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Gould Family Papers

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Collection Information

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Historical/Biographical Notes

John Williams Gould (1840-1915), a son of Rufus and Mary Henry Gould was born in New Braintree, Massachusetts. He taught school in Ware and Hubbardston, Massachusetts before joining the Union Army in 1861. After his discharge in 1862 he moved to Westboro to study dentistry with his Uncle, Samuel G. Henry. Gould opened an office in Oakham in 1864 but moved to Worcester in 1865, where he remained until his death in 1915. He married Nellie Melissa Muzzy (1855-1959) and the couple had six children.

George H. Gould (1827-1899), brother of John Williams Gould, attended Monson Academy and graduated from Amherst College in 1850 and from Union Theological Seminary in Andover, Massachusetts in 1853. He traveled extensively in Europe with John B. Gough, the temperance leader. On his return to the United States, Gould became pastor of a church in New York and later became pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Worcester. He also preached at the Union Church in Worcester and others as his health would permit.

Edwin Sprague Gould (1844-), a brother of John Williams Gould and George H. Gould, enlisted in the 51st Massachusetts Volunteers in 1862 and was discharged in 1863. He attended Phillip's Andover Academy, but gave up his studies due to his eye problems. He worked for several different newspapers throughout New England before he entered the Hartford Theological Seminary. Gould graduated in 1872 and became pastor of different churches in Providence, Rhode Island, New Haven, Connecticut, and West Brookfield and Athol Massachusetts.

Mary Earle Gould (-1972), a daughter of John Williams and Nellie Muzzy Gould was a graduate of Wheaton College. She was a piano and organ teacher for 30 years and was also a noted local author. Her works on antiques included Early American Wooden Ware, The Early American House, and more than 600 articles in newspapers and magazines.

Scope and Content

The Collection contains one manuscript box with six folders which houses all of the papers and documents concerning the Gould family. There is also one oversized manuscript folder that houses three high school diplomas of Gould family members.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: John and Nellie Gould

Series 2: John Gould

Series 3: George Gould

Series 4: Edwin Gould

Series 5: Mary Gould

Series 6: Rufus and Mary Gould

Series 7: High School Diplomas

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Series 1, John and Nellie Gould

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1981.100.1.1	Marriage Certificate of John Williams Gould and Nellie Melissa Muzzy.
1	1	1981.100.1.2A-F	Contains letters (c. 1860) from Nellie to Mary Gould, John to Nellie Gould, John B. Gough to John Gould, and some friend to John Gould.
1	2	1981.100.1.3	Letter from Mary Gould to her father John Gould. (Dec. 9, 1887)
1	2	1981.100.1.4	Letter from a son to his father John Gould. (July 27, 1902)
1	2	1981.100.1.5	Envelope for previous letter.
1	2	1981.100.1.6	Copy of John Gould's will. (1915)
1	2	1981.100.1.7	Letter to Nellie Gould concerning land owned by her in Canada.
1	2	1981.100.1.8	Letter to Nellie Gould concerning the same land in Canada.
1	2	1981.100.1.9	Letter to Nellie Gould concerning the same land in Canada. (Jan. 14, 1914)
1	2	1981.100.1.10	Letter to Nellie Gould concerning the same land in Canada. (Jan. 15, 1914)
1	3	1981.100.1.11	Letter to Nellie Gould concerning the same land in Canada.
1	3	1981.100.1.12	Letter from a cousin named Fred to Nellie Gould. (July 12, 1914)
1	3	1981.100.1.13A-B	Envelope and letter from the same cousin named Fred to Nellie Gould. (Oct. 23, 1929)
1	3	1981.100.1.14	Letter from a cousin named Harry to Nellie Gould.

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	1981.100.1.15	Letter to Nellie Gould in response to an attempt of hers to write to a woman named Stella H. Plummer who died two years prior to when Nellie Gould wrote the letter. (Feb. 17, 1938)
1	3	1981.100.1.16A-B	Envelope and letter from the same cousin named Harry to Nellie Gould. (Dec. 15, 1939)
1	3	1981.100.1.17	Envelope from the United States Department of Agriculture addressed to Nellie Gould.

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 Series 2, John Gould

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	1981.100.2.1	Postcard from the Hotel Del Coronado. (May 19, 1898)
1	4	1981.100.2.2	Program from a play called "Domestic Economy."
1	4	1981.100.2.3	Wedding invitation to John Gould.
1	4	1981.100.2.4	Wedding anniversary invitation to John Gould from Mr. and Mrs. James R. Foster. (Aug. 22, 1872)
1	4	1981.100.2.5	Wedding reception invitation to John Gould from Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gould. (Oct. 20 1875)
1	4	1981.100.2.6	Wedding invitation to John Gould. (Oct. 16, 1875)
1	4	1981.100.2.7	Invitation to John Gould to a soiree musicale. (Mar. 22. 1877)
1	4	1981.100.2.8	Wedding invitation to John Gould. (Nov 2, 1875)
1	4	1981.100.2.9	Wedding invitation to John Gould.
1	5	1981.100.2.10	Executive reminder to John Gould. (Dec. 19, 1875)
1	5	1981.100.2.11	Medical prescription document to John Gould.
1	5	1981.100.2.12	Sheet of John Gould's weekly expenditures. (1895)
1	5	1981.100.2.13	Wedding invitation to John Gould. (May 1, 1865)
1	5	1981.100.2.14	Wedding invitation to John Gould.
1	5	1981.100.2.15	List of trees and bushes.
1	5	1981.100.2.16	A John Gould check. (July 13, 1879)
1	5	1981.100.2.17	Birthday invitation to John Gould. (Dec. 26, 1829)
1	5	1981.100.2.18	A blank piece of stationary.

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	1981.100.2.19	Grand Army of the Republic Head Quarters Post 10 pamphlet.
1	5	1981.100.2.20	Concert announcement for a performance in which John Gould took part. (Feb. 27, 1877)
1	6	1981.100.2.21	Wedding invitation to John Gould.
1	6	1981.100.2.22	Invitation to John Gould to the Worcester Women's Club. (1914-1915)
1	6	1981.100.2.23	Letter from John Gould. (Aug. 21, 1907)
1	6	1981.100.2.24	Copy of the same above letter.
1	6	1981.100.2.25	Check to John Gould. (Jan. 1, 1883)
1	6	1981.100.2.26	Program for the Oakham High School Exhibition. (Nov. 16, 1860)
1	6	1981.100.2.27	Announcement of John Gould's dentistry practice. (May 25, 1865)
1	6	1981.100.2.28	Program for a musical soiree in which John Gould took part. (Mar. 22, 1877)
1	6	1981.100.2.29	Booklet of John Gould's expenditures. (Sept-Nov. 1878)
1	6	1981.100.2.30	Letter of encouragement to John Gould from a local reverend. (Feb. 1892)
1	6	1981.100.2.31	Document from John Gould's auditor.
1	6	1981.100.2.32	Sheet of extra bills that were paid. (1886-1887)

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Series 3, George Gould

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	7	1981.100.3.1	Envelope addressed to George Gould.
1	7	1981.100.3.2	Envelope addressed to George Gould.
1	7	1981.100.3.3	Envelope addressed to George Gould.
1	7	1981.100.3.4	Envelope addressed to George Gould.
1	7	1981.100.3.5	Envelope addressed to George Gould.
1	7	1981.100.3.6	Envelope addressed to George Gould.
1	7	1981.100.3.7	Letter to John Gould from George Gould. (1886)
1	7	1981.100.3.8	Envelope addressed to George Gould.
1	7	1981.100.3.9	Letter to George Gould from John Gould. (Jan. 15, 1864)
1	7	1981.100.3.10A-B	Envelope and letter to George Gould from Mary Gould.
1	7	1981.100.3.11A-B	Envelope and letter to George Gould from Mary Gould.
1	8	1981.100.3.12A-B	Envelope and letter to George Gould from Mary Gould.
1	8	1981.100.3.13	Envelope to George Gould from Mary Gould.
1	8	1981.100.3.14	Letter to George Gould from Mary Gould.
1	8	1981.100.3.15	Letter to George Gould from Mary Gould.
1	8	1981.100.3.16	Letter to George Gould from Mary Gould.
1	8	1981.100.3.17A-B	Envelope and letter to George Gould from Mr. Adams.

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	8	1981.100.3.18A-B	Envelope and letter to George Gould indicating and documenting recent expenditure from Alpha Delta Phi. (Aug. 12, 1850)

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Series 4, Edwin Gould

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	9	1981.100.4.1	Letter to Edwin Gould from a friend.
1	9	1981.100.4.2	Envelope addressed to Edwin Gould.
1	9	1981.100.4.3A-B	Envelope and letter to Edwin Gould from Fred Loving. (July 4, 1865)
1	9	1981.100.4.4	Letter to Mary Gould from Edwin Gould. (Sept. 21, 1866)
1	9	1981.100.4.5	Letter to Mary Gould from Edwin Gould. (Feb. 26, 1866)
1	9	1981.100.4.6	Letter to Mary Gould from Edwin Gould. (Feb. 18, 1866)
1	9	1981.100.4.7	Letter to Mary Gould from Edwin Gould. (Mar. 4, 1867)
1	9	1981.100.4.8A-B	Envelope and letter to Edwin Gould from Mary Gould.
1	9	1981.100.4.9A-B	Envelope and letter to Edwin Gould from Mary Gould.

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Series 5, Mary Gould

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	10	1981.100.5.1	Letter of encouragement to Mary Gould from Fred Newborn.
1	10	1981.100.5.2	Postcard with a poem from Mary Gould.
1	10	1981.100.5.3	Poem from Mary Gould to John Gould.
1	10	1981.100.5.4	Poem by Mary Gould titled "Thinks."
1	10	1981.100.5.5	Poem by Mary Gould titled "Flowers."
1	10	1981.100.5.6	Poem by Mary Gould titled "My Gay World."
1	10	1981.100.5.7	Untitled poem by Mary Gould.
1	10	1981.100.5.8	Three poems by Mary Gould titled "The Gate," "The Hill," and "The Voyage."
1	10	1981.100.5.9	Poem by Mary Gould titled "The Voyage." (April 1935)
1	10	1981.100.5.10	Poem by Mary Gould titled "Just to think."
1	10	1981.100.5.11	Untitled poem by Mary Gould.
1	10	1981.100.5.12	Untitled poem by Mary Gould.
1	10	1981.100.5.13	Poem by Mary Gould titled "Another rhyme tonight."
1	10	1981.100.5.14	Untitled poem by Mary Gould.
1	10	1981.100.5.15	Poem by Mary Gould titled "Just to think."
1	10	1981.100.5.16	Copy of the poem by Mary Gould titled "Flowers."
1	10	1981.100.5.17	A six-page biography of Mary Gould.
1	10	1981.100.5.18	Letter to a friend named John from Mary Gould.

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Series 6, Rufus and Mary Gould

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	11	1981.100.6.1	Envelope addressed to Rufus and Mary Gould. (Oct. 15, 1859)
1	11	1981.100.6.2	Postcard addressed to Mary Gould. (Oct. 8, 1887)
1	11	1981.100.6.3	Announcement from the town clerk. (1824)
1	11	1981.100.6.4	Announcement of several funds transfers for a church pew. (1862)
1	11	1981.100.6.5	Letter to a friend named Leslie from Mary Gould.

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Series 7, High School Diplomas

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
OVS Folder		1981.100.7.1	Worcester High School diploma for Mary Earle Gould. (June 19, 1903)
OVS Folder		1981.100.7.2	Worcester English High School diploma for Rufus Henry Gould. (June 20, 1898)
OVS Folder		1981.100.7.3	Worcester Classical High School diploma for Mabel Iris Gould. (June 20, 1898)