

# Guide to the Charles Frederick Tucker Brooke Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1265

**CREATOR:** Brooke, Tucker, 1883-1946

**TITLE:** Charles Frederick Tucker Brooke papers

**DATES:** 1889-1943

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2 linear feet (8 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, writings, note cards, and printed material documenting the professional life of Charles Frederick Tucker Brooke, a literary scholar and professor of English at Yale University, 1909-1943. Joseph Quincy Adams, John Bakeless, and John LeGay Brereton are primary correspondents.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by the Brooke estate in 1947.

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Estate of C. F. Tucker Brooke, 1947.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Charles Frederick Tucker Brooke was born on June 4, 1883, in Morgantown, West Virginia. He died in New Haven, Connecticut, on June 26, 1946. Brooke was an author, literary scholar, and educator, teaching in Yale University's English Department from 1909-1946. Brooke studied at West Virginia University (A.B. 1901, A.M. 1902), the University of Chicago (1903-1904), and at Oxford University (B.A. 1906, B.Litt. 1907) as a Rhodes Scholar. He published works on English literature and drama, including studies of Marlowe, Shakespeare, and Gager. He married Grace Elizabeth Drakeford in 1909.

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## Scope and Contents

This is a collection of correspondence, writings, notes, note cards, and printed material, documenting the professional life of C.F. Tucker Brooke, a literary scholar and professor of English at Yale University, 1909-1943.

The papers are largely Brooke's research materials for publications and courses. There are extensive materials on the plays and poems of Christopher Marlowe (1564-1593) and William Gager (active 1580-1619), including correspondence with colleagues, students, libraries, and repositories; manuscripts, typescripts, galley proofs, and reprints; annotated texts; and notes on texts, sources, criticisms, and revivals. There are also letters, writings, notes, note cards, examinations, postcards, and clippings concerning drama and other aspects of English literature, and the history of the English language. Only a small amount of material reflects Brooke's lifelong interest in Shakespeare.

The primary correspondents are Joseph Quincy Adams, John Bakeless, and John Le Gay Brereton. There are also letters and a manuscript by Christopher Morley, and letters concerning Brooke's service on the Modern Language Association's Committee on the Variorum Shakespeare and on the American Philosophical Association's Committee on Membership.

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## Arrangement

The materials are arranged in two series: I. Correspondence, 1908-1946. II. Research Files, 1889-(1908-1943)

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The papers are arranged in two series:

Series I, Correspondence, contains letters dating back to 1908, when Brooke was at Oxford but looking for a teaching position in America. Most of the letters concern Brooke's research on Marlowe and later on Gager; many are from 1915, when he sent out form letters (see sample under Boston Public Library) seeking early Marlowe editions. Some letters enclose notes on Marlowe by Brooke and others.

Series II, Research Files, consists of miscellaneous, often fragmentary materials. There are notes and course materials on the English language, from the first half of Brooke's tenure at Yale; notes on Marlowe, ca.1908-1922, with printed matter; notes on Gager, from the 1930's and small amounts of other literary notes, writings of others, and lists and clippings pertaining to Brooke's career.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1908-1946

*0.5 linear feet (1 box)*

This series is arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Ad-Ay |
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| b. 1, f. 3 | Brer-Ca |
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| b. 1, f. 4 | Ch-F |
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| b. 1, f. 5 | G-K |
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| b. 1, f. 6 | L-N |
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| b. 1, f. 8 | Sa-Sm |
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| b. 1, f. 9 | Sp-Y |
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**Series II: Research Files, 1889-(1908-1943)***1.5 linear feet (5 boxes)*

This series is arranged topically and by type of material, with note cards grouped at the end. Materials on the English language are arranged roughly in accordance with the course syllabus; materials on Marlowe, and the separate Marlowe note cards, are arranged alphabetically by title of his work.

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| b. 1, f. 10-11 | English language                                   |
| b. 2, f. 12-14 | English language                                   |
|                | English literature                                 |
| b. 2, f. 15    | Drama  |
| b. 2, f. 15    | Chaucer  |
| b. 2, f. 16-20 | Gager  |
| b. 3, f. 21-23 | Marlowe  |
| b. 4, f. 29    | Shakespeare  |
| b. 4, f. 29    | Miscellaneous                                      |
| b. 4, f. 30    | Writings of others                                 |
| b. 4, f. 31    | Lists of Brooke's publications, reviews, clippings |
|                | Note cards   |
|                | Marlowe  |
| b. 5, f. 31    | C-M  |
| b. 6, f. 31    | O-T  |
| b. 6, f. 31    | English literature; miscellaneous                  |
| b. 6, f. 31    | English language                                   |

## **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.

### **Subjects**

Educators  
English language -- History  
English literature -- Early modern, 1500-1700  
Literature -- History and criticism

### **Names**

Adams, Joseph Quincy, 1881-1946  
Bakeless, John, 1894-1978  
Brereton, John LeGay, 1872-1933  
Brooke, Tucker, 1883-1946  
Gager, William, active 1580-1619  
Marlowe, Christopher, 1564-1593  
Morley, Christopher, 1890-1957

### **Corporate Bodies**

American Philosophical Association  
Modern Language Association of America  
Yale University. Department of English  
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