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Introducing the Dr. E. Conyers O’Bryan Collection of Winston S. Churchill

Donated to the University of South Carolina, 2009

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This brochure lists selected items from the Winston Churchill Collection built by Dr. E. Conyers O’Bryan, M.D., of Florence, SC. When Dr. O’Bryan donated the collection to the University of South Carolina, in 2009, it was with the wish that “hundreds of people could have the opportunity to see and use” the collection, and so learn about Churchill “who I regard as the most important man of his century.”

The O’Bryan Collection includes more than 80 volumes of Churchill’s writings (many first editions, specially-bound copies, or inscribed copies), together with books from Churchill’s library at Chartwell, artwork, and memorabilia, including a silver pillbox engraved for him as a birthday gift. Of special importance among the visual material are an original oil painting by Churchill, dating from 1935, a signed photographic portrait, and a large mezzotint engraving of Churchill as prime minister.

SELECTED BOOKS BY CHURCHILL


* Savrola: A Tale of the Revolution in Laurania. London: Longmans, Green, and Co., 1900. First English edition. 2 copies, one in original green cloth stamped in gold, one rebound in three-quarter red morocco over red cloth by Sotheran’s, London.


* My Early Life: A Roving Commission. London: Thornton Butterworth Limited, 1930. Two first editions, one in original plum cloth, one red morocco and gilt Cosway-style binding by Bayntun Riviere, Bath. The Bayntun Riviere copy has a typed note signed by Churchill to Constable A. Berry, dated May 23, 1939, thanking him for his service to the House of Commons.
* Thoughts and Adventures. London: Thornton Butterworth Limited, 1932. Two first editions, one in original khaki cloth, and the second in a red morocco and gilt Cosway-style binding by Bayntun Riviere, Bath, with an inset signature by Churchill in the rear cover.


*Canada and the War: The Lord Mayor’s Luncheon...* Ottawa: E. Cloutier, Printer to the King, 1941.


Green cloth. Signed by Churchill with the Little Hobcaw, SC, bookplate.

BOOKS FROM THE CHARTWELL LIBRARY

PORTRAITS & REALIA
* Bust of Churchill by Oscar Nemon. Stone resin, n.d.

This brochure, produced to accompany an exhibit for the Churchill Society’s Charleston Conference, March 2011, was edited by Patrick Scott based on the 2009 exhibit by Jeffrey Makala.
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