

**Victoria Henrietta Kugler Nesbitt Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Victoria Henrietta Kugler Nesbitt Papers

**Span Dates:** 1933-1949

**ID No.:** MSS34462

**Creator:** Nesbitt, Victoria Henrietta Kugler, 1874-1963

**Extent:** 4,500 items

**Extent:** 12 containers

**Extent:** 4.8 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

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**Summary:** White House housekeeper during the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration. Correspondence, diaries, writings, an incomplete set of Franklin D. Roosevelt's daily appointment calendar, memoranda of White House entertainments and other household files kept while Nesbitt was housekeeper for Franklin D. Roosevelt and Eleanor 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

Nesbitt, Victoria Henrietta Kugler, 1874-1963.

Nesbitt, Victoria Henrietta Kugler, 1874-1963. Presidential cookbook; feeding the Roosevelts and their guests. 1951.

Nesbitt, Victoria Henrietta Kugler, 1874-1963. White House diary. 1948.

Roosevelt family.

Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962.

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

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945. Daily appointment calendar. 1934-1945.

### Organizations

White House (Washington, D.C.)

### Subjects

Cooking.

### Occupations

Housekeepers, White House.

## Provenance

The papers of Victoria Henrietta Kugler Nesbitt, White House housekeeper during the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1959.

## Processing History

The papers of Victoria Henrietta Kugler Nesbitt were arranged and described in 1959. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Victoria Henrietta Kugler Nesbitt is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## **Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Victoria Henrietta Kugler Nesbitt 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, Victoria Henrietta Kugler Nesbitt Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Victoria Henrietta Kugler Nesbitt (1874-1963) span the years 1933-1949 when she was housekeeper at the White House. The collection consists of diaries, correspondence, manuscripts and galley proofs of her two books, *The Presidential Cookbook: Feeding the Roosevelts and Their Guests* (1948) and *White House Diary* (1948), and a large subject file. Included are an incomplete daily calendar of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's appointments, a nearly complete file of menus, memoranda of entertainments at the White House, miscellaneous household memoranda, and recipes.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged by type of material.

## Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Diaries
BOX 1	1933
BOX 2	1940-1945
BOX 3	Correspondence, 1933-1949
BOX 4	Subject file
BOX 4	President's appointment calendar, 1934-1945
BOX 5	Daily menus
BOX 5	1933-1938
BOX 6	1939-1942
BOX 7	1943-1945
BOX 7	Weekly menus
BOX 7	1939-1940
BOX 7	1943-1945
BOX 8	Entertainments, 1933-1945
BOX 9	Miscellaneous memoranda, 1933-1945
BOX 9	Diets, household costs memoranda, seating charts, social calendar, White House regulations, printed matter
BOX 10	Recipes
BOX 11	Book file
BOX 11	<i>The Presidential Cookbook</i>
BOX 11	Drafts, page proofs
BOX 12	Galley proofs
BOX 12	<i>White House Diary</i> , drafts, galley proofs