

**Donald Adams Fowle (1889-1970)
Papers, 1893-1992**

Manuscript Collection, FAM-46

3 linear feet (5 boxes)

Biographical Sketch: Donald Adams Fowle was born in Woburn, MA on May 24, 1889. He attended Rindge Technical School, the Massachusetts School of Art and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. An architect by profession, Fowle's experience pre-Great Depression included work on the Washington Cathedral in Washington D.C. He became the Chief Architect for the Federal Housing Administration in Boston during the Roosevelt Administration. In Woburn he was responsible for several projects including the landscaping of Horn Pond, the Hiker's Monument in Woburn Square and the Fowle-Gage Memorial Chapel in Woodbrook Cemetery. His parents were Arthur Adams Fowle (Managing Editor at the Boston Globe) and Kate Wallace Munn. He married Ethel Adelaide Wallace and they had four children: Nancy Andree, Joan, Arthur Adams and Donald Wallace.

Scope and Contents Note: The collection consists of scrapbooks, photographs and ephemera related to the Fowle family in Woburn, MA. Scrapbook 1 contains Victorian trade cards, greeting cards and calendars. Although unidentified as to ownership, it most likely belonged to Donald Adams Fowle. Scrapbook 2 is identified as belonging to Donald Adams Fowle and contains news clippings, Victorian trade cards, greeting cards, photographs and correspondence to Arthur Adams Fowle from the Secretary of the Navy and from Army Headquarters while he was Managing Editor at the Boston Globe. The family history folder (folder 1) includes a copy of "Fowle Family Immigrant History" and newspaper articles documenting family reunions. The ephemera in the collection (folder 2) consist of invitations and programs for a Woburn High School Reception and a New Year's Party at the Mianimo Club and a tag for the Society Circus at Forest Park, Woburn. Folder 4 contains illustrations of the Fowle Family mansion and correspondence on its demolition. The photograph album (box 5) documents the summer activities of the Fowles with the Gabalotte Club, the Innitou Canoe Club and with family friends to various locations as well as outings to Woburn Society Circus Day and Choate Hospital Field Day. The architectural drawings of the Woburn Cooperative Bank are the sole examples of Donald Adams Fowle's architectural work in the collection.

Acquisition: The Donald Adams Fowle Papers were donated on December 27, 1996 and July 8, 2003 in accessions 1996-014 and 2003-014.

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Related Material: For original correspondence of Donald Adams Fowle see *Fleeting Dreams: World War One Love Letters: the Architect and the Librarian* by Joan Fowle Miles, 2013. Related material on earlier members of the Fowle Family can be found in the Nathan Wyman Papers and in *Descendants of George Fowle of Charlestown, Massachusetts* by Eugene Chalmers Fowle, 1990.

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Custodial History: The collection was held by Donald Wallace Fowle (son of Donald Adams Fowle) who donated the collection to the library in two accessions.

Processor: Thomas R. Doyle

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Series I: Family History

Box Folder

1	n/a	Scrapbook 1, ca. 1893
2	n/a	Scrapbook 2, 1899
3	1	Family History, 1912-1913
3	2	Ephemera, 1908, 1953, 1956-57, 1969
3	3	Correspondence, 1903
3	4	Salter-Fowle House, 1992

Series II: Photographs and Illustrations

Box Item

3	1	Charles Munn, n.d.
3	2	Charles Munn, n.d.
4	3	Fowle Family members, ca. 1910
4	4	Fowle Family reunion, ca. 1920
Rack 1	5	A. A. Fowle, ca. 1924
4	6	Deacon John Fowle's Home in background of Central House, n.d.
4	7	Samuel Richardson Fowle, n.d.
4	8	Fowle Family Reunion, 1912
4	9	Fowle Family Reunion, 1913

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Box	Item	
4	10	Fowle Family Reunion, 1914
4	11A	Fowle Family Reunion, 1915
4	11B	Fowle Family Reunion, 1919
4	12	Horn Pond – Fowle’s Meadow, n.d.
4	13	Home of Mayor Wm. B. Fowle, Newton MA, n.d.
4	14	Old Burial Ground, Charlestown, n.d.
4	15	Coats of Arms of Fowle Family, n.d.
4	16	Gravestones of Fowle Family, Charlestown, MA, n.d.
4	17	Coats of Arms, Embroidered (2), n.d.
4	18	Sign for Reunion, n.d.
4	19	Cummings Church – England, n.d.
4	20	Home of William H. Fowle, Chute Lodge England, n.d.
4	21	Daniel Gould Fowle, Governor of North Carolina (on canvas), 1889-1891, n.d.
4	22	Framed Letter and Picture of Henry Fowle, 1833
5	23	Unidentified group of men women and children, ca. 1910
5	24	Students at Desks, Wyman School, n.d.
5	25	Third Grade Students, Wyman School, n.d.
5	26	Wyman School, Group at Desks, n.d.
5	27	School Group on Front steps of Wyman School, n.d.

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5	28	School Group in Rear of Wyman School, ca. 1906.
5	29	School Group on Front Steps of Wyman School, 1927
5	30	Wyman School Group, 1899
5	31	Framed print, Woburn in 1820, 1860
5	32-35	Woburn High Class Reunion, 1969
5	36	Photograph Album, 1902-1913
Map Case	Fol. 97 Archives Shelves	Woburn Cooperative Bank Architectural Drawings, n.d.