

Guide to Fulton-Wheatland Family Correspondence

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: Ms Coll 38

CREATOR: Fulton, Lucia Pickering, 1899-1989

TITLE: Fulton-Wheatland Family Correspondence

DATES: 1921-1930

BULK DATES: 1923-1925

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Lucia Pickering Wheatland married John Fulton, who was in Oxford on a Rhodes fellowship, in 1923. The collection contains correspondence from Lucia and John Fulton in Oxford to Lucia's parents, Richard and Mary Wheatland, in Massachusetts. John Fulton was named professor of physiology at Yale in 1929.

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Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/med.ms.0038>.

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

- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Elizabeth Davey from the estate of Lycurgus M. Davey, M.D., 2009.

Custodial History

Lycurgus Davey, a neurosurgeon and member of the Yale Medical faculty, was a graduate of Yale College (1939) and Yale School of Medicine (1943). These letters were probably lent by Lucia Fulton to Dr. Davey who wrote historical articles on Fulton.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Yale owns copyright for John F. Fulton correspondence but not for Lucia Fulton or others represented in this collection.

Preferred Citation

Fulton-Wheatland Family Correspondence, Historical Library, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library, Yale University

Processing Information

Most of the correspondence was found in envelopes from which one could determine the year and what other letters or clippings were enclosed.

Associated Materials

John Farquhar Fulton papers, MS 1238, Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library; John Farquhar Fulton papers in the Medical Historical Library, Ms Coll 2, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library.

Biographical / Historical

Lucia Wheatland was born on June 26, 1899, in Salem, Massachusetts, the daughter of Richard and Mary Robinson Wheatland. She grew up at her parents' country home in Topsfield, near Salem, and attended Milton Academy. Through her brother Stephen Wheatland who attended Harvard College, she met John F. Fulton. Fulton, who graduated from Harvard College in 1921, received a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford. Lucia Wheatland married John Fulton in Oxford on September 29, 1923. As a Rhodes Fellow, John Fulton spent two years at Magdalen College, Oxford, and then a further two years at Oxford as a Christopher Welch Scholar and demonstrator in physiology. He worked under the neurophysiologist, Charles Sherrington. The Fultons lived around the corner from Lady Grace Revere Osler, widow of Sir William Osler, who lived at 13 Norham Gardens. Lady Osler offered her hospitality, mentored Lucia Fulton in household management and entertaining, and made Osler's book collection freely available to John Fulton. Fulton received a B.A. from Oxford in 1923, and an M.A. and D. Phil. in 1925. In the summer of 1925, the Fultons returned to Boston where John Fulton received his M.D. at Harvard Medical School in 1927. In 1927-1928 Fulton worked under Harvey Cushing as an associate neurological fellow at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. The Fultons returned to Oxford in 1928, where John Fulton was a fellow at Magdalen College. Fulton was appointed professor of physiology at Yale in 1929.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of frequent handwritten letters from Lucia and/or John Fulton in Oxford (or while traveling) to Lucia's parents at Topsfield, Massachusetts. Most of letters were written by Lucia to her mother, Mary Robinson Wheatland (Mrs. Richard Wheatland), but some were addressed to her father or to both parents. Some letters were written by John Fulton to the Wheatlands. The first group of letters date from just before the Fultons' marriage in 1923 to the Fultons' return to the United States in the summer of 1925. A second group of letters dates from the Fultons' second stay in Oxford in 1928-1929. Letters discuss social life in Oxford, management of the household and household purchases, family news, and travels. Some letters relate to John Fulton's work with Sherrington and his interests in book collecting and history of medicine. There are also several letters in the collection from Lucia

Fulton to her brother David P. Wheatland in Bangor, Maine, and from Lady Grace Revere Osler to Mrs. Wheatland. The few snapshot photographs enclosed in letters in this collection are of houses or travel scenery.

Arrangement

Organized in two series: 1. Lucia and John Fulton letters to the Wheatland family. 2. Other correspondence and miscellany.

Collection Contents

Series I: Lucia and John Fulton letters to the Wheatland family

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Lucia Wheatland, Boston, to John Fulton, traveling in Europe | 1922 April 22 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Admission card for Mrs. Wheatland to the Ladies Gallery of the Rhodes Trustees' Dinner On reverse, comments presumably by Mrs. Wheatland, on the speeches. | 1923 June 16 |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1923 September |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1923 October |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands One letter from Lucia Fulton is addressed to "Grandma." | 1923 November- December |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1924 January |
| b. 1, f. 7 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands Includes a letter from Ethel Sherrington, wife of Charles Sherrington, to Mrs. Wheatland. | 1924 February |
| b. 1, f. 8 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1924 March |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1924 April |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1924 May |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands Includes a letter from Edith Fulton, John Fulton's mother, to Mrs. Wheatland. | 1924 June |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1924 July |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1924 August |
| b. 1, f. 14 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1924 September |
| b. 1, f. 15 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands Includes a letter from Joan Liddell to Lucia Fulton. | 1924 October |
| b. 1, f. 16 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands Includes a letter from Martha Wheatland (Lucia's younger sister who was staying with the Fultons) to [Lucia Fulton]. | 1924 November |
| b. 1, f. 17 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1924 December |
| b. 2, f. 18 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1925 January |
| b. 2, f. 19 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1925 February |
| b. 2, f. 20 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands One letter includes a snapshot of a home for rent. | 1925 March |
| b. 2, f. 21 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands Includes a letter from Charoline[?] E. Williams to Lucia Fulton. | 1925 April |

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| b. 2, f. 22 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands Includes an invitation to the opening, the program, and a description of the Lewis Evans Collection of Scientific Instruments installed in the Ashmolean Museum. | 1925 May |
| b. 2, f. 23 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1925 June |
| b. 2, f. 24 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1925 July |
| b. 2, f. 25 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1928 June |
| b. 2, f. 26 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands | 1928 July |
| b. 2, f. 27 | Lucia and John Fulton to the Wheatlands The Wheatlands had been previously visiting the Fultons. Includes letters from Joan Liddell from S & M(?) to Lucia Fulton, and from Margaret A. Revere to Mrs. Wheatland. | 1928 November- December |
| b. 2, f. 28 | Lucia Fulton to her mother Mentions forthcoming move to New Haven. | 1929 January 7 |
| b. 2, f. 29 | Lucia Fulton to David P. Wheatland, Bangor, Maine David P. Wheatland was Lucia Fulton's brother. One letter discussed John Fulton's laboratory equipment and includes an annotated recording by Fulton of muscle movement. | 1924-1925 |

Other correspondence and miscellany

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| b. 2, f. 30 | Eleanore Jane Fulton, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to John Fulton A distant relation responding to John Fulton's interest in the history of the Fulton family. | 1921 May 4 |
| b. 2, f. 31 | Grace Revere Osler to Mrs. (Mary) Wheatland | 1923-1925 |
| b. 2, f. 32 | Joan Liddell to Mrs. (Mary) Wheatland | 1928 January 10 |
| b. 2, f. 33 | Miscellany found with the collection Clipped short poems, refrain from a Jacobite song, and holiday card from the Fulton's New Haven home. | n.d. |

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

Book collectors
Medical historians
Medicine -- History
Neurophysiology
Physiology

Geographic Names

Oxford (England) -- Social life and customs -- 20th
Century

Genres / Formats

Photographs
Postcards

Occupations

Neurophysiologists
Physiologists

Names

Osler, Grace Revere Gross, Lady
Sherrington, Charles Scott, Sir, 1857-1952
Wheatland, David P.
Wheatland, Mary Robinson
Wheatland, Richard

Families

Wheatland family

Corporate Bodies

Magdalen College (University of Oxford)
University of Oxford -- Rhodes scholarships

Contributors

Fulton, Lucia Pickering, 1899-1989
Fulton, John F. (John Farquhar), 1899-1960