

Guide to the Cowper Family Papers, 1827-2007, bulk 1900-1933

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Language:

The materials in this collection are in English. One item is in Japanese and one item is in Latin.

Extent:

15 boxes and 1 oversized folder ; 5.63 linear feet

Abstract:

This collection consists entirely of letters, ephemera, and photographs of the Cowper family between 1827 and 2007. The bulk of the material is from Agnes Cowper Schuchman and her father, Reverend Frederick C. Cowper. Agnes' correspondence reflects her life as a young single woman and nurse in New York City until her 1919 marriage, as well as the person her family turned to for advice. An aspiring writer, this collection also contains many manuscript drafts.

Frederick C. Cowper was an Episcopal priest who served several small New Hampshire parishes. The family papers include some of his correspondence and writings, especially of religious tracts and poetry, and letters to and from his wife, Emma, about local news and activities.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Cowper Family Papers were a gift of Agnes Cowper Schuchman's granddaughter, Kathy Berman, in 2016 and added to in 2020.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Sandra L. Wheeler in October and November 2016 and in 2020. The finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler in May 2017 and revised to reflect the new donation in 2020. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

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Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

The Cowper family was composed of Reverend Frederick C. Cowper (1851-1929), his wife, Emma Kidd Cowper (1856-1931), and their children. Frederick was born in Brazil, where his father was in the English diplomatic service and married to a Brazilian woman. After his mother's death, he and his siblings were educated in England. He worked for his father in several diplomatic posts in South America and the Caribbean.

Frederick moved to the United States, where he enrolled in Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, NH, graduating in 1878. He then entered the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge, MA. Cowper served many small churches in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire; ending his career in the New Hampshire towns of Milford (1904-1905), Woodsville (1905-1912) and Sanbornville (1912-1919). After his retirement, he spent a considerable time volunteering at the Chapel of the Holy Child Jesus at Province Lake in Effingham, NH, and the Church of St.

Andrew's-in-the-Valley in Tamworth, NH. He always served small churches, even 'mission' churches, and was always in financial straits. By the end of his life, the family had a farm, "Ridgmont," to which the children returned in summers and when in poor health.

Emma Kidd Cowper (1856-1931), Frederick C. Cowper's wife, was born in Nova Scotia, but grew up in the Boston, MA, area. Her father died during the Civil War forcing Emma and her siblings to support themselves. Emma, though she had a beautiful singing voice, left her music studies to care for her mother and then graduated from the nursing school at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Boston. She and Frederick married in 1882.

Frederick C. Cowper and Emma Kidd Cowper had seven children: Frederick A.G. Cowper, Agnes Cowper Schuchman, Francis Cowper, Henry Cowper, Edith Cowper Watkins, Mary Cowper, and Robert Cowper.

Frederick A.G. Cowper (1883-1978), received a PhD from the University of Chicago in 1920 and was a professor in the Department of Romance Languages at Duke University, specializing in old French. The Duke University Archives holds his academic papers and genealogical research. He married Mary Thompson, a suffragette and founder of a successful day care nursery in Durham, NC. Her papers are preserved in the manuscript department of the Duke University Library. They had no children.

Agnes Cowper Schuchman (1884-1973), born at Northfield, VT, graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in New York, NY, in 1911. For the next eight years, she worked in various medical settings both on hospital wards and in the homes of families. She had several suitors with whom she corresponded frequently. In 1919, she married Pennsylvania businessman and manufacturer, Walter Schuchman (1884-1961). They had two children, Winifred and Dorothy.

Frances Cowper (1886-1968) also graduated from nursing school, perhaps from the school at Exeter Hospital in Exeter, NH. In 1918, she began to exhibit signs of mental illness and was hospitalized at the New Hampshire State Hospital until her death in 1968.

Henry Cowper (1887-1932) graduated from Dartmouth College and became an engineer. He served in World War I and then returned to help his father run a farm in New Hampshire. He was diagnosed with tuberculosis, from which he died in 1932. He did not marry nor have children.

Edith Cowper Watkins (1889-1956) married Roy Watkins, a Pennsylvania businessman. He initiated a separation from her because of her erratic behavior and she was institutionalized at the New Hampshire State Hospital from 1929 until her death in 1956. She had no children.

Mary Cowper (1891-1895) died of diphtheria.

Robert Cowper (1893-1919) graduated from Holderness School and then attended Harvard. He dropped out during his sophomore year to marry Charlotte Moore. They moved to the Midwest (Chicago and Detroit), where he attempted to succeed in business, but was soon in financial difficulties. He died by suicide in 1919, leaving his wife and three children (Robert, born 1913;

Theodore, born 1915; and Elizabeth, born 1917). Nothing is known about the lives of his wife and children after his death.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Cowper Family Papers consist entirely of letters, ephemera, and photographs of the Cowper family between 1827 and 2007.

Reverend Frederick C. Cowper (1851-1929), an Episcopal priest, and his wife Emma (1856-1931) served several New Hampshire congregations. His writings, poems, and ephemera reflect his religious convictions. Letters to and from his wife discuss local news and activities. There are letters from all six of their surviving children, but most are from the oldest sister, Agnes Cowper Schuchman (1884-1973). The letters offer advice, report local news, discuss finances and plans, and worry about the care of mentally ill family members (two sisters lived their entire adult lives in the New Hampshire State Hospital). Agnes was a 1911 graduate of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in New York City and her correspondence from then until her 1919 marriage to Walter Schuchman (1884-1961) contains letters from several suitors and reflects her life as a young single woman and nurse in and around the city. She was also an aspiring writer and many of her short story drafts and articles, written circa 1930s and 1940s, contain much autobiographical material. Most appear to have been submitted for publication and some have accompanying letters from editors.

Also included in the collection is correspondence from Henry Cowper (1887-1932) as he served in World War I; from Professor Frederick A.G. Cowper (1883-1978) describing Duke University and his academic and social life in Durham, NC; and from neighbors and friends caring for the elderly and widowed Emma before her death in 1931. The correspondence documents the joys and sorrows of a large family.

Ephemera in the papers consist mostly of religious items, greeting cards, and many postcards collected by one of the institutionalized sisters.

Photographs are of family members and a few New Hampshire locations in which Reverend Frederick Cowper served. The Cowper family were particularly attached to a farm they owned and worked in Carroll County, and there are many images of a simple farmhouse, barn, and agricultural activities.

Not present are records of or information about specific churches served by Reverend Frederick C. Cowper, though St. Andrew's-in-the-Valley in Tamworth, NH, at which he volunteered after retirement, is mentioned more than any others.

Arrangement:

The Cowper Family Papers have been arranged in three series:

Series 1. Cowper family papers, 1827-1979

Series 2. Ephemera, 1901-2007, undated

Series 3. Photographs, 1891-1977, undated

Contents List

Series 1. Cowper family papers, 1827-1979

Extent: 163 folders

Scope and Content: This series contains biographical and genealogical material, as well as family correspondence, diaries, financial papers, ephemera, and writings. The genealogical information contains typed transcripts and photocopies of documents from the 1800s as well as letters and documents from those tracking the family history. It was probably compiled by Frederick A. G. Cowper. Some of his correspondence in Box 4 is with English relatives about family history, and his memoirs in Box 4 also contain information about the families and the early years of Frederick C. and Emma.

Family papers have been organized by individual in alphabetical order, then by genre (letters, ephemera, writings), then chronologically. Letters are filed chronologically by author of the item, so a letter from one sibling to another is filed under the name of whoever wrote the letter. Ephemera here relates specifically to the individual with whom it is filed. Thus, St. Luke's School of Nursing items are with materials in Agnes Cowper Schuchman's section because she was a graduate of the program and the items were addressed to her. Similarly, several individuals have folders called "writings" for either published or unpublished matter. In the case of Agnes Cowper Schuchman, letters from editors about stories she had submitted are with the story in question. Frederick A.G. Cowper's ephemera includes some items regarding Duke University; Henry Cowper's ephemera includes some World War I clippings; Agnes Cowper Schuchman's letters from 1932 include many regarding her bother Henry's illness and death, and her expense book contains a brief undated diary entry; and Edith Cowper's ephemera contains a clipping on her divorce.

Box 1

Folder 1	Biographical information: Cowper children, 1886-1979, undated
Folder 2	Biographical information: The Reverend Frederick C. Cowper and his wife, Emma Kidd Cowper, 1911-1977, undated
Folder 3	Genealogical and family history information, 1830-1971, undated
Folder 4	Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, outgoing, 1904-1911
Folder 5	Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, incoming, 1891, 1914-1923
Folder 6	Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, outgoing, 1912, 1918
Folder 7	Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, outgoing, 1919
Folder 8	Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, outgoing, 1920-1923
Folder 9	Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, incoming, 1925-1927
Folder 10	Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, outgoing, 1924-1927
Folder 11	Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, incoming, 1928-1929
Folder 12	Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, outgoing, 1928
Folder 13	Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, outgoing, 1929 January-May
Folder 14	Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, outgoing, 1929 August-December
Folder 15	Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, incoming, 1930
Folder 16	Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, outgoing, 1930 January-May
Folder 17	Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, outgoing, 1930 June-December

Box 2

- Folder 1 Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, incoming, 1931
- Folder 2 Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, outgoing, 1931
- Folder 3 Cowper, Emma Kidd letters, incoming, undated
- Folder 4 Cowper, Emma Kidd ephemera, address books, 1930, undated
- Folder 5 Cowper, Emma Kidd ephemera, assorted, 1912-1931, undated
- Folder 6 Cowper, Emma Kidd ephemera, printed matter. *Kebbs Christian Year*, 1827 edition, given her by Frederick Cowper, 1879
- Folder 7 Cowper, Emma Kidd writings, diaries, 1917-1919
- Folder 8 Cowper, Emma Kidd writings, diary, 1921-1925
- Folder 9 Cowper, Emma Kidd notes, empty envelopes, fragments, 1926-1931, undated
- Folder 10 Cowper, Frances letters, incoming, 1916-1918, undated
- Folder 11 Cowper, Frances letters, outgoing, 1918-1920, undated
- Folder 12 Cowper, Frances ephemera: Exeter Hospital Nurses Alumnae directory, 1917
- Folder 13 Cowper, Frances notes, fragments, undated
- Folder 14 Cowper, Frederick A.G. letters, outgoing, 1905-1911

Box 3

- Folder 1 Cowper, Frederick A.G. letters, outgoing, 1918-1919
- Folder 2 Cowper, Frederick A.G. letters, outgoing, 1920-1927
- Folder 3 Cowper, Frederick A.G. letters, outgoing, 1929-1930
- Folder 4 Cowper, Frederick A.G. letters, outgoing, 1931 January-June
- Folder 5 Cowper, Frederick A.G. letters, outgoing, 1931 July-August
- Folder 6 Cowper, Frederick A.G. letters, outgoing, 1931 September-December
- Folder 7 Cowper, Frederick A.G. letters, outgoing, 1932-1933
- Folder 8 Cowper, Frederick A.G. letters, outgoing, 1942-1945, 1961-1969
- Folder 9 Cowper, Frederick A.G. letters, outgoing, 1968, 1970-1973
- Folder 10 Cowper, Frederick A.G. ephemera, 1909-1929, undated
- Folder 11 Cowper, Frederick A.G. writings: memoirs and family history, 1972
- Folder 12 Cowper, Frederick A.G. fragments, undated
- Folder 13 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, incoming, 1897-1909
- Folder 14 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, incoming, 1910-1918
- Folder 15 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, outgoing, 1910, 1913-1914
- Folder 16 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, outgoing, 1918
- Folder 17 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, outgoing, 1919
- Folder 18 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, outgoing, 1920-1921
- Folder 19 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, incoming, 1922-1926
- Folder 20 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, outgoing, 1922 January-March
- Folder 21 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, outgoing, 1922 April-December

Box 4

- Folder 1 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, outgoing, 1923 January-April
- Folder 2 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, outgoing, 1923 May-December
- Folder 3 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, outgoing, 1924-1925
- Folder 4 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, outgoing, 1926
- Folder 5 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, incoming, 1927-1929

- Folder 6 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, outgoing, 1927
- Folder 7 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, outgoing, 1928-1929
- Folder 8 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, incoming, undated
- Folder 9 Cowper, Frederick C. letters, outgoing, undated
- Folder 10 Cowper, Frederick C. ephemera: address books, 1906, undated
- Folder 11 Cowper, Frederick C. ephemera: Phillips Exeter Academy, 1878, 1919
- Folder 12 Cowper, Frederick C. ephemera: miscellaneous, 1894-1914, undated
- Folder 13 Cowper, Frederick C. writings: diary, memo book, 1916, undated
- Folders 14-17 Cowper, Frederick C. writings: poetry manuscripts, 1883-1912, undated
- Folder 18 Cowper, Frederick C. writings: poetry printed, 1901-1910, undated
- Folder 19 Cowper, Frederick C. writings: prose, "The Descent of Christ into Hell," printed in *The Protestant Episcopal Review*, 1895

Box 5

- Folder 1 Cowper, Frederick C. writings: prose, "Parson Gregory: A Tale of the Hard Coal Region," undated
- Folder 2 Cowper, Frederick C. writings: prose, "The Horse Hospital," undated
- Folder 3 Cowper, Frederick C. writings: prose, "Middlemarch" and "The Repudiation of George Eliot's Altruism," undated
- Folder 4 Cowper, Frederick C. writings: prose, "Tick, Tuck," undated
- Folder 5 Cowper, Frederick C. writings: prose, various, 1895-1900, undated
- Folder 6 Cowper, Frederick C. writings: translations, "The Exposition of the Lord's Prayer by Fra Girolomo Savonarole of Ferrara, translated from the Latin," undated
- Folder 7 Cowper, Frederick C. writings: notes, undated
- Folder 8 Cowper, Henry letters, outgoing, 1912, 1917-1919
- Folder 9 Cowper, Henry letters, incoming, 1929
- Folder 10 Cowper, Henry ephemera, 1919-1929
- Folder 11 Cowper, Robert letters, outgoing, 1907-1912
- Folder 12 Cowper, Robert letters, outgoing, from Charlotte Moore Cowper, (Mrs. Robert), 1914, 1919, undated
- Folder 13 Cowper, Robert letters, outgoing, 1919
- Folder 14 Cowper, Robert letters, outgoing photocopies, 1911, 1919
- Folder 15 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1909-1910
- Folder 16 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1911
- Folder 17 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, outgoing, 1895, 1908-1911
- Folder 18 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1912 January-March

Box 6

- Folder 1 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1912 April-May, July
- Folder 2 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1912 August
- Folder 3 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1912 September 1-15
- Folder 4 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1912 September 16-30
- Folder 5 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, outgoing, 1912 April and July
- Folder 6 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1913-1914
- Folder 7 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1916
- Folder 8 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1917 January-July

- Folder 9 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1917 August-September
- Folder 10 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1917 October
- Folder 11 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1917 November

Box 7

- Folder 1 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1917 December
- Folder 2 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1918 January
- Folder 3 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1918 February
- Folder 4 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1918 March-April
- Folder 5 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1918 May-June
- Folder 6 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1918 July-September
- Folder 7 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1918 October
- Folder 8 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1918 November-December
- Folder 9 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, outgoing, 1918
- Folder 10 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1919 January-February
- Folder 11 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1919 March-December
- Folder 12 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, outgoing, 1919
- Folder 13 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1920
- Folder 14 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1921-1928
- Folder 15 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, outgoing, 1923-1926
- Folder 16 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, outgoing, 1927-1928

Box 8

- Folder 1 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1929
- Folder 2 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1930-1931
- Folder 3 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, outgoing, 1930-1931
- Folder 4 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1932
- Folder 5 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1933
- Folder 6 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, outgoing, 1933
- Folder 7 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, outgoing, 1939, 1943-1946
- Folder 8 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, 1948, 1951, 1956-1957
- Folder 9 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, outgoing, 1963, 1968
- Folder 10 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, incoming, undated
- Folder 11 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper letters, outgoing, undated
- Folder 12 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper empty envelopes, fragments, notes
- Folder 13 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper ephemera: address book, 1911
- Folder 14 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper ephemera: Nursing, assorted, 1912-1933, undated
- Folder 15 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper ephemera: St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, 1911, 1919
- Folder 16 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper ephemera: St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association annual reports, by-laws etc., 1909-1919

Box 9

- Folder 1 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper ephemera: St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association Bulletins, 1918-1932, 1963-1964
- Folder 2 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper ephemera: various, 1921-1958, undated

- Folder 3 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper legal documents: marriage, birth of children, RN certificate, will, 1911-1922
- Folder 4 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper household account book, 1919-1923
- Folder 5 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: autobiographical, undated
- Folder 6 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: nursing school class notes, exams, circa 1907-1911
- Folder 7 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: writing class assignments and notes, undated, 1931-1941, undated
- Folder 8 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: diaries, memo books, 1910, 1920, undated
- Folder 9 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: diary, 1913-1915
- Folder 10 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: diary, 1917, 1919, undated

Box 10

- Folder 1 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: diary, 1928
- Folder 2 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: diary, 1932, 1938
- Folder 3 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: diary, [1952]
- Folder 4 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: A, undated
 - A Run For Your Money
 - A Short Tale
 - A Trip Care of Cook
 - As Ye Measure
- Folder 5 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: B, 1933-1934
 - Bag #14
- Folder 6 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: B-C, 1936, undated
 - Black God
 - But She Did
 - By Night
 - Choose, Jane
- Folder 7 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: C-D, undated
 - Come, All Ye Faithful
 - Crystal Brook
 - Delah, Liny and Lord
 - Diamond Bid
- Folder 8 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: D, 1935, undated
 - Diamond Kiss
 - Dilemma
 - Dinah Doll
 - Disposition
 - Double Fare
- Folder 9 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: E-J, 1937-1940, undated
 - Eaves Dropper
 - Four – And Pivot
 - Fuller Brushes
 - Gentle Osteopath
 - Gingham & Calico
 - Jane, No Nonsense

- Folder 10 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: J-M, 1933-1938, undated
 Jes a Devose
 Key to Life
 Major Mitchell
 Meaning
 Men Are Funny Too
- Folder 11 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: M-S, 1934-1940, undated
 Mist
 Moonlight on a Dune
 Nursing Incident
 Pitfalls in Writing
 Retribution
 Sinner
 So Dead in Winter
- Folder 12 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: S-T, undated
 Sea
 Soft
 Sophisticated [written by Agnes Schuchman's daughter, Winifred]
 They Are Good People
 To Save a Soul
- Folder 13 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: T-Z, 1937, undated
 Train Trip
 Voluptuous
 War and Marriage
 What Is Man
 What Is Wrong
 Wondrous Wise
 Yellow
 12 Months – 12 Years
 Untitled (2)

Box 11

- Folders 1-2 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper writings: fragments, notes, undated
- Folder 3 Watkins, Edith Cowper letters, outgoing, 1926-1929
- Folder 4 Watkins, Edith Cowper letters, outgoing, 1930
- Folder 5 Watkins, Edith Cowper letters, outgoing, 1931-1933, 1953, 1955
- Folder 6 Watkins, Edith Cowper letters, outgoing, undated
- Folder 7 Watkins, Edith Cowper legal documents, estate settlement, 1954-1957
- Folder 8 Watkins, Edith Cowper ephemera, 1925, 1929, undated

Series 2. Ephemera, 1901-2007, undated

Extent: 20 folders

Scope and Content: This series contains ephemera that could not be assigned to any family member and is arranged alphabetically by genre and general subject matter. The types of ephemera in this series includes letterhead, trade cards, pamphlets, calendars, holiday and assorted greeting cards, invitations, programs, and a variety of clippings. Other materials include

souvenir pamphlets for Fairlee, VT, and the Lake and Forest Club of Pike, NH. Also included are postcards collected by Frances Cowper; many addressed to her. Some have short notes from friends and relatives. Many were found loose, others were in a moldy and disintegrating album from which they were removed. The postcards consist of approximately 85 New Hampshire subjects, and approximately 225 of other locations in the United States and worldwide, as well as subject postcards such as holiday images, paintings, and pictures of animals. The postcards are not sorted.

Box 11

- Folder 9 Advertisements, 1913-1927, undated
- Folder 10 Brochures and pamphlets, 1914-1931, undated
- Folder 11 Calendars, timetables, 1910-1932
- Folder 12 Churches and religion, NH, 1904-1932
- Folder 13 Churches, NH, St. Andrew's-in-the-Valley, 1923-1974, 1996, 2007
- Folder 14 Clippings, advice, humor, poetry, 1920, undated
- Folder 15 Clippings, Cowper surname, undated
- Folder 16 Clippings, New Hampshire subjects, 1972, undated
- Folder 17 Clippings, patterns and recipes, undated

Box 12

- Folder 1 Clippings, scrapbook, undated
- Folder 2 Clippings, various, not New Hampshire, 1919-1949, undated
- Folder 3 Greeting cards, Christmas, New Year, 1918-1928, undated
- Folder 4 Greeting cards, Easter, 1927, undated
- Folder 5 Greeting cards, various, 1931, undated
- Folder 6 Invitations and programs, 1901-1917
- Folder 7 Pamphlets, souvenir, 1904, 1962, undated
- Folder 8 Postcards: New Hampshire, 1905-1928, undated
- Folders 9-11 Postcards: not New Hampshire, 1904-1912, undated

Series 3. Photographs, 1891-1978, undated

Extent: 18 folders

Scope and Content: Series three contains photograph albums and photographs of the Cowper family, churches, their farm, and various New Hampshire locations. Photographs are arranged first by named persons in alphabetical order, then by place or subject. As many of the albums are untitled, a brief description of the contents is listed below the folder name below.

Box 13

- Folder 1 Album #1, 1910-1916
 Some identifications of family members and places.
- Folder 2 Album #2, undated, circa 1900-1920
 No identifications, but some images are of Agnes Cowper Schuchman.
- Folder 3 Album #3, "Emma K. Cowper Kodack Photos," undated
 No identifications.
- Folder 4 Album #4, undated
 No identifications.
- Folder 5 Album #5, undated
 No identifications.

- Folder 6 Cowper daughters, 1891, circa 1902
- Folder 7 Cowper, Frances, 1886-1902, undated
Images range from infancy to young adulthood.
- Folder 8 Cowper, Frederick A.G., 1906-1909, undated
Images range from infancy to young adulthood.
- Folder 9 Cowper, Frederick C. and Emma Kidd, 1891-1928, undated
Images from young to older adulthood.
- Folder 10 Cowper, Henry, 1891-1900, undated
Images from early childhood to WWI in uniform.

Box 15

- Folder 1 Cowper, Robert, undated
Images from young adult years and images of his three young children.
- Folder 2 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper and Walter, 1913-1919, undated
Her young adult years and their wedding photo.
- Folder 3 Schuchman, Agnes Cowper, 1908-1910, undated
Images related to her nursing career. Scenes of hospital wards, groups of uniformed nurses, Agnes in uniform, Agnes with patients. All probably circa 1911-1919
- Folder 4 Watkins, Edith Cowper, 1904-1911, undated
Images as a young adult.
- Folder 5 Relatives and extended family, 1885, 1916, undated
A few identified and dated.
- Folder 6 Churches: St. Andrew's-in-the-Valley, circa 1920s-1977
- Folder 7 Churches, New Hampshire, 1920, undated
- Folder 8 "The Farm." Also called Ridgemont Farm. New Hampshire. Unidentified groups of people engaged in agricultural activities; buildings, undated
- Folder 9 New Hampshire places, 1920-1978, undated
Most identified, none dated. Two slides of "Old Wolfeboro."

Separated materials:

Due to their size, the following materials were moved to Drawer 66:

- Stencil: Rev. F.C. Cowper Ridgemont Farm, 18" x 7", undated
- Diploma, Emma A. Kidd, New England Hospital for Women and Children, Boston, MA, 14" x 17", 1882
- Diploma, Frederick C. Cowper, Episcopal Theological Seminary BA, 13" x 18", 1881 [in Latin]
- Japanese Language document and accompanying translation saying it is a report to an Overlord who has issued an edict against Christians in Japan. Dated by year of a Japanese era, 10" x 18", possibly 1860's
- Agnes Cowper's appointment as honorary delegate to the Atlantic Congress for a League of Nations, 9" x 14", 1919

Photographs (cabinet cards) of individual members of Phillips Exeter Academy class of 1878 were given to the Academy.

Subject Terms

People:

Cowper family
Cowper, Emma Kidd, 1856-1931
Cowper, Frances, 1886-1968
Cowper, Frederick A.G., 1883-1978
Cowper, Frederick C., 1851-1929
Cowper, Henry, 1887-1932
Cowper, Robert, 1893-1919
Schuchman, Agnes Cowper, 1884-1973
Watkins, Edith Cowper, 1889-1956

Organizations:

Duke University
New Hampshire State Hospital
Phillips Exeter Academy
St. Andrew's-in-the-Valley (Tamworth, N.H.)
St. Luke's Hospital (New York, N.Y.). School of Nursing
United States. Army

Subjects:

Account books
Church
Correspondence
Diaries
Education
Ephemera
Episcopalians
Mental illness
Military hospital
Nursing
Nursing--History
Photographs
Poetry
Postcards
Religion
World War, 1914-1918

Locations:

Concord, NH
Durham, NC
Munhall, PA
New York, NY
Sanbornville, NH
Tamworth, NH
Wolfeboro, NH

Occupations:

Authors

Clergy
College teachers
Nurses

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