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Warren G. Harding Records Preservation Project Concludes

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Ohio History Connection manuscript archivists at the Ohio History Center have finished an extensive grant project to make the Warren G. Harding collections stored at the museum more visible, accessible and usable for those interested in researching the 29th President of the United States.

In 2021, the Ohio History Connection received a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to rehouse, catalog and promote the Warren G. Harding collections held at the Ohio History Center.

The Harding collections include nearly 1,000 boxes of photographs, correspondence and records, and the Manuscripts Department has worked through them for two years. The tireless work by Archival Services Manager Wendy Korwin, Project Archivist David McDevitt, Student Intern Caroline Somerson and Manuscripts Curator Matt Benz has made the completion of this grant project possible.

The project’s final products include a series of presentations at four academic and professional conferences, as well as a video version of one of these presentation, approximately 970 boxes of materials rehoused in modern archival containers, three highly extensive and robust online collection finding aids, eight Harding-focused entries on the Ohio History Blog, 34 social media posts about Harding, the duplication of approximately 100 use copies of microfilm reels for interlibrary loan and the construction of a Harding research guide on ohiohistory.org.

The Warren G. Harding Research Guide may be used to access a variety of our collections and research that pertain to our Marion-born 29th President of the United States.

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About the Ohio History Connection:
The Ohio History Connection is a statewide history organization with the mission to spark discovery of Ohio’s stories. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization chartered in 1885, the Ohio History Connection carries out history services for Ohio and its citizens. This includes housing the State Historic Preservation Office and the official state archives and managing more than 50 sites and museums across Ohio. For more information, go to ohiohistory.org. The Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Columbus Foundation provide support for Ohio History Connection programs.

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