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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 in 1946. He studied at West Virginia University (A.B. 1901, M.A. 1902), where he was class poet and a member of Kappa Alpha. He also studied at the University of Chicago (1903-1904) and at St. John's College, the University of Oxford (B.A. and B.Litt. 1906) as a Rhodes Scholar. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship in 1904, the first year it was awarded to U.S. scholars. Brooke was an author, literary scholar, and educator, teaching in Yale University's English Department from 1909-1946. He published works on English literature and drama, including studies of Marlowe, Shakespeare, and Gager.

Brooke married Grace Drakeford in Charles Town, WV, on July 27, 1909. They had three children, Elizabeth Grace Tucker Blackburn, Henry St. George Brooke, and Alfred Drakeford Brooke. Elizabeth married George Stebbins Blackburn in 1932.

Scope and Contents

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An addendum of 2017/02/06 includes original letters written by Tucker Brooke from 1901-1905, photocopies of letters written between 1898-1907, and digital transcriptions of letters from 1898-1906. These letters span the years that Brooke was a fellow at the University of Chicago and a Rhodes Scholar in Oxford, England. Topics discussed in the letters include Brooke's studies, classes, and professors, his leisure activities, and his travels in Europe, among other subjects.

Box 1:

Photographs:

Folder 1, Unidentified Portraits and Envelope (1945, undated)

Folder 2, Sophia Drakeford Cabinet Card Portraits (ca. 1870s)

Folder 3, Grace Drakeford Brooke Portraits (1928, undated)

Folder 4, Children and Grandchildren Portraits (ca. 1920s-1944)

Folder 5, Wedding of C. F. Tucker Brooke and Grace Drakeford (1909)

Folder 6, Alfred Drakeford and Servant Portraits (undated)

Folder 7, Grace Drakeford Brooke Portraits (1928)

Folder 8, Children and Grandchildren Portraits (ca. 1920s-1940s)

Folder 9, Brooke Family Portrait (ca. 1925)

Folder 10, C. F. Tucker Brooke Portraits (ca. 1900-1940s)

Papers:

Folder 11, John Randolph of Roanoke Image (undated)

Folder 12, "The Official Bulletin of the Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee," Vol. 1, No. 18 (1928). Published roughly a year after the executions of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, the newspaper includes articles about the trial and its aftermath, transcriptions of their letters, images of their funeral, etc.

Folder 13, Washington Crest (undated)

Folder 14, Colonial Dames of America Application for Anne Washington Brooke (undated)

Folder 15, Newspaper Announcing Elizabeth Tucker Brooke's Graduation (1931)

Folder 16, Oxford Certificate and Yale Diploma (ca. 1906, 1921)

Box 2:

Crayon portrait in frame, possibly of Brooke's daughter (undated)

Fabric doily (undated)

Etched or engraved copper (?) printing plate with Mrs. Tucker Brooke's name and street address (undated)

Two mounted photos, one depicting an ivy-covered house and the other depicting a woman (possibly Grace

Drakeford Brooke) on a boat (undated)

Box 3:

Three wood relief carvings by Henry St. George Brooke (undated)

Oversize folder:

Sketch of C. F. Tucker Brook (1895)

Sketch of Alfred Drakeford Brooke (1927)

C. F. Tucker Brooke's WVU diplomas (1901 and 1902)

Ancestry chart for George Washington (undated)

Brooke Tower Dedication Program (1989)

Addendum of 2017 February 06 (Box 4) General correspondence from Tucker Brooke to his mother, father, and sister, from his time in Chicago and Oxford.

Addendum of 2020 November 03 (Box 5) includes general correspondence both sent and received by C. F. Tucker Brooke (ca. 1900-1940) which is organized based on recipient or subject. Other formats include a diary documenting a trip to Channel Islands (1906) and academic and professional papers.

A substantial portion of the correspondence is letters sent between C. F. Tucker Brooke and his wife, Grace Drakeford Brooke, dating from 1908 to 1932. The correspondence also includes letters from Brooke's aunt, sister, and mother. Additional materials consist of letters of recommendation from West Virginia University dated 1903, written in support of a fellowship.

Academic and professional papers include course schedules for his Rhodes Scholarship (1906); reprints of articles by C. F. Tucker Brooke about English literature; and poetry. Also includes teaching offers from the University of Colorado Boulder and The College of the City of New York (1940), publishing royalty matters (1983), scholarly publications and lectures about Shakespearean literature.

Related Materials

Additional materials are available in the Charles Frederick Tucker Brooke Papers (MS 1265), Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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Sacco-Vanzetti Trial, Dedham, Mass., 1921

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