

# Edward Ellsworth Perkins Collection

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## Creators

Edward E. Perkins  
Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
Eleanor Roosevelt  
Alfred E. Smith  
Henry Morgenthau  
Herbert Lehman

## Extent

In linear ft

## Dates

Inclusive: 1759 - 1944

## Conditions Governing Access

No Restrictions

## Languages

English

## Scope and Content

The collection consists of correspondence between Edward E. Perkins and other prominent members of Dutchess County including Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. Also included are letters with other notable democrats of NY including Al Smith, Henry Morgenthau, and Herbert Lehman.

## Historical Note

**EDWARD E. PERKINS**, attorney, and chairman of the Dutchess County Democratic Committee, was born in the town of Poughkeepsie February 4, 1863. He acquired his early education in the schools of his native town, and at the age of fifteen entered the Pelham Institute, Poughkeepsie. After finishing his preliminary studies he read law in the office of O. D. M. Baker, and was admitted to the Bar in 1886; he began the practice of his profession in Poughkeepsie. In 1887 Mr. Perkins was one of the organizers of the Poughkeepsie & Eastern Railroad Co., and was elected its first president and treasurer. In 1909 Mr. Perkins was chosen president of the First National Bank of Poughkeepsie. He is also president of the Enterprise Publishing Co. June 23, 1891 he was united in marriage with MARY D. BEARD of Poughkeepsie, and three children have been born to them: Olive E. Perkins, Jeannie Marie Perkins and Argenta Perkins.

## Provenance

The Collection was donated to the Dutchess County Historical Society by Mrs. Olive Perkins in 1968

## Subject Headings

Correspondence; Democratic Committee; Eleanor Roosevelt; Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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## Container List

### Box 6

File	Contents	Date
File 28 DC.1600	Loose leaf album of photographs and clippings (Box 6 of Oversized)	no date
File 29 DC.1601	Scrapbook (given to Roosevelt Library, Hyde Park)	no date

File 30 DC.1602	Eagle Newspaper Jan 29 1853 – Poughkeepsie Telegraph Jan 25 1853	Jan 29 1853 Jan 25 1853
File 31 DC.1603	Small album of photographs (missing 4/18/19)	no date
File 32 DC.1604	Honorable discharge of Lieut. Col. O.T. Beard 48 <sup>th</sup> NY Vol. (missing 4/18/19)	1864
File 33 DC.1605	Album of photographs (missing 4/18/19)	no date
File 34 DC.1606	Abstract of Title of Charles Miller	1759-1896
File 35 DC.1607	Title to Davies Farm and Will of Benjamin Westervelt	1807-1812
File 36 DC.1608	Last will and testament of Zacharius Freer	1836 Dec 14
File 37 DC.1609	Daguerreotype of Charles Perkins (missing 4/18/19)	no date
File 38 DC.1610	Edward E. Perkins' Life, Political Life manuscript and copy	1968
File 39 DC.1611	Hasbrouck's history of Dutchess County (missing 4/18/19)	1909
File 40 DC.1612	File containing correspondence on democratic committee issues, including Alfred E. Smith, Lewis Chanler, William Farley – 80 pieces	various dates
File 41 DC.1613	Communications to Perkins from FDR, ER, and Hamilton Fish. Copies of the originals which are at FDR Library – 32 pieces	various dates