

# McCluer – Churchill – Truman Day Papers

Dates: 1945 - 1946

Size: 1.5 linear feet of documents, small box, and two photo boxes.

Abstract: Various sources dealing with Winston S. Churchill's and President Truman's visit to Fulton, Missouri on March 5, 1946.

Provenance: This collection was obtained primarily from the donations of many of the organizations and people involved in the orchestration of the event.

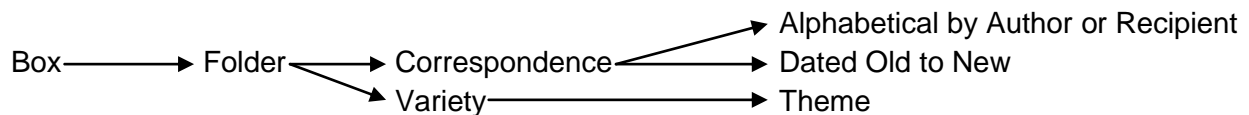
Biographical Note: The documents and photos in this collection relate the story of Winston S. Churchill's visit to Fulton, Missouri and his lecture of significant historical value, entitled "The Sinews of Peace." The sources describe the extensive planning prior to the visit, the events of March 5, 1946 itself, and the results of that remarkable day in history. The documents and photos of this collection are tied to both the major players and the common visitors or listeners, resulting in a holistic recitation of the program from its earliest stages.

Scope and Content: Includes three categories:

- 1) All documents relating to invitations and planning prior to the event.
- 2) Papers and photos documenting the main event.
- 3) The aftermath of Churchill-Truman Day.

Note on Organization: The individual folders will have a different organizational structure according to the documents they possess.

- 1) Folders which contain correspondence between different sources over a period of time will be organized either alphabetically according to who sent or received the letter, or in date order from oldest to most recent in whichever way is most conducive to research. The method used will be noted on the finding aid.
- 2) Folders with a variety of documents will be organized thematically, paying closer attention to the topic of the item rather than its composition.



Restrictions: Some of the original documents are kept in a safe. These documents can be accessed only with approval from the curator. Archival quality gloves must be worn at all times when handling the documents or photos.

Papers organized by Chris Arnold, an intern at the National Churchill Museum, Summer, 2011.

## Documents

### **Box 1 – Cabinet B, Shelf 1**

#### Folders:

- 1: Background of Event
  - 1.1 Westminster College
  - 1.2 Fulton
  - 1.3 Dr. McCluer and his cabinet
  - 1.4 Green Lecture
  
- 2: VIP Invitations & Correspondence
  - Alphabetical according to recipient
  
- 3: Letters of Congratulations, Suggestions about Upcoming Day
  - Dated, old to new.
  
- 4: Procession
  - 4.1 Procession cards and lists of those to invite
  - 4.2 Invitations and responses (In order of lists to invite)
  
- 5: Passes and Requests for Them
  - 5.1 Organization of process
  - 5.2 Acceptance and decline correspondence
  - 5.3 Luncheon passes
  - 5.4 Car/Caravan passes
  - 5.5 Rejection of requests
  
- 6: Program Day Arrangement/Preparation
  - 6.1 Distribution of work and lists of those involved
  - 6.2 Preparation of broadcasting, campus, Fulton, and entertainment
  - 6.3 Travel plans for VIP's
  - 6.4 Press releases
  - 6.5 College documenting; scrapbook photographers
  - 6.6 McCluer/Churchill/Vaughn correspondence concerning preparations
    - Dated, old to new
  
- 7: Security Details/Revisions

### **Box 2 – Cabinet B, Shelf 1**

#### Folders:

- 8: Housing and Feeding of Crowds

9: Decorations

10: Press Organization and Confirmation of Attendance

- 10.1 Lists of press attending
- 10.2 Correspondence with press services: ACME – Kansas City Star
- 10.3 Correspondence with press services: La Resse Montreal – Washington Post

11: Radio Broadcasting

- 11.1 KCKN, KWK, Mutual Broadcasting Co.
- 11.2 KMOX, Columbia Broadcasting Co.
- 11.3 WRC, KSN, WPAF, National Broadcasting Co.
- 11.4 KERU, KXOK, American Broadcasting Co.
- 11.5 KMBC, KUOA, KHMO, Independent Broadcasting Co.

12: Sound/TV Services

13: Insurance Policy

14: Proposal and Consent for Honorary Degrees

-Dated, old to new

15: Special Requests for March 5<sup>th</sup>

- 15.1 Souvenirs and gifts for VIP's
- 15.2 Fine arts demonstrations
- 15.3 Autographs or to meet VIP's
- 15.4 From VIP's – Benton correspondence included

16: Pre-March 5<sup>th</sup> News Clippings Correspondence

-Alphabetical by author

17: Original Churchill-Truman Day Programs

18: Speeches at Main Program Lecture

- 18.1 Packet containing one copy of all lecture speeches
- 18.2 Invocation
- 18.3 Introductions
- 18.4 Copies of *The Sinews of Peace*
- 18.5 Citations for and acceptance remarks of President Truman and Winston Churchill
- 18.6 Benediction

**Box 3 - Cabinet B, Shelf 1**

Folders:

- 19: Requests for Copies of Bulletin and Thank You Notes
  - Dated, old to new
  
- 20: Letters of Congratulations Regarding C-T Day
  - Dated, old to new
  - Some John David Marshall papers included
  
- 21: Aftermath
  - 21.1 Requests of others for Westminster College
  - 21.2 Gifts and VIP correspondence
  - 21.3 Security mishaps and lost items
  - 21.4 Synopsis of Churchill-Truman Day and Memorial construction
  - 21.5 Thank-you letters of from Westminster College
  - 21.6 Suggestions about future of Westminster College and Green Lecture
  
- 22: Post Event News Clippings Correspondence
  - Alphabetical by author
  
- 23: Diary Entries Concerning March 5<sup>th</sup>
  
- 24: Protest Letters
  
- 25: Replacing
  - Any documents removed from folders during research are placed here