Woodbourne Orchards and
Family of Francis R. Cope Jr.
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Abstract
Papers of the Cope family whose members descended from or were forebears of Francis R. Cope Jr. (1878-1962). The bulk of the papers was created by Francis R. Cope Jr., his daughter, Theodora Morris Cope and her first husband, John Frederick Stanwell-Fletcher. Other principal writers in the collection are Alexis T. Cope, Agnes Cope, Anna S. Cope, Caroline Cope, Clementine Cope, Elizabeth S. Cope, and Evelyn Cope, all from the 19th and 20th century. The earlier Copes were Quakers, but some joined other Protestant denominations.

Preferred Citation note
Haverford College Library, Haverford, PA, Special Collections, Quaker Collection, Woodbourne Orchards and family of Francis R. Cope Jr. Papers, Coll. no. 1230
Biographical/Historical note

Alexis T. Cope (1850-1888), son of William and Susan Cope graduated from Haverford College in 1868. He married Elizabeth Stewardson Brown Cope, his cousin, in 1875. He was a member of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia and built the house known as Woodbourne in Dimock, PA.

Evelyn Flower Morris Cope (1897-1947) was the daughter of Theodore Morris and M.L. Morris. She married Francis R. Cope, Jr. and had one daughter, Theodora Morris Cope.

Francis R. Cope (1821-1909), son of Henry and Rachel Reeve Cope attended Haverford College from 1835-38. He married Anna Stewardson Brown Cope in 1847. A merchant, he was a member of the Board of Managers of Friends Asylum (now Friends Hospital) in Philadelphia from 1865 to 1904.

Francis R. Cope, Jr. (1878-1962) was born in Philadelphia, the son of Quakers Alexis T. Cope and Anna Stewardson Brown Cope. He graduated from Haverford College in 1900 where he was president of his class. He took his M.A. from Harvard University. In 1903, he held the Robert Treat Paine Fellowship from Harvard, and in 1904, he traveled in Germany and England as an honorary John Harvard Fellow. Upon his return, he was made Secretary of the Pennsylvania Civil Service Reform Association and was later Secretary of the Philadelphia Committee of Seventy. In 1912, he began his career as a farmer at Woodbourne in Dimock, PA. and formed a partnership with Russell Dayton, a local dairy farmer. There Cope developed a dairy and orchard business, studying fruit trees and experimenting with new varieties, grafting and other techniques. He was also greatly interested in education and civic affairs, as well as forestry and conservation of wild life. He helped save the Tionesta Forest in N.W. PA, a 4,000-acre tract of virgin timber purchased by the U.S. Forest Service in 1934. He was a vice-president of the American Forestry Association. He was a naturalist and ornithologist and traveled widely to give lectures, particularly on flora and fauna of New Zealand. He was interested in photography, books, storytelling. In 1903, he married Evelyn Flower Morris, a Bryn Mawr graduate. He was a founding member of the Dimock Community Church, and was a member of many organizations. Francis and Evelyn started a nature camp for local teenagers near Dimock. In 1928, Cope and his daughter, Theodora, took a trip to the South Pacific, primarily New Zealand. Evelyn died in 1947, and Francis Cope married Margaret Wysong. In 1956, he deeded 500 acres of Woodbourne forest to the Nature Conservancy.

Theodora Morris Cope (1906-2000) received an MSc and PhD from Cornell, writing two theses on vertebrate ecology of several PA virgin forests, including Woodbourne. While in Canada to study birds, she met and married John Frederick Stanwell-Fletcher in 1937. Their child is Patricia Bidlake. He left in 1946 and she remarried, first Lowell Sumner and then Philip Gray. She was the author of Driftwood Valley: a Woman Naturalist in the Northern Wilderness; The Tundra World; Clear Lands and Icy Seas: a Voyage to the Eastern Arctic; and Some Accounts of Flora and Fauna of the Driftwood Valley Region of North Central British Columbia with her husband, John Stanwell-Fletcher.

John Frederick Stanwell-Fletcher (1903- ) was born in England to a military family. He ran away from school to join the army in 1918; went to India, returning in 1925 and then emigrated to Canada. There he became a member of the Royal Mounted Police, 1926-29 and volunteered for service in the Arctic on behalf of various scientific institutions. He spoke 3 dialects of Eskimo and was "fairly fluent" in
Hindustani. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Later, he worked on the railroad, as an instructor for athletic clubs. Returning to England, he tried working in an office, but again returned to Canada trapping and trading. He and Theodora M. Cope were married in 1937. He was the author of *Pattern of the Tiger* as well as some articles on various natural history topics.

Information from internal evidence and the Biographical Catalog of the Matriculates of Haverford College, 1922.

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**Arrangement note**

The collection is primarily arranged alphabetically by major writer, and also includes a box for other families. In addition, there is a section relating to the Cope family property, Woodbourne, in Dimock, PA and there are additional writers, including from the Cope family to be found here.

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**Administrative Information**

**Publication Information**

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections July 2011

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Patricia C. Bidlake gift, April 2011
Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note
Cope Family cashbook kept by 2 unknown, but likely Cope family members (accession no. 7496) has been added to 975 A

Separated Materials note
Six Cope family photos have been removed to 988 E (see photographs section for description);
Watercolor drawings by Annette Cope have been removed to 988 E (see Annette Cope papers for description);
Evelyn Flower Morris Cope diploma from Bryn Mawr College, no date, has been removed to 990 B

Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Cope family
- Evans family
- Foote family
- Morris family
- Scull family

Personal Name(s)

- Bidlake, Patricia Cope

General note
A genealogical tree of this branch of the Cope family has been created and is available.

Theodora Morris Cope (1906-2000) was married three times: 1st to John Frederick Stanwell-Fletcher, then to Lowell Sumner and finally to Philip Gray. In order to standardize her name throughout this finding aid, she is referred to as Theodora Cope throughout this finding aid. She was also known as "Kitts" to her parents and signed herself that way when writing to them.

In sections on correspondence, a list of all correspondents is provided, followed by descriptions of contents of the most salient topics and occasionally an overview of topics with threads throughout that particular portion of the correspondence.

When item counts are given for materials in the collection, these are estimates, not perfect counts.
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Correspondence (excluding letters from Francis R. Cope and Elizabeth S.B. Cope). ca. 10 items. Letter writers include: Eleanor Carey, J.R. Haines, Mary Haines, Anne Macdonnell, H. Simpson, Elizabeth Smith

Papers of Annette Cope (2 folders) include:
- Correspondence with Sarah Walker, 1873-74, letter from Emma Newbold Janvier;
- Account book, 1895; Journal, 1862; Two small notebooks with drawings from Italy and Philadelphia; Poem; Ca. 30 watercolor drawings of England, Italy and U.S. Oversized: removed to 988 E

Papers of Caroline E. Cope include:
- 3 notebooks of poems and quotations and loose poems; newspaper article about Cope

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Papers of Clementine Cope include:
- Diary kept in Italy, 1879;
- Correspondence and poems on the death of Susan L. Cope in 1872;
- Letters from Elizabeth W. Cope and husband Alfred Cope, 1854 & 1860;
- Album of collected prints, drawings, newspaper clippings;

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**Letters, 1894-1915**

**Scope and Contents note**

The bulk of Cope's letters are to her mother, Anna S. Cope, writing from Woodbourne, but also on trips to New Orleans, Ann Arbor, MI, later Cambridge MA where her
daughter Eleanor Foote lives. She discusses family health and activities and whom she has seen. Some envelopes have notes about contents of the letters.

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**Scope and Contents note**


The letters relate family news and some travel.

Highlights include:

- Cope, Francis R. Jr. Dundale, 1903 10/1. Return of Eleanor and Henry Foote from their wedding trips.
- Cope, Francis R. Jr. Newport, R.I., 19003 9/4. Tells all that his mother has done for him.
- Cope, Francis R. Jr. Dundale, 1908 7/29. Wedding plans, including presiding Bishop.

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Papers include: Diaries: 1848-65, 1872-84 (original and photocopy).

Notebook of financial accounts, 1928-39; Stock certificates, 1922-29;
"A short memoir of Alexis Thomas Cope by his wife, being extracts from her diaries" (original and typescript);

Pressed flowers; Journal of botanical names with dates; Notes on botany (botanical specimens found); Pressed flowers gathered at Mentone & Monte Generosa in 1876;

Miscellaneous: "The founders of Awbury - their forebears and descendants" (original and typescript); Dedication to H.D. Traill's "The New Lucian"; Poems; Certificate from Audubon Society; Memo to children to be read after her death

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Papers of Evelyn Flower Morris Cope include:

Letters, no date, 8 items, 7 to her mother and 1 to daughter, Margaret;

Letters, poem and birthday calendar to EFMC. The birthday calendar was compiled by friends and relatives;

6 letters to her, especially for aid to Penn School in South Carolina and very specific diet instructions based on health diagnosis (8/30/1943) followed by a doctor's request she fill out an application for supplemental food 11/30/1944);

One poem

Papers include:

Diary of a trip to the North West in 1929;

Passport;

Outline of services at her memorial service, 1947;

Diploma from Bryn Mawr College, no date, removed to 990 B

Papers of Francis R. Cope include:

Letters to his wife, mostly from Awbury (Philadelphia), 1890, 1901-03 (2 folders);
Ca. 10 letters to FRC, including from Charles Binney, Francis R. Cope Jr., Francis Haines, Eleanor Foote, Henry Foote, Anne Harrison, G.E. Huggins

### Correspondence

#### Scope and Contents note

There are three files of correspondence: Letters from FRC Jr, 1882-1940 (ca. 20 items); Letters from FRC Jr sent from New Zealand, 1928-29 (ca. 10 items); and Letters to FRC Jr., A-Z (ca. 10 items)

Highlights of letters from FRC Jr, 1882-1945, include:

- to Alf. Cambridge MA, 1902 3/9. Thanks for contribution for Christian Association and the work of endorsing the necessity of a religion "which shall be more closely identified with life..."; Prince Henry visited Harvard
- to Aunties [Caroline, Annette & Clementine?] Dimock, PA, 1912 8/6. Reports that he bought 26 acres of Main's Woods for them
- to Hon. E.E. Jones. 1913 2/27. Hopes Jones will do everything to have the Agricultural Commission Bill prepared by the Republican State Legislative Committee passed; with response from Jones
- to Henry and Eleanor Foote. Lake McDonald, 1924 8/4. Reports extensively on trip to Glacier Park
- to Mother. London, 1926 7/19. Describes trip to England
- to Sister [Eleanor Foote]. Fort St. James, B.C., 1938 8/12. description of a trip, including Bear Lake
- to Sister [Eleanor Foote]. 1945 5/23. Excellence of Roosevelt as president; Truman lacks Roosevelt's contacts, personality and ability to win people's confidence, but is doing
a remarkable job, even as Roosevelt would have been able to smooth differences with Russia; hopes to meet with Hollingsworth Wood

The letters from FRC Jr from New Zealand give a detailed picture, especially of the natural sites encountered, and should be read in conjunction with his journals from New Zealand


Highlights include:

Cope, Thomas P. Pasadena, CA, ca. 1943. Uncle T. has given the ship paintings to Haverford College Library and the letters from the captains to the Cope Brothers. A photo identified as "FRC?" is attached


Hanawald, C. Bear Lake, British Columbia, 1939 6/21. Thanks for letter, including mails for the Indians which have been greatly appreciated and a reference to "unearned windfalls"

Pinchot, Gifford. Harrisburg, PA 1931 6/25. Signed a bill that will act on FRC Jr.’s recommendation

United Nations Fund (Sumner Welles). New York, 1946 9/3. Asks FRC Jr. to sign a letter to be presented to the Pres. of the General Assembly of the UN, P.H. Spaak, at its first meeting in America, as well as money.
Box 9 contains: Four New Zealand volumes dated 1928-29, with detailed
manuscript information and inserts, such as post cards and maps, as well
as a separate typed section.

Box 10 contains volumes and separate sections; volumes often contain
inserts as above: Glacier National Park and Canadian Northwest, 1924;
Japan, 1929; Itinerary of trip, outline of travel talk and diary of trip to
Sumatra and Java, 1929; Tionesta Forest, 1933; Jasper National Park
and Maligne Lake, 1934; British Columbia, 1938; Georgia and South
Carolina, 1939; Cranberry Island, ME, 1942 Western U.S., 1954;
Journal, 1930-1945

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material. The lectures are listed under major themes below.

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"Social Responsibility and Religion":

The Bryn Mawr Ideal and the Christian Union, Bryn Mawr College, 1907; A Church and Sunday School for County Folk; Man and his Responsibility to the World in which he Lives, 1958; Father & Son Banquet, 1919; Peace-Makers, 1939; Tests of our Loves and Friendships, 1915; David, Annointed King, 1915

"Education":

New Problems demand New Methods, 1936; Some Problems in Financing our Rural Schools, 1934; Fitting the School to the Community, 1924; Dedication of New Dimock School House, 1917; Nature Study - a Vital Need in the Program of every Rural School, 1932; An Educational Civic & Social Center for Montrose, 1911; Education: a Chair that needs 4 Legs to stand on, 1955;

"Natural History":

In the Wilderness of British Columbia; John J. Audubon; Observations on the Summer birds of the Virgin Forest areas of Northern PA, 1935; Observations on Plant and Animal Life in some Virgin Hemlock Forest Remnants of PA, 1938;
Outline of activities in Nature Study, 1944; Safeguarding wild life, 1935;

"Nature Study":


"Politics":

New ideals of Citizenship; Civil service Reform, 1894; Heads up, Watch your Step, 1944; Roosevelt or Reaction, 1938; The new Patriotism, 1918; Why I am a Democrat & will so Vote, 1958; Plea for Election of Adlai Stevenson & the Democratic Ticket, 1956; Whither away America?, 1933; Looking backward and forward, 1932

Box 13:

"Educational Problems":

Education for Adults; Education and Racial Good-will; Some "New Deals' and New ideals in Education, 1934; Nature Study: a vital need in the Program of every Rural School, 1925; What & Why of Nature Study; Call of the Rural Community; Some Thoughts on Schools Most Worth While; Education for Character; Purpose & Power of the Penn School Ideal, 1919; Illiteracy
in U.S.; Dedication of the Frisell Memorial Community Building, 1925;

"Social Community":
The Country Boy, 1913; Helping to Rebuild a Rural Community; Montrose and the County; Hospital Social Service Work..., 1911; Equal Suffrage: Natural Right and a Force for Civic Righteousness, 1915;

"Politics, Religion":
Through Nature to God, 1943 & 1944; Relation between Democracy and the Great City; Necessity for Civic Pride and Cooperation; The Citizenship of the Haverford Man; The College man in Business

"Agriculture & Miscellaneous Country Life Problems, vol. I":
An Agricultural commission for Pennsylvania, 1913; Better Health Necessary to better Farming; The Country Boy, 1913; Montrose and the County, 1916; Equal Suffrage: a Force for Civic Righteousness, 1915; Helping to Re-build a Rural Community, 1918;

"Nature Conservancy" and "Roosevelt, Pinchot, Bailey":
Roosevelt, Gifford Pinchot and Liberty
Hyde Bailey, 1958

"Addresses on Religious Problems":

Following the Trail: Some Spiritual
Reflections among the Lakes, Forests,
Valleys & Mountains on the Pathway of
Life; Lakes a Sermonette from Nature; To
Meet a Crisis: Prepare, Act, Stand Fast;
What Would Crist do if He was a Citizen
of Dimock; Striking Point in Susquehanna
Co, PA Church Survey, 1919; The Rural
Church as seen from the Susquehanna
Co Religious Survey, 1923; Lengthen
your Ropes and Strengthen your Stakes;
The Summons: can we Meet it and Carry
Through?

Box 14:

"Forestry and Conservation":

Tionesta and other Virgin and Semi-
Virgin Forests in PA; Forestry for Farmers;
Inspiration of a Great California Redwood
Forest; New Objectives in Forestry; A
Proposed William Penn Memorial Forest,
1932; Man's Place in Nature; Saving the
Tionesta and North Mountain Virgin
Forests in PA, 1935; Tionesta Virgin
Forest, 1935; Multiple Use Management
of Public Forest Lands; Roosevelt,
Pinchot and Bailey: Pioneer Fighters for
Conservation, 1958; Northwest Wilderness,
1925
"Science Notes: Conservation, Evolution, Geology":

Conservation, 1940 & 1942; Through Nature to God, 1943; The Great Design, 1945; Man and Ape: their Place in Nature; The Geology of One's Own Neighborhood

"Miscellaneous":

Penn School (several talks); Miscellaneous Educational Addresses; Church & Community; Nature Study & Science (several talks); Conservation from the Christian Aspect, 1958; Man's Place in Nature; Business Cycles; The Moral Order & Moral Law; Nature Conservancy

"Nature, Birds, Conservation":

New Zealand: Some of its Unique Birds and Bird Problems; Safeguarding Wild Life, 1935; Problems in the Geographic Distribution and Conservation of New Zealand Birds, 1933; New Objectives in Forestry; Saving the Tionesta and North Mountain Virgin Forests in PA, 1935; A Proposed William Penn Memorial Forest, 1932; Talk to Garden Clubs, 1935; Observations on the Summer Birds of the Virgin Forest Areas of Northern PA, 1935

"Politics":

County Grange: a Call to Action; College Men in Politics (written for "The Haverfordian, ca. 1906; The Moral Side of Politics, 1905; Some Significant
Results of the Recent Election in Phila., 1906; Montrose & the County: Link them
Together, 1916; Obligation and Privilege of Citizenship, 1903; Philadelphia's
Need, Haverford's Opportunity, 1907?; Obligations and Privileges of Citizenship,
1903?; How can we Best Teach our Children the duties of Citizenship, 1905;
Fair Play and Common Sense: a Plea for the Re-election f Pres. Roosevelt, ca. 1936;
Whither Away America, 1933

Clippings re Talks and Miscellaneous

**Box 15:**

"Religion":

Conservation from the Christian Aspect, 1958; Lest we Forget: a Plea for Just &
Mercy toward our Fellow Men: Jews,
Negroes, Japs, Share-Croppers & other Minority Groups, 1944; Jew and Christian;
The Future Memorial Day & the Red Cross; We Live & Die to Live Again, 1951;
Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord, 1911;
Greatness by Service to God and Man,
1914; A Long Look Ahead, 1914; Law of Love, 1948; Equal (i.e. Woman) Suffrage,
1915; The New Patriotism, 1918; A Sunday School for Country Folk; Country Church
in Relation to Social & Recreational Conditions, 1913; Quakers and Friends,
1953; Jew & Christian; Choosing the
### Church's Leaders; Dedication of New Dimock School House, 1917

"Susquehanna County Historical Society, 1957": Fifty Years of Progress

"New Zealand Birds and Plants" Contains some speeches, but primarily other information

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### Birds and Woodbourne

**Scope and Contents note**

Notebooks containing the following topics:

**Birds**

- Desk calendar with Bird & Weather Records, 1956; Bird Migration and Weather Records, 1935-45; Awbury Bird Notes; Notes on Birds, 1893; New Zealand Birds & Plants (also contains some speeches)

**Woodbourne**

- Woodbourne Orchards, 1932-36; Woodbourne Orchards, 1932-34; Farming Equipment and Supplies Inventory; Farm Records, 1920s - 1940s; Apple Sales, 1929-30; Fruit Trees; Technical Progress & Farm Equipment, 1923-24; Orchard yields; List of Evergreens and prices

**Miscellaneous**

- Dimock Nature Study Club Class & Field Records, 1927

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### Drawings, Maps, Miscellaneous

**Scope and Contents note**

Wide-ranging, miscellaneous topics, arranged in folders.
FRC Jr. estate:

Books;

Maps: Map of Dimock Nature Study School (Cope Nature Camp), 1930;

Property map of Lake Ganoga lands, including Cope Property, 1922;

Listing of FRC, Jr. estate at the time of his death, 1963;

FRC Jr.'s list of Books Worth Reading

Politics; Court cases, especially Juvenile Court: Clippings, FRC's notes: NY and Philadelphia

Pencil drawings by FRC Jr.

Miscellaneous clippings and notes: Includes speech at the unveiling of a portrait of FRC Jr., 1960

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Papers of Theodora Morris Cope (1906-2000)

Correspondence

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Letters, 1929-1951  

10.0 Items

Scope and Contents note

1 folder (ca. 20 items). Some letters relate to affairs at Woodbourne and report on husband, Jack's, work status.

Highlights include:

Mount Cook, New Zealand, 1929 2/1. 4-page letter giving an account of the trip

Sourabaya, Java N. East Indies. 1929 6/16. 2-page letter giving an account of the trip
to Editor of Proceedings of the Penna. Academy of Science. Dimock, PA, 1937 2/4. Regarding the publication of her thesis on Vertebrate Ecology in some format

to "Members of the CUBL. Dimock, PA, 1939 6/30. Living in the wilderness in British Columbia was a life-long ambition, with some descriptions

to F.R. Cope Jr. 1947 9/13. Some of the work at Woodbourne that Jack (Stanwell-Fletcher) has been doing; Driftwood Valley manuscript already at the printers


to F.RI Cope and Margaret and Patricia. 1949 6/29. Describing sights, weather and people she is encountering in Churchill, Manitoba

to F.R. Cope Jr. and Margaret. 1951 6/22. Description of daily events

to F.R. Cope Jr. and Margaret. Ungava Bay, Canada, 1952 7/15. Description of sights and events.

to F.R. Cope Jr., Margaret and Pat. Mount Robson, B.C., 1951 8/19. Description of sights and events on Mts. Robson and Assinaboine, and concern for her horse

Concerning her books, 1951-1954 45.0 Items

Scope and Contents note

The contents primarily about Cope's books Tundra World and Driftwood Valley; also clippings and reviews

Letters to Theodora Cope, A-Z, 1925-1956 20.0 Items

Scope and Contents note


Highlights include: Hudson's Bay Company. Winnipeg, Canada, 1956-58. Relating to Cope's manuscript, likely about her Arctic trips
### Correspondence

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<td>Stedham, John. 1939 9/21. Mentions that the war between Great Britain, France, Russia and Germany is on and tells of what he sees. Note: A censor has cut out any references to allow the reader to know where he is</td>
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<td>United States Department of Agriculture (Hardy Shirley). Philadelphia, PA, 1943 8/17. Kudos for the natural history surveying Cope and Stanwell-Fletcher have done in the Driftwood Valley</td>
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<td>Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1956 4/27. Appears to be from a book editor with suggestions for improvements on her book</td>
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<td>Included are the Mt. Holyoke commencement program, 1928, the year of Cope's graduation and a published abstract based on her Ph.D. thesis, 1936</td>
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There are also her class notes on Biology of Human Species, German, chemistry, entomology, and ornithology.

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**Scope and Contents note**

**Box 18:**

There are four diaries describing Cope's trip around the Pacific in 1928-29, though a note inside vol. 1 from Cope (by then Theodora Gray) in 1975 states there were five volumes:

Vol. 1: Across the Pacific & New Zealand. MS and TS;
Vol. 2: Fiji, Australia;
Vol. 3: Java Sumatra & Singapore;
Vol. 4: Japan

Folder: TSs of portions of diary, 1929
Diary from Arctic trips, 1934, 1949

**Box 19:**

Diary from British Columbia, Canada, 1937-1939, interspersed with letters from T.M. Cope and her husband John Stanwell-Fletcher. Manuscript and Typescript.

Diary from British Columbia, Canada, 1937-1939. Typescript.

**Papers of John Frederick Stanwell-Fletcher (1903- )**

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1935-1939  75.0 Items

Scope and Contents note

Highlights include:

1935


Jeman, P.D. to J.F.S.F. London, Eng., 1935. 3 items. Has been busy sending newspaper clippings to Germany and neglected Fletcher. Has been reporting on Chilean tennis player.


Note: no correspondence for 1936

1937

Spencer, George to J.F.S.F. Vancouver, Canada, 1937 2/3. Suggests licenses, animals and locations for Fletcher's expedition, and hopes that he will donate any unneeded specimens he collects to the Provincial Museum at Victoria

to U.S. Immigration Service. Dimock, PA, 1937 3/25. Has been in a serious accident and is in hospital in the U.S.


Hadwen, Seymour to J.F.S.F. Toronto, Canada, 1937 7/30. Congratulates Fletcher on his forthcoming book relating to his expedition to the north and to which Hadwen has written an introduction, believing it will sell well

1938
to F.R. Butler. Dimock, PA, 1938 1/23. Attaches a list of specimens collected on behalf of the British Columbia Provincial Museum on Bear Lake

Brown, Pa., Game Warden to J.F.S.F. Vanderhoof, B.C., 1938 3/11. Responding to an Indian's complaint that JFSF is trapping large animals and is not permitting the Indians to within 7 miles of what he considers his property

to Hayes Lloyd. 1938. Attaches a list of specimens collected in the Driftwood River Valley of British Columbia during 1938

1939

Wood, S.T. Royal Canadian Mounted Police to J.F.S.F. Ottawa, Canada, 1939 8/25. Asks Fletcher as an ex-member of the Force, whether he would be available for re-engagement in the event of war. Fletcher responds that he would be available until he gains U.S. residency status

to Carl Hanawald. Dimock, PA, 1939 4/14. Anxious to get to Tetana, Driftwood Mountains and elsewhere before the birth of their child. He and Theodora have been busy visiting and lecturing and he is eager to be back in the woods.

1940 70.0 Items

General note

A number of letters to Stanwell-Fletcher remark on articles he has written

Scope and Contents note

to Francis R. Cope and Evelyn Cope. Dimock, PA, 1940 1/2. Has received permanent residency status in the U.S. Canada is wrapped up in the war effort and supports England. Gave a lecture on work in British Columbia

to Francis R. Cope and Evelyn Cope. 1940 8/20. Leaving for a few months.

to Dad (F.R. Cope). Dimock, PA, Wednesday a.m. Reports on apple crop, workers, other crops, business proposition
Explorers' Club, Adventurers' Club, Society for the Advancement of Scientific Exploration and American Polar Society. A group of letters relating to Stanwell-Fletcher's membership in these organizations

Cowan, Ian M. Provincial Museum, Victoria, British Columbia, 1940 4/13. Remarks regarding the list of mammals Fletcher discovered and for which he sent specimens to Ian M. Cowan. Dimock, PA, 1940 5/23. In response to Cowan's request for information, Fletcher sends data about various amphibians at Tetana Lake

Dimock, PA, 1940 9/9. Statement of intent to write a book on his and Theodora's life in Northern British Columbia from 1937-1939, observing wildlife, white and Indian residents

Scope and Contents note
This folder contains permits for guns and to collect bird specimens and other scientific collecting

1939-1942  35.0 Items


Hanson, Earl. Explorers Club, New York, 1942 5/4. Titled "Important notice on war cooperation" relating to information members may send in as being of value to the government and for him to compile a report on the expertise of various members that could assist the government

Scope and Contents note

1941-1942  20.0 Item
Cope, Francis R. Dimock, PA, 1942 6/8. mentions war news, including battle off Midway Island, fighting over Russia and the East and Africa and hope for a better world in the future

Cowan, Paul M. Vancouver, Canada, 1942 6/12. Comments relating to one of Fletcher's scientific articles

1942-1944  30.0 Items

General note

File contains instructions, correspondence, affidavits, etc. regarding Stanwell-Fletcher's application for immigration, visa and U.S. passport, 1939. In addition, there are letters from Fletcher regarding various jobs in defense and other posts, and letters of reference from Harold Evans, W.D. Lewis, and others in support, 1942-44. There is a group of letters relating to his application for commission in the US Army Air Force. There is also a group of warm letters from Fletcher's father-in-law, Francis R. Cope, giving home news and letters in response from Fletcher

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Letters to Maj. John F. Stanwell-Fletcher, 1942-1946  80.0 Items

Scope and Contents note

Letter writers include:

Highlights include:

?, Pete. no date. Re success of airborne lifeboat to rescue downed soldiers near Denmark and other adventures

Hockenberry, Earle. Washington, D.C. 1944 12/5. Description of events in a snowstorm
Pingree, Frederick. Woods Hole, MA, 1944 10/12. Thanks for photos of Army Lifeboat A-1 which will be reproduced in an article on droppable lifeboats; many questions and discussion of lifeboats


Thompson, Lawrence. American Red Cross, Washington, D.C., 1943 2/13. (Fletcher had sent them specimen of polar bear liver). Upon examination, polar bear liver is poisonous and army personnel should not eat it

Last will and testament of Stanwell-Fletcher, 1942

1946 2/6. Study of Post-War plans for Rescue and Survival Branch

**General note**

Included here are requests and authorization for travel of military personnel and warm receptions for Fletcher's speeches.

Letters from Maj. John F. Stanwell-Fletcher, 1942-1946 50.0 Items

**Scope and Contents note**

to Carl Vonhoffman. Dayton, OH, 1946 3/7. Has been Chief of Rescue & Survival Branch and will miss all his associations when he leaves the army. Makes suggestion on equipment

to Commander Scarlett. 1945 4/11. Suggestion for new rescue vest and harness

Biographical sketch of Stanwell-Fletcher. 1944 2/26.

to Sir Hubert Wilkins. 1943 8/4. There will likely be a trip for survey and installation into the Fox Basin, Igloolik area
to Adams Carter. 1943 4/10. Discussion of equipment and clothing for use in the far North

to C.J. Hubbard. 1943 1/21. An even more elaborate discussion of equipment, personnel and clothing in far North

Arctic; Account of D-Day, 1943-1946

Scope and Contents note

Highlights include: Hudson's Bay Co., Winnipeg, 1943 5/4. Re experimental, cold-climate footwear for far North

Account by Stanwell-Fletcher of a parachute death . 1944 8/22.

Account of ditching into Atlantic Ocean. 1944 9/20

The AKF Airbourne Lifeboat / J.F. Stanwell-Fletcher. ca. 1944.

Study of Post-War Plans for Rescue and Survival Branch / by J.F. Stanwell-Fletcher. 1946 2/6


Letters of J.F. Stanwell-Fletcher, 1947-1948  10.0 Items

Scope and Contents note

Personal letters relaying news of friends, but also of areas, such as Bear Lake, in which Stanwell-Fletcher was interested

Expedition to Yakutat and Mt. St. Elias, Alaska, May 1936
### Scope and Contents note

The objective of the expedition to Alaska was "to collect scientific data for our national institutions, primarily zoo specimens for the Royal Ontario Museum."

Included here is:

- list of photo instruments;
- correspondence, including with Bishop of the Arctic and Francis R. Cope Jr.

| Information re lectures | 20 |

### Scope and Contents note

Stanwell-Fletcher's lectures covered a number of geographic areas, but primarily centered on Northwestern Canada. These papers are mostly letters of engagement to speak.

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**Scope and Contents note**

Diary of expedition to Yakutat & Disenchantment Bay, Alaska, 1936. According to his notes, Fletcher was the leader of the expedition.

### Notebooks | 3.0 Items | Box | 21 |

**Scope and Contents note**

- Data re proposed Mt. St. Elias Expedition, 1936;
- Field Collection Notes, 1939
- General notes and Observations, 1941;
Manuscripts, Articles, Clippings, Notes and Miscellaneous

Scope and Contents note

Naturalists in the Wilds of British Columbia, 1939 / by John F. Stanwell-Fletcher and Theodora Cope Stanwell-Fletcher. Published by The Scientific Monthly, 1940;

A British Columbia Wilderness Study, parts I & II / by John F. Stanwell-Fletcher and Theodora Cope Stanwell-Fletcher;

Notes on Mammals

Miscellaneous Articles: Do Tahltan Bear Dogs Still Live in North America / by John F. Stanwell-Fletcher. Published, 1940; Christmas in Northern British Columbia / by John F. Stanwell-Fletcher. Published, 1940;

Weather reports from British Columbia, 1937-1939;

Alaska Expedition notes, 1936 and List of Expeditions into Far North;

Notes on Wolves, ca. 1936-37;

Notes on Parks;

Newspaper Clippings re John F. Stanwell-Fletcher; some including Theodora Cope.

Other families: Evans, Foote, Morris, Scull, Miscellaneous families

Evans family  1.0 Folder

Scope and Contents note

These are miscellaneous materials relating to the Evans family, including "The Rhyme of the Ancient Married Pair" / by E.W. Evans?, a Poem by Awbury Denizen (Edward Evans), "A Dramatic Fantasy..." read by Edward W. Evans at Haverford College, 1933, "Echoes of the Cope-Evans Christmas Dinner..., 1925, as well as some clippings
**Foote family**

**Scope and Contents note**

Included are papers of Agnes Foote, Arthur Foote, Caleb Foote, Eleanor Foote, H. Wilder Foote and clippings primarily about H. Wilder Foote.

Some highlights include: Poems by Agnes Foote;

Sermon on pacifism by Caleb Foote, 1936;

Letter from Henry Wilder Foote to his mother, 1901

Letters from Wilder Foote to Theodora Cope, 1915-1954 & n.d.

Letters of Eleanor Cope Foote, including: to Mother. 1904 4/18. Re Francis Cope's career

Clippings re Footes, especially Wilder Foote.

**Morris family**

**Scope and Contents note**

Highlights include:

"I remember, I remember" / by Anne Theodora Morris Scattergood;

Personal property appraisals for C. Christopher Morris and Theodore H. Morris

**Scull family**

**Scope and Contents note**

Letters from A. Scull, 1819-1833 to cousins Henry and Rachel Reeve Cope. ca. 10 items. Thoughtful letters re family members, interest in literature.
Including: to Rachel R. Cope. Oldmans Creek, 1829 3/12. a Hicksite preached at the Quarterly Meeting

Letters from Sarah Scull, 1819-1830 to cousins Henry and Rachel Reeve Cope. 5 items.
Affectionate letters, including health of family members

**Miscellaneous families**

**Scope and Contents note**


Highlights include: Congdon, Theodore to Theodora Cope. 1973 5/3. Has seen a painting of a ship called Maria, which looks quite similar to the Cope Packet Ship, Susquehanna

Cope, Thomas P. to Thomas P. Cope III. Germantown, PA, 1931 5/24. Thanks for photos of Cope Packet Ships, a painting of which the recipient owns. Anna Hartshorne visited

Cope, Thomas P. to mother. Philadelphia, PA, 1892 9/1. Re visit to Dimock, PA and travel there

Cope, Elizabeth W. to children. 1901 3/4. Re distribution of her property upon her death

Newbold, William to Clementine Cope, 1852-57. There are a number of letters from Newbold to his cousin speaking of health and warm family feelings.

**Papers relating to Woodbourne Orchards**

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Files of deeds, leases, receipts, etc. relating to lots belonging to Thomas P. Cope "upon his draft of re-survey" and contracts for timber, hay, shingles, etc.

There are seven numbered packages, with the following notations on them:

3. E-L
4. M-Z. Approximately 1/19/1828-1853
5. Collins - Hyde, as the first & last file
6. Sayre - McGee, as the first & last file
7. Lease, Survey etc. in re: Woodbourne Farm, J. Jay Ellsworth, tenant. including:
   a. Lease: Francis R. Cope to Virgil L. Van Kamp. Leasing land, barn & shed. Stipulates haying, grazing & woodcutting permitted, one year duration from April 1, 1893.
   b. Sheriff's deed from F.A. Leonard to Maggie Calby; court judgment between W.J. Baker and Thos. Colby; deed acknowledged, W.J. Baker and Thos. Calby; deed acknowledged with W.H. Jessup & wife to Thos. Calby; Edgar Cope et al to Wm. H. Jessup
   c. Letter from Wm. Newbold Ridley, Jan. 3, 181 to Wm. D. Cope
   d. Agreement between C.E. Cope, A. Cope and F.R. Cope regarding purchase & use of Morris' woods, May 1912 & July 1912
   e. Receipt from Glenn Billings to F.R. Cope for $200. re sale of Morris Woods
   f. Letter to F.R. Cope from CA. Morris, July 2, 1912 re: options for haying & sale of property
g. In envelope: Agreement between F.R. Cope and R.S. Dayton, May 1, 1936, with accounting records, equipment inventory for 5 years and notes re renewal for 3, 2, & 1-year periods

Box 24

Business letters re buying land near Woodbourne and leasing parts to others, 1880s, A-Z arrangement. ca. 20 items

Letter writers include: Annette Cope, Edgar Cope, Francis R. Cope, Thomas P. Cope, Jr., William Drinker, R.C. McMurtrie, Provident Life & Trust Co..

Highlights include: Cope, Annette to William Jessup. 1895 2/?. Inquires if there is any land to be bought adjoining Mrs. A.T. Cope's farm, hopefully of several hundred acres

Cope, Edgar to Wm. Jessup. 1883 12/27. Would be willing to sell for ~ $115,000

Cope, Francis to Wm. Jessup. 1885 1/14. Should renew lease of the farm to B.J. Robinson

Cope, Thomas P. to Wm. Jessup. 1887 1/28. As present tenant on Alexis' farm is to leave, asks that a new tenant be found

Drinker, William. Copy of sale and notice to quit an area of land known as the Lyman lot in 1826 and 1826 respectively

Woodbourne Farm Journals and Papers: Cope Farm history, 1930s-1940s, ca. 60 items.

Here are such materials as agreements on product labels, cost of painting, permission to place a pipe in a ditch, inventory of heifer calves, farm lease information, including information on animals, machinery, apple supplies, inventories of feed, seed, apples

Orchard Farm Records, 1920s ca. 25 items.

Here are such materials as Wages, receipts, expenses of Woodbourne Orchards, 1921 / prepared by Francis R. Cope Jr.; Proposed joint land
agreement re possible drilling for gas & oil; New commercial orchard as replanted 1918; Woodbourne expenses, 1937-1938

**William D. and Susan L.N. Cope:** primarily re work to be done at Woodbourne for William D. Cope 1837-1872. ca. 20 items.

Here are such materials as valuations of the farm and receipts in the 1830s-1850s; a handwritten note by Cope to serve as codicil to his will, dividing up his property among his children, 1872; letters to his brother, Alfred Cope, written from Woodbourne, relating to property issues and to the Lehigh Co.

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Miscellaneous materials include:

- Pictures (engravings) and botanical specimens;
- Drawings by family members, including Eleanor T. Cope;
- "The burning of the Packet Ship, "Thomas P. Cope" / by A.C., Winter, 1852-53. TS;
- "Children's Day," remarks by Superintendent;
- Some small, printed items, including Memoir of Dr. William Fisher Norris, 1902. p. 11 refers to Woodbourne "his beautiful farm of several hundred acres in the mountains of Susquehanna County, near Montrose...";
- Biographical and genealogical materials on the Cope and related families (2 folders);

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Box 25:

Small photos include:
Woodbourne;

Henry Wilder Foote; Aunt C.E. Cope with Theodora and Caleb Foote; Three generations of Copes and Footes, including Francis R. Cope Jr.

Negatives: Intervale?; On Somer Sound? Alice Clark? Wilder and Theodora Foote

Box 26:

3 glass negatives of Alexis T. Cope;

1 glass negative of Susan Newbold Cope

Larger photos have been removed to 988E:

Six photos: Group photo including T.P. Cope Jr. and Eleanor Cope; Francis Reeve Cope and Anna Stewardson Cope on their 50th wedding anniversary, 1897 (2); Francis R. Cope Jr. and Evelyn F. Morris Cope wedding, 1903; Edgar Cope (2)