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Title George Clayton Foulk. Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates 1883-87

Date of receipt May 7, 1900

Received from C.M. Foulke

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 3 FB

Condition legibility of letterpress copies varies, other materials good

Restrictions n.a. Readers must use microfilm [Horace Allen Papers]

Description George Clayton Foulk (1856-1893), an 1876 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, served as naval attache to the first American legation sent to Korea in 1883. He served under the minister, Gen. Lucius Foote and took charge of the legation upon Foote's departure in 1885. Foulk became a favorite of the Korean king and worked at the difficult task of helping Korea defend its national interests against domination by China and Western European powers. He was eventually recalled to the U.S. in 1887 on demand of the Chinese government. He married a Japanese woman that year and spent the remainder of his life in Japan, first as a businessman and later as a university professor of mathematics in Kyoto.

Foulk's papers, 1883-1887, contain letterpress copies of his dispatches while naval attache and charge d'affaires of the U.S. legation at Seoul, official and some personal correspondence, and reports. Correspondents include Secretary of State T.F. Bayard, the Department of the Navy, and diplomats Horace N. Allen, Hugh Dinsmore, and W.W. Rockhill. Included also are two photographs of Foulke, two prints of Korean ironclads, and several documents written in Korean.

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Temporary catalog card added entries

Korea

United States. Navy - 1863-67

United States-Foreign Relations - Korea

Diplomats

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| Box 1    | Correspondence and reports, 1883-87<br>Letterpress copies of dispatches, 8 Apr 1884-19 Jul 1885                  |
| Box 2    | Letterpress copies of dispatches, 20 Jul 1885-31 Dec 1885  |
| Box 3    | Letterpress copies of dispatches, 2 Jan 1886-18 Jun 1887; n.d.<br>Notes and fragments<br>Photographs, 1887; n.d. |
| Oversize | Prints of two Korean ironclads and Korean language documents   |