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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

Extent: 12 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 5.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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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 LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

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, H. B. (Henry Browne), 1825-1909--Correspondence.
Bonaparte, Charles J. (Charles Joseph), 1851-1921--Correspondence.
Bowers, Claude Gernade, 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 B., 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, S. 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, Arthur Middleton, 1856-1891. Arthur Middleton Reeves papers.
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.

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.

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

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1848, Nov. 20	Born, New York, N.Y.
1869	A.B., Columbia College, New York, N.Y.
1871	LL.B., Columbia Law School, New York, N.Y.
1871-1876	Practiced law, New York, N.Y.
1872	Married Mary Taylor Reeves
1876	Moved to Richmond, Ind. Attorney, the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad
1882-1886	Republican member, Indiana state senate
1885	Introduced a bill to establish Indiana civil service system; subsequently organized and became president of the Indiana Civil Service Reform Association
1886-1890	President, American Woman Suffrage Association
1887	Published . . . Slav or Saxon; a Study of the Growth and Tendencies of Russian Civilization (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 148 pp.)
1889	Ceased practicing law
1889-1890	Conducted an investigation into conditions in the federal civil service for the National Civil Service Reform League
1893	Acting chairman, woman's suffrage congress at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, Ill.
1893-1921	President, Proportional Representation League
1899	Published <i>Life of Oliver P. Morton, Including His Important Speeches</i> (Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Co. 2 vols.)
1900	Published <i>Maya; a Story of Yucatan</i> (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 219 pp.)
1901	Appointed member of the Civil Service Commission by President Theodore Roosevelt
1903	Published <i>Protean Papers</i> (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 197 pp.)
1906-1916	Editor and part owner, <i>Evening Item</i> , Richmond, Ind.
1910-1914	President, National Municipal League
1911	Published <i>Dorothy Day</i> (New York: Cosmopolitan Press. 297 pp.)
1912	Published <i>Masterpieces of the Masters of Fiction</i> (New York: Cosmopolitan Press. 269 pp.)
1916	Published <i>Lyrics of War and Peace</i> (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co. 119 pp.)
1919	Published <i>Fighting the Spoilsmen; Reminiscences of the Civil Service Reform Movement</i> (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 348 pp.)
1922	Published <i>A Hoosier Autobiography</i> (New York: Oxford University Press. 252 pp.)
1923-1924	President, National Civil Service Reform League
1930	Published <i>Lucius B. Swift, a Biography</i> (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 largest and most important series in the papers is the [General Correspondence](#) of William Dudley Foulke. Dated from 1868 to 1935, Foulke's correspondence reflects his public and literary careers. Of particular interest are letters from Theodore Roosevelt discussing civil service reform, the Progressive Movement, Woodrow Wilson, the World Court, pacifism, and other topics. There is also a large number of letters from Edith Kermit Carow Roosevelt. Among Foulke's other correspondents are Charles Francis Adams, Jane Addams, George Ade, Alvey A. Ade, Felix Adler, Susan B. Anthony, Albert Jeremiah Beveridge, Henry Brown Blackwell, Charles J. Bonaparte, Claude Gernade Bowers, Viscount James Bryce, Nicholas Murray Butler, Richard Henry Dana, Max Eastman, Charles William Eliot, Charles W. Fairbanks, John Fiske, James Rudolph Garfield, Richard Watson Gilder, Edwin Lawrence Godkin, Samuel Gompers, Lady Gregory, Walter Quintin Gresham, John Hays Hammond, Marcus Alonzo Hanna, Benjamin Harrison, Albert Bushnell Hart, John Hay, Rutherford Birchard Hayes, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Herbert Hoover, O. O. Howard, Julia Ward Howe, Harold L. Ickes, Robert Green Ingersoll, J. Franklin Jameson, Hiram Johnson, David Starr Jordan, George Kennan, Robert M. La Follette, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, Henry Charles Lea, Henry Cabot Lodge, Seth Low, Samuel S. McClure, William McKinley, S. Weir Mitchell, Thomas Nelson Page, Walter Hines Page, William Lyon Phelps, Gifford Pinchot, Thomas Reed, James Whitcomb Riley, Elihu Root, Charles Edward Russell, Carl Schurz, Albert Shaw, Ainsworth Rand Spofford, Lucy Stone, Moorfield Storey, William H. Taft, Oswald Garrison Villard, Lew Wallace, Booker T. Washington, Andrew Dickson White, William Allen White, and Woodrow Wilson.

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 Morrisson. 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](#)

Description of Series

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BOX 2	<p><u>Family Correspondence, 1791-1934</u> Letters exchanged among members of the Foulke, Reeves, and Shoemaker families. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 3-8	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1868-1935</u> Incoming and outgoing correspondence of Foulke. Arranged chronologically.</p>
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BOX 2	Family Correspondence, 1791-1934 Letters exchanged among members of the Foulke, Reeves, and Shoemaker families. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 2	1791-1831, 1838-1889, 1914-1934 (6 folders)
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BOX 3	1868-1902 (19 folders)
BOX 4	8 Jan. 1903-16 Nov. 1915 (26 folders)
BOX 5	17 Nov. 1915-28 Aug. 1918 (18 folders)
BOX 6	Sept. 1918-Aug. 1923 (17 folders)
BOX 7	Sept. 1923-Sept. 1927 (14 folders)
BOX 8	Oct. 1927-Nov. 1935, undated (15 folders)
BOX 9-10	Subject File, 1886-1931 Manuscripts, clippings, and other material relating to the Civil Service Reform League, the Ku Klux Klan, and Prohibition. Arranged alphabetically by topic.

Subject File, 1886-1931

Container	Contents
BOX 9	Civil Service Reform League, 1886-1931, undated (10 folders)
BOX 10	Ku Klux Klan, 1922-1924 Prohibition, 1923-1931
BOX 10	Speeches and Writings File, 1885-1928 Manuscript and printed copies of speeches, articles, and notes by Foulke. Arranged alphabetically by title.
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 Proposed Act Providing an Employment System for the Federal Service of the United States Embodying Modern Conceptions of Public Personnel Administration," 1927 "A Reform Administration," 1888 "Removal of Civil Service Employees," 1912 "Some of the Defective and Unconstitutional Provisions of Mr. Telford's Proposed Federal Employment Act," 1928 "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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Miscellany, circa 1470-1952

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