

**Title:** Fox, George William Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-2698

**Inclusive Dates:** 1911 – 2018

**Quantity:** 1.8 cu. ft.

**Location:** BV, Sh. 306

**Abstract:** George William Fox came from a long line of distinguished Wisconsin physicians. He was born on November 28, 1906, in Milwaukee, but the family moved to Madison after his father died in 1920. He graduated from Madison Central High School in 1923 and then studied at the University of Wisconsin, where he participated in track and field. He went on to graduate from Rush Medical College in 1931. He worked as company surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, International Harvester, and the Chicago & North Western Railway Company. He also served on the staffs of Milwaukee Hospital and Milwaukee Children's Hospital. He enlisted in the Navy on August 17, 1942 and served with the medical staff aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Franklin*. He was killed on March 19, 1945, when the *Franklin* was attacked by Japanese dive bombers. He died while tending to wounded personnel.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of newspaper clippings, photos, correspondence, publications, and other ephemera primarily pertaining to the *USS Franklin* and Fox's military service and death. Also included is material related to other members of the Fox and Fitzhugh families.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** The collection was donated by William Fitzhugh Fox, June 2021.

DVD with several film programs re *USS Franklin* transferred to Multimedia Collection  
Dr. Fox's wallet transferred to museum division

**Arrangement:**

<b>Folder Heading</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>File #</b>
George William Fox – Correspondence, etc. – Includes condolence letters, two letters from his father, family genealogical information, membership cards, railway passes and WWII-era ration records	1	1
George William Fox – Letters to Santa, ca. 1911-1915	1	2
<i>USS Franklin</i> Material	1	3
Fox Family Emails/Correspondence, 2005-2018 – Primarily related to George William Fox and the <i>USS Franklin</i>	1	4
Fitzhugh Scott – Clippings, Correspondence, etc.	1	5

Publications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>USS Franklin (CV-13) Original Documents, 1943-1946</i>. Turner Publishing Company, Paducah, KY, 1994</li> <li>– <i>USS Franklin (CV-13): The Ship That Wouldn't Die</i>. Turner Publishing Company, Paducah, KY, 1996</li> </ul>	1	Loose in Box
Scrapbook #1: Family Photos; Photos of Vacations/Fishing Trips; Photos of Track & Field Events; Track Programs, Ribbons, Medals and Clippings; Correspondence, etc. re School and Medical Career; Miscellaneous Membership Cardsfamily vacations/fishing trips,	2	Loose
Scrapbook #2: Newspaper Clippings & Correspondence re <i>USS Franklin</i> and George William Fox's death	2	Loose
Scrapbook #3: Newspaper Clippings & Correspondence re <i>USS Franklin</i> and George William Fox's death; Purple Heart Certificate	2	Loose
Scrapbook #4: Photos, Newspaper Clippings & Correspondence re <i>USS Franklin</i> and George William Fox's death; Fox family genealogical information	BV, Sh. 306	
Scrapbook #5: Newspaper Clippings re <i>USS Franklin</i>	BV, Sh. 306	
<b>Photos: See M-261</b>		