F - K
 Kingsbury, John
 L
 Lyons, Leonard
 M

Roll 18 - General Correspondence, 1941-1945
Continued Melvin, Crandall
McCarthy, Frank
Na - Ne
Newspapers
Niles, David K.
No - P
Pearson, Drew
Perkins, Frances

Roll 19 General Correspondence, 1941-1945
P - R
Rosenman, Samuel I. S
Swope, Herbert
T - W
Westbrook, Lawrence
White, Emmet
Williams, Pierce
Family Papers
Grinnell College
Miscellaneous - Includes a "Character
Analysis" of Hopkins; correspondence
with his literary agent, Gertrude Algase;
Letter of resignation from the WPA and
correspondence with Clarence Geist,
Boca Raton Hotel
Biography - Articles - Clippings, etc.
Hopkins, Stephen - Correspondence, School
Records, Information about his Death,
and Sympathy Letters from Friends and
prominent persons
Hopkins, Diana - Correspondence with HLH
Hopkins, Cherry (Mrs. David)
Hopkins, David
Hopkins, Louise - Correspondence about
Hopkins, Barbara - Miscellaneous Invitations,
Clippings, etc., Collected by
Hopkins, Barbara - Appointment Diary, 1936
Notes on Visit to Hyde Park, 1934
Hopkins, Anna - [Mother of HLH]
Special Assistant to the President
Ideas about Defense - Correspondence with
Arthur Robinson Correspondence with
Churchill, George Earle
and Oscar Cox

Roll 19 - Personal Material in the Sherwood Collection
Continued Correspondence with Churchill, Winant and
Beaverbrook
1940 Election - Speeches, statements,
articles and correspondence
Economic Warfare
Interventionists
Isolationists
Footnotes
Hopkins in London
U.S. Support for R.A.F. Activities
Memo on December 7, 1941
Footnotes
[Diary] - KLH describes a weekend at
Chequers, Luncheon with the King and
Queen and a Conversation with the King
of Norway
Atlantic Conference
Return to London
Period between First and Second London
Trip
Letters Received in London

Roll 20 Personal Materials in the Sherwood Collection
Letters Received in London (Continued)
Hopkins in London, April, 1942
Munitions Assignment Board
Lend-Lease in Operation
India
Human Interest
Office of War Information
Rubber
Price Control
Letters from Pamela Churchill and Lord
and Lady Montbatten
Axis Intentions and Capabilities
Russian Requirements
Casablanca
Quadrant Conference
Husky
Eden in Washington
Australian Presentations for War
in ABDA
Footnotes
Serious Trouble in China
Footnotes
Interest in the Middle East
Command in Europe
En Route - First Cairo Meeting
Footnotes
Election of 1944

Roll 20 -
Continued

Personal Materials in the Sherwood Collection
Molotov to Hopkins (1943)
Footnotes (1944-45)
Hopkins in Moscow (1945)
San Francisco Conference
Potsdam Conference
Death of FDR - letters of condolence and
tributes
Reflections (1945-46)
Campaign letters
Politics
"Hold" File - Letter from Adlai Stevenson
re Editorial on FDR by Lloyd Lewis
Interventionist Sentiment
Pre-War Aid to Great Britain
Pre-War Aid to China
Opinions Related to International Affairs
Facsimiles - Autographed documents selected
for use in Sherwood's book
Post-War Planning Post-Yalta
President - Personal Notes from FDR
Human Interest Material
Untitled and Incorrectly Filed Items
1942 Elections
Politics between 1940 and 1944 Elections
Letters Received by Hopkins in London
Oscar Cox
Medical Condition of Hopkins (1944)
Briggs Letter Case

Roll 21

Personal Materials in the Sherwood Collection
Hopkins Leaves Government
Biography of Hopkins - Correspondence
containing biographical information
about the Hopkins Family
Medical History - Correspondence re
health of Hopkins, 1938-44
Diana - Correspondence with HLH and others
including President and Mrs. Roosevelt.
Also includes some unrelated items
HLH Relations to Family - Correspondence
with his sons and brothers and other
members of family
Congratulatory Letters on Wedding,
July, 1942 (Louise Macy)
Stephen Hopkins Enters Marines: Death
Letters from Franklin and Eleanor
Roosevelt

Roll 22 Drafts of Articles by Hopkins
 Articles for Today on Unemployment,
 Social Security, etc., 1936
 Three Articles for Colliers on
 Relief Programs, 1935
 "How Can the States Help?" - Prepared for
 the American Legislators' Association
 for publication in State Government
 "Fighting Destitution" for The
 Jeffersonian, August, 1933
 Article for Today on the Relief
 Program
 "Social Planning"
 Articles on FERA, 1933
 Forward: Monthly Report, July 20, 1933
 Press Release, February 28, 1934
 "Pathfinding for the Pioneers of 1934" -
 For Liberty, June 30, 1934
 "Boondoggling: It is a Social Asset"
 For The Christian Science Monitor
 Cartoons of Hopkins

OTHER MICROFILM RELATING TO HARRY L. HOPKINS

Roll 26 Correspondence between Harry L. Hopkins and
 son, Robert, 1937-1945

Roll 27 Certain personal correspondence of Harry L.
 Hopkins and Mrs. Ethel Hopkins, 1925-1929, 1938-
 1940; early social work papers, 1916-1922; and
 other miscellaneous items

Rolls
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