Collection Summary

Title: William Dudley Foulke Papers
Span Dates: circa 1470-1952
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1868-1935)
ID No.: MSS21170
Creator: Foulke, William Dudley, 1848-1935
Extent: 2,500 items; 12 containers plus 1 oversize; 5.2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Lawyer, public official, and author from Indiana. Correspondence, diaries, journals, copybook, speeches, writings, notes, legal papers, clippings, printed material, and other papers, including a late fifteenth century fragment of the Tristram Saga obtained by Arthur Middleton Reeves on a trip to Iceland. The bulk of the collection consists of Foulke's correspondence reflecting his literary career and public service, including letters from Theodore Roosevelt discussing civil service reform, the Progressive movement, Woodrow Wilson, the World Court (Permanent Court of International Justice), and pacifism.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Adams, Charles Francis, 1835-1915--Correspondence.
Addams, Jane, 1860-1935--Correspondence.
Ade, George, 1866-1944--Correspondence.
Adee, Alvey A. (Alvey Augustus), 1842-1924--Correspondence.
Adler, Felix, 1851-1933--Correspondence.
Anthony, Susan B. (Susan Brownell), 1820-1906--Correspondence.
Beveridge, Albert Jeremiah, 1862-1927--Correspondence.
Blackwell, Henry Brown, 1825-1909--Correspondence.
Bonaparte, Charles J. (Charles Joseph), 1851-1921--Correspondence.
Bowers, Claude Germaine, 1879-1958--Correspondence.
Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922--Correspondence.
Butler, Nicholas Murray, 1862-1947--Correspondence.
Cates family--Correspondence.
Cates family.
Dana, Richard Henry, 1851-1931--Correspondence.
Eastman, Max, 1883-1969--Correspondence.
Eliot, Charles William, 1834-1926--Correspondence.
Fairbanks, Charles W. (Charles Warren), 1852-1918--Correspondence.
Faulk family--Correspondence.
Faulk family.
Fiske, John, 1842-1901--Correspondence.
Foulke, William Dudley, 1848-1935.
Garfield, James Rudolph, 1865-1950--Correspondence.
Gilder, Richard Watson, 1844-1909--Correspondence.
Godkin, Edwin Lawrence, 1831-1902--Correspondence.
Gompers, Samuel, 1850-1924--Correspondence.
Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932--Correspondence.
Gresham, Walter Quintin, 1832-1895--Correspondence.
Hammond, John Hays, 1888-1965--Correspondence.
Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, 1837-1904--Correspondence.
Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901--Correspondence.
Hart, Albert Bushnell, 1854-1943--Correspondence.
Hay, John, 1838-1905--Correspondence.
Hayes, Rutherford Birchard, 1822-1893--Correspondence.
Higginson, Thomas Wentworth, 1823-1911--Correspondence.
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964--Correspondence.
Howard, O. O. (Oliver Otis), 1830-1909--Correspondence.
Howe, Julia Ward, 1819-1910--Correspondence.
Ickes, Harold L. (Harold LeClair), 1874-1952--Correspondence.
Ingersoll, Robert Green, 1833-1899--Correspondence.
Jameson, J. Franklin (John Franklin), 1859-1937--Correspondence.
Johnson, Hiram, 1866-1945--Correspondence.
Jordan, David Starr, 1851-1931--Correspondence.
Kennan, George, 1845-1924--Correspondence.
La Follette, Robert M. (Robert Marion), 1895-1953--Correspondence.
Landis, Kenesaw Mountain, 1866-1944--Correspondence.
Lea, Henry Charles, 1825-1909--Correspondence.
Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924--Correspondence.
Low, Seth, 1850-1916--Correspondence.
McClure, Samuel S. (Samuel Sidney), 1857-1949--Correspondence.
McKinley, William, 1843-1901--Correspondence.
Mitchell, S. Weir (Silas Weir), 1829-1914--Correspondence.
Morrison, Mary Foulke. Mary Foulke Morrison scrapbooks.
Page, Thomas Nelson, 1853-1922--Correspondence.
Page, Walter Hines, 1855-1918--Correspondence.
Phelps, William Lyon, 1865-1943--Correspondence.
Pinchot, Gifford, 1865-1946--Correspondence.
Reed, Thomas B. (Thomas Brackett), 1839-1902--Correspondence.
Reeve family--Correspondence.
Reeve family.
Reeves, Mark E. Mark E. Reeves papers.
Riley, James Whitcomb, 1849-1916--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Edith Kermit Carow, 1861-1948--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.
Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence.
Russell, Charles Edward, 1860-1941--Correspondence.
Schurz, Carl, 1829-1906--Correspondence.
Shaw, Albert, 1857-1947--Correspondence.
Shoemaker family--Correspondence.
Shoemaker family.
Spofford, Ainsworth Rand, 1825-1908--Correspondence.
Stone, Lucy, 1818-1893--Correspondence.
Storey, Moorfield, 1845-1929--Correspondence.
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.
Villard, Oswald Garrison, 1872-1949--Correspondence.
Wallace, Lew, 1827-1905--Correspondence.
Washington, Booker T., 1856-1915--Correspondence.
White, Andrew Dickson, 1832-1918--Correspondence.
White, William Allen, 1868-1944--Correspondence.
Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924--Correspondence.
Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924.

Organizations
Permanent Court of International Justice.

William Dudley Foulke Papers
Subjects
American literature.
Civil service reform.
Icelandic literature.
International law.
Pacifism.
Progressivism (United States politics)
Sagas.

Places
Egypt--Description and travel.
Europe--Description and travel.
Indiana--Politics and government.
Palestine--Description and travel.
United States--Politics and government--1865-1933.
United States--Politics and government--1901-1953.

Occupations
Authors.
Lawyers.
Public officials.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of William Dudley Foulke, lawyer, public official, and author, were given to the Library of Congress by Foulke in 1931. Additions to the papers were given to the Library by other family members from 1936 to 1968.

Processing History
The papers of William Dudley Foulke were initially arranged and described in 1980. This register was revised in 1997.

Transfers
Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. A map has been transferred to the Geography and Map Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the William Dudley Foulke Papers.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of William Dudley Foulke is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of William Dudley Foulke are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, William Dudley Foulke Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
### Biographical Note

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<td>1848, Nov. 20</td>
<td>Born, New York, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1869</td>
<td>A.B., Columbia College, New York, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1871</td>
<td>LL.B., Columbia Law School, New York, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1871-1876</td>
<td>Practiced law, New York, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1872</td>
<td>Married Mary Taylor Reeves</td>
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<td>1876</td>
<td>Moved to Richmond, Ind.</td>
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<td>Attorney, the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati &amp; St. Louis Railroad</td>
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<td>1882-1886</td>
<td>Republican member, Indiana state senate</td>
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<td>1885</td>
<td>Introduced a bill to establish Indiana civil service system; subsequently organized and became</td>
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<td>president of the Indiana Civil Service Reform Association</td>
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<td>1886-1890</td>
<td>President, American Woman Suffrage Association</td>
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<td>1887</td>
<td>Published . . . <em>Slav or Saxon; a Study of the Growth and Tendencies of Russian Civilization</em> (New</td>
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<td>York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 148 pp.)</td>
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<td>1889</td>
<td>Ceased practicing law</td>
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<td>Conducted an investigation into conditions in the federal civil service for the National Civil</td>
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<td>1893</td>
<td>Acting chairman, woman's suffrage congress at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, Ill.</td>
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<td>Published <em>Life of Oliver P. Morton, Including His Important Speeches</em> (Indianapolis: Bowen-</td>
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<td>1900</td>
<td>Published <em>Maya; a Story of Yucatan</em> (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 219 pp.)</td>
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<td>1901</td>
<td>Appointed member of the Civil Service Commission by President Theodore Roosevelt</td>
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<td>1903</td>
<td>Published <em>Protean Papers</em> (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 197 pp.)</td>
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<td>1906-1916</td>
<td>Editor and part owner, <em>Evening Item</em>, Richmond, Ind.</td>
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<td>1910-1914</td>
<td>President, National Municipal League</td>
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<td>1911</td>
<td>Published <em>Dorothy Day</em> (New York: Cosmopolitan Press. 297 pp.)</td>
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<td>1912</td>
<td>Published <em>Masterpieces of the Masters of Fiction</em> (New York: Cosmopolitan Press. 269 pp.)</td>
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1916 Published *Lyrics of War and Peace* (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co. 119 pp.)

1919 Published *Fighting the Spoilsmen; Reminiscences of the Civil Service Reform Movement* (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 348 pp.)

1922 Published *A Hoosier Autobiography* (New York: Oxford University Press. 252 pp.)

1923-1924 President, National Civil Service Reform League

1930 Published *Lucius B. Swift, a Biography* (Indianapolis: Published for the Indiana Historical Society by Bobbs-Merrill Co. 153 pp.)

1935, May 30 Died, Richmond, Ind.

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of William Dudley Foulke (1848-1935) span the years circa 1470-1952, with the majority of the papers concentrated in the period 1868-1935. The first series in the Foulke Papers, consisting of diaries and related material, 1867-1872, mainly concerns European, Egyptian, and Holy Land travels by Foulke, Arthur Middleton Reeves, and Mark E. Reeves, and a copybook kept by the Shoemaker family in 1825. The Family Correspondence series, 1791-1934, contains letters exchanged between members of the interrelated Foulke, Reeves, Cates, and Shoemaker families.


The Subject File and the Speeches and Writings File include a variety of material related principally to state and federal civil service reform. The Financial Papers and the Miscellany series consist of family items including two scrapbooks kept by Foulke's daughter, Mary Foulke Morrison. The final item in the papers is a late fifteenth century fragment of the Tristram Saga obtained by Arthur Middleton Reeves on a trip to Iceland.

**Organization of the Papers**

The collection is arranged in eight series:

- Diaries, Journals, Notebook, and Copybook, 1825-1872
- Family Correspondence, 1791-1934
- General Correspondence, 1868-1935
- Subject File, 1886-1931
- Speeches and Writings File, 1885-1928
• Financial Papers, 1745-1868
• Miscellany, circa 1470-1952
• Oversize, circa 1470-circa 1500
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| BOX 10    | "Abstaining From Political Activity," 1918  
"Calumnies in Washington and Roosevelt in Chicago," undated  
"City Government by Experts Under the Competitive System," 1915  
"Civil Service Reform," 1885-1889 (2 folders)  
Civil Service Reform League annual address, 1923  
"The Federal Civil Service Act Must Not Be Repealed," 1927  
"Good Government," 1907  
"Indiana Civil Service Reform Association," 1889  
"The Influence of Civil Service Reform," 1893  
Interview with Calvin Coolidge, 1923  
"Political Life," 1928  
"A Reform Administration," 1888  
"Removal of Civil Service Employees," 1912  
"Spoils System Still an Active Factor," 1923  
"Theodore Roosevelt," 1915  
"What Have Civil Service Reformers a Right to Expect From the Republican Party?" 1889 |
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Scrapbooks, Mary Foulke Morrisson, 1925-1952, undated  
Tristram Saga, circa 1470-circa 1500 [See Oversize](#)