
INVENTORY OF THE HERBERT FOWLER PAPERS, 1898

MC200

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Herbert Fowler Papers,

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Abstract: The Herbert Fowler Papers contain twenty-one letters written in 1898 during the time of the Spanish American War. Herbert Fowler wrote fifteen of the letters, the majority of them are to his mother, Francis Carr Fowler. Written from April 30, 1898 to August 11, 1898, they detail the movements of his Company from camps in Springfield, Illinois to Chickamauga, Georgia to Picnic Island in Tampa, Florida and eventually to action in the trenches at Santiago. In the letters he describes the living conditions of the soldiers, the sickness that spread through the camps, his daily schedule, training exercises, the landscape, and the weather.

Physical location: Researchers should contact Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.

Language: English

Access

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Biographical Narrative

Herbert George Fowler was born on April 3, 1873 in Chicago, Illinois to Charles and Francis Carr Fowler. On April 26, 1898 he was enrolled as a Corporal of Company L of the First Regiment of the Illinois Infantry Volunteers to serve two years or the duration of the war. As part of the First Regiment he traveled from Springfield, Illinois to Chickamauga, Georgia to Picnic Island in Tampa, Florida, and eventually to action in the trenches at Santiago. He was discharged from service on November 17, 1898.

After the war, he became a salesman for Sears, Roebuck & Company in Chicago and in 1908 he married Alice Johnson. They had four children: Herbert George Fowler, Jr., Gordon Francis Fowler, Florence May Fowler, and Charles E. Bradley.

Herbert Fowler passed away on July 14, 1960 in Coral Gables, Florida.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Also included are three letters written by and to other Fowler family members. An additional three letters are written by Joseph J. Rockwell, who also served in Company L, to May Fowler.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Fowler, Herbert George, 1873-1960

Spanish-American War, 1898

Santiago, Battle of, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, 1898

Soldiers--Illinois--Correspondence

Series 1 **Correspondence, 1898**

Physical Description:

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Scope and Content Note

Arranged into three subseries: Outgoing, Third Party, and Envelopes.

Subseries 1.1 **Outgoing, April 30, 1898-August 11, 1898**

Physical Description:

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Scope and Content Note

Arranged chronologically.

Box MC74:1 **Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], April 30, 1898**

Physical Description:

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Box MC74:2 **Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], May 11, 1898**

Physical Description:

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Box MC74:3 **Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], May 21, 1898**

Physical Description:

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Box MC74:4 **Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], May 29, 1898**

Physical Description:

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Box MC74:5 **Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], June 1, 1898**

Physical Description:

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Box MC74:6 **Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], June 2, 1898**

Physical Description:

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Box MC74:7 **Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], June 6, 1898**

Physical Description:

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| Box MC74:8 | May [Fowler], June 19, [1898]
Physical Description:
Note |
| Box MC74:9 | Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], June 22, 1898
Physical Description:
Note |
| Box MC74:10 | Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], July 10, 1898
Physical Description:
Note |
| Box MC74:11 | Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], July 15, 1898
Physical Description:
Note |
| Box MC74:12 | Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], July 29, 1898
Physical Description:
Note |
| Box MC74:13 | Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], August 11, 1898
Physical Description:
Note |
| Box MC74:14 | May [Fowler], August 11, 1898
Physical Description:
Note |
| Box MC74:15 | Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], n.d.
Physical Description:
Note |

Subseries 1.2 **Third Party, May 30, 1898-August 22, 1898**

Physical Description:

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Scope and Content Note

Letters that are to or between individuals other than Herbert Fowler. Arranged alphabetically by author and then chronologically.

- Box MC74:16 **Fowler, Charles C. to Francis [Carr Fowler], July 1, 1898**
- Physical Description:
- Note
- Box MC74:17 **[Fowler, Mary] to Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], August 18, 1898**
- Physical Description:
- Note
- Box MC74:18 **Fowler, Susie to Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], [August 22, 1898]**
- Physical Description:
- Note
- Box MC74:19 **Rockwell, Joseph J. to [Fowler], May May 30, 1898**
- Physical Description:
- Note
- Box MC74:20 **Rockwell, Joseph J. to [Fowler], May June 22, 1898**
- Physical Description:
- Note
- Box MC74:21 **Rockwell, Joseph J. to [Fowler], May August 16, 1898**
- Physical Description:
- Note
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Subseries 1.3 **Envelopes, n.d.**

Physical Description:

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- Box MC74:22 **Envelope fragments, n.d.**
- Physical Description:
- Note