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## **Hillsdale College Releases *The Churchill Documents* for the First Time in eBook Format**

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College announced today the eBook release of the first 17 volumes of *The Churchill Documents*. *The Churchill Documents* are a key component of Sir Winston Churchill's official biography, providing readers with access to primary source documents, including in full every document quoted in the narrative volumes.

“Churchill wrote in profuse detail and with great ability about his doings, thereby leaving one of the richest records of human undertaking,” said Larry P. Arnn, president of Hillsdale College, which is continuing the work begun by Randolph Churchill and Martin Gilbert to complete the official biography of Winston Churchill. “The digital publication of this record presents an unparalleled opportunity to study how one of the most powerful and significant individuals in history did his work and made his judgments.”

This initiative is part of The Churchill Project, an ongoing effort by Hillsdale College to propagate a correct understanding of Churchill's record. Through The Churchill Project, the College will archive the papers of Martin Gilbert, Churchill's official biographer from 1968 until 2012, and it will promote Churchill scholarship through national conferences, fellowship programs, online courses, and an endowed faculty chair.

The first 17 volumes are published by Hillsdale College Press as eBooks and can be read on Kindle, iBook, Nook, and other eBook platforms. Volumes 1-5 were edited by Randolph S. Churchill, and Volumes 6-17 by Sir Martin Gilbert. The eBook release of volumes 18-23 is forthcoming.

### **The Official Biography volume breakdown:**

Youth: 1847-1900, Vol. I by Randolph S. Churchill

*The Churchill Documents*: Vol. 1. “Youth” 1874-1896

*The Churchill Documents*: Vol. 2. “Young Soldier” 1896-1901

Young Statesman: 1901-1914, Vol. II by Randolph S. Churchill

*The Churchill Documents*: Vol. 3. “Early Years in Politics” 1901-1907

*The Churchill Documents*: Vol. 4. “Minister of the Crown” 1907-1911

*The Churchill Documents*: Vol. 5. “At the Admiralty” 1911-1914

*The Challenge of War: 1914-1916, Vol III by Martin Gilbert*

*The Churchill Documents: Vol. 6. "At the Admiralty" July 1914-April 1915*

*The Churchill Documents: Vol. 7. "The Escaped Scapegoat" May 1915-December 1916*

*World in Torment: 1917-1922, Vol. IV by Martin Gilbert*

*The Churchill Documents: Vol. 8. "War and Aftermath" December 1916-June 1919*

*The Churchill Documents: Vol. 9. "Disruption and Chaos" July 1919-March 1921*

*The Churchill Documents: Vol. 10. "Conciliation and Reconstruction" April 1921-Nov. 1922*

*The Prophet of Truth: 1922-1939, Vol. V by Martin Gilbert*

*The Churchill Documents: Vol. 11. "The Exchequer Years" 1922-1929*

*The Churchill Documents: Vol. 12. "The Wilderness Years" 1929-1935*

*The Churchill Documents: Vol. 13. "The Coming of War" 1936-1939*

*Finest Hour: 1939-1941, Vol. VI by Martin Gilbert*

*The Churchill Documents: Vol. 14. "At the Admiralty" September 1939-May 1940*

*The Churchill Documents: Vol. 15. "Never Surrender" May 1940-December 1940*

*The Churchill Documents: Vol. 16. "The Ever-Widening War" 1941*

*Road to Victory: 1941-1945, Vol. VII by Martin Gilbert*

*The Churchill Documents: Vol. 17. "Testing Times" 1942*

### **About the Official Biography**

The official biography of Winston Churchill began in 1962 under the leadership of Churchill's son, Randolph, and Sir Martin Gilbert, who for several years was the Grewcock Distinguished Fellow in History at Hillsdale College. In 2012, due to his declining health, Gilbert turned the project over to Arnn and the College. The official biography includes eight volumes of narrative and 18 of 23 volumes of historical documents related to Churchill's life. Hillsdale College will complete the final five document volumes and keep the entire work in print.

### **About Hillsdale College**

Hillsdale College, founded in 1844, has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an educational outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 3.4 million.

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