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**FARQUHAR, FRANCIS P.
1887-1974**

**Linear ft.: 0
Approx. no. pgs.: 3**

Collection Date: 1906

Biographical Note

Francis P. Farquhar was born on December 31 1887 in Newton, Massachusetts, the son of David Webber Farquhar and Grace Thaxter Peloubet. He attended Harvard University, where he edited *The Harvard Crimson* for three years and studied under, among others, Bliss Perry and George Santayana. Graduating from Harvard in 1909, he came to San Francisco in 1910, where he worked for a publisher and began a lifelong interest in fine printing and mountaineering. He visited Yosemite and joined the Sierra Club in 1911.

In 1914 he moved again to California and served in the Navy there and in Washington, D.C., during World War I. In 1922 he set up his own accounting firm in San Francisco. In 1936 he brought in Clifford Heimbuchder, who soon became a full partner in the firm, renamed Farquhar and Heimbucher. In 1934 he married Marjory Bridge, fellow mountaineer; they had three children, Peter, Suzanne and Roger. He then returned to New England to pursue the profession of accounting, studying under Clinton Scovell, a pioneer in the field of cost accounting.

He invited Robert L. M. Underhill to introduce proper use of modern Alpine rope techniques to Sierra Club members on an annual club High Trip in 1931. He made multiple first ascents. On August 26, 1921, he completed the first ascent of Middle Palisade by the south-west chute with Ansel Hall. He was the author of numerous articles for the Sierra Club and the California Historical Society, some of which were reprinted in book form. In 1956-59 he was editor of the *American Alpine Journal* published by the American Alpine Club. He edited and wrote forewords for several books on California history. His best known book is *History of the Sierra Nevada* (1965), which is still in print.

In addition to serving as Sierra Club president, he was president of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants (1942-43), California Academy of Sciences (1950-53), and the California Historical Society (1960-62). In 1965 he was awarded the Sierra Club's John Muir Award for distinguished work as a conservationist and mountaineer. He received the Henry R. Wagner Memorial Award of the California Historical Society in 1966. The University of California at Los Angeles conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in 1967.

He died at his home in Berkely, California on November 21, 1974 and was survived by his wife Marjorie and three children.

Sources: Bio was taken from Wikipedia article on Francis P. Farquhar

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains information concerning Capt. Roald Amundsen a Norwegian explorer who explored the Arctic, the Northwest Passage and the South Pole during the early 1900's. This collection consists of two series divided into one folder. **Series 1) Photographs** contains a single photograph of Captain Roald Amundsen. **Series 2) Miscellaneous** contains a postcard and a Western Pacific Railroad dining car menu supplement concerning Captain Amundsen. This collection was donated by Francis P. Fraquhar, another mountaineer and explorer, in 1963.

Keywords and Terms: explorers; mountaineers; Western Pacific Railroad; photographs; postcards; dining car menu; finding aids

Names: Farquhar, Francis P.; Amundsen, Roald Captain

Arrangement and Description

SERIES ONE PHOTOGRAPHS

Folder 1 Autographed photograph of Capt. Roald Amundsen, 1906

SERIES TWO MISCELLANEOUS

Folder 1 Picture postcard of statue of Capt. Roald Amundsen, undated
Western Pacific Railroad dining car menu supplement telling the story of Capt. Amundsen and his sloop, the GOA, undated