

FRANKLIN

Access to the FDR Library's Digital Collections

What is **FRANKLIN**?

FRANKLIN is a *virtual research room* and *digital repository* that provides free and open access to the digitized collections of the Roosevelt Library—to everyone, anywhere in the world. Whether you are a lover of history, a student working on a school project, or a scholar, **FRANKLIN** allows you to keyword search for archival documents and photographs and to search, browse, and view whole files, just as you could if you came to the Library's research room in-person. Now available online are some of the most important documents of the twentieth century – primary source documentation of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's experiences leading the nation through the Great Depression and World War II.



The screenshot shows the FRANKLIN website interface. At the top, the logo "FRANKLIN" is displayed with the tagline "Access to the FDR Library's Digital Collections". Navigation links include "Home", "Document Collections", and "Photographs". A search bar is prominently featured with the text "keyword search" and a "SEARCH" button. To the right, a section titled "Fully Digitized Collections or Series" lists several collections:

- FDR's Map Room Papers
- FDR's President's Secretary's File (PSF)
- Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations
- Presidential Press Conferences
- Eleanor Roosevelt Selected Correspondence: 1933-45
- Eleanor Roosevelt Selected Correspondence: 1945-47
- Selected Documents on the Holocaust and Refugees
- The FDR Library Significant Documents Collection
- The Grace Tully Collection

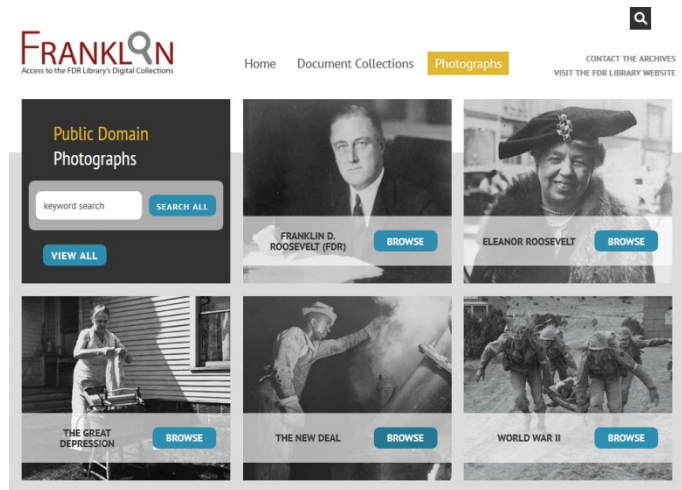
Below the search bar, there are icons representing "LIBRARY", "COLLECTION", "BOX", "FOLDER", and "DOCUMENT". At the bottom, a section titled "What is **FRANKLIN**?" provides a brief description of the platform.

What can you find in **FRANKLIN**?

Digital copies of significant documents and photographs from the archives of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum. **FRANKLIN** launches with 350,000 pages of archival documents and 2,000 historical photographs, along with many detailed descriptions of archival collections not yet digitized. Users can search the digital collections by keyword or go directly browse the full lists of digitized archival folders in a *virtual research room* environment. Documents include Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's New Deal and wartime correspondence with world leaders, government administrators, and regular Americans. Photographs include public domain images of the Roosevelts throughout their respective lifetimes, as well as subject areas like the Great Depression, New Deal, and World War II.

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Is everything digitized?

Not yet. **FRANKLIN** launches with two of the major collections of FDR's Papers as President, along with selected Eleanor Roosevelt correspondence and several smaller batches of in-demand archival materials have been digitized. The Roosevelt Library has an ongoing and ambitious digitization program and will post additional historical materials to Franklin on an ongoing basis. A list of fully digitized collections or series appears on **FRANKLIN's** home screen.

About this project

FRANKLIN is the result of a special cooperative effort -- a unique combination of public, nonprofit, and corporate support. The Roosevelt Library and its parent agency, the National Archives, worked with nonprofit partner the Roosevelt Institute to digitize a large amount of microfilmed archival documents. The Library's digital partner and web host, Marist College, then developed and implemented **FRANKLIN's** underlying database infrastructure based on the Archon platform. Marist runs the system using powerful servers manufactured by Marist and Roosevelt Library corporate partner, IBM.

In the future all of **FRANKLIN's** documents will also become available to online users of the National Archives online catalog, Online Public Access (or OPA).