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The Shrine display of U.S. Founding Documents

Librarian of Congress Herbert Putnam installing the Declaration of Independence in its case in the Great Hall of the Thomas Jefferson Building, 1924, where it was displayed until 1952.
Evacuation of Library of Congress collection, 1941
Member of the Library of Congress European Mission in Germany, 1946
Berlin, Germany
Divided into American,
British, French and
Soviet Zones
1945-1949
Transfer of the Founding Documents to the National Archives, 1952