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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1612

**CREATOR:** Halford, Frederic M. (Frederic Michael), 1844-1914

**TITLE:** Frederic M. Halford papers

**DATES:** 1886-1970

**BULK DATES:** 1886-1914

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.5 linear feet (10 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** In English.

**SUMMARY:** Drafts of books by Halford on dry-fly fishing and creation of artificial flies, and a draft of an autobiography, 1886-1912; scrapbooks containing clippings of reviews of books by Halford, 1897-1911, and clippings of obituaries and other articles about Halford, 1914-1915; and papers of Ellen Horne Kemp, 1896-1907, consisting of proofs of illustrations for books by Halford and related notes. Most drafts by Halford are autograph manuscript or typescript, with revisions and printer's annotations, some incorporating writings or annotations by J. J. Hardy, W. A. Hunter, George Selwyn Marryat, William Senior, or G. E. M. Skues. Some drafts are accompanied by galley or page proofs with revisions, photographs and printed proofs for plates; or contracts and accounts with publishers George Routledge and Sons or Vinton & Company. Kemp's papers contain hand-colored and uncolored proofs of her drawings of artificial flies, with related autograph manuscript notes; notes and proofs for illustrations by Duncan Moul; and a few drawings by Kemp and letters to her from Halford and Vinton & Company. Kemp's papers are accompanied by autograph manuscript notes, circa 1970, by Phoebe Leicester, a former owner and possibly a descendant of Kemp's daughter Jane Horne Kemp Leicester.

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- f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from James Cummins Bookseller on the Jonathan O. Bulkley Fund, 2020.

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### Conditions Governing Access

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## Frederic M. (Frederic Michael) Halford (1844-1914)

Frederic M. (Frederic Michael) Halford (1844-1914), British angler and author of books on dry-fly fishing.

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## Ellen Horne Kemp (1846-)

Ellen Horne Kemp (1846-), British artist and illustrator of books by Frederic M. Halford. Ellen Horne Kemp married Robert Kemp (1832-) in 1869; their daughter Jane Horne Kemp (1870-) married Bryce Leicester in 1903; and their son Robert Kemp, (1871-) was a malacologist.

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## Scope and Contents

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## **Arrangement**

Organized into three series: I. Writings, 1886-1925. II. Ellen Horne Kemp Illustrations and Notes, 1889-1970. III. Other Papers, 1897-1915.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Writings, 1886-1925

Arranged alphabetically by title of work.

*An angler's autobiography. Halford dry-fly series, volume 4.* (London: Vinton & Company, 1903)

Draft, autograph manuscript with revisions; with annotations by William Senior [circa 1903]

b. 1, f. 1 Introduction by William Senior

b. 1, f. 2 Table of contents

b. 1, f. 3-18 Chapters 1-16

b. 1, f. 19 Vinton & Company. Sales accounts 1925 September 30

*Dry-fly entomology* (London: Vinton & Company, 1897)

Part I. Draft, autograph manuscript with revisions and printer's annotations [circa 1897]

b. 1, f. 20 Title pages for first and deluxe editions, and table of contents

b. 1, f. 21 Introduction

b. 1, f. 22-26 Chapters 1-5

b. 1, f. 27 List of plates

Part I. Typescript mimeograph with revisions [circa 1897]

b. 2, f. 28 Title pages for first and deluxe editions, table of contents, and list of plates

b. 2, f. 29 Preface

b. 2, f. 30 Introduction

b. 2, f. 31-34 Chapters 1-4

b. 2, f. 35 Part II. Galley proof with revisions and printer's annotations [circa 1897]

Part III. Draft, autograph manuscript and printed article fragments from *The Field* with printer's annotations; with writings by G. E. M. Skues and W. F. Brougham [circa 1897]

b. 2, f. 36-38 Drafts

b. 2, f. 39 Index

*The dry-fly man's handbook* (London: George Routledge and Sons, 1913)

b. 2, f. 40 Contract for publication by George Routledge and Sons. Drafts, typescript and typescript carbon 1912 January 16

## The dry-fly man's handbook (London: George Routledge and Sons, 1 [...] (continued)

b. 2, f. 41	Part I, chapter 1. Notes on fishing rods by J. J. Hardy, of Hardy Brothers Ltd., and W. A. Hunter, of C. Farlow & Co., typescript; with annotations by Halford	1912 March 20 and undated
	Draft, typescript carbon with revisions	[circa 1912]
b. 2, f. 42	Preface	
b. 2, f. 43-45	Part I, chapters 1-3	
b. 3, f. 46-51	Part I, chapters 4-9	
b. 3, f. 52-55	Part II, chapters 1-4	
b. 3, f. 56-60	Part III, chapters 1-5	
b. 4, f. 61-62	Plates. Photographs and printed proofs, with notes	
	Draft, typescript carbon with revisions and printers' annotations	[circa 1912]
b. 4, f. 63-71	Part I, chapters 1-9	
b. 4, f. 72-75	Part II, chapters 1-4	
b. 5, f. 76-80	Part III, chapters 1-5	
b. 7	Part I, chapter 2-Part III. Galley proof with revisions (incomplete)	1912 May 22- 1912 June 20
b. 5, f. 81	Part I, chapter 1. Page proof with revisions	1912 August 24
	Parts I-III. Page proof	1912 October 11- 1912 November 5
b. 5, f. 82	Title page, preliminary pages, table of contents, list of plates, and preface	
b. 5, f. 83-84	Parts I-III (incomplete)	
	<i>Floating flies and how to dress them</i> (London: Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, & Rivington, 1886)	
	Autograph manuscript draft with revisions and printers' annotations; with annotations by George Selwyn Marryat	1885 August
b. 5, f. 85	Preface	
b. 5, f. 86-91	Chapters 1-6 and index	
	<i>Modern development of the dry fly</i> (London: George Routledge and Sons, 1910)	
b. 6, f. 92	Contract for publication by George Routledge and Sons. Drafts, typescript and typescript carbon	1909 December 1
b. 8	Draft, bound by George Routledge and Sons, autograph manuscript with revisions and printer's annotations; with drawings and printed plates	[circa 1910]
b. 6, f. 93	Plates. Printed copies	[circa 1910]

Modern development of the dry fly (London: George Routledge and [...]) (continued)

b. 6, f. 94

George Routledge and Sons accounts

1910 June 6–  
1910 August 31

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## Series II: Ellen Horne Kemp Illustrations and Notes, 1889-1970

Arranged alphabetically by title of work.

<i>Dry-fly entomology</i> (London: Vinton & Company, 1897)		
b. 6, f. 95	Letters from Vinton & Co.	1896 November 14-1896 December 18
b. 6, f. 96	Drawings, ink and watercolor	[circa 1897]
b. 6, f. 97-98	Plate proofs	[circa 1897]
b. 6, f. 99-103	Plate proofs, hand colored, with notes	[circa 1897]
<i>Dry-fly fishing in theory and practice</i> (London: Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, & Rivington, 1889)		
b. 6, f. 104	Letters from Frederic M. Halford	1889 May 12- 1889 May 16
b. 6, f. 105	Notes about plates	[circa 1889]
b. 6, f. 106	Illustrations by Duncan Moul. Plate proofs, color lithograph, with notes	[circa 1889]
<i>Halford dry-fly series</i> (London: Vinton & Company, 1902)		
b. 6, f. 107	Correspondence with Vinton & Company	1907 August 10- 1907 August 17
b. 6, f. 108-109	Notes about plates	[circa 1907]
Notes by Phoebe Leicester		
b. 6, f. 110	Notes	[circa 1970?]

### Series III: Other Papers, 1897-1915

b. 9	Reviews of books by Halford. Printed clippings in a scrapbook	1897 July 10–1911 September 17
b. 10	"In memoriam F. M. H. 1914." Printed clippings of obituaries and other articles about Halford in a scrapbook	1914 March–1915 January

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## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Vinton & Company

### Subjects

Artists -- Great Britain  
Authors, English -- 20th Century  
Fishers -- Great Britain  
Fishing -- Great Britain  
Flies, Artificial -- Great Britain  
Fly casting -- Great Britain  
Fly fishing -- Great Britain  
Fly tyers -- Great Britain  
Illustration of books -- Great Britain  
Women artists -- Great Britain

### Contributors

Halford, Frederic M. (Frederic Michael),  
1844-1914  
Kemp, Ellen Horne, 1846-  
Moul, Duncan

### Genres / Formats

Drawings (visual works) -- Great Britain -- 19th  
century  
Photographs (illustrations) -- Great Britain --  
19th century  
Plates (illustrations) -- Great Britain -- 19th  
century  
Scrapbooks -- Great Britain -- 20th Century

### Occupations

Artists -- Great Britain -- 19th century  
Authors -- Great Britain -- 19th century  
Fishers -- Great Britain -- 19th century

### Names

Halford, Frederic M. (Frederic Michael),  
1844-1914  
Hardy, J. J. (John James)  
Hunter, W. A. (William Archibald)  
Kemp, Ellen Horne, 1846-  
Marryat, George Selwyn, 1840-1896  
Moul, Duncan  
Senior, William, 1838-1920  
Skues, G. E. M. (George Edward Mackenzie),  
1958-1979

### Corporate Bodies

C. Farlow & Co.  
George Routledge and Sons  
Hardy Brothers Ltd.