

F.D.R.'s Art Collection

Over a long period of years President Roosevelt has been an assiduous collector of marine paintings and prints and ship models. He has loaned a major portion of his collection to the Corcoran Gallery of Art for exhibition until May 3. The collection, numbering 204 items, is installed in four galleries on the second floor. In a central position is shown the life-size portrait of the President, painted in 1934 by Ellen Emmet Rand. Included also is a painting of the President and his family in his study at the White House, painted by John C. Johansen in 1934.

Also of personal association is a large oil of the U. S. S. Dyer, flagship of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in the harbor of Ponta Del Gada, Azores, by C. E. Ruttan. Many of the historic old frigates and merchant ships of the golden age of American shipping are depicted—beautiful clipper ships under full sail; historic incidents in United States naval history, recorded in oil or in prints; the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac; the engagement between the Kearsarge and the Alabama, and many others.

Of special interest is the President's fine display of Currier & Ives prints. Also there are such oddities as ships embroidered in silk and woven into hooked rugs. Another section is devoted to a group of old song covers illustrated with pictures of ships. Two of the ship models are more than a century old. One, of the bark "Mary," was built about 1827.

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