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# Dawson Family Archive

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**Name of Creator:**

Dawson, Agnes (1873-1953), educator and feminist;  
Tidswell, Elizabeth (1875-1966) nee Dawson, educator and feminist;  
Follett, Clara (1877-1955) nee Dawson, educator and feminist.

**Extent:**

3 Boxes and oversize items

**Administrative/Biographical History:****Dawson, Agnes (1873-1953), educator and feminist**

Agnes Dawson (1873-1953), educator and feminist, trained at Saffron Walden College. By 1917 she was headteacher at Crawford Street Infants' School in Camberwell. She was an enthusiastic supporter of Montessori active education for young children. In a pamphlet she wrote she called for nursery schools to be built wherever there was a demand, in order to assist working-class women.

A member of the National Union of Teachers (NUT) Agnes campaigned for the union to support women's suffrage and equal pay, and to oppose mixed elementary schools, since female teachers would be denied status and promotion in male-dominated mixed schools. She stood for the national executive of the NUT unsuccessfully in 1916 and 1917. In 1912 she became the first president of the Women Teachers' Franchise Union. In 1919 she was president of the National Federation of Women Teachers (NFWT; a group within the NUT). Although a Labour Party member, she dissuaded the central council of the NFWT from affiliating, believing that women in the Labour Party would be 'swamped'. She later helped lead the campaign for the NFWT to leave the NUT and become an autonomous union, the National Union of Women Teachers.

She was a constitutional suffragist, and stated that the only militant act she ever undertook was to sit up all night at a friend's house during Census night 1911.

In 1925 she resigned her teaching job and stood successfully for the London County Council as a Labour Party candidate for North Camberwell. She did this full-time, sustained by money from NUWT members. When Labour gained control of the council for the first time in 1934, Agnes became chair of the powerful Finance and General Purposes sub-committee. After much campaigning she persuaded the leader, Herbert Morrison, to remove the marriage bar on women teachers in 1935.

In 1937 Agnes left her advisory post with the NUWT and did not stand again for the LCC. She retired to Newport, Essex, where she continued public work as a JP. From 1925 she lived with Anne Munn, a former teacher, whom she called her 'pal and partner', until Anne's death in 1952.

Her paternal grandparents were Hannah (1810-1878) and Jacob Dawson (1803-?), a Dissenting minister; her parents were Sarah Burford (1842-1917) and Isaac Dawson (1844-1932), a journeyman carpenter. Her eldest sister, Mary Dawson Bowden-Smith (1866-1911), emigrated to South Africa. Her two younger sisters, Elizabeth Dawson Tidswell (1875-1966) and Clara Dawson Follett (1877-1955), also became teachers and, in the 1920s, members of

the NUWT.

**Tidswell, Elizabeth (1875-1966) nee Dawson, educator and feminist**

Active in the teaching profession and the Suffrage movement, and a member of the National Union of Women Teachers (NUWT), Elizabeth Dawson was born in 1875, the third of four daughters. Her paternal grandparents were Hannah (1810-1878) and Jacob Dawson (1803-?), a Dissenting minister; her parents were Sarah Burford (1842-1917) and Isaac Dawson (1844-1932), a journeyman carpenter. Her eldest sister, Mary Dawson Bowden-Smith (1866-1911), emigrated to South Africa. Her other two sisters, Agnes Dawson (1873-1953) and Clara Dawson Follett (1877-1955), also became teachers and members of the NUWT.

In the 1891 Census Elizabeth, then 15 years of age, is given as a dressmaker's apprentice. By the time of the 1901 Census she is Elizabeth Tidswell, having married Charles Tidswell in December of 1900.

Between 1896 and 1911 Elizabeth trained and received certificates and diplomas in Housewifery, Inorganic Chemistry, Hygiene and Cookery from the Joint Committee on Manual Training of the School Board for London, the Board of Education, the National Union for the Technical Education of Women in Domestic Sciences and the Metropolitan Board Teachers' Training School of Domestic Economy. In 1927 she became Registered as a Teacher and admitted as a Member of the Royal Society of Teachers. With her sister Agnes she appears in a photograph in the book 'History of the N.U.W.T.' by Emily Phipps (1928), included in this collection. She retired from teaching in 1935, at which time she was awarded a formal certificate acknowledging her 'valuable and faithful service' to the teaching profession (included in this collection). She died 22 May 1966, aged 90.

**Follett, Clara (1877-1955) nee Dawson, educator and feminist**

Born in 1877, Clara Dawson was the youngest of the four Dawson sisters. Her paternal grandparents were Hannah (1810-1878) and Jacob Dawson (1803-?), a Dissenting minister; her parents were Sarah Burford (1842-1917) and Isaac Dawson (1844-1932), a journeyman carpenter. Her eldest sister, Mary Dawson Bowden-Smith (1866-1911), emigrated to South Africa. Her other two sisters, Agnes Dawson (1873-1953) and Elizabeth Dawson Tidswell (1875-1966), were, like Clara, teachers and members of the National Union of Women Teachers (NUWT).

In the 1901 Census, Clara is listed as an Elementary School teacher. By the time of the 1911 Census she is Clara Follett, having married Ernest Jones Follett in July of that year. Her father-in-law, Henry Gillard Follett, was a ship-builder.

An active member of her profession and the NUWT, Clara is included in a photograph (together with her sisters Agnes and Elizabeth) of a group of approximately 200 women outside Portsmouth Guildhall, possibly at the NUWT Conference that took place there in 1921 (photograph included in this collection). She is also depicted in a photograph of protesters with placards reading 'Women Teachers Are Training Citizens', 'Women Teachers Require the Parliamentary Franchise' and 'Public Sympathy is Practical Help' (photograph included in this collection).

Clara Dawson Follett died in January of 1955.

**Custodial History:**

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**Scope and Content:**

Archive of the Dawson Family, primarily the activities and careers of the sisters Agnes Dawson, Elizabeth Tidswell and Clara Follett, including: family-related memorabilia - correspondence, personal items, birth/marriage/death certificates - of sisters Mary Dawson Bowden Smith, Agnes Dawson, Elizabeth Dawson Tidswell and Clara Dawson Follett, their parents, grandparents, Mary's daughter-in-law Elizabeth (known as Fairy) Bowden Smith and Clara's daughter Mary Follett Hanson, 1864-1955; Certificates, diplomas, correspondence and papers regarding the professional lives of Agnes, Elizabeth and Clara Dawson, with documents regarding the National Union of Women Teachers (NUWT) and London County Council, 1896-1971; 39 photographs of the family and professional lives of the three Dawson sisters (Agnes Dawson, Clara Dawson Follett and Elizabeth Dawson Tidswell), 1865-1954; Suffragette tea service, brooches, belt, sashes, shawls, stationery and other ephemera in the colours (purple, green white) and with the logo of the Women's Social and Political Union, c1906.

**System of Arrangement:**

The Dawson Family Archive is divided into the following three sections:

DAWSON/1: Family Memorabilia

DAWSON/2: Teaching and Suffrage

DAWSON/3: Dawson Family Photographs

DAWSON/4: Suffragette Tea Service and Textiles

**Language/scripts of material:**

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OPEN

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**Rules and Conventions:**

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**DAWSON/1 Family memorabilia 1864-1955**

Family-related memorabilia - correspondence, personal items, birth/marriage/death certificates - of sisters Mary Dawson Bowden Smith, Agnes Dawson, Elizabeth Dawson Tidswell and Clara Dawson Follett, their parents, grandparents, Mary's daughter-in-law Elizabeth (known as Fairy) Bowden Smith and Clara's daughter Mary Follett Hanson, [1864-1955]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/1/1 Maundy money**

Typescript card (16.5 x 10.5 cm) explaining the derivation of 'Maundy Money' – money given to the poor on Maundy Thursday (the day before Good Friday), [n.d.]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/1/2 Handkerchief**

One embroidered linen handkerchief, [n.d.]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/1/3 Agnes Dawson handkerchief**

Linen handkerchief with 'Agnes Dawson' embroidered on it, [n.d.]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/1/4 Letter from Jacob Dawson 1864**

Letter addressed 'Dear Brother' from Jacob Dawson, [1p] [31 August 1864]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/1/5 Mourning stationery 1864**

'Mourning stationery' commemorating the death of Jacob Dawson Jnr (d. 20 December 1864, aged 24), [1p] [1864]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/1/6 Letter to Isaac from Jacob Dawson c1865**

Letter addressed 'My dear Isaac Dawson' from his father, Jacob Dawson, [1p] [20 December 186?]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/1/7 Letter to Isaac from Jacob Dawson 1865**

Letter addressed 'My dear Isaac' from his father, Jacob Dawson, [1p] [17 July 1865]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/1/8 Letter to Isaac from Jacob Dawson 1865**

Letter addressed 'My dear Isaac' from his father, Jacob Dawson, [1p] [31 July 1865]  
**OPEN**

DAWSON/1/9	<p><b>Marriage certificate Isaac Dawson, Sarah Burford</b></p> <p>Marriage certificate of Isaac Dawson and Sarah Burford (05 November 1865), [1p] [1865] OPEN</p>	1865
DAWSON/1/10	<p><b>Mourning stationery for Samuel Marshall</b></p> <p>'Mourning stationery' commemorating the death of Samuel Marshall (d. 10 May 1866, aged 15), [1p] [1866] OPEN</p>	1866
DAWSON/1/11	<p><b>Birth certificate Mary Hannah Dawson (24 August 1866)</b></p> <p>Certified copy of birth certificate of Mary Hannah Dawson (b. 24 August 1866) – eldest sister of Agnes, Elizabeth and Clara, [1p] [1909] OPEN</p>	1909
DAWSON/1/12	<p><b>Birth certificate of Henry Sutherland Follett [1867]</b></p> <p>Birth certificate of Henry Sutherland Follett (b. 12 July 1867), son of Henry Gillard Follett, ship-builder, and Amelia Isabella Follett (nee Sutherland) – Henry Sutherland Follett the brother-in-law of Clara Dawson Follett, who married Henry S Follett's brother Ernest Jones Follett, [1p] [1867] OPEN</p>	1867
DAWSON/1/13	<p><b>Letter to The Lord Mayor from Froome Talfourd</b></p> <p>Letter addressed to The Lord Mayor from Froome Talfourd 'brother of the late Mr Justice Talfourd', stating that 'the bearer Isaac Dawson an Englishman 25 years of age, a Carpenter by trade, having been unable to obtain more than six months employment during the last year, is anxious with his wife and child to go out to Canada ... I believe him to be a most deserving man and I should be most thankful if he could be enabled to go out with the 1st detachment', [1p] [02 February 1870] OPEN</p>	1870
DAWSON/1/14	<p><b>Mourning stationery for Elizabeth Ann Dawson (d. 26 February 1870)</b></p> <p>'Mourning stationery' commemorating the death of Elizabeth Ann Dawson (d. 26 February 1870, aged 19), [1p] [1870] OPEN</p>	1870
DAWSON/1/15	<p><b>Letter from Isaac's brother William Dawson</b></p> <p>Letter addressed 'Dear Brother and Sister' from Isaac's brother William Dawson, [1p] [15 January 1871] OPEN</p>	1871

DAWSON/1/16	<b>Mourning stationery for Caroline Harwick Garrad</b>	1877
	<p>'Mourning stationery' commemorating the death of Caroline Harwick Garrad (d. 26 December 1877, aged 40), [1p] [2 copies] [1877]  OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/1/17	<b>Mourning stationery for Hannah Dawson</b>	1878
	<p>'Mourning stationery' commemorating the death of Hannah Dawson (d. 01 August 1878, aged 68), [1p] [2 copies] [1878]  OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/1/18	<b>Birth certificate of Agnes Dawson (07 March 1873)</b>	1895
	<p>Birth certificate of Agnes Dawson (b. 07 March 1873), [1p] [1895]  OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/1/19	<b>Birth certificate of Charles Edwin Tidswell</b>	1875
	<p>Birth certificate of Charles Edwin Tidswell (b. 15 March 1875), [1p] [2 copies] [1875 and 1949]  OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/1/20	<b>Parents of Charles Edwin Tidswell</b>	
	<p>Handwritten list regarding the parents of Charles Edwin Tidswell, who married Elizabeth Dawson, [1p] [n.d.]  OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/1/21	<b>Birth certificate of Elizabeth Dawson (08 November 1875)</b>	1919
	<p>Birth certificate of Elizabeth Dawson (b. 08 November 1875), [1p] [2 copies] [n.d. and 1919]  OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/1/22	<b>Birth certificate of Clara Dawson (07 December 1877)</b>	1899
	<p>Birth certificate of Clara Dawson (b. 07 December 1877), [1p] [1899]  OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/1/23	<b>Birth certificate of Ernest Jones Follett (22 February 1878)</b>	1878
	<p>Certified copy of birth certificate of Ernest Jones Follett (b. 22 February 1878), husband of Clara Dawson Follett, [1p] [1878]  OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/1/24	<b>Invoice from Charles Wright Builder and Undertaker</b>	1878
	<p>Invoice proforma for Charles Wright Builder and Undertaker of 31, Norwich Street, Cambridge, with handwritten 'Mr Dawson' before the abbreviation Dr [Director] to Charles Wright, listing costs for carpentry/creating an elm coffin, [1p] [1878]  OPEN</p>	



DAWSON/1/25	<b>Death certificate of Hannah Dawson</b>	1878
	<p>Death certificate of Hannah Dawson (d. 01 August 1878) – widow of Jacob Dawson and paternal grandmother of Agnes, Elizabeth and Clara Dawson, [1p] [1878]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	
DAWSON/1/26	<b>Letter from Robert Dawson</b>	1878
	<p>Letter addressed 'Dear Brothers' from Isaac's brother Robert [Dawson] [1p] [08 August 1878]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	
DAWSON/1/27	<b>Marriage certificate of Charles Edwin Tidswell and Elizabeth Dawson</b>	1900
	<p>Marriage certificate of Charles Edwin Tidswell and Elizabeth Dawson (22 December 1900), [1p] [1900]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	
DAWSON/1/28	<b>Death certificate of Robert Benjamin Tidswell</b>	1904
	<p>Death certificate of Robert Benjamin Tidswell (d. 07 October 1904), [1p] [1904]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	
DAWSON/1/29	<b>LCC Superannuation and Provident Fund</b>	1909
	<p>Printed notices from London County Council to Mrs H B Smith regarding Superannuation and Provident Fund [pension], [2pp] [July 1909]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	
DAWSON/1/30	<b>Marriage certificate of Ernest J Follett and Clara Dawson</b>	1911
	<p>Marriage certificate of Ernest J Follett to Clara Dawson (01 July 1911), [1p] [1911]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	
DAWSON/1/31	<b>Death certificate of Mary (Dawson) Bowden Smith</b>	1911
	<p>Death certificate of Mary Bowden Smith (nee Dawson), (d. 16 November 1911) – eldest sister of Agnes, Elizabeth and Clara, [1p] [1911]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	
DAWSON/1/32	<b>Burial plot certificate</b>	1911
	<p>Certificate from the Borough of Camberwell regarding a burial plot at Camberwell Borough Cemetery purchased by Miss Agnes Dawson of 3 Ryedale, Peckham Rye. With accompanying printed letter from the Town Clerk of the Borough of Camberwell and list of regulations for the cemetery, [3pp] [06 December 1911]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	

DAWSON/1/33	<p><b>Death certificate of Sarah Burford Dawson</b></p> <p>Death certificate of Sarah Burford Dawson (d. 05 April 1917), [1p] [1917] OPEN</p>	1917
DAWSON/1/34	<p><b>List of schools at which Elizabeth Dawson Tidswell was engaged</b></p> <p>Board of Education envelope made out to Mrs E. A. Tidswell, Tennyson St School, Housewifery Centre, Battersea, SW, containing forms regarding pensions and requesting a copy of Elizabeth's birth certificate; a handwritten list of 'Schools in Which Engaged' [1895-1916]; typescript letter from the Education Officer listing the 'centres' where Elizabeth 'served as a full-time domestic economy instructress', [5pp] [12 November 1925] OPEN</p>	1925
DAWSON/1/35	<p><b>Temperance testimonial</b></p> <p>Leather-bound document holder with 'I.D.' engraved on the front, containing an illuminated manuscript double-page spread created by the Order of Sons of Temperance, London Grand Division, to 'Bro. Isaac Dawson', on the occasion of his 'voluntary retirement from the Committee of Management' which has afforded the opportunity 'generally to express their sincere appreciation of the valuable services you have rendered to the Order and the Temperance Cause for over thirty years', [2pp] [28 November 1928] OPEN</p>	1928
DAWSON/1/36	<p><b>Jury service, E. A. Tidswell</b></p> <p>Letters to E A Tidswell regarding jury service, [3pp] [1928 and 1930] OPEN</p>	1928-1930
DAWSON/1/37	<p><b>Death certificate of Isaac Dawson</b></p> <p>Death certificate of Isaac Dawson (d. 16 December 1932), [1p] [2 copies] [1932] OPEN</p>	1932
DAWSON/1/38	<p><b>Envelope addressed to Agnes Dawson</b></p> <p>Section of brown envelope addressed to Agnes Dawson at The Hut, Wicken Road, Newport, Essex, postmarked, [1p] [13 December 1935] OPEN</p>	1935
DAWSON/1/39	<p><b>Anne D. Munn</b></p> <p>Loose sheet of paper with 'Anne D. Munn. "The Hut" Newport' written on it in black ink, [1p] [n.d.] OPEN</p>	

DAWSON/1/40	<p><b>Certificate of post-war credit</b></p> <p>Certificate of post-war credit for Charles Tidswell, [1p] [28 April 1943]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	1943
DAWSON/1/41	<p><b>Letter to Agnes Dawson</b></p> <p>Typescript letter to Agnes Dawson from The Marie Curie Hospital asking for a donation, [1p] [07 September 1945]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	1945
DAWSON/1/42	<p><b>Letter to Agnes Dawson from Fairy Bowden Smith</b></p> <p>Letter to Agnes Dawson from Fairy Bowden Smith, [1p] [11 November 1947]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	1947
DAWSON/1/43	<p><b>Notebook of coloured card</b></p> <p>Large blank notebook of coloured card, with an ornate 'AD' [for Agnes Dawson] on the front cover, [n.d.]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	
DAWSON/1/44	<p><b>Letter from Fairy (Elizabeth) Bowden Smith</b></p> <p>Letter from Fairy (Elizabeth) Bowden Smith, wife of Reginald Bowden Smith, Mary Dawson Bowden Smith's son, in Johannesburg, written to Clara and Elizabeth on the death of Agnes Dawson, [1p] [16 August 1953]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	1953
DAWSON/1/45	<p><b>Death certificate of Ernest Jones Follett</b></p> <p>Certified copy of death certificate of Ernest Jones Follett (d. 09 September 1953), husband of Clara Dawson Follett, [1p] [2 copies] [1953]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	1953
DAWSON/1/46	<p><b>Death certificate of Agnes Dawson</b></p> <p>Death certificate of Agnes Dawson (d. 20 April 1953), [1p] [4 copies] [1953]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	1953
DAWSON/1/47	<p><b>Correspondence: Elizabeth Tidswell</b></p> <p>Correspondence between Elizabeth Tidswell and solicitors and builders regarding the purchase and building work done to a property called Longacre at Holbrook, nr Ipswich, Suffolk, [2pp] [November 1953]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	1953
DAWSON/1/48	<p><b>Letter to Elizabeth Tidswell</b></p> <p>Letter to Elizabeth Tidswell from 'Annie' in Huntingdon, regarding a death in [Charles Tidswell's?] family, [1p] [18 January 1955]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	1955

DAWSON/1/49 Marriage certificate of Mary Dawson and Charles Bowden Smith (03 October 1891) 1909

Certified copy of marriage certificate of Mary Dawson and Charles Bowden Smith (03 October 1891), [1p] [1909]  
OPEN

**DAWSON/2 Teaching and Suffrage 1896-1971**

Certificates, diplomas, correspondence and papers regarding the professional lives of Agnes, Elizabeth and Clara Dawson, with documents regarding the National Union of Women Teachers (NUWT) and London County Council, [1896-1971]

**OPEN**

**DAWSON/2/1 Certificate for Elizabeth Dawson 1896**

Certificate from the Joint Committee on Manual Training of the School Board for London, to certify that Miss Elizabeth Dawson has ... passed an Examination ... in the Theory and Practice of Laundry-work', [1p] [06 July 1896]

**OPEN**

**DAWSON/2/2 Certificate in Hygiene 1898**

Certificate from the Board of Education stating that Elizabeth A Dawson 'obtained a First Class in the Elementary Stage, at the examination in Hygiene', [1p] [16 May 1898]

**OPEN**

**DAWSON/2/3 Certificate in Hygiene (Advanced) 1899**

Certificate from the Board of Education stating that Elizabeth A Dawson 'obtained a Second Class in the Advanced Stage, at the examination in Hygiene', [1p] [08 May 1899]

**OPEN**

**DAWSON/2/4 Certificate in Inorganic Chemistry 1900**

Certificate from the Board of Education stating that Elizabeth A Dawson 'obtained a First Class in the Elementary Stage, at the examination in Inorganic Chemistry (Theoretical)', [1p] [14 May 1900]

**OPEN**

**DAWSON/2/5 Diploma in Cookery 1901**

Diploma from the National Union for the Technical Education of Women in Domestic Sciences, founded 1876, certifying that 'Elizabeth Dawson of the Battersea Polytechnic Training School has passed through the Course of Training required for the Artisan Diploma in Cookery, extending over 520 hours', [1p] [March 1901]

**OPEN**

**DAWSON/2/6 Diploma in Housewifery 1903**

First Class Diploma for Housewifery awarded to Elizabeth Ann Tidswell by the Metropolitan Board Teachers' Training School of Domestic Economy, [1p] [12 February 1903]

**OPEN**

<b>DAWSON/2/7</b>	<b>Certificate in Household Economics</b>	<b>1911</b>
	Certificate from London County Council to certify that E. A. Tidswell 'has attended satisfactorily my course of Lectures in Household Economics given at King's College for Women', [1p] [05 May 1911] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DAWSON/2/8</b>	<b>Teacher Registration certificate</b>	<b>1927</b>
	Certificate from the Teachers Registration Council certifying that Elizabeth Ann Tidswell has been 'Registered as a Teacher', [1p] [01 April 1927] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DAWSON/2/9</b>	<b>Royal Society of Teachers registration</b>	<b>1927</b>
	Certificate from the Royal Society of Teachers certifying that Elizabeth Ann Tidswell has been 'duly Registered as a Teacher and admitted as a Member of the Royal Society of Teachers', [1p] [April 1927] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DAWSON/2/10</b>	<b>History of the NUWT</b>	<b>1928</b>
	Published book, 'History of the N.U.W.T.' by Emily Phipps. Agnes Dawson is in the image facing p. 16 and, with Elizabeth Dawson Tidswell, in the image facing p. 32 (as marked up by family member), [90pp] [1928] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DAWSON/2/11</b>	<b>Pamphlet by Agnes Dawson</b>	
	Pamphlet written by Agnes Dawson entitled, 'Nursery Schools', published by the NUWT, [8pp] [n.d.] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DAWSON/2/12</b>	<b>Presentation to Agnes Dawson</b>	<b>1933</b>
	Leatherbound autograph album with a sailing ship worked on the cover; on page 3 is written in calligraphy, 'Presented to Agnes Dawson, J.P., L.C.C., on the occasion of her sixtieth birthday, by her friends in the London Unit of the National Union of Women Teachers, at the close of her year of office as Deputy-Chairman of the L.C.C. – a token of affectionate appreciation of her many years selfless work in the Women's Movement, and in the service of Education'. With 16 pp of signatures, [March 1933] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DAWSON/2/13</b>	<b>Teacher's Service Book</b>	<b>1935</b>
	Teacher's Copy of Service Book, with, under 'Name of Teacher' on the front cover, the handwritten 'Tidswell (nee Dawson), Elizabeth Ann'. Contains details of professional training, teaching service posts, and salary, [18pp] [1935] <b>OPEN</b>	

<b>DAWSON/2/14</b>	<b>Notice of end of teaching work</b>	<b>1935</b>
	<p>Formal notice on parchment (scroll) to Mrs Elizabeth Ann Tidswell from London County Council at The County Hall, Westminster Bridge, S.E.1, addressed 'Dear Madam' and expressing 'regret that the time has come for you to give up your teaching work, and to place on record an acknowledgment of your valuable and faithful service for thirty seven years', [1p] [December 1935]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	
<b>DAWSON/2/15</b>	<b>Retirement presentation book for Agnes Dawson</b>	<b>1937</b>
	<p>Leatherbound autograph book with 'NUWT' and 'LU' engraved on the front cover; on page 1 is written, 'Presented to Agnes Dawson on the occasion of her retirement from The Central Council of the National Union of Women Teachers and from the London County Council by her friends in the London Unit and other branches of the NUWT in loving and grateful appreciation of the generous way in which she has used her rich gifts in the service of humanity', With 19pp of signatures, [March 1937]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	
<b>DAWSON/2/16</b>	<b>NUWT Jubilee Dinner booklet</b>	<b>1959</b>
	<p>Printed booklet for the National Union of Women Teachers [NUWT] Jubilee Dinner at the House of Commons, [4pp] [01 April 1959]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	
<b>DAWSON/2/17</b>	<b>NUWT letters</b>	<b>1959-1964</b>
	<p>Letters from the NUWT to a Mrs M I Hanson (Clara Dawson Follett's daughter Mary Isabel, who was born 03 July 1912 and who had married Royville Haydn Hanson [b. 10 March 1911]), [4pp] [1959-1964]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	
<b>DAWSON/2/18</b>	<b>NUWT Victory Luncheon</b>	<b>1961</b>
	<p>Printed programme and invitation card to the NUWT Victory Luncheon at the Café Royal, [2pp] [05 April 1961]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	
<b>DAWSON/2/19</b>	<b>The Woman Teacher : The Official Organ of the NUWT</b>	<b>1961</b>
	<p>Copy of the journal 'The Woman Teacher : The Official Organ of the National Union of Women Teachers', vol. XLII, no. 7, [20pp] [April 1961]  <b>OPEN</b></p>	
<b>DAWSON/2/20</b>	<b>'The Story of the National Union of Women Teachers'</b>	<b>1963</b>
	<p>Published book, 'The Story of the National Union of Women Teachers' by A. M. Pierotti (General Secretary of the NUWT 1940-1961). There are images of Agnes Dawson on pp. 15 and 24 (where she is front row, next to the hatless man);</p>	

- Elizabeth Tidswell is mentioned on p. 13, [88 pp] [1963]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/2/21 National Council of Women booklet 1964**
- Booklet regarding the National Council of Women of Great Britain, [12pp] [1964]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/2/22 NUWT booklet c1965**
- Booklet, 'NUWT', a short history of the building at 41 Cromwell Road established as the headquarters of the NUWT in 1935, [16pp] [c1965]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/2/23 Celebration rally booklet 1968**
- Printed programme for a Celebration Rally commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Women's Franchise, [19pp] [19 June 1968]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/2/24 NUWT songs**
- Printed lyrics to NUWT 'Equality Songs', with 8 songs (to be sung to different well-known tunes of the time), [1p] [n.d.]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/2/25 Suffragette songs**
- Printed lyrics to the Suffragette songs, 'The Purple, White & Green' (sung to the tune of 'The Wearing of the Green'), credited to L. E. Morgan-Browne, and 'The Women's Marseillaise', credited to F. E. M. Macaulay, [2pp] [n.d.]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/2/26 NUWT reunion lunch invitation 1971**
- Invitation card for NUWT Reunion Lunch at the Berrow Court Hotel, Birmingham, [1p] [22 May 1971]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/2/27 NUWT subscription information**
- Printed information sheet about NUWT Subscription and what it provides, [1p] [n.d.]  
OPEN



**DAWSON/3 Dawson Family Photographs 1865-1954**

Photographs of the family and professional lives of the three Dawson sisters (Agnes Dawson, Clara Dawson Follett and Elizabeth Dawson Tidswell), [1865-1954]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/3/1 National Union of Women Teachers Conference 1921**

Sepia photograph (36.5 x 15 cm) depicting the three Dawson sisters (Agnes Dawson, Clara Dawson Follett and Elizabeth Dawson Tidswell) as part of a large group photo of approximately 200 women outside Portsmouth Guildhall, possibly at the NUWT (National Union of Women Teachers) Conference, [1p] [1921]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/3/2 Four Dawson sisters 1897**

Four small oval photographs mounted on a reddish-brown background of the four Dawson sisters: Clara at the top, Mary right, Elizabeth bottom, Agnes left, [1p] [c1897]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/3/3 NUWT**

Large sepia group photo of 18 women; a note on the back indicates that the first and second women on the left in the back row are Elizabeth Dawson Tidswell and Agnes Dawson respectively, [1p] [n.d.]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/3/4 Protest against 'White Slave Traffic'**

Black-and-white postcard photograph of Elizabeth Tidswell (fifth from right) as part of a 10-strong demonstration protesting against 'White Slave Traffic', [1p] [24 June 192?]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/3/5 Garden party 1932**

Black-and-white photograph of a garden party at 'The Hut' – home of Agnes Dawson and Anne Munn, [1p] [1932]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/3/6 Agnes Dawson and great-niece Jill 1932**

Black-and-white photograph, 'Auntie Ange [Agnes Dawson] and Jill [Hanson Mayer, Agnes' great niece/granddaughter of Clara Dawson Follett]', [1p] [n.d.]  
**OPEN**

**DAWSON/3/7 Three generations**

'Reconstituted' montage sepia photograph where several distinct original photographs are mounted together. Includes Elizabeth, Agnes and Clara Dawson, their father and mother Isaac and Sarah, Elizabeth's husband Charles

- Tidswell and Clara's husband Ernest Follett and baby son Raymond, [1p] [n.d.]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/8 Agnes Dawson at Trafalgar Square 1924**
- Three photographs reproduced from originals of Agnes Dawson speaking at a rally in Trafalgar Square; also negative produced in 1990 from one of these reprints, and the envelope they were stored in, [5pp] [c1924]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/9 Conference of NUWT 1929**
- Large panoramic black-and-white photograph depicting a large group of women including Agnes Dawson and Elizabeth Dawson Tidswell at the Conference of the National Union of Women Teachers (NUWT) at Buxton, [1-4 January 1929]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/10 Suffrage rally, Trafalgar Square 1910**
- Postcard photograph, black and white, of a Suffrage rally at Trafalgar Square. The postcard is addressed 'Dear Lil' and the addressee is given as Mrs L Tidswell. The signature is obscured by the postmark but could read 'Harry' , [1p] [21 August 1910]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/12 Women teachers protest**
- Sepia postcard photograph depicting protesters with placards reading 'Women Teachers Are Training Citizens', 'Women Teachers Require the Parliamentary Franchise' and 'Public Sympathy is Practical Help'. Clara Dawson Follett is third from left in this photograph, [1p] [2 copies] [n.d.]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/13 National Federation of Women Teachers 1905**
- Black-and-white postcard photograph depicting a delegation of 8 women with placards for the National Federation [later Union] of Women Teachers, [1p] [c1905]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/14 London Unit NUWT demonstration 1918**
- Black-and-white postcard photograph depicting an image that is also facing p. 40 of Emily Phipps' book 'History of the NUWT' [see DAWSON/2/26], where it is identified as 'London Unit Demonstration against unfair allocation of Fisher Grant, 1918', [1p] [1918]  
OPEN

DAWSON/3/15	<b>Votes for Women</b>	1912
	Black-and-white postcard photograph depicting approximately 16 women and men, some with placards announcing a Votes for Women Public Demonstration at Ealing Common on Saturday June 1st, with speakers including Sylvia Pankhurst. On the back is written, 'E. A. Tidswell, extreme left front', [1p] [1912] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/3/16	<b>NUWT delegation</b>	1927
	Black-and-white photograph of a delegation of NUWT members. Agnes and Elizabeth Dawson are indicated as first and sixth left respectively, [1p] [c1927] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/3/17	<b>Suffragette and NUWT rally</b>	1914
	Black-and-white postcard photograph of a Votes for Women and NUWT rally. Agnes Dawson is marked with an 'x'; Louise Follett (sister of Clara Dawson Follett's husband) is marked with an 'o'. Agnes is also listed as one of the speakers on the large notice on the right-hand side. There is a message on the card and it is addressed to Mrs [Clara] Dawson Follett, [1p] [2 copies] [1914] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/3/18	<b>Votes for Women demonstration Hyde Park</b>	1908
	Black-and-white postcard photograph with the caption, 'Great Votes for Women Demonstration in Hyde Park, Sunday, June 21, 1908'. Card is filled in and addressed to 'Mrs Tidswell', [1p] [1908] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/3/19	<b>Mass rally of women</b>	n.d.
	Black-and-white postcard photograph depicting a mass rally of women, possibly Trafalgar Square, [1p] [n.d.] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/3/20	<b>Public speakers in the rain</b>	n.d.
	Black-and-white postcard photograph depicting speakers before a crowd of umbrella-carrying spectators, [1p] [n.d.] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/3/21	<b>Scottish delegation at Suffrage procession</b>	n.d.
	Small black-and-white photograph labelled 'part of the Scottish band of Suffrage procession, about 1928 or 1929', [1p] [n.d.] <b>OPEN</b>	

- DAWSON/3/22 **Agnes Dawson 60th birthday presentation** 1933
- Black-and-white photograph of the presentation to Agnes Dawson on the occasion of her 60th birthday, being given an autograph album [see DAWSON/2/23], [1p] [1933]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/23 **Agnes Dawson 60th birthday celebration** 1933
- Black-and-white photograph of Agnes Dawson's 60th birthday celebration, [1p] [1933]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/24 **Battersea banner, Suffrage procession**
- Small black-and-white photograph labelled 'The Battersea Banner in Suffrage procession, about 1928 or 1929', [1p] [n.d.]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/25 **Isaac and Sarah Dawson** 1865
- Black-and-white reprints of original carte de visite depicting Isaac and Sarah Dawson, [1p] [2 copies] [c1865]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/26 **Isaac Dawson** 1920
- Black-and-white reprint of photo depicting Isaac Dawson aged 76 at St Ives, Cornwall, [1p] [1920]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/27 **Dawson family, Cornwall** 1933
- Small black-and-white photo labelled 'Cornwall 1933. L-r: Marion, 'Auntie Munnsy' [Anne Munn], Clara [Dawson] Follett, Raymond [Follett, Clara and Ernest's son], Agnes Dawson, Mary [Follett, Clara and Ernest's daughter], Ernest Follett', [1p] [1933]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/28 **Dawson family, Thaxted** 1934
- Small black-and-white photo labelled 'Left to Right. Ray [Follett], A[unt] Looe [Louise Follett], A[unt] Ange [Agnes Dawson], Mother [Clara Dawson Follett], A[unt] Munnsie [Anne Munn], Mrs Roake, Mary [Follett], Mr Roake. Taken by E. Needham. Whitsun 1934. Thaxted, [1p] [2 copies] [1934]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/29 **Clara Dawson Follett and Ernest Follett**
- Black-and-white reprint of photo depicting Ernest (mid front row) and Clara (2nd from the right, back row) Follett, [1p] [2 copies] [n.d.]  
OPEN

- DAWSON/3/30 **Ernest Follett in Africa**
- Copy of original sepia photograph of 'Ernest Follett in Africa', [1p] [n.d.]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/31 **American section of Suffrage procession**
- Small black-and-white photograph labelled 'American section of Suffrage procession, about 1928 or 1929', [1p] [c1928]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/32 **Agnes Dawson home** 1932
- Small black-and-white photo with caption on the back: 'Ray and Mary [Follett]. The Hut [home of Agnes Dawson and Anne Munn], [1p] [c1932]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/33 **Dawson extended family members**
- Black-and-white reprint of photograph depicting five men in tennis whites, [1p] [n.d.]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/34 **Clara Dawson Follett** 1954
- Black-and-white photo with caption on the back: 'Mother [Clara Dawson Follett] 77 years', [1p] [July 1954]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/35 **Mary, Ernest, Ray Follett** 1923
- Very small sepia photo with caption on the back: 'Mary [Follett], Dad [Ernest Follett], Ray [Follett], [1p] [c1923]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/36 **Clara Dawson Follett** 1951
- Black-and-white photo depicting Clara Dawson Follett, with caption on the back: 'Easter 1951. 73 years' [1p] [1951]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/37 **Clara Dawson Follett** 1953
- Black-and-white photo with caption on the back: 'Mother [Clara Dawson Follett] 1953', [1p] [1953]  
OPEN
- DAWSON/3/38 **Clara Dawson Follett** 1954
- Black-and-white photo with caption on the back: 'Mother [Clara Dawson Follett]', [1p] [c1954]  
OPEN

DAWSON/3/39 Elizabeth Dawson Tidswell

1953

Black-and-white photo of Elizabeth Dawson Tidswell, [1p]  
[c1953]  
OPEN

<b>DAWSON/4</b>	<b>Suffragette tea service and textiles</b>	<b>c.1906</b>
	Suffragette tea service, brooches, belt, sashes, shawls, stationery and other ephemera in the colours (purple, green white) and with the logo of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DAWSON/4/1</b>	<b>Tea pot and lid</b>	<b>c.1906</b>
	Tea pot and lid, white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DAWSON/4/2</b>	<b>Tea set creamer</b>	<b>c.1906</b>
	Jug for milk or cream; part of tea set in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DAWSON/4/3</b>	<b>Tea set sugar bowl</b>	<b>c.1906</b>
	Sugar bowl; part of tea set in white china with wit the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DAWSON/4/4</b>	<b>Tea cup</b>	<b>c.1906</b>
	Tea cup; part of tea set in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DAWSON/4/5</b>	<b>Saucer for tea cup</b>	<b>c.1906</b>
	Saucer for tea cup; part of tea set in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DAWSON/4/6</b>	<b>Plate</b>	<b>c.1906</b>
	Small plate; part of tea service in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>DAWSON/4/7</b>	<b>Tea pot and lid</b>	<b>c.1906</b>
	Tea pot and lid, white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	

DAWSON/4/8	<b>Tea cup</b>	c.1906
	Tea cup; part of tea set in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/4/9	<b>Tea cup</b>	c.1906
	Tea cup; part of tea set in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/4/10	<b>Saucer for tea cup</b>	c.1906
	Saucer for tea cup; part of tea set in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/4/11	<b>Saucer for tea cup</b>	c.1906
	Saucer for tea cup; part of tea set in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/4/12	<b>Saucer for tea cup</b>	c.1906
	Saucer for tea cup; part of tea set in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/4/13	<b>Saucer for tea cup</b>	c.1906
	Saucer for tea cup; part of tea set in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/4/14	<b>Saucer for tea cup</b>	c.1906
	Saucer for tea cup; part of tea set in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/4/15	<b>Plate</b>	c.1906
	Small plate; part of tea service in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	



DAWSON/4/16	<b>Plate</b>	c.1906
	Small plate; part of tea service in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/4/17	<b>Plate</b>	c.1906
	Small plate; part of tea service in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/4/18	<b>Plate</b>	c.1906
	Small plate; part of tea service in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/4/19	<b>Plate</b>	c.1906
	Small plate; part of tea service in white china with the circular logo in purple, green and white of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/4/20	<b>Playing cards</b>	c.1906
	Deck of playing cards (incomplete) with 'Votes for Women' written on the backs and in the purple, white and green colours of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/4/21	<b>Maundy money box</b>	c.1906
	Small leather case, with 'Maundy Money' and the date, 1906, embossed on the front [Maundy money being that given to the poor on Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday]. See also DAWSON/1/1, [1906] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/4/22	<b>Service medals</b>	n.d.
	Two duplicate medals engraved 'Ex-President, National Union of Women Teachers', gold filigree with the NUWT logo, [n.d.] <b>OPEN</b>	
DAWSON/4/23	<b>Belt buckle</b>	c.1906
	Belt buckle in the purple, green and white colours of the Women's Social and Political Union, [c.1906] <b>OPEN</b>	

DAWSON/4/24	<b>Testimonial badge</b>	1933
	<p>Embossed plaque made of soft metal depicting a small heraldic shield, inscribed '1932-1933', 'Agnes Dawson', 'JP' [Justice of the Peace] and 'Deputy Chairman LCC' [London City Council], [1933]</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/4/25	<b>Small Dennison's box</b>	n.d.
	<p>Small empty cardboard box, matchbox sized, advertising Dennison's Gummed Labels, [1933]</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/4/26	<b>Votes for Women stationery</b>	n.d.
	<p>Stationery embossed with 'Votes for Women' in the purple, green and white colours of the Suffragette movement, with five sheets of notepaper and three envelopes, [n.d.]</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/4/27	<b>Belt in the colours of the WSPU</b>	n.d.
	<p>Belt in the purple, green and white colours of the Women's Social and Political Union, [n.d.]</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/4/28	<b>Votes for women sash</b>	n.d.
	<p>Cotton and velvet sash embroidered with 'Votes for Women' and with small flowers in the purple, green and white colours of the Women's Social and Political Union, [n.d.]</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/4/29	<b>Votes for women sash</b>	n.d.
	<p>Cotton sash embroidered with 'Votes for Women' in the purple, green and white colours of the Women's Social and Political Union, [n.d.]</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/4/30	<b>Suffragette sash</b>	n.d.
	<p>Narrow cotton sash in the purple, green and white colours of the Women's Social and Political Union, [n.d.]</p> <p>OPEN</p>	
DAWSON/4/31	<b>Votes for Women badge and ribbon</b>	n.d.
	<p>Votes for women badge set into a cotton rosette fashioned in the purple, green and white colours of the Women's Social and Political Union, [n.d.]</p> <p>OPEN</p>	

DAWSON/4/32 **Votes for Women scarf** n.d.

Scarf/shawl, cotton, embroidered with the slogan Votes for Women and in the purple, green and white colours of the Women's Social and Political Union, [n.d.]  
OPEN

DAWSON/4/33 **Suffragette scarf** n.d.

Scarf/shawl, cotton, white with edging in purple and green - the three colours of the Women's Social and Political Union, [n.d.]  
OPEN