

Mary Earle Gould Papers
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Inclusive dates: 1831-1972
Bulk dates: 1935-1970

Biographical Note:

Mary Earle Gould (1885-1975) was a prolific writer on the subject of antiques, material culture, and early social customs. She graduated from Wheaton Seminary (now Wheaton College) in Norton, MA, in 1906 with a degree in music, and initially pursued a career as a performer, lecturer, and piano instructor. In the 1930s, she developed an interest in antiques; over the next 40 years she assembled a collection of more than 1,200 pieces of tin ware, wooden ware, and iron ware, which she displayed in her Worcester, MA, home. In 1967, Gould donated her collection to Hancock Shaker Village in western Massachusetts.

Gould began writing about antiques and collecting in 1934 in articles that appeared in the *New York Sun*, and became a regular contributor to a variety of newspapers and magazines, including *Antiques*, *Hobbies*, *The Spinning Wheel*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, and the *Worcester Telegram-Gazette*. Her first book, *Early American Wooden Ware*, was published in 1942; three other books, *The Early American House* (1949), *Antique Tin & Tole Ware* (1958), and *When We Were Young* (1969), followed.

Organization of the Collection:

The Gould Papers, arranged in 10 boxes, document her long career as a writer. Her papers consist of her two-volume "Diary of an Amateur Becoming a Collector," typescripts and manuscripts of Gould's published and unpublished articles and books, articles that appeared in newspapers and magazines, photographs (many taken by Gould) and drawings that illustrated her writings, newspaper clippings, an inventory of Gould's collection of antiques and objects, materials relating to the Gould family, a scrapbook, correspondence, and typescripts of the diary (1790-95) of Elizabeth Fuller of Princeton, MA.

List of Folders

BOX 1

Autobiographical writings by Mary Earle Gould
Biographical material re Mary Earle Gould
Diary of an Amateur (2 vols.)—manuscript diary kept by Gould
Estate of Mary Earle Gould
Inventory of Gould's collection in her home
Gould Family—misc. items relating to the family; includes genealogical material
Letters to the editor written by Gould
Newspaper clippings about Gould
Poetry, music, etc. by Gould
Receipts
Record of antiques
Notebook of Worcester Women's Club fundraiser, "Yankee Swappers' Party,"
Feb. 1948
Volume listing antiques bought and sold, with prices, 1932-1938. (Recorded at
rear of daybook kept by her father, Dr. John Williams Gould, detailing
dental work done by him in Worcester, 1867-1869)
Volume listing antiques bought and sold, with prices, 1947-1948. (Recorded in
notebook originally owned by R.H. Gould of the Harvard Cooperative
Society.) The majority of the book is blank.

BOX 2

Antiques and auctions—misc. material collected by Gould, but not written by her
Articles by Gould—newspaper clippings – items later published in *When We
Were Young*—SEE Box 5, *When We Were Young*
Exhibit from Gould's collection at the Worcester Art Museum
Ideas for books
Misc. printed items
Newspaper clippings—articles collected by Gould, but not written by her
Notebooks—14 notebooks, mostly spiral bound containing notes, names,
addresses, etc. for her research
Notes taken by Gould relating to early American life, antiques, etc.
Notices of lectures given by Gould
Photographs—miscellaneous photos taken by Gould
Reviews/notices of Gould's books
Town of Oakham—typescript - by Gould

BOX 3

Unpublished writings by Mary Earle Gould. (*See also* typescript by Gould on the
town of Oakham, Box I)

A Collector is Born—complete typescript

A Collector is Born—3 incomplete typescripts
A Story of My Collection—3 typescripts
A Story of My Collection—photos
From the Diary of a Collector—typescript
We Go Antiquing—typescript
We Go Antiquing—seven original drawings by Jean Adam Sigfried

BOX 4 Unpublished writings by Mary Earle Gould. (*See also* typescript by Gould on the town of Oakham, Box I)

Advance of Physical Training in the Education of Women - incomplete manuscript
Diary of Elizabeth Fuller—photocopy from *History of the Town of Princeton*; with bound typescript by Bertha Davis
Diary of Elizabeth Fuller—2 typescripts
Diary of Elizabeth Fuller—original sketches by Linda Siniola
In the Land of Wood: Stories of Long Ago in America—incomplete typescript
In the Land of Wood: Stores of Long Ago in America—other drafts - typescripts
Notes for New England Woodenware
Notes on tin from various sources
Photographs and images of plates in *Antique Tin and Tole Ware*
Romance of Early Tinware—typescript
Scrapbook kept by Gould or her mother

BOX 5 *When We Were Young* (typescripts)

BOX 6 Old New England Barns /The Early American Barn/The New England Barn (unpublished typescripts & partial manuscript—with photographs)

BOX 7 *The Early American House* (typescript with photographs)

Working copy of published book, with Gould's annotations and additions

BOX 8 Typescripts and manuscripts of articles by Mary Earle Gould—some with photos or drawings
Articles by Gould in the *Sunday Worcester Telegram*
Articles by Gould printed in various publications

BOX 9

Correspondence

Letters to Mary Earle Gould:

A-B

Adams, Ruth—May 28, 1963
Allen, Mrs. Herman—(2) Nov. 1962
Antique Trader (news editor)—n.d., [1969?]
Antiques Journal—(4) Jan.-July 1962
B. K.—Sept. 1962
Bailey, Gillian W.B.—(4) May 12, June 28, 1950; Mar. 12, Apr. 1, 1951
Baldrige, Letitia (for Jacqueline Kennedy)—May 8, 1961
Barnes, A.S. & Co.—(2) Jan.-Apr. 1969
Barry, F. Gordon—(4) June 1963; Aug 12, 1963; May 20, 28, 1964
Bigelow, Florence (Mrs. B.G.)—(3) Jan., Nov. 1963; Sept. 1964
Biron, Edwin & Pat—(card) Dec. 1961
Blodgett, Wentworth P.—(3) Dec. 1962, Jan., Nov. 1963
Borst, Charles V.S.—(9) Aug. 1962, Mar-Sept. 1964, Jan 1969
Brackin, William H.—Oct. 22, 1962
Brady, Philip—Jan. 10, 1962
Bramhall, Sandra—May 20, 1964
Brigham, Ruth M.—Aug. 14, 1963
Brooks, Ralph L.—(2) Mar. 12, 21, 1962
Brown, Theo—Jul. 31, 1963
Bugbee, Lucy Mallary—(2) Feb., Mar., 1963
Butler, Mabel Ellen—(2) July 20, 1959, Dec. 1963
Butler, Natalie—(9) Dec. 1961, Feb.-Jul., 1962, Jul. 1963, July 1964

C-G

Campbell, Paul—July 12, 1962
Caney Creek [KY] Community Center Inc.—(9) 1963-68
Carpenter, Lavinia C.—July 6, 1953
Carroll, Mona G.—(4) Feb-Mar. 1964
Cassidy, Margaret—Jan 3, 1962
Chiff, Dahn & Marilyn—Sept. 21, 1964
Chyd, Helen M.—July 28, 1962
Christianson, Eleanor (Mrs. Carl)—(2) Aug. 1964
Cloud, Lenne (Mrs. J.)—(2) Jan. 18, 29, 1964
Cloutier, Gail—(2) Jul 1964
Cole, Helen W.—(3) Feb., Mar. 1962
Conover, June & Bruce—Nov. 28, 1969

Cook, Oliver—Feb. 10, 1962
Culver, Charlotte & Grace—n.d.
Cummings, L. (St. Jerome's College)—Nov. 1962
D., Margaret—(4) Mar-Sept 1962
Darnall, F.O. (British Consul)—Nov. 6, 1967
DeVoe, Shirley Spaulding—Feb. 25, 1964
Driscoll Kathy—(3) Mar, 1962
Duprey, Martha—(2) Sep-Oct. 1962
The Dutch Uncle—(2) Mar 23, 1926, Mar. 10, 1936
Engle, Elizabeth—Mar. 12, 1962
Evans, Meryle Renie (*Am. Heritage*)—(2) Oct. 1963, Jul. 1964
Fenton, W.G.—Aug. 21, 1962
Fitch, Lee—Dec. 3, 1963
Flint, Susan—Aug. 13, 1963
Flynt, Henry N.—(2) Nov. 20, 1962, Feb. 19, 1964
Fogelson, William—Sept. 1, 1964
Forland, Mrs. William E.—May 18, 1964
Garvey, Robert R. (Nat'l Trust)—Aug. 13, 1964
Glanding, Harriette—Nov. 6, 1962
Goddard, Conrad G. (Bryant Homestead)—(2) Aug.-Sept. 1962
Green, Doris M.—(2) Aug. 3, 13, 1964
Griffin, John A.—July 21, 1962
Groehn, Beulah B.—Nov. 21, 1962

H-K

Hall, Matthew O.—2 cards, n.d.
Hard, Walter Jr. (*Vermont Life*)—(2) March 24, 1961; Nov. 27, 1962
Harding, Mr. & Mrs. Erman G.—Oct. 16, 1963
Harrington Gratia (Mrs. Milton)—(4) Mar. 1962 – Mar. 1964
Harrington, William—Sept. 20, 1964
Hayward, Carole [?] (Mrs. F.H.)—(2) Aug. 1963, Mar. 1964
Hildreth, Alice M.—(2) c. Aug. 1962
Homland, Alice—(7) Nov. 1962-Nov. 1963
Hopson, Barbara—(10) May 1963-June 1964
Howe, Diana—Sept. 12, 1969
Hoxie, Channing E. (Sandwich, MA, Town Clerk)—Jan. 8, 1962
Huntley, Iris—Jan. 8, 1962
Johncock, Mrs. Floyd—Dec. 31, 1963
Johnson, L.A.—Aug. 22, 1945
K, R.W.—June 14, 1911
Keillor, James A.—(5) Aug.-Nov. 1962
Kellog, Juliet (Archivist, Philips Acad.)—Oct. 9, 1962
Kizina, Joan (Mrs. Ray)—(6) Nov. 1963-Sept. 1964
Koppes, F. (Wayside Inn)—Sept. 18, 1962

Krusen, George C. II—(6) July 1962-Mar. 1964

L

Lantz, Louise K. (Mrs. Curtis)—(3) Jan.-Feb. 1962
LaPrarie, LaRue—Oct. 5, 1968
Lewis, W. R. (Tin Research Inst., UK)—Aug. 31, 1964
Linden, Henning—(2) May-June 1963
Little, Elizabeth—(2) Sept. 1964
Lone, Virginia (24)—Feb. 1962-Sept. 1964
Lord, Milton E. (Dir. Boston Pub. Lib.)—Oct. 26, 1933
Lucasse, Walter W.—Jan. 23, 1962
Luce, Mary (Massachusetts Girl Scouts)—Apr. 2, 1962

M

MacDonald, Mimi L.—Sept. 16, 1964
MacDougal, Edna & Alistair—(4) July 4, 16, 1962, Sept. 26, Oct. 25, 1963
McGarry, Caroline (Mrs. Stanley)—July 10, 1962
McKenna, Jessica (Mrs. Francis)—July 1962
Madison, Louise—Feb. 28, 1962
May, Elizabeth (Mrs. Geoffrey) Wheaton College—Mar. 20, 1962
Merriam, George (Aroostook St. Teachers College)—Feb. 5, 1964
Michael, George (*National Antiques Review*)—n.d. [1972]
Miller, Appleton (Christmas greeting)—n.d.
Miller, Amy Bess (Shaker Community, Hancock)—Feb. 13, 1962
Miller, Sarah G. (Mrs. H.L.)—July 12, 1962
Mitchell, Alma (18)—Jan. 8, 1962-Oct. 1964
Mitchell, Mary R. (Mrs. John F.)—Nov. 1, 1962
Moody, Antoinette P.—Jan. 7, 1963
Moore, Patricia (Mrs. Reginald)—June 29, 1963
Morris, G. Douglas (*National Antiques Review*)—May 2, 1972
Morrison, Donald L. (New Braintree School)—Oct. 7, 1962
Murack, Dolores—(3) June-July 1964
Mussey, Barrows—Jan. 16, 1947
Myers, Russell R. (Univ. of OK)—March 2, 1964

N-R

Nash, Charles Edgar—Jul. 10, 1963
New England Homestead (editorial office)—n.d.
Nixon, Richard M. (office of V.P.)—Feb. 5, 1957
Ogden, Samuel R. (*Vermont Life*)—Nov. 27, 1963

Old Sturbridge Village (K. Wilson, Curator)—(3) Mar.-Oct., 1962
Parkhurst, Eleanor—(2) Oct. 1963, May 1964
Pearson, Hayden S.—Sept. 27, 1962
Pease, Arline [?]-May 24, 1964
Perry, Darlene—Nov. 14, 1963
Perry, Mrs. E.—June 12, 1963
Peterson, B. E. (Rumford Baking Co.)—(3) July-Aug. 1964
Plumer, Elizabeth (Mrs. Herbert)—(2) 1961 (3) July-Aug. 1964
Pond, Everett H. (Pond-Ekberg printers)—Mar. 19, 1962 See also Mrs. Herman
Allen
Prentice, W.C.H. (Pres. Wheaton College)—Mar. 24, 1964
Price, Maurice H.—(3) Jan., Mar. 1964
Proper, David—May 8, 1972
Purvis, Donn—(11) Jan., 1962-Nov., 1963
Readers Digest—Dec. 19, 1961
Redhed, Will S. (Impact Register Co.)—April 14, 1962
Remick, Eliot Wickham—May 8, 1962
Renn, Ida M.—Mar. 16, 1962
Rhoades, Orille B. (*Hobbies* magazine)—Oct. 2, 1962
Riley, Vernon W.—(2) Feb. 17, 1962, Sept. 28, 1957
Robbins, Marie—Dec. 20, 1961
Roe, Harriet E.—April 12, 1962
Rugg, Prentice—Jul. 5, 1962
Russell, J. Adams—(2) Nov. 1963

S

Sabin, Fred & Gertrude—June 21, 1963
Sargent, Maude (Mrs. Edw.)—(2) Feb. 1962
Schur, Delta Jean (Mrs. Walter)—Feb. 24, 1964
Seevers, Elinor (Mrs. G. F.)—(5) June-July 1964
Shaker Community, Hancock, MA—Jan. 22, 1964
Shavis, Dorothy—(2) Dec. 1961, July 1962
Shepherd, Edith (Mrs. Thomas)—(5) Dec. 1961-July 1962
Shirk, Jeannette C.—(2) Nov. 1962
Sloane, Eric (2)—July 1962; Nov. 28, 1970
Smithsonian Institution—Aug. 7, 1963 & invitation
Spaulding, C. Jerry—Aug. 31, 1964
Steele, Alice C.—March 2, 1964
Stevenson, Helen—March 3, 1964
Stewart, Sidney—July 5, 1962
Sutton, Goldie P.—Oct. 4, 1968
Swain, Frank King (8)—Dec. 1949-May 1951
Swanson, Florence—Sept. 4, 1962
Swanson, Milton (Wayside Industries)—May 22, 1963

T

Taft, Edward A. Jr. (Museum of Science)—Dec. 20, 1961
Thompson, Alice (Mrs. Charles)—Oct. 7, 1962
Towne, Ethel (Mrs. Willis)—(10) Mar. 1962-Sept. 1964
Townsend, Ray (Early American Industries Assn., Williamsburg, VA)—(23) Dec.
1961-Aug. 1962
True, Evelyn (Mrs. A.B.)—(4) Sept. 1962-Jul. 1964
Tucker, Alice—n.d.

U-V

United States Dept. of the Interior—(2) Aug. 1, 1968, Feb. 11, 1969
[unknown]—June 29, 1962, Sept. 12, 1963
Vail, R. W. (NY Historical Soc.)—April 14, 1956, April 23, 1956
Van Ravenswaay, Charles (MO Historical Soc.)—Feb. 21, 1962
Walker, Mary H.—Oct. 18, 1937
Warman, Edwin—SEE *Antiques Journal*
Way, Kenneth B.—Sept. 1962
Wayside Country Store—Jan. 15, 1964
Webster, Judith—Aug. 20, 1964
Wedge, Glory—May 1966
Welsh, Beverly Jeanne (AAUW)—(2) Jan. 1962
Westfall, Isabel (Mrs. John)—Aug. 1963
Whipple, Florence (Mrs. Kenneth)—(2) Aug. 1962
Will, Ruth (Mrs. I.H.)—Aug. 28, 1963
Williams, Guy—May 12, 1963
Williams, Warren W.—(3) Mar. 1964
Wood, Richard G.—(VT Historical Soc.) Oct. - Nov. 1962
Woodhull, Charlotte—Feb. 5, 1962
Woodruff, Anne (Mrs. Frederick)—(7) Feb. 1962 - Jan. 1963
Worcester, City of—Aug. 8, 1963
Worcester County Extension Service—Jul. 30, 1963
Yankee, Inc.—Mar. 1962
YMCA (Worcester)—July 15, 1964

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Barns, Mr.—March 29, 1952
Boyden, Frank L.—(2) Aug. 27, 1969, Dec. 1970
Boyer, Charles (Niagara County Hist. Soc.)—(6) Sept. -Nov. 1967
Bullock, Helen—n.d.

Carter, John Mack—(2) July 3, 1967, n.d.
“Dear Editor” (*Reader’s Digest?*)—n.d.
Editor, *Reader’s Digest*—Jan. 20, 1969
Dodd, Eugene M.—(7) Jul. 31, 1967-Sept. 1967
Greene, Stephen—Oct. 5, 1970
Miller, Amy Bess—(5) July 29, 31, Nov. 1, 1967, and n.d.
Mountain, Mr.—n.d.
Mussey, Barrows—n.d.
Ott, John—(2) n.d.
Proper, David—Jan. 24, 1971
Tuttle, [Charles E.]—March 17 [no year]
Wells, Mollie—April, 24, 1972 (with attached note from David Proper to Peter Spang)
Yoseloff, Thomas—(3) Oct. 15, 1967 and n.d

- BOX 10 Seventy 9x6 cards with mounted photographs by Gould, used to illustrate *Early American Woodenware* (Springfield: Pond-Ekberg Co., 1942).
- BOX 11 Misc. photographs of objects, people and places. Some photos are labeled with date and location, while others are not. Some of the photos appear to have been used in Gould’s publications.
- BOX 12 Misc. photographs with the majority of the photos containing objects such as tin ware, wooden ware, and other items Gould collected and used in her publications. Most of the photos are labeled.
- BOX 13 Misc. photographs of objects used in Gould’s publications along with loose photos of Gould and other objects. The photos used in her publications are in a separate box, while the loose photos include some color images of Gould and her family and friends.