

THE CHURCHILL PAPERS: A MODERN HISTORICAL EPIC



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“For my part, I consider that it will be found much better by all parties to leave the past to history, especially as I propose to write that history myself”

Winston S Churchill, 23 January 1948



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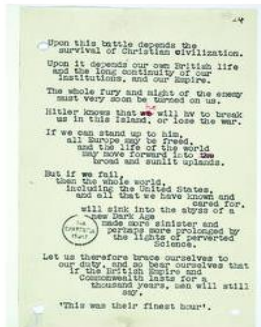
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The Churchill Papers

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Personal archive of Sir Winston Churchill comprised by his personal, public, political and literary correspondence and papers, including his drafts and annotated notes for his celebrated speeches and broadcasts, correspondence with leading political, literary and social figures of the age, and papers about major events from the Boer War to the Cold War.

- Year of submission: 2014
- Year of inscription: 2015
- Country: United Kingdom



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“conduct has been exceedingly bad...”

Churchill.

S. GEORGE'S SCHOOL,
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Report from March 1st to April 9th 1884

Place in School Order in Division at the end of last Term.		5 th	Present place in new School order for Term.	6 th	
Division Master's Classical Report.	Place in	4	Division of	11 Boys for Term.	6 th
	Composition	Improved.			
	Translation	Improved.			
	Grammar	Improved.			
	Diligence	Conduct has been exceedingly bad. He is not to be trusted to do any one thing. He has however not with standing made decided progress.			
	No. of times late	20. very disgraceful. very bad. H.W.S.M.			
Set Master's Report.	Place in	4 th	Set of	11 Boys for Term	6 th
	Mathematics	Improved.			
	French	Improved.			
	German	~			
Scripture	Paper	60 out of 120. f.			
History	} very good, especially history. -				
Geography					
Writing and Spelling	Both very much improved.				
Music	Promising.				
Drawing	fair, considering. H. Martin Cooke.				
General Conduct	Very bad - is a constant trouble to every body, and is always in some scrape or other.				
Headmaster's Remarks	He cannot be trusted to behave himself anywhere - He has very good abilities				



Head Master.

H. W. Sneyd Wymersley

Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilization.

Upon it depends our own British life and the long continuity of our institutions, and our Empire.

The whole fury and might of the enemy must very soon be turned on us.

Hitler knows that ~~we~~^{he} will hv to break us in this Island, or lose the war.

If we can stand up to him, all Europe may be freed, and the life of the world may move forward into ~~the~~ broad and sunlit uplands.

But if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, and all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age made more sinister and perhaps more prolonged by the lights of perverted Science.



Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duty, and so bear ourselves that if the British Empire and Commonwealth lasts for a thousand years, men will still say,

'This was their finest hour'.



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BERT W BINGHA
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2	CHAR 1/25/55	Letter from George Wyndham, Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, to WSC, on WSC's lecture in Dublin .	17 Nov 1900
2	CHAR 2/19/4	Letter from Tewnan Thompson, secretary of the Institute of Bankers in Ireland (3 Kildare Place, Dublin), to WSC (Gopsall, Atherstone, Leicestershire) on arrangements for WSC's speech at the Rotunda, Dublin .	03 Jan 1904
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Upshot: numbers

Microfilm (2000-2005)

- Process: 5 years- 1-2 publisher's staff, one Archives Asst and 50% of my time.
- 20,482 names into clearance database
- YES: 4195 letters of permission
- Untraced: 7,909 names
- NO: 14 copyright holders

Digital (2010-present)

- Process: less than a year, less than 50% of my time and about 50% of I staff at publisher.
- 20,482 names from clearance database
- YES: 2035 letters of permission
- Untraced: 9,945 names
- NO: 69 names



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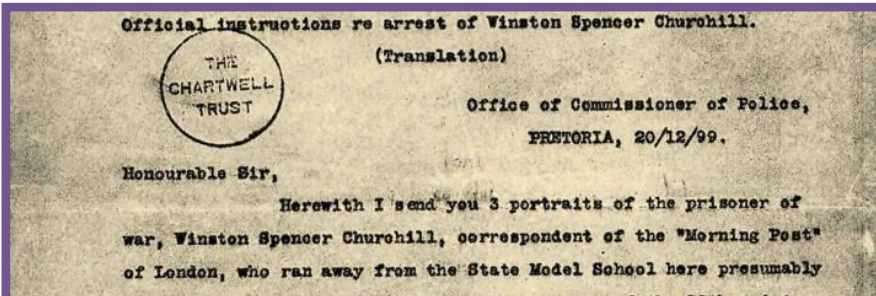


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Praise for the Churchill Archive

"There is a wealth of material within the Churchill Archive. The richness and variety of documents form an invaluable resource, helping me to get students to engage critically and creatively with the period. I wholly recommend it." - Richard Toye, Professor of Modern History, University of Exeter, UK



Action this day

3 February

2016

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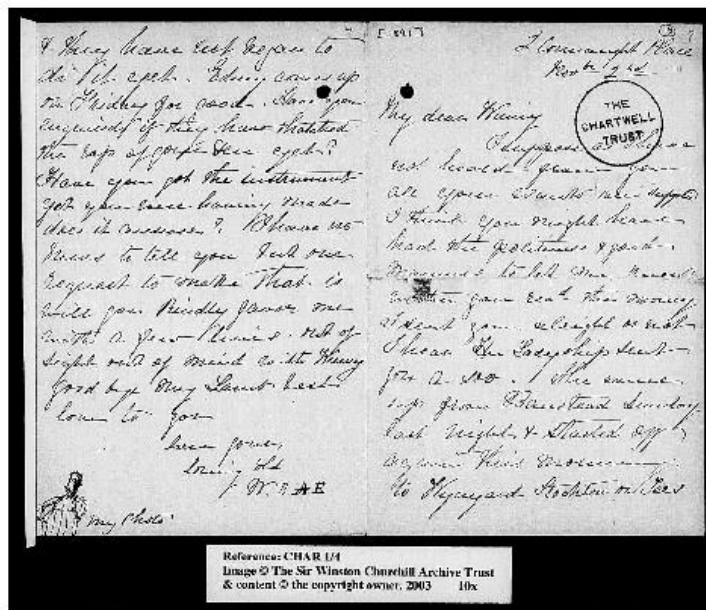
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wife Clementine. Neither a misogynist nor a womaniser, he enjoyed the company of women socially, delighted in feminine beauty, and greatly valued the work of women secretaries in the organisation of his literary and political life. However, he absorbed in youth the values of a male-dominated world in which women were still excluded from politics and his attitudes towards the enfranchisement of women were ambivalent. It was the role played by women, not least his own daughters, in the Second World War, that persuaded him to revise his opinions – if only to a limited extent.

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inseparable from the life and reputation of Winston Churchill, whose campaign against Adolf Hitler, and his regular warnings about German motives, proved unerringly correct. Not only did he help to reveal the true extent of Nazi barbarity, but his firm leadership also helped prepare Britain for the inevitable struggle against the Third Reich.

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Churchill as Strategist in World War Two

Jeremy Black, University of Exeter

Churchill's reputation as war leader is less secure in strategy and policy than in politics and polemic, and notably in the United States where Britain's wartime strategy is frequently criticized. He had a difficult hand to play, not least because of the views of the United States and the Soviet Union, but sought to advance national interests and to protect the Empire, and did so with much greater success than could have been anticipated in 1941, let alone 1940. [1]

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Women and Social Change

Lucy Noakes, University of Brighton

Here we focus on some of the resources that the Churchill Archive offers to social historians, particularly those interested in women, gender roles and social change in the first half of the twentieth century. Beginning with a brief overview of some of the major social changes of this period, we highlight some areas of the collection that are particularly relevant. These include 'Women and Education', 'Women in the Workforce' and 'Women and the Military'. Unsurprisingly, the collection has particular strengths for the researcher interested in women's changing roles in wartime, and for material relating to Women's Suffrage, which Churchill first supported and then opposed.

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The Birth of the Anglo-American 'Special Relationship'

David Woolner, Roosevelt Institute

The political relationship between Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt is one of the most celebrated in British and American history. The two men are widely credited with crafting the Anglo-American 'special relationship' that helped propel the Allies to victory during the Second World War. Yet, as this article shows, the relationship between the two men - and their two nations - was not without its difficulties. There were tensions; tensions over a host of issues from wartime strategy to the make-up of the post-war economic order. Nor did the two men always see eye to eye on the question of how best to deal with the Soviet Union. Nevertheless, the bonds that were established between Churchill and Roosevelt would



Empire and Imperialism

Richard Toye, University of Exeter

Focussing on Empire and Imperialism, we've gathered together here relevant material within the Archive. The overview summarises the distinction between 'formal' and 'informal' types of Empire and also discusses the concept of 'neo-imperialism'. It outlines some key aspects of Churchill's involvement in the British Empire, ranging from his participation in minor colonial wars as a soldier and journalist, to his campaign against reform in India in the 1930s, to his policies as both Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition in the 1940s and 1950s, before highlighting materials in the Churchill Archive collection that are pertinent to the topic.

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THE CHURCHILL ARCHIVE ON-LINE

The Churchill Papers are now accessed on-line, both within the Churchill Archives Centre and at 37 subscribing institutions worldwide. The Churchill Archive is published by Bloomsbury Academic. As expected, there was a healthy use of the collection at Churchill Archives Centre (both by researchers and staff). Between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015 there were 6711 records viewed and 6389 searches made (5044 searches from July 2013-May 2014).

Google Analytics (worldwide usage)

	1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015	1 July 2013 – 30 June 2014	Difference
Sessions	26,462	20,157	+31.28%
Users	15,198	10,684	+42.25%
Page views	183,144	163,456	+12.04%
Pages/session	7	8	-14.65%
Avg. session duration	00:06:38	00:07:00	-5.22%
Bounce rate	27.76%	36.74%	-24.44%
% new sessions	56.62%	51.16%	+10.68%

Top 5 countries

Country/territory	Visits	Avg. visit duration
UK	14,417	00:09:09
US	5,246	00:03:35
Canada	813	00:05:07
Australia	566	00:04:20
Italy	444	00:01:40

“The empires of the future are the empires of the mind”

Winston S. Churchill, 6 September 1943