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Collection Summary

Title: James Martin Barnes Papers

Span Dates: circa 1918-1958

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1943-1945)

ID No.: MSS11833

Creator: Barnes, James Martin, 1899-1958

Extent: 12,000 items

Extent: 39 containers plus 9 oversize

Extent: 19 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm78011833>

Summary: Lawyer, judge, and United States representative from Illinois. Correspondence, memoranda, scrapbooks, photographs, and other papers relating chiefly to Barnes's service as administrative assistant to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Barnes, James Martin, 1899-1958.

Bowles, Chester, 1901-1986--Correspondence.

Forrestal, James, 1892-1949--Correspondence.

Hopkins, Harry L. (Harry Lloyd), 1890-1946--Correspondence.

Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973--Correspondence.

Kefauver, Estes, 1903-1963--Correspondence.

Lucas, Scott Wike, 1892-1968--Correspondence.

McCormack, John W., 1891-1980--Correspondence.

Rayburn, Sam, 1882-1961--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945.

Organizations

Democratic National Committee (U.S.)

United States. Marine Corps.

Subjects

Patronage, Political--United States.

Presidents--United States--Staff.

World War, 1914-1918.

World War, 1939-1945--United States.

Places

United States--Politics and government--1933-1945.

Occupations

Judges.

Lawyers.

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Illinois.

Provenance

The papers of James Martin Barnes, lawyer, judge, and United States representative from Illinois, were given to the Library of Congress by his niece, Phyllis Norbury Wenz, in 1960.

Processing History

The papers of James Martin Barnes were arranged and described in 1961. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of James Martin Barnes is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of James Martin Barnes are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, James Martin Barnes Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1899, Jan.9	Born, Jacksonville, Ill.
1918-1919	Served with marines in France during World War I
1921	Graduated, Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill.
1924	Graduated, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass., and began practicing law in Jacksonville, Ill.
1926-1934	County judge, Morgan County, Illinois
1934-1939	Practiced law, Jacksonville, Ill.
1939-1943	Served in United States House of Representatives
1943-1945	Administrative assistant to President Franklin D. Roosevelt
1945	Married Betty Grove
1945-1958	Practiced law, Washington, D.C.
1948	Managed presidential campaign of Alben W. Barkley
1958, June 8	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of James Martin Barnes (1899-1958) span the years 1918-1958, with the bulk of the material from 1943 to 1945 when Barnes served as administrative assistant to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The papers are organized into [General Correspondence](#), [Special Correspondence](#), [Presidential File](#), [Appointment and Patronage File](#), [Subject File](#), [Telephone Logs](#), [Photographs and Miscellany](#), and [Scrapbooks \(Oversize\)](#) series.

Approximately half of the collection consists of letters sent and received during his period of service on the White House staff. Dealing largely with appointments and patronage, political questions and the requests of servicemen, this

correspondence reflects a segment of the domestic scene during the last few years of World War II. It also reveals the interaction between the White House, Congress, the Democratic National Committee, and various executive departments, offices and agencies.

The scrapbooks and photographs do not cover the White House years. One scrapbook of photographs documents Barnes's service with the marines during World War I.

Among the noteworthy correspondents are Chester Bowles, James Forrestal, Harry L. Hopkins, Lyndon B. Johnson, Estes Kefauver, Scott Wike Lucas, John W. McCormack, Sam Rayburn, and Eleanor Roosevelt. The Presidential File contains memoranda referring questions from President Roosevelt to Barnes.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in eight series:

- [General Correspondence, 1943-1945](#)
- [Special Correspondence, 1924-1958](#)
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- [Subject File, 1943-1945](#)
- [Telephone Logs, 1943-1945](#)
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- [Scrapbooks \(Oversize\), circa 1918-1942](#)

Description of Series

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BOX 3	"Ble-But" miscellaneous (14 folders)
BOX 3	Bullitt, William C.
BOX 3	"Bul-But" miscellany (3 folders)
BOX 4	"Byr-Cle" miscellaneous (16 folders)
BOX 5	"Cli-Dal" miscellaneous (14 folders)
BOX 6	"Dan" miscellaneous
BOX 6	Daniels, Jonathan
BOX 6	"Dar-Dye" miscellaneous (15 folders)
BOX 7	"Ead-Fox" miscellaneous (18 folders)
BOX 8	"Fra-Guy" miscellaneous (17 folders)
BOX 9	"Haa-Hoc" miscellaneous (16 folders)
BOX 10	"Hod-Hop" miscellaneous (6 folders)
BOX 10	Hopkins, Harry L.
BOX 10	"Hor-Imp" miscellaneous (10 folders)
BOX 11	"Ing-Ker" miscellaneous (17 folders)
BOX 12	"Kes-Lev" miscellaneous (13 folders)
BOX 13	"Lew-McCon" miscellaneous (11 folders)
BOX 13	McCormack, John W. (2 folders)
BOX 14	(4 folders)
BOX 14	"McCoy-McWil" miscellaneous (9 folders)

General Correspondence, 1943-1945

Container	Contents
BOX 15	"Mac-Mic" miscellaneous (13 folders)
BOX 16	"Mid-Noo" miscellaneous (14 folders)
BOX 17	"Nor-Per" miscellaneous (16 folders)
BOX 18	"Pic-Rey" miscellaneous (14 folders)
BOX 19	"Rho-Roo" miscellaneous (3 folders)
BOX 19	Roosevelt, Eleanor
BOX 19	"Ros-Sey" miscellaneous (10 folders)
BOX 20	"Sha-Smith" miscellaneous (12 folders)
BOX 21	"Smith-Sul" miscellaneous (12 folders)
BOX 22	"Sun-Ven" miscellaneous (16 folders)
BOX 23	"Vet-Wey" miscellaneous (16 folders)
BOX 24	"Wha-Zwi" miscellaneous (13 folders)
BOX 25	Special Correspondence, 1924-1958 Correspondence and memoranda relating to official travel. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 25	Early correspondence, 1924-1942
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BOX 26	Presidential File, 1942-1945 Correspondence and memoranda. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 26	Autograph requests, 1943
BOX 26	Chronological file, 1942-1945 (7 folders)
BOX 26	Memoranda, undated
BOX 27-33	Appointment and Patronage File, 1943-1945 Correspondence, applications, and subject files relating to political positions. Arranged by type of material or topic.
BOX 27	Alphabetical file
BOX 27	"Abe-Rus" miscellaneous (15 folders)

Appointment and Patronage File, 1943-1945

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BOX 28	"San-Zin" miscellaneous (5 folders)
BOX 28	Congressional applications (3 folders)
BOX 28	Miscellany
BOX 29	State file, Arkansas-Texas and Territories (5 folders)
BOX 30	Democratic National Committee
BOX 30	Boyle, William M. (4 folders)
BOX 30	Early, E. J., and Edward J. Flynn
BOX 30	Hannegan, Robert E. (3 folders)
BOX 30	Michelson, Charles, and Robert M. Moore
BOX 30	O'Connell, Ambrose (2 folders)
BOX 31	Pauley, Edwin W.
BOX 31	Porter, Paul (3 folders)
BOX 31	Rampeck, Robert, and William N. Roach
BOX 31	Walker, Frank
BOX 31	Finance
BOX 31	Weekly clip sheet
BOX 31	Women's Division (2 folders)
BOX 31	Miscellany (2 folders)
BOX 31	Democratic National Congressional Committee
BOX 32	Federal government
BOX 32	Advisory Council on Post-War Foreign Policy
BOX 32	Attorney general
BOX 32	Bureau of the Budget
BOX 32	Census Bureau
BOX 32	Circuit Court of Appeals
BOX 32	Civil Aeronautics Board (2 folders)
BOX 32	Civil Service Commission
BOX 32	Collectors of customs
BOX 32	Collectors of internal revenue
BOX 32	Comptrollers of customs
BOX 32	Department of Agriculture
BOX 32	Department of Commerce
BOX 32	Department of the Interior
BOX 32	Department of Labor
BOX 32	Department of the Navy
BOX 32	Department of the Post Office
BOX 32	Department of State

Appointment and Patronage File, 1943-1945

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BOX 32	Department of Treasury
BOX 32	District Courts of the United States (2 folders)
BOX 32	Federal Bureau of Investigation (2 folders)
BOX 32	Federal Communications Commission
BOX 32	Federal Housing Authority
BOX 32	Federal Power Commission
BOX 32	Federal Reserve Board
BOX 32	Interstate Commerce Commission
BOX 32	Library of Congress
BOX 32	National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
BOX 32	National Labor Relations Board
BOX 32	Office of Contract Settlement
BOX 33	Office of Price Administration (3 folders)
BOX 33	Office of War Information
BOX 33	Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion
BOX 33	Office of the People's Counsel, Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia
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BOX 33	Reconstruction Finance Corp.
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BOX 33	Selective Service Commission
BOX 33	Surplus Property Board
BOX 33	United States Tariff Commission
BOX 33	United States Tax Court
BOX 33	United States attorneys
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BOX 33	Veterans Administration
BOX 33	War Manpower Commission
BOX 33	War Production Board
BOX 33	War Shipping Commission
BOX 34-35	Subject File, 1943-1945 Correspondence, election reports, political analysis, and topical files. Arranged alphabetically by topic and type of material.
BOX 34	Democratic national convention, Chicago, Il., 1944
BOX 34	Election reports, 1944
BOX 34	GI Bill, 1944
BOX 34	Inaugural list, 1945
BOX 34	Letters for president's signature
BOX 34	Political analysis (3 folders)

Subject File, 1943-1945

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BOX 34	Soldiers voting (3 folders)
BOX 35	(1 folder)
BOX 35	Townsend, Francis E.
BOX 35	White House
BOX 35	List of letters referred by
BOX 35	Social
BOX 36-38	Telephone Logs, 1943-1945 Telephone logs. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 36	1943, Mar.-1944, Feb. (13 folders)
BOX 37	1944 Mar.-1944 Oct. (10 folders)
BOX 38	1944, Nov.-1945, July (12 folders)
BOX 39	Photographs and Miscellany, 1939-1940 Photographs, a photograph album, printed matter, White House admission cards, business cards, and miscellaneous material. Arranged by type of material.
BOX 39	Photograph album
BOX 39	Photographs
BOX 39	Deer hunting
BOX 39	Hunting and fishing
BOX 39	New York World's Fair, New York, N.Y. 1939
BOX 39	Texas, 1940
BOX 39	Inter-Parliamentary Union, trip, 1939
BOX 39	Miscellaneous
BOX 39	Printed matter
BOX 39	News clippings
BOX 39	Business and White House admission cards
BOX OV 40-OV 48	Scrapbooks (Oversize), circa 1918-1942 Scrapbooks. Arranged chronologically.
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BOX OV 41	1939, Jan.-1940, Feb.
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BOX OV 44	1941, May-1941, Dec.
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Scrapbooks (Oversize), circa 1918-1942

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