

William Dudley Foulke

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of William Dudley Foulke

Span Dates: ca. 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

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

Abstract: 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.

Names:

Foulke, William Dudley, 1848-1935

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924.

Cates family

Cates family--Correspondence

Faulk family

Faulk family--Correspondence

Reeve family

Reeve family--Correspondence

Shoemaker family

Shoemaker family--Correspondence

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 Gernade, 1879-1958--Correspondence

Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922--Correspondence

Butler, Nicholas Murray, 1862-1947--Correspondence

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

Fiske, John, 1842-1901--Correspondence

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, S. S. (Samuel Sidney), 1857-1949--Correspondence
 McKinley, William, 1843-1901--Correspondence
 Mitchell, S. Weir (Silas Weir), 1829-1914--Correspondence
 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
 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
 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
 Permanent Court of International Justice
 Morrison, Mary Foulke. Scrapbooks of Mary Foulke Morrison
 Reeves, Arthur Middleton, 1856-1891. Papers of Arthur Middleton Reeves
 Reeves, Mark E. Papers of Mark E. Reeves

Subjects:

American literature
 Civil service reform

International law
Icelandic literature
Pacifism
Progressivism (United States politics)
Sagas
Egypt--Description and travel
Europe--Description and travel
Indiana--Politics and government
Palestine--Description and travel
United States--Politics and government--1865-1921
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.).

Preferred Citation:

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
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 *Life of Oliver P. Morton, Including His Important Speeches* (Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Co. 2 vols.)
- 1900 Published *Maya; a Story of Yucatan* (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 219 pp.)
- 1901 Appointed member of the Civil Service Commission by President Theodore Roosevelt
- 1903 Published *Protean Papers* (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 197 pp.)
- 1906-1916 Editor and part owner, *Evening Item*, Richmond, Ind.
- 1910-1914 President, National Municipal League
- 1911 Published *Dorothy Day* (New York: Cosmopolitan Press. 297 pp.)
- 1912 Published *Masterpieces of the Masters of Fiction* (New York: Cosmopolitan Press. 269 pp.)
- 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.)

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Dudley Foulke (1848-1935) span the years ca. 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. Adee, 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, n.d.](#)
- [Family Correspondence, 1791-1934](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1868-1935, n.d.](#)
- [Subject File, 1886-1931, n.d.](#)
- [Speeches and Writings File, 1885-1928](#)
- [Financial Papers, 1745-1868](#)
- [Miscellany, ca. 1470-1952, n.d.](#)
- [Oversize, ca. 1470-ca. 1500](#)

Description of Series

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BOX 2	Family Correspondence, 1791-1934 Letters exchanged among members of the Foulke, Reeves, and Shoemaker families. Arranged chronologically.
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BOX 6	Sept. 1918-Aug. 1923 (17 folders)
BOX 7	Sept. 1923-Sept. 1927 (14 folders)
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Subject File, 1886-1931, n.d.

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Prohibition, 1923-1931

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Speeches and Writings File, 1885-1928

Manuscript and printed copies of speeches, articles, and notes by Foulke.
Arranged alphabetically by title.

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"Abstaining From Political Activity," 1918

"Calumnies in Washington and Roosevelt in Chicago," n.d.

"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

BOX 11

Financial Papers, 1745-1868

Abstracts of titles, indentures, and miscellaneous papers.

Arranged by type of material and chronologically therein.

BOX 11

Abstracts of title, 1745-1823

Indentures, 1793-1826

(3 folders)

Miscellaneous papers, 1801-1868

BOX 12

Miscellany, ca. 1470-1952, n.d.

Printed matter, newspaper clippings, certificates, and two scrapbooks kept by Mary Foulke
Morrison.

Arranged by type of material.

BOX 12

Printed matter, 1866-1952

Clippings, 1884-1928

Certificates, 1837

Scrapbooks, Mary Foulke Morrison, 1925-1952, n.d.

Tristram Saga, ca. 1470-ca. 1500 *See Oversize*

BOX OV 1

Oversize, ca. 1470-ca. 1500

Fragment of the Tristram Saga.

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